



PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

VEHICLE SAFETY

- Scan the parking area before parking / walking to your car
- Be aware of who and what is around you at all times
- Park next to a light post if there is a chance that it will be dark when you return to your car
- If there is someone suspicious, don't go in your car
- When approaching your car have your keys in your hands so there is no fumbling
- Look inside your car before you enter it and make sure there is nobody waiting for you
- Keep your doors locked when driving
- Ask for an escort to your car

APPEARANCE

- Walk with a purpose, appear confident, keep your head up, and continually look around
- Maintain ample distance between you and others

An attack cannot occur unless the criminal is close to you

- Do not carry an excessive amount, be able to defend yourself
- Do not obstruct your vision
- Carry and keep handy a noise device (whistle, horn etc)
- If you feel threatened, scream, yell, get someone's attention

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- When possible, travel in groups
- Stay in well lit areas at night, in populated area during the day
- Walk on the side of the street facing traffic
- Have your keys ready
- Always have your cell phone charged and handy

BE PREPARED-HAVE A PLAN

- Take any opportunity to receive training to better prepare yourself.
- Rehearse mentally, “What would I do if this person grabs me?” You will increase your instinctive reactions and become more confident.

Be vigilant, be prepared and report all suspicious activity immediately to 9-1-1



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