How Safe Are You



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# **Objectives**

- Statistics
- Best Practices
- Taking Charge of Your Safety
- Act Confident and Focused
- Alcohol and Drugs Can Make You Unsafe
- Fight or Flee
- Pepper Spray: Pros and Cons
- · What to do if You are a Victim
- Resources

**Statistics** 

US Department of Justice personal crimes are down (personal crimes include: Rape, Sexual Assault, Robbery)

- · Property Crimes are flat
- $^{\circ}\,$  US criminals were able to carry 24 Million crimes in 2004
- 70 % of all rape victims knew their rapist

#### **Best Practices**

- Change up your daily routine, don't be so predictable
- · Park in areas that are bright
- Don't give too much information about yourself or your location on social media
- Practice being on guard
- Pay attention to your surroundings
- Be aware



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# **Taking Charge of Your Safety**



- Having an active mind and body
- · Trust your instincts and your senses
- · Trust when something does not feel right
- Be hyper aware of your surroundings
- There is no true safe outside environment
- Have a confident that you can share your worries and insecurities with

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# **Act Confident and Focused**

Power Posing: this is the way you stand, the message your body is giving about you..."the don't mess with me attitude"

## Alcohol and Drugs Can Make You Unsafe

- Be aware of how it effects you and the people you are with
- Question, has your drink been out of your eyesight?



## Fight or Flee



- · Do you have an escape plan?
  - Can you flee? Is it safe to flee?
- · Are you in good physical shape to flee?
- Practice response time the quicker the act the more likely you are to flee successfully
- · Are you trained to fight?
- · Screaming can be very effective
- Blow the horn, hit the emergency button

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# **Pros and Cons: Pepper Spray**

#### Pros

- Its legal
- Non lethal · Can save a life
- Sold over the counter at some convenience stores

- Can make the assailant more angry
- Can be used against you if assailant gains control of it

## What to Do If You are a Victim



Don't be hesitant to file a police report
 Request a protective or restraining order against a stalker, especially if you know the identity of who it is
 Drive directly to the police station if being followed, and dial 911

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#### Resources

- www.cdc.gov/niosh
- www.nsc.org
- www.safety.source.com
- www.missingkids.com
- www.thehotline.org

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