Personal Safety Tips – Walking City Streets

By taking a few simple precautions, you can reduce the risk to yourself and also discourage those who commit crimes.

Walking City Streets Safely

- If you think you are being followed, change directions or cross the street. If you are still being followed look for a store or a building to enter for safe haven and call 9-1-1.
- Always be alert to your surroundings and aware of the people around you, especially if you are alone or it’s dark. Avoid wearing both earbuds.
- At night, stay in well-lit areas as much as possible.
- Walk confidently at a steady pace on the side of the street facing traffic.
- Walk in groups when you can. Predators like to prey upon people that are alone.
- If you cannot walk in a group, tailgate a group or another person to give the appearance you are not alone.
- Trust your instincts and change your route if you sense that you are in danger.
- Always tell someone where you are going. Write down or leave word of where you are going.
- Carry a cell phone, whistle, or personal alarm to summon emergency assistance.
- Don’t acknowledge or respond to verbal harassment.
- Avoid displaying by wearing jewelry (chains, medallions, rings, expensive watches, etc.)
- Always carry some form of personal identification (including medical ID bracelets, if applicable) that includes a point of contact in case of emergency
- Avoid eye contact persons exhibiting erratic behavior.

The key to personal safety is to remove “Opportunity”. If there is no opportunity the crime cannot occur.

Should you have any questions about this document or wish to report a crime or unsafe condition, please reach out to Campus Public Safety at 646-758-7777. Our officers will be glad to assist you!