Street Sense

*You are ultimately responsible for your own safety.*



**Personal Safety Basics**

Stay alert to your surroundings.

* Know who is around you.
* Don’t be preoccupied.

Plan where you are going before you go.

* Avoid Low Light areas and alleyways.
* Stay in well populated areas.

Use your instincts and intuition.

* Intuition is reading the signals we give ourselves.
* Intuition is always right in two ways:
* It is always in response to something.
* It always has your best interest at heart.
* If you feel uneasy about a situation – avoid it.

Project a confident image.

* Walk with confidence (firm and steady pace).
* Look people in the eye when you pass them.

**Street Sense Tips**

* Keep zippers and snaps closed on purses or bags.
* Hold your purse/briefcase tight and keep it close to your body – not towards your back.
* Carry your purse/briefcase towards the building side of the sidewalk not the street side.
* The more packages you carry, the more vulnerable you are.
* If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting near their vehicle.
* Avoid strangers that contact you first.
* When someone tries to stop you – keep walking. Don’t give them money or talk to them.
* If they are persistent, then LOUDLY tell them to leave you alone and walk away.