

# **SAFETY TIPS**

## **AVOID BEING A ROBBERY VICTIM!**

### **ALWAYS CONCEAL:**

All valuables should be concealed at all times. Cash and cell phones are highly desirable items for thieves. They see it, they want it. In order to be safe, treat your cell phone and any other valuable item like cash: don't let anyone know you have it.

### **REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS:**

Call the Campus Police Dispatch Center, **(310) 434-4300**, to report suspicious persons. The police want to hear from you, and you could prevent a crime! When calling, provide as much information as possible, including the time you noticed the person, the clothing worn, the shoes worn, and the manner in which the person walked.

### **THE STREET:**

Always be aware of your surroundings, with particular interest to individuals near and around you. If someone looks suspicious or makes you feel uneasy, avoid that person. Go inside a store or business if necessary. If you must make a call while you are walking, go to a safe, public place, like a store. Make your call, then conceal your phone the way you would conceal your cash before going back to the street.

### **YOUR VEHICLE:**

When leaving your vehicle, lock it and close the windows. Take your key. Don't leave items inside the vehicle, even if you think they look like trash. The items may still look attractive to a thief. When you get in the vehicle, close and lock the doors immediately. Keep the doors locked and the windows rolled up. Avoid making cell phone calls while driving. If you must make a call, pull over and keep an eye on who is near your vehicle.

### **AT HOME:**

When you are exiting or unloading your vehicle, when walking from your vehicle to your home, or when spending time in your front yard, follow these precautions:

- Be cautious of anyone on the street who makes you feel uneasy.
- If you view such a person and are in the front yard, quickly go inside and lock the doors. If you are in a vehicle, stay in the vehicle with locked doors and windows. Either use a cell phone to call someone to escort you inside, or drive away and come back later.
- Never, ever open your door to anyone you do not know.

### **THE ATM:**

Use ATMs in well lighted, populated areas. Store and bank ATMs during the day are best. Scan the area before using the ATM. If you see a person loitering in the area for no apparent reason, go to another location. If you see something strange during your transaction, push cancel, take your card, and leave the area. During and after the transaction, be alert. You'll have cash in hand making you a possible target. Scan the area. Leave immediately. If you suspect danger, promptly enter the nearest store or building.