

What should you do if you are a victim of crime...

- Seek help immediately!

- If you are injured, call 9-1-1 for medical assistance or go to a hospital emergency room.



- An important thing to remember is that you should not touch anything, change clothes, wash, bathe, or shower before you have been to the hospital or have contacted the police.

- Doing any of these things will destroy valuable evidence that is needed by the police and prosecutor to identify, arrest, and convict your attacker.



Preventing crime is everyone's business - children, youth, adults, and seniors must all work together to protect themselves, their families, and their neighborhoods.



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Personal Safety

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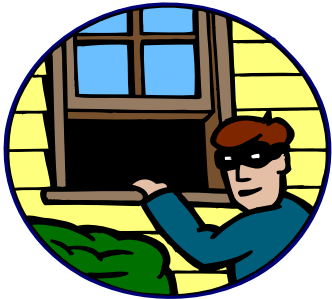
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Home Safety

- When someone knocks on the door ask for the person's identity. Also, ask them to verify it with a identification card.
- Always have your keys ready before entering your home.
- Before going to bed check to make sure all windows, doors, and garage doors are closed and locked up securely.
- If you suspect someone is in your house avoid a confrontation with burglars. Do not go inside!
Call **9-1-1** or
Lakewood Sheriff Station (562) 623-3500.

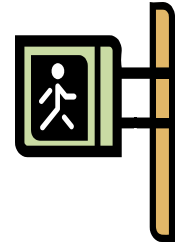
Did you know

Six out of ten completed burglaries take place through unlocked doors and windows.



Street Safety

- Use the buddy system when walking.
- Avoid walking in areas that are not well lit or lack good visibility.
- Never accept a ride from a stranger.
- Do not take short cuts through alleys, ditches or other areas that are deserted or not well lit.
- When walking keep your purse or backpack close to your body.
- Take the safest route to reach your destination.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.



Automobile Safety

- Always remember to lock your vehicle after entering, and exiting.
- Locate your car keys before you walk to your car. Have them in hand as you approach your vehicle.
- Personal items like purses and electronics should not be exposed in plain view.
- Perform maintenance on your car regularly. Check the gas, water, an oil regularly.
- If your car breaks down, open the hood and turn on your emergency lights. Lock your doors and windows and call for assistance or law enforcement.

ATM Safety

- Try to avoid using ATMs by yourself. Either take someone with you or use one while other people are around.
- If possible avoid using an ATM after dark.
- When you arrive at an ATM, look around. If you see anything that makes you uncomfortable or anyone who looks suspicious, do not stop. Either use an ATM at a different location or come back later. Notify police.
- Have your ATM card and any other documents you need ready when you approach an ATM. While you are fumbling with a wallet or purse, you are easy prey for a thief.
- If someone else is using the ATM, stay alert to your surroundings. Look up and around every few seconds while transacting your business.
- Protect your Personal Identification Number (PIN). Do not enter your PIN if anyone else can see the screen or keypad. Do not give your PIN out to others.
- When your transaction is complete make sure you have your money and your receipt and leave immediately.
- As you leave, be aware of anything suspicious. If you think you are being followed, go to an area with a lot of people and call the proper authorities.