Personal Safety for our Visitors

During your time visiting our beautiful city please keep in mind your personal safety is our concern and would like for you to keep a few safety tips in mind. Remember, criminals often plan crimes and prey on the easiest victims. Criminals don’t take a day off and tend to migrate to large crowd gatherings or major events. Whether you are participating in an event or taking part in watching one know where your emergency exits and storm shelters are located. A few seconds could be helpful in your safety. Listed below are suggestions to make your stay with us enjoyable and safe.

Personal Safety Suggestions:

Walking
- Avoid walking alone. Be confident & walk with purpose
- Choose busy, well-lit streets and avoid isolated areas, alleys and vacant lots
- Walk facing traffic to see approaching cars
- Earphones make you less able to sense potential danger
- Keep valuables in an inside pocket
- If you get lost, find an open business and ask for directions

Driving
- Plan your route in advance
- Drive with the doors locked and windows rolled up
- Carpooling is a safe alternative to driving alone
- Don’t stop if another driver tries to force you off the road
- Do not advertise you are a visitor, place maps, travel brochures out of sight

Parking
- Choose well-lit parking areas
- Keep valuables and packages locked in the trunk
- Always remove the keys and lock the doors
- Be alert in underground or enclosed parking garages

Returning To Your Car
- Have your keys ready before getting to your car
- Be aware of occupied cars around you
- If you carry packages, keep one hand free
- Check inside and around your car before unlocking the door

Avoiding Pickpocket
- Carry only cash and credit cards you will need
- Do not discuss plans with strangers
- Be alert, particularly in crowded situations, staged distractions are a favorite ploy
- Carry shoulder bags under your arm not by the handle and while sitting keep the bag in your lap

Automated Teller Machines (ATM’s)
- Memorize your personal identification number
- Have everything ready before arriving
- Be aware of people loitering and sitting in parked cars who may be watching customers transact business
- Never use an ATM after dark

Public Transportation
- Locate well-lit and frequently used bus stops
- Check schedules in advance
- Do not wait alone
- Sit near the driver on buses

Hotel and Motel Security
- Watch your luggage when checking in and out of your hotel
- Don’t invite strangers to your room
- Call the desk to verify the identity of room service know what the hotel ID badge looks like
- Keep hotel card key with you at all times
- Familiarize yourself with fire exit routes

Outdoor Activities
- Advise someone of your routine before leaving
- Carry proper identification
- Vary your route and schedule so you are not predictable
- Avoid outdoor activities after dark
- Carry the necessary tools in case of an emergency
- Carry a personal alarm

Property Left In a Taxi
- Write down or remember the number, color and company of the taxi and call them

For Emergencies, Call 911

Omaha Police Department/South East Precinct
(402) 444-4041
Telephone Report Squad, Non Emergency
(402) 444-4877

Omaha Police Central Headquarters
505 South 15th Street
(402) 444-5818
Omaha, NE 68102

Make safety a habit.
Be alert to your surroundings.
If you see something,
Say something!