



SENIOR SAFETY

As people grow older, their chances of being victims of crime decrease drastically. However, although seniors are on the lookout for potential burglary or attack, they're not as alert to frauds and con games – in reality the greatest crime threat to senior's well being and trust.

To conquer fear and prevent crime take these common-sense precautions.

Be Alert When Out And About

- Go with friends or family, not alone.
- Carry your purse close to your body. Put wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket. Don't carry unneeded credit cards or large amounts of cash. Use direct deposit for Social Security and other checks.
- Keep all car doors locked. Park near an entrance and be alert in parking lots and garages.
- Sit close to the driver or exit while riding bus, train, or subway.

Make Your Home Safe And Secure

- Install good locks on doors and windows. Don't hide keys anywhere. Instead, leave an extra set with neighbors or friends.
- Always ask for photo I.D. from service or delivery person before letting them in.

- Be sure your street address number is well lit and viewable from street.
- Consider a home alarm system.

Watch Out For Con Artists

- Don't fall for anything that sounds too good to be true – free vacations, investments, health cures.
- Never give your credit card, social security or bank account numbers to anyone over the phone.
- Don't let anyone rush you into signing anything. Read things carefully and have someone check it over.
- If you're suspicious, check it out with the police. Call the National Consumers League Fraud Info Center: 800-876-7060.

Get Involved In The Community

- Report any crime or suspicious activities to law enforcement.
- Join a Neighborhood watch group and work to change the conditions that hurt your neighborhood.

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