

TIPS

- ◆ **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**
- ◆ **HAVE A PLAN**
- ◆ Always lock doors and windows at home.
- ◆ Don't hide a house key under a door mat.
- ◆ If you move, change the locks or have them rekeyed.
- ◆ Know your children's friends parents.
- ◆ If you return home and the door is open, after you left it shut and locked, do not go in... call 9-1-1.
- ◆ Avoid parking close to bushes, try to park under a light.
- ◆ Avoid turning your back on an unknown situation.
- ◆ If you take the bus, sit near the driver in an aisle seat.
- ◆ Never pick up hitchhikers.
- ◆ When driving, keep your purse on the floorboards, not on the seat.
- ◆ Walk with a friend.
- ◆ Be alert in crowds, where pick-pockets do their best work.
- ◆ Instruct babysitters and children not to give out information about who is home, who is out and for how long.
- ◆ Leave emergency information with the babysitter.

CRIME PREVENTION PRESENTATIONS

AVAILABLE ON:

- ◆ PERSONAL SAFETY
- ◆ HOMELAND SECURITY
- ◆ HOME AND PROPERTY SECURITY
- ◆ INTERNET SECURITY
- ◆ IDENTITY THEFT
- ◆ COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION
- ◆ AUTOMOBILE SAFETY
- ◆ TRAVEL SAFETY
- ◆ INTERNET SECURITY / TELEPHONE / CELL PHONE SECURITY
- ◆ CHILD SAFETY
- ◆ DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

To schedule presentations contact:
Pierce County Sheriff's Department
253-798-3624



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HAVE A PLAN...

- ◆ **AWARENESS** IS YOUR KEY TO PHYSICAL SECURITY.
- ◆ **INTUITION** IS A CRITICAL PART OF YOUR SELF DEFENSE PLAN.
- ◆ **LIMITS** – KNOW AND ENFORCE YOUR PERSONAL LIMITS!
- ◆ **HAVE A PLAN** – KNOW WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO DO IT – BEFORE YOU HAVE TO USE IT.

PARKING LOT

- ◆ **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**
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- ◆ Keep your keys out and ready.
- ◆ Park in a well lit area. Remember where you parked.
- ◆ Check the vehicles near by BEFORE you exit your vehicle.
- ◆ Look in your car BEFORE you unlock the door.
- ◆ Be prepared to drop your packages, RUN and YELL – “CALL 9-1-1” or “FIRE”.
- ◆ Get in, lock the door, THEN secure children in their seats.

WALKING

- ◆ **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**
- ◆ **HAVE A PLAN**
- ◆ Walk assertively, head up, shoulders back, etc.
- ◆ Make eye contact.
- ◆ Walk facing traffic.
- ◆ Do not wear earphones.
- ◆ Do not use a cell phone to chat. Be aware!
- ◆ Do not take short cuts.
- ◆ Let someone know your route.

ATMS

- ◆ **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**
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- ◆ Remember, people know you have cash if you use an ATM.
- ◆ Make it a quick visit.
- ◆ Do not count your money until you are away from the area and in a safe place. (NOT YOUR CAR)
- ◆ If you think your PIN has been compromised – change it!

PHONE/CELL PHONES

- ◆ **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**
- ◆ **HAVE A PLAN**
- ◆ Never give you personal information on a wireless or cell phone.
- ◆ Never make credit card purchases on a wireless or cell phone.
- ◆ When you call 9-1-1 the first piece of information should be WHAT you are reporting followed by your location (physical address).

ATMS

- ◆ **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**
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- ◆ Always drive with the gas tank half full or more.
- ◆ Keep car doors locked and windows closed.
- ◆ Do not drive home if followed. Where should you go?
- ◆ Do not stop for a stalled motorist, call for help for them.

