

Safety and Security Tips
Mesa Community College
College Safety Department
EMERGENCY PHONE #17777

1. **Be aware of your surroundings.** It's called "situational awareness". Look around as you walk. If you see or sense trouble in an area, avoid it. Keep your eyes moving. Project an air of confidence. If you look like you can take care of yourself, you are much less likely to become a target.
2. **Avoid dark and secluded areas.** Stay in well lit and populated areas if possible. Park close to campus in well lit areas whenever those areas are available.
3. **Travel in a group or in pairs when possible.** Criminals are much more likely to target individuals than groups.
4. **When driving, keep doors locked and windows rolled up.** Maintain situational awareness as you park. Know what is happening in the area as you exit your car. Keep your head up as you walk.
5. **Don't take chances.** If you feel unsafe, ask for assistance. Contact College Safety on a blue-lit emergency phone or on an office phone at #17777. Ask for an escort to your car or class at #17046. Stop a security officer if you need assistance or suspect wrongdoing.
6. **Make a scene.** If you are in imminent danger, don't hesitate to scream or make a scene. It will call attention to your predicament and probably scare away a potential attacker.
7. **Secure your property.** Lock car doors. Don't leave property out where it is visible to persons walking by your car. Place items in the trunk or under a seat. If possible, don't leave valuable items in your car.
8. **Use security devices.** If your car has an alarm, use it. Consider secondary anti-theft devices such as "The Club" or ignition cut-off switches to make it more difficult to steal your car. If your stereo has a removable faceplate, take it with you. Hide expensive amplifiers or disk changers under a seat or in a glove box.