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## SAFETY AT HOME

- WHEN LEAVING HOME AT NIGHT OR DURING THE DAY, LOCK ALL DOORS AND MAKE SURE YOUR HOME APPEARS OCCUPIED.
- LEAVE LIGHTS ON IN A HALLWAY OR OTHER ROOM. CONNECT YOUR LIGHTS TO A TIMER. LEAVE A RADIO OR TELEVISION ON WHILE YOU ARE AWAY.
- LEAVE THE OUTSIDE PORCH OR EXTERIOR LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT. DURING THE DAYTIME, MAKE SURE THESE LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF.
- DON'T HIDE KEYS UNDER A MAT, OVER A DOOR, OR ANYWHERE OUTSIDE.
- GET TOGETHER WITH A FEW GOOD NEIGHBORS AND KEEP AN EYE ON EACH OTHER'S HOME. START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS...MOVEMENT INSIDE WHEN THE RESIDENCE SHOULD BE EMPTY...A STRANGE VEHICLE IN THE DRIVEWAY...OR A SUSPICIOUS PERSON NEARBY; CALL THE POLICE.
- UPON RETURNING HOME, CHECK FOR OBVIOUS SIGNS OF FORCED ENTRY BEFORE GOING INTO YOUR HOME. IF THERE ARE SIGNS OF ENTRY: **DO NOT GO INSIDE!** GO TO A NEIGHBOR'S HOME AND PHONE POLICE IMMEDIATELY.
- IF A REPAIRMAN OR OTHER PERSON CLAIMS TO HAVE BUSINESS INSIDE YOUR APARTMENT OR RESIDENCE, MAKE THEM SHOW POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION THROUGH A WINDOW. IF YOU HAVE THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT, OBTAIN THEIR BUSINESS TELEPHONE NUMBER FROM THE PHONE BOOK AND CALL THEIR SUPERIORS TO VERIFY THEIR BUSINESS.
- IF A STRANDED MOTORIST, LOST DELIVERY MAN, OR EVEN A PERSON CLAIMING AN EMERGENCY COMES TO YOUR DOOR FOR HELP, MAKE THE PHONE CALL FOR THEM WHILE THEY WAIT OUTSIDE.

## WHEN WALKING

- PLAN THE SAFEST ROUTE TO YOUR DESTINATION AND USE IT. CHOOSE WELL-LIGHTED BUSY STREETS AND AVOID PASSING VACANT LOTS, ALLEYS OR CONSTRUCTION SITES. TAKE THE LONG WAY IF IT'S THE SAFEST.
- WALK FACING TRAFFIC SO YOU CAN SEE APPROACHING CARS. WEAR LIGHT COLORED CLOTHING TO INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY.
- WALK WITH A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
- HAVE YOUR CAR OR HOUSE KEYS IN HAND AS YOU APPROACH YOUR VEHICLE OR HOME.
- IF YOU SUSPECT YOU'RE BEING FOLLOWED, CROSS THE STREET AND HEAD FOR THE NEAREST WELL-LIGHTED, POPULATED AREA. WALK QUICKLY TO A HOUSE OR STORE AND CALL THE POLICE.
- IF YOU ARE REALLY SCARED, SCREAM!

## IN THE CAR

- DRIVE WITH ALL CAR DOORS LOCKED. KEEP WINDOWS ROLLED UP WHENEVER POSSIBLE. PLACE ALL VALUABLES IN THE TRUNK.
- PARK IN WELL-LIGHTED AREAS THAT WILL STILL BE WELL-LIGHTED WHEN YOU RETURN. LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS.

## PHYSICAL HOME SECURITY

- EXTERIOR DOORS TO YOUR HOME SHOULD BE OF SOLID WOOD OR STEEL CLAD CONSTRUCTION. IF DOOR HINGES ARE EXPOSED ON THE EXTERIOR, NON REMOVABLE HINGE PINS SHOULD BE USED (SEE DIAGRAM).
- THE FRONT DOOR SHOULD HAVE A WIDE ANGLE VIEWER (180 DEGREE PEEPHOLE).
- DO NOT RELY ON A CHAIN LATCH. IT IS NOT A SECURITY DEVICE.