CAR SMARTS

- Keep your car doors locked at all times.
- Park in a well-lit area, and take a picture of your parking space to remember where your car is.
- Refrain from leaving personal items in your vehicle or in plain view. Practice out of sight, out of mind.
- When returning to your vehicle, have your keys/fob in hand at the ready, check the rear seat and leave immediately.
- Avoid leaving a spare key or fob in your vehicle.
- Never give a stranger a ride or your cell phone to make a call, no matter how convincing or tragic their story is.

OFFICE SMARTS

- If working alone, notify security and keep the office door locked. If something appears suspicious, call 911.
- Have an emergency evacuation plan. Have an off-site location to relocate to and practice with the team.
- Refrain from propping open doors or leaving them unlocked.
- Personal items should be locked and secured during the work shift.
- Visitors and delivery persons should sign in, wear identification and be escorted.
- When using elevators, push several floors if you need an easy escape. Use common sense to get out if you feel uncomfortable and call 911.

STREET SMARTS

- Never give money to panhandlers. Do not flash your cash. If a person becomes aggressive, call 911.
- Purses and computer bag straps should be worn across the body, leaving your hands free.
- Do not overburden yourself. Carrying too much while you walk will prevent you from seeing tripping hazards.
- When using an ATM, check your surroundings before usage. Take your cash and leave immediately.
- Refrain from wearing earbuds or headphones in public. Do not block the world out and stay alert.
- If you see something, say something!

SECURITY TIPS

From the Downtown Committee of Syracuse's Security Team 315-423-HELP (4357) | Availability: ASAP (Mon - Fri, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm)

TRAVEL SMARTS

- Never leave anything valuable in your vehicle. Lock all items in the trunk or glove box.
- Only carry as much cash as you need. Do not flash your cash.
- Take the time to learn about the place you are traveling to. Never have your head down looking at your phone/GPS.
- Ask the hotel/travel personnel for recommendations or directions.
- Walk confidently and use common sense.
- The less you look like a confused tourist, the better.
- The best way to foil thieves is to protect your valuables and keep them secure and out of sight.
- Never give your name or room number to strangers.
- Refrain from opening your hotel room to any unexpected guests.
- If you are suspicious about anything or anyone, call the front desk immediately.
- ATM usage should be done inside the bank or business.

LIVING SMARTS

- New place, new locks. You do not know who has the keys to your new home.
- Always keep your doors locked, even if you are home.
- When you travel, use light timers and stop your mail delivery.
- Refrain from propping doors open to prevent strangers from entering when moving in or out.
- Renters insurance is a great way to protect valuables, record serial numbers and keep photo records.
- You have the right to feel safe in your neighborhood. Report any suspicious activity.
- Remember to be a good neighbor. A clean neighborhood is enjoyed by all!











