Recommendations for Owners of ABC Establishments

» Bouncers, severs and sellers must be vigilant and check all IDs. If a patron does not look 40, check his or her ID.

» Be responsible servers—do not serve alcohol to a intoxicated person.

» Promote responsible consumption.

» Discourage loitering in front of establishments.

» Ensure your staff is aware of the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) regulations for DC.

Get Involved!

No one individual or agency working alone can prevent crime. It takes police and citizens working in partnership. The District of Columbia’s community policing strategy provides many ways for police and communities to work together to prevent crime and build safer neighborhoods. These include regular Police Service Area meetings in your community, citizen patrols and more. To learn more about community policing activities in your neighborhood, call your local police district:

1st District
Main: (202) 698-0555
TTY: 727-8506
Substation: (202) 698-0068
TTY: 543-2352

2nd District
Main: (202) 715-7300
TTY: 364-3961

3rd District
Main: (202) 673-6815
TTY: 518-0008
Substation: (202) 576-8222
TTY: 576-9640

4th District
Main: (202) 715-7400
TTY: 722-1791

5th District
Main: (202) 698-0150
TTY: 727-5437

6th District
Main: (202) 698-0880
TTY: 398-5397
Substation: (202) 698-2088
TTY: 281-3945

7th District
Main: (202) 698-1500
TTY: 889-3574

Know Something About a Crime? Don’t Keep It a Secret

If you have important information to share with the police, the Anonymous Crime Tip Line and Text Tip Line enables you to give MPD vital information anonymously. Just dial (888) 919-CRIME (CRIME) or text to 50411 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Your name will not be used, only the information you provide. Your information could lead to a cash reward. For more details, see www.mpdc.dc.gov/tipline.

Visit http://abra.dc.gov for more information on ABRA regulations.
Everyone enjoys an evening out on the town. Whether it’s just the two of you having dinner and drinks, or a night out clubbing with friends, alcohol is often involved.

You may not ever be faced with the prospect of a mugging, but it’s important to know how to act if you ever encounter such a situation. The best way to protect yourself from a street robbery, or mugging, is to reduce your exposure to potentially being victimized — stay in groups, walk in well-lit areas, and pay attention to your surroundings. Thieves will look for “easy prey” before they try to attack someone who is prepared.

Don’t Be a Target

» **Avoid excessive drinking**, or if you have been drinking, recognize its impact on your judgment. Alcohol is a contributing factor in many assaults.

» **Keep valuables close**. Women should not hang purses on the back of a chair. Men should put wallets in their pockets.

» If possible, **don’t walk alone** during late-night hours. Walk in groups whenever you can — there is always safety in numbers.

» **Stay in well-lit areas** as much as possible. Avoid alleys, vacant lots, wooded areas, and other short-cuts or secluded areas. These are usually not well-lit or heavily traveled.

» Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible. Walk close to the curb to **avoid doorways, bushes, and other potential hiding places**.

» **Walk confidently**, directly, and at a steady pace. Don’t stop to talk to strangers.

» Always **be aware of your surroundings**.

» If you are wearing headphones, **don’t turn up the volume so high** that you cannot hear outside noises.

» **Report any suspicious activity** or person immediately to the Metropolitan Police Department at 3-1-1. Or, if it is an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

» **Avoid carrying large sums of cash**, or displaying expensive jewelry, etc. in public.

» If you must carry large sums, divide the cash into smaller quantities and carry in multiple places on your person (wallet, purse, side pocket, etc.).

» If you see an assault in progress — **dial 9-1-1 immediately** to alert the police. DO NOT jump into the fray — unless it is a last resort to prevent more serious injury.

If Someone Tries to Rob You

» **Don’t resist**. Give up your property — don’t give up your life.

» **Report the crime to the police**. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming victims.

Protecting yourself at ATMs

In recent years, Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) and their users have become a target for thieves. Here are some tips you should know to prevent yourself from becoming a victim at an ATM:

» If possible, **use ATMs that are located inside buildings**. If you must use an outdoor ATM, avoid using it at night. If you must use one at night, select one with a lot of people around, that is well-lit, and is not in a secluded, low-visibility area.

» **Try to have a friend accompany you** when using an ATM.

» **Be aware of your surroundings** and the people around you.

» **Complete your transaction as quickly as possible**, and do not flaunt your cash.

» Secure your cash and your ATM card in your wallet or purse before leaving the machine.