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PERSONAL SAFETY

Winnipeg Police Service
Crime Prevention Section



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3 KEYS TO SAFETY:

Be Aware of your surroundings!

**What are the risks associated with
the area you are travelling in?**

Have a plan-What will I do?



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COMMON SENSE



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- **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**





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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



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- Walk confidently
- Avoid using cellphones or IPOD's. Stay alert!
- Offenders do not want to get caught-they pick easy, unsuspecting, targets.



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- Don't wear flashy clothing or accessories
- Keep to well traveled areas
- Know the address of where you are going



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- AVOID
UNFAMILIAR
AREAS AND
SHORTCUTS

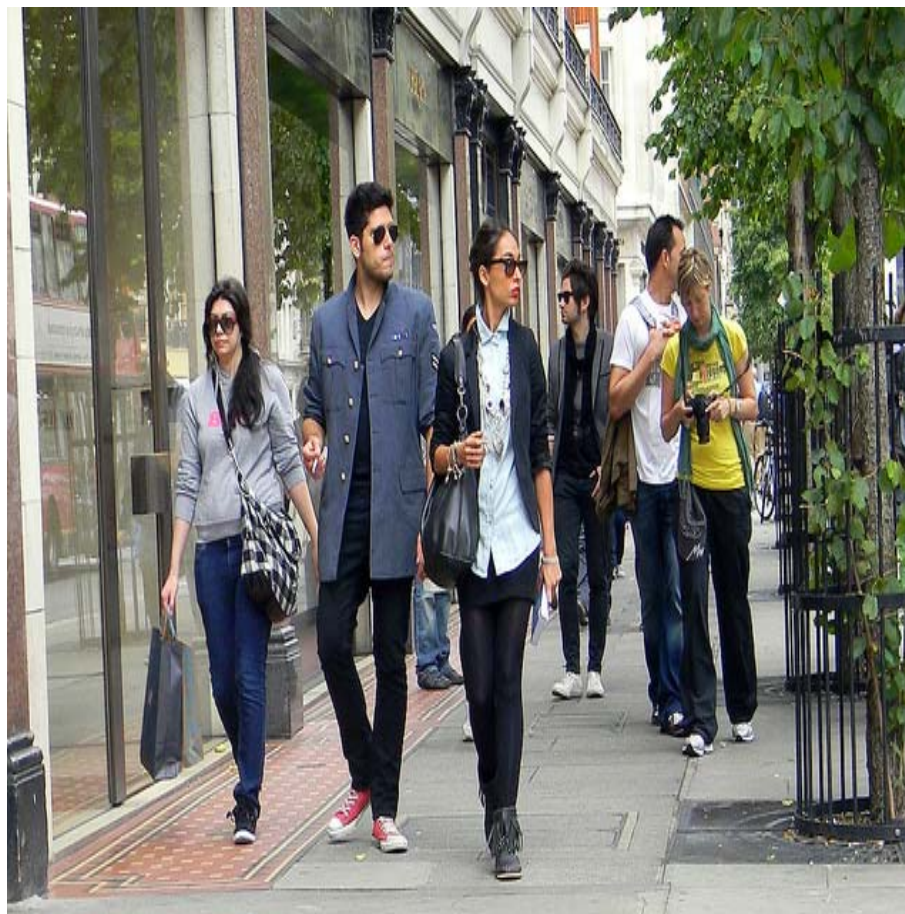


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- Use the “Buddy System.”
- Walk in the middle of the sidewalk
- No sidewalk – Walk facing traffic



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- If you feel you are being followed. Change directions or enter a store or area with lots of people.



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- PERSONAL ALARMS



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- Carrying bear spray, or any other object, that you intend to use as a weapon against another individual is illegal in Canada.
- Regardless if it is for personal protection. You can be arrested and charged!



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- Limit your methods of payment required for your outing. Carry Only what you need!
- Small amounts of cash
Or debit card.



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PURSES

- **ALWAYS ASSOCIATED WITH MONEY BY CRIMINALS!**
- Carry a wallet instead
- Remove important I.D
- Don't carry with strap over neck or wrapped around wrist.



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ROBBERY

If you are
robbed.....**COOPERATE !!**

*YOUR LIFE AND
PERSONAL SAFETY ARE
MORE IMPORTANT THAN
PROPERTY !!*



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CELL PHONE SAFETY TIPS

- Do Not disclose the relationship between you and the people on your Contact List
- Avoid using names like Home, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, Etc.





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When sensitive information is being asked
through texts

**Confirm it by
calling back!**

This includes “meet me at....”



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Mobile Phone Incident

Husband Receives Text Message from his wife's phone...

CAN'T REMEMBER PIN # WHAT IS IT???



WHAT DOES A GOOD HUSBAND DO?

TEXT'S BACK THE PIN #



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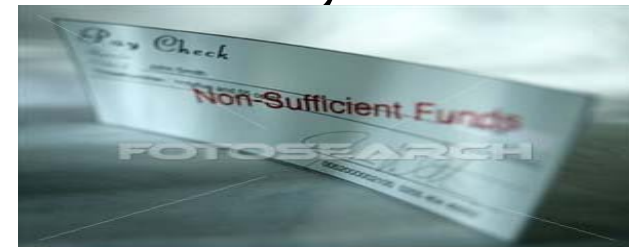
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A short while later his Wife Calls

To let him know that she just discovered her purse was stolen. In it was her cell phone and bank cards.



A call to the bank.....All the money has been **Withdrawn !**



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GANGS

- Encounters with gang members are possible in all areas of Winnipeg
- Recognition of gang members varies. Be wary of groups of youths having similar clothing, hats, tattoos, bandanas, etc.
- Graffiti may be an indicator of a gang's "turf".





