

When You're at Home

- Establish a routine to make certain that doors and windows are locked and alarm systems are turned on.
- Lock gates, garages and sheds after each use.
- Keep personal items such as bikes, lawn mowers, and sports equipment inside when not in use.
- Know who is at your door before opening it. Check their photo identification card before dealing with anyone making unsolicited offers of service.
- Post a "No Soliciting" sign if you don't want any solicitor to ring your door bell.
- Learn to recognize who belongs in your neighborhood, development, or apartment complex.
- Never let a stranger enter your home to use the telephone. Offer to make the call yourself in an emergency.
- Don't leave notes on your door when you are away from home.
- Don't give your name or whereabouts on your voicemail message.
- Never say you aren't home.
- Don't discuss your finances or possessions with strangers.
- Keep valuable papers, jewelry, etc. in a bank safety deposit box. Don't store them at home unless you have a secure place or a safe that is well hidden and cannot be removed.



Contact Us

For more information on this and other department services, contact:

Pima County Sheriff's Department
Community Resources Unit

(520) 351-4615 or pimasheriff.org

You can also visit our website for:

- Online crime reporting
- Local crime mapping
- Neighborhood Resource Guide

Together we can make a difference.



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Personal Safety

Safety Starts With You



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What is Personal Safety?

Criminals look for opportunities to commit crimes. So often we give them this chance by actions that do not preserve our personal safety, such as:

- not locking or securing property,
- leaving a bike unattended,
- or getting lost in music or thoughts on a walk.

Personal safety involves knowing what to do to keep yourself safe in a variety of situations. Crime can happen to anyone at anytime so it's everyone's responsibility to look out for his or her own safety.

Being aware of where you are and who's around you is an important step in achieving the goal of personal safety. Critical seconds can be lost trying to decide what to do in an emergency. Pre-planning for a variety of situations will make you feel safer and react quicker.



When You're On the Move

WALKING/RUNNING:

- Try to walk or jog with a friend, not alone.
- Get to know the neighborhoods where you live and work.
- Carry purses and bags firmly and close to your body. Keep your wallet in your front pocket, not your back pocket.
- Avoid taking shortcuts through alleys or vacant lots.
- Stand tall and walk confidently.
- If you choose to carry pepper spray or a taser/stun gun, be familiar with it and have it ready to use. Remember, these items can be taken from you and used against you if you're unprepared.



DRIVING/PARKING:

- Always lock your car and take your keys.
 - Keep your vehicle in good condition with your tank at least a quarter full.
 - Never pick up hitchhikers.
 - Keep an old pair of tennis shoes in your vehicle in case you have to walk.
- Avoid parking in far away or isolated areas. If leaving at night, park as close to the building as possible.
- Have your keys out and ready to use before getting to your parked car. Once inside your car, lock your doors, and be ready to drive away; don't sit and complete other tasks.
- Keep all packages out of sight.



When You're Out

- Stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings wherever you are.
- Try not to be distracted in phone conversations or listening to your music.
- When traveling by air, don't put your address on the luggage tag; put it inside your luggage.
- Plan routes for public transportation to use the busiest and best-lit stops available and have fare ready.
- Don't leave bags or purses unattended.
- Avoid using ATMs at night, or take someone with you.
- Don't accept rides or gifts from stranger or someone you don't know well.
- Don't display cash, jewelry, or any valuables unnecessarily.
- Consider taking a basic self-defense class.



Report It!

Report suspicious activity to the
Pima County Sheriff's Department

- In Progress: 911
- Not in Progress: (520) 351-4900

For more information visit
pimasheriff.org