

Security on the Streets

Be aware of your surroundings. Hold your handbag or briefcase firmly & walk in a purposeful manner.

Do not carry unnecessary money or valuables; avoid "overdressing" or wearing a lot of jewellery.

Avoid carrying large sums of cash when shopping, try to use cheques, credit cards & debit cards as much as possible.

If you have to carry large sums of cash, **spread the wealth**. Do not carry it all in one place.

Walk on the side of the street facing the oncoming traffic.

On a busy street, carry your purse or briefcase on the side of you farthest from the curb

Do not walk alone in a parking lot, especially at night. If you are alone or feel uncomfortable, ask a guard to escort you.

Try not to use ATMs at night. If you notice suspicious persons loitering near ATMs, wait until they leave or go elsewhere.

Avoid walking the streets alone after dark, take a taxi or bus instead. If you have to walk try to walk either in a group or with a companion.

Do not walk near parked cars, doorways or shrubbery.

If you must walk regularly at night try to vary your time & route as much as possible.

If approached by a robber, cooperate, remain calm & surrender your valuables.

If followed, don't run straight for home unless help is available. Go to an area where there are other people around.

Running, screaming, and the use of a loud whistle are recommended defensive weapons. Try to get a Personal Alarm if possible.

If you witness a crime or accident while on the street, send for help - **do not try to help**. Only if qualified help is on the way and you are positive there is no personal danger to yourself should you attempt to give assistance.

Should you come across an arrest, riot, fire, brawl or other incident, resist the impulse to become a spectator and instead shield yourself from the action.