

Crime Prevention Requires All of Us



I hope you'll join me in working to reduce crime in our area. The police are working hard to patrol our neighborhoods and catch criminals in the act. ALWAYS call 911 when you see any suspicious or criminal activity.

It's likely we'll never be able to prevent every crime in our community. However if we all work together we can help reduce crime and the opportunities available to criminals looking for an easy score. To learn more about crime prevention and to find the schedule for police beat meetings in your area, please visit chicago47.org.



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Before Leaving...

- Determine travel routes and estimate time you will spend at each location. Travel with a friend or tell someone when you plan to return.
- Carry only identification, credit cards and other items you will need.
- Lock all your doors and windows.

When Walking...

- Plan your route. Avoid shortcuts through deserted parks, vacant lots and unlit passages. Try to walk on streets with plenty of light and traffic.
- Don't loiter. Remain alert at all times, even when window shopping. Be prepared to run if followed. If followed by someone in a car, run in the opposite direction.
- Keep your cell phone, music player and/or other technology in your pocket or backpack. Showcasing your devices makes you a target for robbers.
- Do not listen to headphones while walking. Taking away your ability to hear people approach puts you at a disadvantage.
- Keep your eyes up and stay alert while walking. Keeping your head down or not paying attention makes you susceptible.

Using Public Transportation....

- Board transportation from well lighted areas. Remain there until the bus or train arrives.
- Choose a boarding location with the most passengers.
- Remain alert and observe fellow passengers. Change your seat if you become uneasy with the behavior of others. Be wary of noisy passengers arguing or causing a commotion. This could be staged to distract you .
- Whenever possible, sit on the aisle seat.
- Keep your belongings close to you.
- Hold tight to your electronic devices. When possible, do not use them at all. When sitting near the doors, be alert when the train or bus starts or stops.
- Listen to all instructions given by CTA personnel. Familiarize yourself with the emergency procedures posted in the bus or rail car.
- Report harassment or any prohibited activity immediately. Tell a CTA employee or call the CTA's customer service number at 1-888-968-7282 weekdays 7am to 8pm or dial 911.

No matter where you are:

Be alert to anything suspicious. Dial 911 to report any criminal or suspicious activity. The call is free, and you can remain anonymous.

In Public Places...

- Beware of pickpockets. Watch out for anyone who jostles you, it may be accidental, but then again it may not be.
- A good purse is one with a flap which folds over the opening and fastens at the bottom. The easiest purse for you to open is the easiest for offenders. Carry your wallet in inner or side pockets.
- On heavy shopping days, the best bet is to leave the purse or backpack at home. Carry keys, money and credit cards in inside pockets.
- In restaurants or bars, be wary of strangers. In conversation, avoid giving name, residency or other personal info. Do not leave your belongings on the floor or in an empty chair.

If Attacked...

- Scream as loud as you can to attract attention. Attempt to escape, if possible, by striking hard and fast.
- Self Defense methods that have proved effective in inflicting pain include: gouging eyes with thumbs, scratching with nails, poking umbrella into midriff, strong punch to groin, and bashing temple, nose or Adam's apple with fist, purse, book or other object.
- If attacked from behind: dig heel into offender's instep or kick shins. Batter face with the back of your head. Promptly call 911 and report the incident and whatever details about the offender you remember.