

# Personal Security

## Know Your Options

### Be Prepared! Educate Yourself on Crime Prevention Tactics

This flyer has been prepared to help protect you from crime. It is full of useful tips that inform you how to avoid unnecessary risks. By taking simple precautions, you can reduce personal risk as well as discouraging those who commit crimes in almost any situation.

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### Street Precautions

- Always be alert to your surroundings.
- Be aware of location and situation that will make you vulnerable to crime, such as alley and dark parking lots.
- Avoid people and situations that make you nervous - trust your instincts!
- Whenever possible, travel with a friend.
- Stay in well-lighted areas as much as possible.
- Walk close to the curb. Avoid doorways, bushes and alleys where someone could hide.
- Walk confidently and at a steady pace, making eye contact with people when walking.
- Do not respond to conversation from strangers on the street - just continue walking.
- If you have a purse, carry it securely against you. Although a purse-snatcher's intent is to steal the purse, your personal safety may require you to give it up.

### Car Safety

- Always lock car doors after entering or leaving your car.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Have your car keys in your hand so you don't have to linger before entering your car.
- Check the back seat before entering your car.
- If you think you are being followed, drive to a public place.
- If your car breaks down, open the hood and turn on your flashers. If someone stops to help, stay in your locked car and ask them to call law enforcement or a tow truck.
- Don't stop to aid motorists on the side of the road. Go to a phone and request help for them.

### Office Security

- Lock your valuables. Never leave your purse, wallet, keys, briefcase or backpack unattended.
- Personal property should be marked with your California Driver License number preceded by CA.
- If you work alone or before/after normal business hours, keep the office door locked.
- If you work late, try to find another person to walk out with you or use the Aggie Host escort service.
- If you are in an elevator with another person, stand near the control panel. If attacked, press the alarm and as many of the control buttons as possible.
- Be aware of escape routes for emergencies and post police and fire department numbers near telephones.

### Public Transportation

- Try to avoid isolated bus/train stops.
- Don't open your purse or wallet while boarding the bus or train.
- Have your pass or money already in your hand.
- Avoid trouble by not flashing your jewelry. Keep gold chains out of sight and turn your rings around so the stones don't show.
- Stay alert - and be aware of the people around you.
- During off-hours, ride as near to the operator as possible.
- If you see any suspicious activity, tell the driver.
- If someone bothers you, change seats and/or tell the driver.
- Check your purse, wallet, or backpack if someone is jostling, crowding, or pushing you.
- Keep your backpack/purse in front of you and hold it close to your body with both hands.

Call 911 if the situation is life-threatening. AND FINALLY, if a crime does occur... REPORT IT? Everyone should consider it his/her responsibility to report crime. The police need the eyes and ears of all community members to aid in crime prevention.

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