

The Freeport Police Department

*Senior Safety
Awareness Tips*



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Basic Crime Prevention Tips - Away from Home

- ***Be aware of your surroundings. Vary your daily routines, especially when banking.***
- ***Be realistic about your limitations; avoid places or situations that put you at risk.***
- ***Make your home appear occupied; put lights and radios on timers.***
- ***Don't display large amounts of cash in stores or public places.***
- ***Be wary of street scams; be skeptical about any proposal that sounds too good to be true or has to be kept a secret.***
- ***Never leave your purse/wallet unattended in the shopping cart at the supermarket.***
- ***When taking public transportation, exit at well lighted busy stops. Try to sit near the driver or emergency exit, if possible.***
- ***When away on vacation, stop postal mail and deliveries or ask a neighbor to take them in.***
- ***If an attacker is only after your purse or other valuables; don't resist. Your life and safety are worth more than your possessions.***

Basic Crime Prevention Tips - At Home

- ***Install deadbolts on exit doors; locks should open easily from the inside for emergencies.***
- ***Install peepholes at your eye level (standing or wheelchair).***
- ***Keep ground /first floor windows closed or use window pins to adjust opening.***
- ***Ensure that window type air conditioning units are properly secured.***
- ***If you live alone, create a buddy system and check on each other daily.***
- ***Females should use a male voice on answering machine.***
- ***Don't provide personal information to telemarketers over the phone. Be wary of high pressure tactics such as the need for quick decisions or demands for cash payments up front.***
- ***Never let strangers into your home without checking their identification. Call their company if you are not sure.***
- ***If you receive checks in the mail regularly, arrange to have them directly deposited into the bank.***

***Always report suspicious
persons/activities to 911.***

***This public advisory offers general safety tips
and suggestions to help keep our
senior citizens safe and aware.***

***If you are a Freeport senior citizen and
would like a free home security survey to
identify your individual needs,
please contact:***

***The Freeport Police Department
Call (516) 377-2443***

In case of an emergency, dial 911