

## PREVENTION & SAFETY: WHICH OF THESE DO I ACTIVELY PRACTICE?

**CONTACT 9-1-1 immediately for life-threatening and medical emergencies, suspicious/criminal activity, or if you are the victim of a crime.**

Text 9-1-1 when unable to safely call. > Available in English and does not support images or video.

**Translators are available by 9-1-1 phone call.**

**Stay connected until the Operator ends the connection.**

**COMPLETE an official police report, if you are the victim of a crime.**

**These actions are key steps to effectively increasing safety.**

***\*In 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct in 2019, Property Crimes accounted for approximately 89% of reported crime.\****

### Personal Safety

- Be alert and aware. Listen to your instincts.
- Plan ahead. Know your route and route alternatives. Travel in pairs or groups.
- Keep personal items (keys/fobs, wallets, mobile devices, etc.) on you, not hanging or backs of chairs.
- Carry only what you need. Don't borrow mobile devices or hold out on speakerphone.

### Property Owners, Tenants, and Business Owners

- Secure (lock, bolt, tether, pin, etc.) > Tip jars, employee items, bikes, safes, doors, windows, etc.
- Require employee assistance with high-value items and limit accessible display quantities
- Remove items from property exteriors, secure large items
- Keep access points well-lit and maintained, secured, and uncluttered, clear of debris
- Security cameras & alarms, lighting, TV/radio/music (w/in Mpls. ordinance limits) are deterrents
- Be alert and aware > people may attempt to piggy-back into secure areas – like Employee Only, apartment buildings, businesses, and parking garages
- Post 'No Trespassing' yellow placards for ongoing issues or as deterrent
- For business restrooms & parking lots, consider: frequent checks, access policies, and signage
- For retail business > leave empty POS tills visibly empty & open
- Reduce opportunity for package theft by having deliveries received by: having an authorized person onsite accepting delivery, delivery to a secure locker or facility, or selecting ship to store & pick-up

### Personal Property

- Take photos of items & uniquely mark/tag property
- Document and secure > serial #s, passport #, driver's license #, social security #, and account #s - consider a safety deposit box or a bolted safe
- Register your bike online or contact 3-1-1

### Motor Vehicles

- Park in well-lit, highly-visible and frequented areas
- **Value your time, investment, and peace of mind > Remove valuables & lock your vehicle**
  - *Remove keys (even spare hidden ones), key fobs, and garage door openers AND securely lock your vehicle.* Reporting a crime and the follow-up actions take more time than those few seconds.
- **REMEMBER ...**
  - **Minneapolis has open-ignition and idling ordinances**  
([www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/government/ord/index.htm](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/government/ord/index.htm))
  - Remote starts have different rules, defined by Minneapolis ordinance
    - ***...BUT unattended running vehicles are an attractive target for a thief!***

### Video Surveillance Best Practices > *Effective cameras are an investment tool, not a decorative element*

- Ask your neighborhood association about Home Security Grant or Rental Rebate programs

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- Create (seasonal) reminders to verify camera placement, angles, and image clarity
- Effective images show physical features and vehicle plates > not tops of heads/shoes, glare, etc.
- **REMEMBER ...**
  - **A tool is only useful if someone knows how to use it when it is needed**
  - Train yourself/staff on how to quickly access & obtain video/images for officers

### Welfare & Safety

- **Welfare**
  - **9-1-1 for life threatening and in-progress mental/medical health crises**
  - **Encampment Livability Issues > structures erected and/or items being stored**
    - **Contact 3-1-1 by phone call, text, email, app, or online**
    - **Information goes to MPD's Homeless & Vulnerable Population Initiative**
- **Syringe clean-up > Contact 3-1-1, or the City Health Dept. Opioid Team at 612-358-4167**

### Community Engagement

- Engage with:
  - Block Club leaders - *Ask your Crime Prevention Specialist how to become one!*
  - Neighbors, as well as nearby property & business owners
  - Neighborhood & Business Associations
  - And MPD Crime Prevention staff about safety strategies and activities to raise awareness

## HELPFUL LINKS & RESOURCES

### For MPD

**Maps & Statistics of Reported Crimes | Alerts & Advisories | Crime Prevention & Safety Tips**

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/index.htm>

### **Mpls 3-1-1 Resources**

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/311/index.htm>

### **MPD Records & Reports**

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/records/index.htm>

**Spanish-speaking Crime Prevention Outreach > John Reed: 612.673.5579**

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**Somali-speaking Crime Prevention Outreach > Ahmed Hassan: 612.673.5164**

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### **Mpls Neighborhoods' Organizations**

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/council/maps/WCMS1Q-074470>

### **Mpls Resources for Property Owners & Renters**

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections/index.htm>

### **Crime Victim's Rights**

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@mpd/documents/webcontent/wcmssp-206381.pdf>

### **Conflict Resolution Center**

[www.CRCminnesota.org](http://www.CRCminnesota.org)

### **Domestic Abuse & Harassment Resources**

<http://mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Domestic-Abuse-and-Harassment.aspx#GetHRO>

### **Hennepin County Sheriff's Jail Roster**

<https://jailroster.hennepin.us/JailRosterOnline/jail-roster>

### **Mpls Emergency Preparedness Resources**

[http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/emergency/emergency\\_personal\\_preparation](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/emergency/emergency_personal_preparation)

### **DHS Preparedness Resources**

[www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)