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# Crime Prevention & Safety - Away from Home

## Walking ... A few tips

- É Always plan your route, stay alert to your surroundings and walk confidently.
- É If you are attacked on a street, make as much noise as possible by calling for help or blowing a whistle.
- É Avoid walking alone at night.
- É Try to have a friend to accompany you in high risk areas.



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## Walking ... A few tips

- É Avoid carrying weapons. They may be used against you.
- É Stay away from buildings and doorways.  
Walk in well-lighted areas.
- É Have your key ready when approaching your front door.



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## Walking ... A few tips

- É Don't dangle your purse away from your body.
- É Don't carry large, bulky shoulder bags. Carry only what you need.



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## Shopping ... A few tips

- É Carry your purse close to you.  
Never leave your purse unattended.
- É Don't carry any more cash than is necessary.  
Use cheques and automatic teller cards.
- É Don't display large sums of cash.



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## Banking ... A few tips

- É Many criminals know exactly when the government cheques arrive so choose banking days wisely.
- É Direct deposit is available and most cheques can be deposited directly.
- É Free chequing accounts are available to seniors at some banking institutions.



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## Banking ... A few tips

- É Store valuables in a safety deposit box.
- É **Never** give money to someone who calls you, identifying himself/herself as a bank official. A bank will never ask you to remove your money.
- É Do not withdraw money from your account for anyone but yourself ó be wary of con artists and get rich quick schemes



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