

# STREET SMART

## KEEPING STREET SENSES IN MIND

- 1 STAY ALERT
- 2 BE CONFIDENT
- 3 TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS
- 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS



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**STAY ALERT AND TUNED INTO YOUR SURROUNDINGS WHEREVER YOU ARE — AT WORK, ON THE STREET, WAITING FOR A BUS, OR DRIVING.**

**SEND THE MESSAGE THAT YOU'RE CALM, CONFIDENT AND KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING.**

**TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS. IF SOMETHING OR SOMEONE MAKES YOU UNEASY, AVOID THE PERSON OR SITUATION AND LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**STAY ALERT! IF YOU ARE LISTENING TO MUSIC, MAKE SURE YOU CAN STILL HEAR YOUR SURROUNDINGS. AVOID USING YOUR CELLPHONE AS THIS CAN DISTRACT YOU OR INHIBIT YOUR SENSES. DON'T BE A DEVICE ZOMBIE.**

## **STROLLING—DAY AND NIGHT**

- If possible, don't walk alone, walk with a co-worker instead. If you want to take a walk by yourself, stick to well-lit, well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots or alleys.
- Know where to go for help if you need it.
- Don't display cash or other valuable targets like cell phones, expensive jewelry and clothing.
- Carry a backpack or purse close to your body and keep it closed. If you are just carrying a wallet, keep it on you by putting it inside your coat or front pocket.
- Have your car or house key in your hand before you reach the door.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. If they're still there, move quickly toward an open store or restaurant or a lit house. Don't be afraid to yell for help.
- Be alert in the neighborhood. Call police or tell someone about anything you see that seems suspicious.

## **USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

- Use well-lit bus stops. If you must get off at a remote stop, try to arrange for a friend or family member to meet you.
- Say, "leave me alone" loudly if someone hassles you. BE LOUD, don't be embarrassed.
- Be aware of who gets off at your stop with you. If you feel uneasy get back on the bus and ask for help or walk directly to a place where there are other people.
- If someone tries to rob you, give up your property—don't give up your life! Report any crime to the police immediately. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming victims.



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