

SAPD CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

WHEN HOME

- Lock up and light up- even when home
- Leave key with friend- not under mat
- Have repairmen identify themselves
- Hang up on frightening or obscene calls
- If a prowler enters your home, GET OUT! Go to a neighbor and call police
- If you come home and you think someone is in your home, DO NOT ENTER!
- ALWAYS CLOSE GARAGE DOORS! This is the number one way thieves break into a home

WHEN DRIVING

- Park in well lighted area, even during the day
- Don't leave valuables in your car
- Keep keys out when approaching your car
- Don't talk on the phone while approaching your car
- Look under your vehicle while approaching your car
- If you have car trouble- open hood, turn on emergency flashers, get in car, and lock doors
- Put children in vehicle, shut and lock door, then position in car seats
- DO NOT SIT IN THE CAR IN THE PARKING LOT AND CHECK YOUR PACKAGES!

PERSONAL

- Make eye contact and walk confidently
- Carry bag/purse under arm and/or close to body
- Elevators: stand next to control or get off if someone enters and you feel uncomfortable
- Let someone know where you are and when you plan on returning

WHEN WALKING

- Always be aware of your surroundings, and the people who are around you
- Avoid walking alone; either walk with someone or walk in areas where others are near
- Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and doorways
- Avoid shortcuts through alleys, parks, vacant lots, or other deserted places
- Walk in the middle of the sidewalk facing traffic
- NEVER HITCHHIKE OR ACCEPT RIDES FROM STRANGERS
- If the driver of a car stops and harasses you, walk in the opposite direction
- If you are walking to your car in a parking lot, and anything makes you feel uncomfortable, TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS, go back in the store and get someone to walk with you to your car
- KEEP CELL PHONE OUT AND READY

IDENTITY THEFT

- Never give out information over the phone unless you initiated the call
- Don't give out your Social Security Number unless needed for government documents
- Don't carry or use your Social Security Card for identification purposes
- Don't keep pin numbers in your wallet or purse
- Limit the number of "open" bank cards to eliminate possible theft
- Check your credit report with the "Big 3" reporting agencies quarterly and report any suspicious activity on the credit report

GENERAL

- Participate in Operation ID
- Have a Home Security Survey completed on your home
- Contact local Crime Prevention Specialist at SAPD substation