

CONS, SCAMS AND FRAUD

- ◆ **REMEMBER - YOU NEVER GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING!**
- ◆ **IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE - BEWARE!**
- ◆ **IF THEY CALL YOU AND YOU HAVE TO PAY - HANG UP!**
- ◆ **IF THEY NEED YOUR ANSWER NOW - HANG UP!**
- ◆ **IF THEY WON'T SEND THEIR INFORMATION IN THE MAIL - HANG UP!**
- ◆ **DON'T LET ANYONE IN YOUR HOME YOU DON'T KNOW!**
- ◆ **IF THEY ARE AT YOUR DOOR AND WON'T LEAVE - JUST SAY NO**
- ◆ **IF THEY GET ANGRY - CALL 9-1-1**
- ◆ **GET AND CHECK I.D. OF ALL STRANGERS YOU ALLOW TO ENTER YOUR HOME, INCLUDING REPAIR PEOPLE, UTILITY/SERVICE WORKERS AND INSPECTORS!**

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and

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BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

HAVE A PLAN...

- ◆ **AWARENESS IS YOUR KEY TO PHYSICAL SECURITY**
- ◆ **LISTEN TO YOUR INTUITION**
- ◆ **A CONFIDENT ATTITUDE WILL HELP YOU STAY SAFE**
- ◆ **KNOW AND ENFORCE YOUR LIMITS**

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

HAVE A PLAN... ALL THE TIME, EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

JUST BECAUSE A PLACE IS FAMILIAR, DOESN'T MAKE IT SAFE!

CAUTIOUS = SAFE AND SOUND



WALKING

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

HAVE A PLAN!

Walk assertively, head up, shoulders back, etc. Make eye contact.

Walk facing traffic, in the middle of the sidewalk.

Carry a cell phone.

Carry a cane, umbrella, walking-stick, etc.

Do not take short cuts.

ATMs

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

HAVE A PLAN!

Remember, people know you have cash if you use an ATM or go to the bank.

Count your cash at home.

PERSONAL SAFETY

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS



HAVE A PLAN!

Travel in groups or pairs.

Invest in a personal alarm and an air horn.

When you call 9-1-1 the first piece of information should be **WHAT you are reporting followed by your location. (physical address)**

DRIVING

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

HAVE A PLAN!

Always drive with the gas tank **AT LEAST half full.**

Keep car doors locked and windows closed.

Do not drive home if followed.

Do not stop for a stalled motorist, call for help for them **AT THE FIRST CHANCE.**