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- Manitoba Warriors
- Native Syndicate
- MAD COWZ
- B-SIDE
- Indian Posse



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Winnipeg Gangs Continued...

- Hells Angels OMG
Redlined
Zig Zag Crew
Soldiers of Sin-Brandon
- Rock Machine
Vandettas
- Cash Money Bloods (CMB's)
- Most Organized Brothers (MOB's)
- 334 (M.O.B Squad)
- Asian Based OC
- Italian Based OC





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PANHANDLERS

- It is best not to give.
- Social agencies are available to provide what most panhandlers urgently need.
- Money usually goes to alcohol or drugs!





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- Do not swear or be abusive, a polite "NO" usually works
- Walk and talk confidently
- Never pause and attempt to look in your wallet or purse



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TRANSIT

- Use well lit busy bus stops
- Sit near the driver
- Know bus routes and times
- Ask bus drivers for help
- Use “request stop” feature





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- Report any abuse or harassment to driver
- Beware of those on and getting off the bus with you



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VEHICLE SAFETY

- Always park in well lit spots
- Do not exit vehicle around suspicious people
- Never leave valuables in vehicle.





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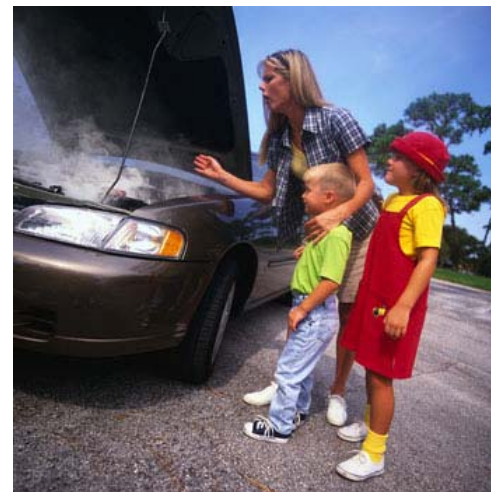
- Equip your vehicle with a anti-theft device (Immobilizer, Car Alarm or Steering wheel club)
- Approach your vehicle with your keys in hand.





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- **Maintain vehicle in good running condition**
- **Keeps doors locked at all times**
- **Don't pick up strangers**



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- Write down license numbers of erratic drivers.
- If you are a victim of "Road Rage". Do not stop. Call police or drive to a public area.





DEBIT CARDS AND ATM'S

- Debit cards are an excellent alternative to cash
- When selecting PIN, avoid obvious codes
- Never give PIN to anyone. Even your best friend or partner.





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Use ATM's in busy,
well lit areas.
Especially after
dark.



**Don't count the money
you withdraw at the
ATM.**

**Be aware of people
lingering or entering
with you!**



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CALLING 911



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- When to call 911 ?
- Any crime in progress (B&E, Robbery etc.)
- Any situation where people or property are at risk (Fire, Children on Ice, etc.)
- Any Medical emergency (Heart attack, accidental poisoning, etc.)





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WHEN CONTACTING 911

- Stay on the line
- Stay calm
- Explain the Emergency
- The address of the Emergency
- The Address and Telephone is automatically displayed to the operator from which you are calling from.



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- The 911 operator will ask questions to determine what is the Emergency
- The 911 operator will then transfer you to the appropriate Emergency Service
- Police
- Fire
- Paramedics



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- Let the operator control the Conversation
- Stay on the line until you are told to hang up
- Operators may stay on the line with you until police arrive





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Accidental call to 911

- If you accidentally dial 911
- Stay on the line
- Do not hang up
- If you hang up 911 has to call you back. This wastes valuable time. Police will also respond to confirm wellbeing



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IS IT A EMERGENCY?

- If you are unsure if it is a emergency, call **911**
- If it is not a Emergency they will simply ask you to call the Non-Emergency number
204-986-6222



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REPORTING NON EMERGENCIES

- Circumstances that you feel are suspicious
- A crime that has occurred but the offender / suspects have left
- Non Emergency 204-986-6222



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WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE WHAT WILL THEY ASK YOU?

- YOUR FULL NAME AS ON YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- YOUR ADDRESS
- YOUR DATE OF BIRTH
- YOUR TELEPHONE #



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WHAT WILL THE POLICE ASK ?

- WHAT THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM
- WHAT DID YOU SEE OR WITNESS
- YOU MAY BE ASKED TO PROVIDE A STATEMENT.

**Just the
Facts**



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WHEN SPEAKING TO POLICE OR 911

If there was a suspect
include :

- Description of suspect:
 - Male/ Female, Height, Weight, Build, Hair style,
 - Facial hair, tattoos
 - Demeanor (Actions)
 - Clothing Identifiers
 - Weapons
 - Direction of Travel



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IF AN INCIDENT INVOLVES A (VEHICLE)

- **RECORD PLATE NUMBER.**
- MAKE, MODEL & YEAR OF VEHICLE.
- COLOR
- UNUSUAL MARKS (RUST, DENTS, ETC).
- NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS
- LAST DIRECTION OF TRAVEL.



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When an incident occurs...

- If you remember something after the police have left, you can always phone them back
- Sometimes the smallest bits of information help police solve a crime
- Refer to the police incident number you were given.



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Winnipeg E- WATCH

- Open to anyone who has a E- Mail address
- View recent break and enters and car thefts in your neighborhood
- Learn about valuable crime prevention information and tips
- Updated biweekly



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Crime Prevention

The cheapest Crime Prevention method is to talk with one another and share information regarding your neighborhood / office area.

COMMUNICATE



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This presentation was provided on behalf of
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Through Social Development.**

- *“ A strategy that promotes well-being and community safety through **early intervention and development of economic, social, health and educational measures** that improve individual and community resilience thus preventing and reducing crime in the long run. “*



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Questions?



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