

SAFETY AT OTHER LOCATIONS

BART stations

- Keep your purses, bags and valuables close to your person and be careful of people bumping or shoving you in a particular direction.
- Avoid walking alone at night near stations. Try to walk with others from the station to your car.
- Avoid making cell phone calls while on BART or bus. If you must make a call, sit near the driver.
- Be watchful of people following you after you disembark or exiting the bus, BART or train.

ATMs

- Scan the area.
- Be wary of anyone loitering around the bank or ATM not transacting business, assisting patrons, or taking too long. Go to another location.
- Do not go to the ATM at night. Use ATMs in well lighted, populated areas. Store and bank ATMs during the day are best.
- If you see something strange during your transaction, push cancel, take your card, and leave.
- 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.

REPORTING (Important Numbers)

9-1-1

Emergency Number (cell phones)
Oakland Police Department:
(510) 777-3211

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)
Emergency Number:
(510) 464-7000

Emergency Number (cell phones)
Oakland Fire Department:
(510) 444-3322

California Highway Patrol (CHP)
9-1-1
(510) 450-3821

Alameda County Sheriff Office
Emergency Number:
(510) 351-2020

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Get involved with your Neighborhood Watch Group or form one. For more information in forming a Neighborhood Watch Group, contact Marlon V. Guzman at mguzman3@oaklandca.gov, or at (510) 238-4523.
- Get involved with social media platforms such as Next-Door sites.

**If you call 9-1-1 or
(510) 777-3211
DO NOT HANG UP!**

SAFETY BULLETIN



**Oakland Police Department
455 7th Street
Oakland, CA 94607**

**There has been an
increase in
Robberies
and
Burglaries
in your neighborhood**

STREET SAFETY

- Be aware of your surroundings. Be alert.
- Walk with confidence
- Scan the area before getting in and out of your vehicle and while loading/unloading items.
- Make sure to lock your car doors and windows.
- Never leave any valuables and/or packages inside of your vehicle in full view.
- Park and walk in a well lit area. Avoid dark locations away from public view.
- Avoid walking at night and alone. Walk in pairs if possible.
- Be aware of who is around you. If someone behaves suspiciously, avoid that person. Go inside a business or other public place with a crowd.
- If you must make a call, go to a safe space, make your call, then conceal your phone.
- Avoid carrying oversized purses and bags. Do not overload yourself. Carry only what you need. Keep your hands as free as possible.
- Keep your valuables close to you. Do not display them openly.
- Avoid distractions such as wearing earbuds and talking on your cell phone.
- Walk with your keys in your hand until you reach your destination.
- Always let someone know where you are going, where you are, and at what time you are expected to return.
- When returning home, call a family member and have them greet you at the door.

HOME SAFETY

- Install an alarm and/or video surveillance system.
- Maintain well lit porches and driveways.
- Trim bushes and trees to increase visibility from inside of your house and to avoid hiding spots.
- Install signs such as Alarm, Surveillance System or Beware of Dog.
- Make sure you have strong locks on your doors. Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Install a wide angle viewer in the door.
- Make sure your house numbers are visible from the street so emergency vehicles can easily find your home.
- Do not advertise your vacation plans on any social media platform.
- Do not open doors to any strangers. Always ask for verification and verify their identity.
- Do not give copies of your keys to friends or anyone else.
- Have a trusted neighbor pick up your mail and/or any deliveries.
- If someone tries to break into your home immediately call 911 or by cell phone at (510) 777-3211. If possible leave your house, if not, barricade yourself inside of a room.

APARTMENT/CONDOS SAFETY

- Never allow strangers such as salespersons, solicitors, or delivery persons enter your building or secured parking without proper screening.
- When moving into a new apartment or condo make sure the locks have been changed.
- If someone is coming into the gate or building behind you, quickly shut the door or gate after you enter.
- Do not leave the entry door propped open especially if you are making more than one trip.
- When inside the elevator, stand by the buttons so if someone you are not comfortable with gets on you can hit the "door open" button and get off quickly.
- Do not get on an elevator if you are uneasy with the person inside. Wait for the next car.
- When exiting your building's garage, make sure the garage door closes behind you. Make sure no one slips in before the door/gate completely closes.

**Immediately report any
crimes in progress or
suspicious activity to
9-1-1
or by cell phone to
(510) 777-3211**