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## **ROBBERY PREVENTION TIPS**

### **Personal Safety**

- Use all of your senses to be aware of your surroundings at all times. Pay close attention to suspicious activities and persons. Carry yourself with confidence and alertness.
- Avoid using headphones, cell phones, and I-Pods which limits your ability to be aware of what's going on around you. Also, thieves target these items to steal.
- Try to travel with someone, or travel when there are other people around.
- Walk in well lit areas and avoid dark alleys, shortcuts and deserted areas.
- Remain alert before entering and exiting your vehicle and home.
- Using Public Transportation:
  - Try to wait at bus stops and train stations that are well lit and populated
  - Find out ahead of time when the next bus or train arrives so your wait time is limited
  - Do not use headphones, cell phones or I-Pods while waiting
  - Pay attention to those who exit the bus/train with you; also pay attention to those waiting at the stop as you exit.
- Limit your valuables that you carry – as cash, identification, and credit cards; keep them in separate areas in your clothing. In the event you are a victim, your identification will remain with you if your purse or wallet is taken.
- A handbag or purse with a strap should not be worn across the body. It should be carried under the arm and released if grabbed. This will prevent you from being pulled to the ground.
- Remember to trust your instincts; if you feel uncomfortable or threatened, seek help immediately. Use a noise device such as a whistle to call attention to yourself.
- If you suspect suspicious persons or activities, do any of the following: change your walking direction; do not get off the bus/train; go into a public place; seek help; call 9-1-1.
- Try to remember the suspect's description. Look to see if a vehicle is involved and concentrate on obtaining the license plate number of the vehicle.

## Crime Prevention and Personal Safety

The Goal of Crime Prevention is to Break the Crime Triangle:



When you take away the Opportunity, there is no crime. And remember the key to your personal safety is AWARENESS. Don't give criminals the opportunity by being aware of your surroundings.