



## Robbery Prevention Tips

### **Avoid Walking Alone On the Street at Night**

- ☑ Use well-lit roads.
- ☑ Walk near the curb - away from shrubbery where someone could be hiding.
- ☑ Walk against traffic, so that cars cannot surprise you from behind.
- ☑ Keep an arms length away from strangers.
- ☑ Be cautious of strangers approaching you to ask the time or directions.
- ☑ If you think someone suspicious is approaching you or following you, cross to the other side of the street and head for the nearest public place.

### **Don't Make It Obvious That You're in Unfamiliar Territory**

- ☑ Giving the appearance of not paying attention and not being alert is what suspects look for in a victim.
- ☑ Stay sober enough to be able to take care of yourself. Criminals see drunken persons as easy prey.
- ☑ Walk briskly and with confidence.

### **At Night, Avoid Public Parks, Vacant Lots, Alleys and Areas with Excessive Trees and Bushes**

- ☑ Know which stores and other public places are open along your route.
- ☑ Don't hesitate to run back to where you came from to get help.
- ☑ Look for anyone "hanging" around your car or your path to your car.
- ☑ Have your keys in your hand and be ready to open the car door.

### **Street Robbery - Do's and Don'ts**

- ☑ Don't carry your purse loosely around your shoulder.
- ☑ Keeping cash in a separate money clip or pouch will allow you to hand it over without sacrificing your credit cards, identification, and personal papers.
- ☑ If possible, avoid carrying a purse and keep a wallet in your pocket instead.
- ☑ Never wrap a purse strap around your wrist; forcible removal could result in serious personal injury.
- ☑ If you are being robbed. Try to stay calm. Obey the robber's instructions.
- ☑ Tell the robber about anything that might surprise him, such as someone who is expected to arrive soon.
- ☑ If you have to move or reach, tell the robber what you are going to do and why.
- ☑ RELEASE YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS. Do not risk personal injury.
- ☑ Make a mental note of the robber's appearance, i.e. height, weight, hair color/style, clothing, etc.
- ☑ If possible, take down the vehicle license plate number, a description of the vehicle, and the direction the robber is fleeing.
- ☑ Give the robber time to leave.
- ☑ Note his direction of travel when he leaves.
- ☑ Then call 9-1-1 immediately!
- ☑ Do not discuss the details of the robbery with witnesses or fellow employees.
- ☑ Ask any witnesses to stay until police arrive. If they can't, get their names, phone numbers and addresses.
- ☑ Do not touch anything that the robber may have touched. Block off areas where the robber was, if necessary.