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Department Crime Prevention Unit

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*"Pursuing Innovative Solutions to Issues through a
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PERSONAL SAFETY



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VIOLENT CRIME CAN HAPPEN TO:

Anyone. Anywhere. Anytime.

ALWAYS BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS!

Trust your Instincts! Listen to your inner voice that tells you something is wrong and to get away.

- After age 24, your risk of being the victim of a violent crime decreases and continues to decrease as you age*
- Men are more likely to be a victim of violent crime than women*

*www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs

TIPS TO HELP YOU AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM

PARKING LOTS:

- Park in well lit areas
- Have someone walk you to your car
- Have your keys ready and in hand
- Check in and around your car before getting in
- Lock your car doors immediately after getting in
- Avoid distracting activities
- Don't linger in the parking lot
- Never allow anyone to force you into a vehicle
- If something makes you uncomfortable, get away

WALKING:

- Walk assertively and make eye contact
- Keep your wallet or purse secure
- Avoid dark areas and obstructions
- Avoid unfamiliar locations or neighborhoods
- Scream "Call 911" if a problem occurs
- Go to open well lit business for help

WHILE DRIVING:

- Carry a cell phone for emergencies
- Keep your doors locked and windows rolled up
- If followed, drive to an open well lit business. Do not drive home
- Honk your horn if there is a problem
- Be extra cautious at intersections, gas stations and parking lots
- If you have car trouble, try to pull over in a well lit area
- Stay with your car, usually
- Be wary of strangers offering help - ask them to call police
- Do not fight for your vehicle, it is not worth your life

WHILE AT HOME:

- Keep your doors and windows locked, even while you are home
- Install an eye viewer in the front door
- Never allow an unknown person inside your home
- Verify the identity of any repair or service person
- Ask to see a solicitors license from all door to door salespersons
- If someone or something makes you uncomfortable, end the contact
- Report suspicious activity to the police immediately

SURVIVING AN ATTACK:

- Give up property on demand
- Look for a chance to escape
- Draw attention to yourself
- If you choose to strike back, you must be committed and you must consider your abilities and the situation



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