

## WHILE WALKING.....

- Look up; be aware of your surroundings. Walk with confidence and purpose. Be alert, look and listen.
- Have your keys ready in your hand when approaching your car or residence.
- Do not wear headphones; Listening to music with a headset can impair your ability to hear when someone is approaching, or to hear traffic when crossing streets.
- Be aware of any vehicles driving or people walking in close proximity to you.
- Do not hitchhike. Do not accept or provide rides to strangers.
- If someone starts walking toward you, and you feel uncomfortable, consider entering the nearest business or crossing the street.
- If you feel that you are being followed, walk toward an area where there are other people. Call the police and identify your location, or ask someone to make the call for you.
- If you own a cell phone, carry it with you and make sure it is always charged and turned on.
- If you carry a purse or wallet, keep it close to your body. Be prepared to let it go if grabbed.

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF AN OFFICER IN AN UNMARKED CAR OR AN OFFICER IN PLAIN-CLOTHES STOPS YOU?

If you do not feel safe when stopped by a plain-clothes police officer driving an unmarked car, or an officer who does not appear to be wearing a complete identifiable uniform, follow these tips:

- Drive to the nearest well-lit area if possible.
- Do not roll down your window or open your car doors.
- Tell the officer that you are afraid and that you would like to see his/her identification and ask to speak to their supervisor in person.
- Use your cell phone and dial 9.1.1.

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Broomfield Police Department  
Non-Emergency 303.438.6400  
Emergency 9.1.1  
Public Education Coordinator  
720.887.2084  
Victim Services Unit  
303.438.6429

PERSONAL SAFETY



## MOST VICTIMS FEEL.....

*How did this happen to me?  
Nothing like that happens  
around here.*



*If you feel things  
aren't quite right, they  
probably aren't!*

*Don't second guess  
yourself.....*

**Be Safe**



# SAFETY TIPS WHILE AT HOME .....

- Make sure your doors and windows have good locks and keep them locked. If you leave momentarily, close and lock your windows when you leave.
- Use good quality deadbolt locks on your doors.
- After moving into a new residence, change the door locks. Previous tenants or former employees may still have keys.
- Keep an inventory, including serial numbers of your valuables. Photograph your jewelry and other valuables.
- Utilize the peep hole viewer in your door if you have one. Don't open the door to anyone you don't know.
- Never allow a stranger to enter your home, especially for a service that you have not requested or scheduled.
- Require identification from individuals at your door. You may also consider confirming their credentials with the agency they represent before opening the door. Use caution, an individual may appear safe and friendly when they are not.
- Never say that a family member is not home or that you are home alone.
- Do not display your name anywhere on the exterior of your residence or mailbox.
- Be cautious about entering an elevator, parking garage, or laundry room where an unknown person is present. If you feel uncomfortable, exit as soon as possible.
- Place a lock on your exterior fuse or switch boxes.
- When answering the telephone, you have no obligation to identify yourself. Do not reveal unnecessary information.
- Use an unlisted and unpublished phone number.

## Safety Tips While You Are Away

- When you go on a trip, don't advertise your absence. Don't post your plans on social media.
- Stop all deliveries and only share your itinerary with a few trusted people.
- Have your lights, television, and radio set on timing devices.
- If a door or window has been forced or broken while you were gone, do not go inside. Call the police immediately.

## WHILE DRIVING.....

- Keep your vehicle well maintained and your gas tank full.
- Never enter your car until you check to make sure it is unoccupied.
- Do not leave your car unattended while the engine is running.
- If you have a remote, use it to unlock your doors. If your vehicle is equipped with programmable locking, program only the driver's door to unlock. Program the doors to lock automatically when the key is in the ignition.
- Avoid traveling through remote or unfamiliar areas at night. Become familiar with your routes of travel, the surrounding areas, and names of side streets.



- Place any valuables you choose not to carry with you in the trunk or out of view prior to your destination.
- Know the location of police departments, fire stations, and hospitals in the areas where you live and work.
- Keep the doors on your vehicle locked at all times while driving.
- When fueling your vehicle, turn off your car, lock the doors, and keep the key with you. Consider obtaining locks for your gas cap.



- Lock your vehicle at all times, even when it is parked in your driveway or in front of your residence.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked inside of your garage.
- Do not leave your garage door opener inside of your vehicle.
- Always maintain an adequate maneuvering distance ahead and behind your vehicle.
- If you have a flat tire, drive on it until you reach a safe, well-lit and well traveled area.
- Don't stop to assist a stranger on the side of the road. Contact the police department to request an officer check on the person needing assistance.