

TIME TO MAKE SOME CHANGES IN OUR EVERYDAY LIFE

THINGS NOT TO DO:

- Jog or walk by yourself early in the morning or late at night when the streets are quiet and deserted.
- Stuff your purse with cash, keys, credit cards, checkbook - and then leave it wide open on a counter, your desk, the floor.
- Put your wallet in a jacket, which you then hang up or throw over a chair.
- Let your mind wander - thinking about your job, or all the things you have to do - when walking or driving.
- **Think it's a waste of time to lock your car when you'll be back in a few minutes.**

TIME TO CHANGE A FEW HABITS

Basic Street Sense

- Wherever you are - on the street, in an office building or shopping mall, or driving - stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know what you're doing.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
- Know the neighborhoods where you live and work. Check out the locations of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, and restaurants, or stores that are open late.

On Foot

- Stick to well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through parking lots or alleys.
- Don't flash large amounts of cash or other tempting targets like expensive jewelry or clothing.
- Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.
- Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket, not a back pocket.
- Try to use automated teller machines in the daytime. Have your card in hand and don't approach the machine if you're uneasy about people nearby.
- Don't wear shoes or clothing that restrict your movements.
- Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.
- If you think someone is following you, switch direction or cross the street. Walk toward an open store, restaurant, or lighted house. If you're scared, yell for help.
- Have to work late? Make sure there are others in the building, and ask someone - a colleague or security guard - to walk you to your car or to watch when going to your car.

Learn More About Auto Theft

- Keep your car in good running condition. Make sure there's enough gas to get where you're going and back.
- Always roll up the windows and lock car doors, even if you're coming right back. Check inside and out before getting in.
- Avoid parking in isolated areas. Be especially alert in parking lots and underground parking garages.
- If you think someone is following you, don't head home. Drive to the nearest

police or fire station, gas station, or other open business to get help.

- Don't pick up hitchhikers. Don't hitchhike.

If Someone Tries To Rob You

- Don't resist. Give up your property; don't give up your life.
- Report the crime to the police. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming victims.

Learn more about things you can do.

- Take a stand
- Make your neighborhood and workplace safer by reporting broken street lights, cleaning up parks and vacant lots, and lobbying local government for better lighting in public places.
- Join a neighborhood watch to look out for each other and help the police. Or find out how you can organize a neighborhood watch.
- Look at the root causes of crime.