SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE EVERYBODY’S BUSINESS

PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

You’re often told not to be a victim of crime. But you may wonder how to ensure that. While no one can guarantee your total safety, you can lessen the chance of being a victim by making it more difficult for a would-be thief or attacker.

✔ At Home: Don’t be Surprised
Keep your doors locked when home alone and lock your windows too when leaving the house for any long period of time. Open doors and windows are an invitation that you don’t want to send. Turn your porch lights on at night and illuminate your backyard to ensure that anyone lurking there will be easily detected.

✔ On Public Transit: Be Prepared
Have the exact fare ready before you leave home so that there is no need to open a purse or wallet. During late night or early morning stay near the agent on duty in subways and when possible sit on the aisle seat where you will have more mobility should trouble occur.

✔ In Your Car: Secure Your Ride.
Lock your doors and be sure to store your purse, wallet or other valuables beneath your seat -- not on the seat next to you where they are easy and inviting targets for theft. Park in a well-lit area for the safety of your car and yourself and always lock your car. If you notice that the street lights are out, call 311 or your Police District’s Community Policing Office to make sure this “condition for crime” is remedied.

✔ Going Home: Be Ready.
Always carry your keys in your hands so that you are ready to open the door. If you know you will be coming home after dark, make sure to leave some lights on.

✔ Finally, Wherever You Are:
Remember -- A crime-free city requires that everyone report suspicious activity by calling 911 and report conditions that make crime possible by calling 311.

If you feel threatened, call 911 immediately.