

# General Crime Prevention

Being safer doesn't require changing your lifestyle, personality or the things you enjoy doing. Planning ahead can keep you safer at home, at work, and while enjoying your favorite activities.

## At Home

- Have your key in hand when approaching your residence.
- Wait outside if anything appears suspicious – open door, broken window, etc.
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times; consider supplementary locks if you leave a partially open window for ventilation.
- Leave a key with a trusted neighbor or family member. Never hide a key outside in a flower pot, under the doormat or in a fake rock.
- Trim landscaping for visibility.
- Utilize exterior lighting – leave exterior lights on all night. Consider motion sensor lighting for sides of home.

## At Play

- Advise someone of your route/routine before you head out.
- Vary your route and schedule so you are not predictable.
- Carry proper identification.
- Be aware and alert to your surroundings.
- Carry the necessary tools in case of an emergency.
- Avoid outdoor activities after dark.
- Use personal protective gear.
- Know your limits.
- Play well with others – invite your friends!
- Make safety a habit.
- Everyone can't do everything, but everyone can do something.

## At Work

- Get involved in improving workplace safety; report needed repairs or safety concerns.
- Walk to and from parking areas with co-workers.
- Be discreet; don't advertise vacation plans or social activities to customers or clients.
- Report suspicious behavior or activity to security and/or management immediately.
- Escort visitors in secured areas.
- Let someone know where you will be and when you're expected back.
- Trust your instincts

## Getting There

- Avoid walking alone, if possible. Walk with purpose and confidence; avoid distraction – cell phone, headphones.
- Choose busy, well-lit areas.
- Walk facing traffic.
- Keep your car in good working order.
- Have your key ready when approaching your car.
- Drive with doors locked and windows rolled up.
- Locate well-lit and frequently used bus stops.
- Check bus schedules in advance.
- Sit near the driver on buses.
- Confirm the ride-share driver before getting in the car.
- Check the ride-share driver's rating.
- Be a backseat rider.
- Call and wait inside for your ride-share.

