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.