

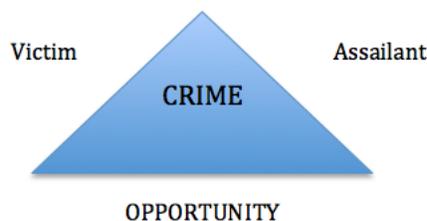
# Personal Safety Tips – Walking City Streets

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!