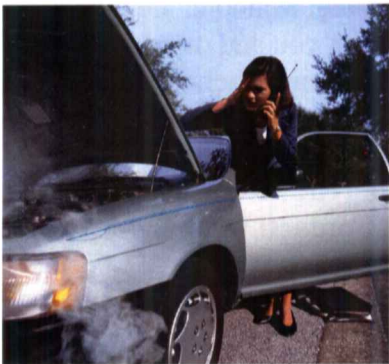


## CAR/PARKING LOT

- Scan the area around your vehicle as you approach or before exiting your car.
- Don't pick up hitchhikers.
- Keep doors locked and window rolled up so that someone can't reach in.
- When approaching stopped traffic, be sure you can see the rear tires of car in front of you touching the ground to provide you with an escape route.
- Plan your route and check a map before you start out. Know an alternate route.
- Park in a well-lighted, heavily traveled area if possible.
- Park next to small vehicles that you can see over and in. Avoid vans, box trucks, larger vehicles that obstruct your view.
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight inside your car.
- If you see an accident or stranded motorist, report it to police in lieu of stopping.
- Carry an emergency kit: flashlight, flares, fix-a-flat, maps, water, climate appropriate clothing, first aid kit, empty gas can, white cloth to tie to antenna to signal distress.
- Learn some basic auto maintenance.
- Keep your hands-free cell phone nearby and fully charged. Do not lock the screen.



## Programs offered by The New Castle County Police Community Services Unit

The following programs are offered to community, church, civic and youth organizations free of charge:

- Block Watch
- Burglary Prevention
- Bicycle Safety
- Building Tour
- Community/Civic Meetings
- Community Watch
- Explorers Post (905)
- Halloween Safety
- Heroin Alert
- Home Security Survey
- Officer Friendly/Stranger Danger
- Police Athletic League
- Project Lifesaver
- Road Rage
- Senior Roll Call Lifeline
- Youth & the Law
- S.L.A.M. (Youth Driving Awareness)

For more information call:  
(302) 395-8050

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## PERSONAL SAFETY



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## PROTECT YOURSELF

- If you are out, know your risk factors.
- Alternate your routes to avoid predictability.
- When out at night try to have a companion with you and consider skipping the ATM until morning.
- Don't carry a lot of cash.
- Don't display cash or any other inviting targets such as cell phones, iPods, jewelry.
- If you think someone is following you, cross the street, move to a lighted area or to a lighted house. Don't be afraid to yell for help or use distraction techniques to attract attention.
- Develop a plan and practice, practice, practice.
- Always park in well lighted areas with good visibility, close to walkways, stores and people.
- Make sure you have your keys out as you approach your vehicle.
- Always lock your car doors, even if it is in your driveway.
- Never leave your car running.
- If someone tries to rob you, always give them your property —  
*Don't give up your life!*
- If you are robbed or assaulted, immediately call **9-1-1**.

***Promptly report suspicious person (s) or activity to police.***

## GENERAL SAFETY

- Listen to and act on your intuition. It's better to be safe and risk a little embarrassment, than stay in an uncomfortable situation is unsafe.
- Avoid being distracted from your surroundings with cell phone. The call can wait until you are in a safe location.
- If you are in danger or being attacked and want to get help, yell "Call 911!" or give specific directions to onlookers; "You! Get the police!" or "Walk me to the store on the corner, I'm being followed."
- Have your keys ready when approaching your car or building.
- Do not advance money or confidential information to solicitors without authentication.
- Don't talk about your social life or vacation plans where strangers can overhear you.
- Do not post notice of specific plans on social networking sites.
- Make eye contact.



## IN YOUR HOME

- Have lights in all entrances & turn them on at night.
- Have quality locks on all doors and windows and use them.
- Do not use your full name on your mailbox or voice mail. Request a non-published number.
- Do not leave a schedule of your times away from home in any public domain.
- If you live alone, do not let strangers know. Invent a roommate or big dog.
- Know which neighbors you can trust in an emergency.
- Check who is at the door before opening it and if you are unsure talk to them through the door.
- Don't hide extra keys. Criminals will look for them.
- Never give personal information to solicitors. Tell them to mail you their offer for your consideration.
- Avoid predictability.

### ***A.D.D. P.E.P.***

- **Appearance:** Walk with a purpose, appear confident and keep your head up.
- **Distance:** Maintain ample distance between you and others.
- **Distraction:** There are potential victims who report a sneezing or coughing fit has fended off an attack.
- **Prepared:** Have a plan. Practice!
- **Eye Contact:** Make eye contact with anyone near you.
- **Packages:** Do not carry an excessive amount. Keep your hands free.