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# Street Sense

**You Are  
Ultimately  
Responsible  
For Your  
Own Safety**

## Personal Safety Basics

- ~ **STAY ALERT** to your surroundings.
  - Know who is around you.
  - Don't be preoccupied.
- ~ **PLAN** where you are going before you go.
  - Avoid low light areas and alleyways.
  - Stay in well populated areas.
- ~ Use your **INSTINCTS** and **INTUITION**.
  - Intuition is reading the signals we give ourselves.
  - Intuition is always right in two ways:
    - It is always in response to something.
    - It always has your best interest at heart.
  - If you feel uneasy about a situation – avoid it!
- ~ **PROJECT** a confident image.
  - Walk with confidence (firm and steady pace).
  - Look people in the eye when you pass them.

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## Street Sense Tips

- Keep zippers and snaps closed on purses or bags.
- Hold your purse/briefcase tight and keep it close to your body – not towards your back.
- Carry your purse/briefcase towards the building side of the sidewalk and not the street side.
- The more packages you carry, the more vulnerable you are.
- If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting near their vehicle.
- Avoid strangers that contact you first.
- When someone tries to stop you – keep walking. Don't give them money or talk to them.
- If they are persistent, then loudly tell them to leave you alone and walk away.