

## Be Aware of Your Surroundings

There has been an increase in street robberies across the city and the nation during the past year. Many of these offenses have occurred within residential neighborhoods along routes that residents take as they travel to and from their homes on their way to stores and public transportation. The assailants in these robberies have targeted personal electronics and cash. Please take the recommended precautions noted on the reverse side to lower your likelihood of being the victim of a crime.

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## Tips for Reducing Your Chances of Being a Crime Victim

- » Always be aware of your surroundings, vigilant of activity around you and attentive to individuals approaching, walking purposely and with confidence.
- » Do not allow yourself to be distracted by activity such as talking on your cell phone, listening to music or reading
- » Try to travel with others, walk in well-traveled areas, and at night in well-lighted areas
- » Protect your electronics by not displaying them
- » Resist the urge to multi-task while walking; wait to make phone calls, check your email and listen to music at your destination
- » If you purchase an electronic device check on the availability of a tracking system for the device (usually free at time of purchase)
- » Do not use ATMs that are located in remote areas, use ATMs during the daylight hours in well-populated areas
- » Do not display large amounts of cash when paying for items, and do not display excessive jewelry
- » Men: if you carry wallet, place the wallet in your front hip pocket or inside jacket pocket- do not carry in your back pant pocket
- » Women: when you will be walking in public spaces carry a small handbag or purse that you can grasp with a hand

**REMEMBER:** Call **9-1-1** if you see suspicious persons or activity