

General Safety Tips

Walking

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Try and walk in well-lit areas, with other people around.
- Walk in groups, or with others nearby.
- Don't display or count your money where others can see you.
- Conceal your technology (i-pads, cell phones, etc).
- Be cautious when approached by strangers.
- If confronted by someone, try not to verbally engage with them. Drugs, alcohol, or mental illness may be driving their behaviors so your safest course is to disengage and not escalate the situation.
- If anyone attempts to rob you, either by threats or with a weapon, do not resist. It is not worth risking your life or physical safety for the amount of money you will lose.

Social Events

- When leaving a party or a bar, travel in groups. Criminals will focus on lone pedestrians.
- Don't get in stranger's cars.
- If you've been drinking call a cab, sober friend, or family member to take you home. DUI's are dangerous to everyone, and they can cost more than money.

Meeting People Online or through Dating Apps

- If you meet someone, tell your friends where you're going & describe the person you're with.
- Don't volunteer any of your personal information (date of birth, address, etc.).
- Meet your date in a public place.
- Try to find out as much about your date as possible.
- If practical, record your date's vehicle description and license plate number.
- Save all of your e-mails and texts from the person you're meeting.
- If your date is making you uncomfortable, don't worry about politeness. LEAVE!
- If your date begins to stalk or harass you, tell them clearly to stop. If they don't, call 911.

PLEASE NOTE: Someone calling you a derogatory name is not a crime. It is constitutionally-protected free speech. If the comments are accompanied by threats, threatening behavior, or physical harm, it can then become a crime.