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## PREVENTION

### Always conceal what you have to steal.

- To be safe, treat your cell phone like your cash. Don't let anyone know you have it.

### Call the OPD non-emergency number, (510) 777-3333, to report suspicious persons.

- The police *want* to hear from you.
- Provide as much information as possible: the time you noticed the person, clothing, shoes, manner in which person walked, etc.

### BART stations

- 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.

### The street

- Scan the area before getting in and out of your vehicle and while loading/unloading items.
- 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.

### At home

- Never open your door for those you don't know.
- If you are in your front yard and view a person behaving suspiciously, quickly go inside and lock your doors.
- If you are in a car, stay in the car with locked doors and windows. Either use a cell phone to call someone to escort you inside, or drive away and come back later.

### ATMs

- Use ATMs in well lighted, populated areas. Store and bank ATMs during the day are best.
- Scan the area. If you see a person loitering for no apparent reason, go to another location.
- 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.

## RESOURCES

Create or join a Neighborhood Watch group.  
More information: (510) 986-2715 or  
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