

Did you know?

No one wants to be a statistic. Yet every 3.8 seconds, someone in America becomes the victim of a property crime – and every 26.3 seconds, someone suffers a violent attack.

Many people are victims of violent crimes under the cloak of darkness. There are many more potential victims of robbery when they are not working. The same goes for other violent crime such as murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

Domestic crime takes place whenever people come together and that is usually in the evening and on weekends. Many crimes take place in the city when victims are compromised after they leave bars or in social gatherings.

There has always been a correlation between how ethically we behave and how brightly our surroundings are lit – most evil deeds are done under cover of darkness, and the rarest and most brazen crimes are those committed in broad daylight – not least because we're less likely to be caught in the act after nightfall.

GET INVOLVED!

If you see any suspicious activity taking place, or have any information pertaining to a crime, don't hesitate to call the police!

Your information is valuable and could help victims gain closure and police gain justice.

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NIGHTLIFE SAFETY TIPS

Keep your night
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Nightlife Safety

Fear of crime can make you wary of walking or traveling at night. But being uneasy doesn't mean you need to stay home and miss the good times with your friends. Being prepared, planning your route, and knowing what to do in emergency will make your night out safe, as well as fun.

While risk likely depends on what neighborhood you're in and other circumstances, such as how well lit and populated the area is, experts say people should be alert and aware of their surroundings even at hours they don't presume are dangerous.

What percentage of crimes occur at night?

Violent crimes occur between 6 A.M. and 6 P.M. in 52.7% of cases.

Simple assaults occur 57.6% of the time during these same hours, as do 42.2% of aggravated assaults.

Approximately two-thirds (63.2%) of rapes/sexual assaults occur at night.

Most property crimes occur during the day, except for motor vehicle theft, which occurs 71.7% of the time at night.

1. Keep valuables close
Women - keep your purses on you at all times, men - put your wallets and cellphones in your front pockets

2. Never walk alone. Always use the buddy system. There is safety in numbers.

3. Avoid carrying large sums of cash or several credit cards. Divide your cash into smaller quantities and carry them in different places on your person

4. Don't resist. If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property and immediately call the police

5. Report suspicious activity to the police. If it's an emergency, dial 9-1-1

6. Avoid excessive drinking. Alcohol is a major contributing factor in many assaults.

7. Stay in well-lit areas. Avoid walking through alleys, vacant lots, wooded areas, or short cuts; especially at night

8. Follow a familiar route or make sure you have determined a route ahead of time so you don't get lost

9. Always be aware of your surroundings. Walk confidently, directly, and at a steady pace

10. Violence is never the answer. If you are involved in a heated argument that appears to be turning violent, walk away

Violent crime time of day by offender age
(Offenders per 1,000 violent crime offenders in age group)

