

Keep you and your family safe in Dilworth!

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What can you do?



Talk to your family and get a game plan!

Your personal safety does not have to be left up to chance. Though you can not eliminate all possibility of becoming a victim, there are steps you can take to reduce the odds. An attacker looks for essentially three things when picking a victim:

- Vulnerability
- Accessibility
- Availability

Practicing the following personal safety tips as you go about your daily activities may make you less attractive to a would be criminal.

- BE ALERT!! Know who is near you and what activities going on around you.
- Walk with authority, look ahead and scan your surroundings
- Do not walk in poorly lit areas.
- Ditch the headphones - if you can not hear someone coming they will easily catch you off guard.
- Carry a cell phone and some type of safety device (i.e.: flashlight, whistle, pepper spray and etc) when walking at night. Let someone know where you are and when you will be back!
- Be alert to someone who asks for directions and/or continues to engage you in conversation.
- Immediately report the incident to the police and do not hang up until the police arrive.

Home and Car safety:

- Never allow people you do not know into your home, such as a door-to-door sales person, a person asking to use the phone or looking for a supposed neighbor.
- Post a No soliciting/No trespassing sign on your door
- Always keep your doors and windows locked day and night.
- TAKE VALUABLES OUT OF CARS!!! That means EVERYTHING including change and leave the ashtray open so they can see it's empty too!
- Never leave your garage door open.
- Don't have your valuables visible through windows. Get rid of any temptation!

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- Don't forget when going on vacation to hold or to have someone pick up your mail newspapers. Stop the weekly free paper from being delivered to you if you do not read it.
- Make sure your house is well lit. Turn on outside lights, spotlights, motion lights, etc. Leave several inside lights on timers while you are away to give your home that lived in look.
- Don't hide a key outside for visiting friends and relatives.
- Don't advertise new gifts or purchases. Break up the cartons before leaving them at the curb. There is a recycling center at Dilworth Elementary.
- CALL 911 -Call the police immediately when you see suspicious persons or activities (this is a 911 call NOT a 311 call)
- alter your routine regularly. Criminals exploit predictability.

Get to know the police officers in your area. Our community police officer is:

Officer J.R. Gilliland 704.943.2515 jgilliland@cmpd.org

you may also contact:

Officer Rob Sprague 704.943.2483 rsprague@cmpd.org

Be a good witness - write down suspect and vehicle descriptions.

Be aware of what's happening in Dilworth. Coordinate with neighbors to ensure safety of your immediate neighborhood. Log on to Dilorthonline.org. Do you know who your block captain is? Are you receiving emails about what is going on in our neighborhood? Get involved and let's make Dilworth as great as it can be!

-- Great Safety Gadgets

--- Security Plus Personal L.E.D. Alarm - flashing strobe/safety light and 130-decibel alarm, \$17; wittymom.com

--- Life + Gear 6-in-1 Personal Device - flashlight, cell phone charge, FM radio, compass, emergency flashers, 130-decibel siren, \$35; lifegearcompany.com

--- Black & Decker Simple Start Battery Booster - will restart car battery without having to ask a stranger for help. Plugs into 12 volt outlet in car, \$60; target.com