

**THE ODDS OF BEING  
VICTIMIZED BY CRIME  
WHILE IN PUBLIC  
PLACES ARE LOW;  
HOWEVER YOUR  
PERSONAL SAFETY IS AT  
RISK ANYTIME YOU GO  
OUT.**

Criminals often plan crimes and look for the right opportunity with the easiest victim. **Your best defense is to plan ahead.** Being safer doesn't require you to change your lifestyle, personality, wardrobe, or to stop going out.

The following crime prevention measures are provided to increase your personal safety and security.

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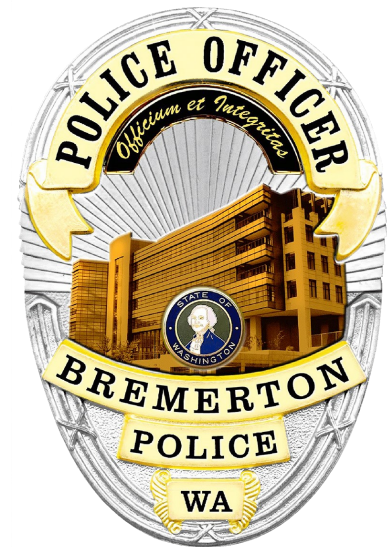
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**PERSONAL  
SAFETY**



**BREMERTON  
POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

## **AT HOME**

- Have your key in your hand when approaching the entryway
- Wait outside if anything looks unusual (i.e. open door or broken window)
- Give spare key to a trusted neighbor; do NOT hide outside
- Remove personal ID on key rings
- Change the locks if you lose your house keys

## **WALKING**

- Avoid walking alone-Walk facing traffic
- Choose busy, well-lit streets
- Limit earphone and phone use—they lessen your ability to sense danger
- Keep valuables in an inside pocket and hold your purse under your arm

## **DRIVING**

- Keep your vehicle in good condition
- Plan your route in advance
- Drive with doors locked and windows rolled up
- Carpooling is safer than driving alone
- Don't stop if another driver tries to force you off the road

# **PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS:**

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## **ATM'S (AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES)**

- Memorize your PIN
- Have everything ready upon arrival
- Be aware of loiterers and others who may be watching transactions
- Never use an ATM after dark

## **RETURNING TO YOUR CAR**

- Have your keys ready before getting to the car
- Be aware of occupied cars around you
- Keep one hand free if holding a package
- Check inside and around your vehicle before unlocking it

## **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

- Advise someone of your route before leaving
- Carry proper identification
- Vary your route and schedule so you are not predictable
- Avoid outdoor activities after dark
- Carry the necessary tools in case of an emergency
- Carry a personal alarm

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

- Choose well-lit and frequently used bus stops
- Check schedules in advance
- Do not wait alone
- Sit near the driver on busses
- Report incidences of verbal or physical abuse to the driver

## **AT WORK**

- Get involved with improving work place security
- Walk to and from parking areas with other people
- Avoid using isolated stairways
- If a suspicious person follows you into an elevator, or is already in the elevator get out immediately
- Check restrooms before locking the door

## **PARKING**

- Choose well-lit parking locations
- Keep valuables and packages in trunk
- Always remove the keys and lock the doors
- Be alert in underground or enclosed parking garages