



CYPRESS **POLICE**

Crime Prevention Tips While You're Out and About

Travel Light

- Carry as few cards as possible in your wallet – that goes for identity cards and credit cards alike. This will save you many headaches if your wallet is lost or stolen, and it helps prevent identity
- Always keep your purse close to your body and never leave it in a shopping cart.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

Engage in Good Cell Phone Habits

- Carrying a cell phone with you is a good idea for many reasons, including getting in touch with loved ones or calling for help during an emergency. Just don't let it distract you from what's going on around you.
- Thieves target people talking on phones or texting while taking a walk or shopping. Smartphones are frequently stolen right out of people's hands, so keeping it out of sight is best. You can check your texts and play games when you get home!

Use the Buddy System

- Avoid walking alone after dark or in areas that are known to be dangerous.

Crime Prevention Tips While You Are In Your Car

Run a Tight Ship

- Keep all doors and windows locked and windows rolled up, particularly at stoplights.
- Keep any valuables locked in the trunk.
- To avoid breakdowns, keep a full tank of gas, and don't skip maintenance checks.
- Check the front and back seats for intruders before getting in the car.
- Do not pick up hitchhikers.
- Sit Tight if Your Car Breaks Down
- Pull as far over to the right as you can, and raise the hood of the car to signal a breakdown. Wait inside your car with the windows rolled up until the police arrive.

If Someone Tries to Steal From You While You're Out and About

- If you are threatened or attacked on the street, make as much noise as possible to draw attention to the situation and scare off the intruder.
- You can wear a whistle around your neck as an added alert system, but weapons are not advised as they can be used against you.
- Call 911 and report the incident as soon as you are able.

