

Street Robbery Prevention

Take Responsibility for Your Personal Safety

- Stay in well-lit areas.
- Walk near the curb — away from shrubbery and places where someone could be hiding / Walk against traffic, so that cars cannot surprise you from behind.
- Keep an arm's length away from strangers.
- If you think someone suspicious is approaching or following you, cross to the other side of the street and head for the nearest public place.

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.
- 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: Dos and Don'ts

- Never wrap a purse strap around your wrist; forcible removal could result in serious injury.
- 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.
- Obey the robber's instructions.
- 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.
- Then call 9-1-1 immediately!

Robbers are looking for CRAVED items:

- **C**oncealable—the robber can hide the items on his or her person;
- **R**emovable—the robber can easily take the items from the victim;
- **A**vailable—the items are commonly found on potential victims;
- **V**aluable—the items are useful to the robber or others;
- **E**njoyable—the items are fun to use; and
- **D**isposable—the robber can easily sell the items to or trade the items with others.