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## PERSONAL SAFETY

### AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE

- Memorize your personal identification number (PIN). Do not carry your PIN anywhere on your person or in your wallet.
- Never give your PIN to anyone else.
- When using an automated teller machine (ATM) have your paperwork and ATM card ready before you arrive at the ATM.
- Be aware of people around the ATM and in parked cars who seem to be loitering or subtly watching customers transact business. If you feel uncomfortable, leave the location and find another ATM where you can safely transact your business.
- Report suspicious persons to bank personnel.
- When using a drive-up ATM always keep alert to your surroundings. Be sure your car doors are locked and the windows are closed. Look around and check the area before you open your car window to make sure no one is loitering around the ATM. Open the window only when you are sure it is safe to do so. Open the window long enough to conduct your transaction and leave the location promptly.
- Do not sit in the car at the ATM and do your personal accounting.
- If possible never use an ATM after dark.
- When using a walk-up ATM always keep alert to your surroundings. Choose an ATM in a shopping mall, market or an ATM that is in a bank or located near a busy street.
- Make sure the ATM is not obscured by landscaping or walls.
- If possible always take someone with you.
- Shield the screen with your body to prevent others from seeing your PIN.
- Place your money in your pocket, purse or wallet before you turn away from the ATM.
- Take the receipt with you.

## **TELEPHONE CALLS**

- Do not give your telephone number to wrong telephone number callers. Ask the caller, "What telephone number are you calling?"
- Check references of any person calling seeking information about you for a survey, credit check or subscription drive. Call the agency or company the person works for and verify the identity and intent of the telephone call.
- Never reveal to a stranger or wrong telephone number caller, your address or that you are home alone.
- If you receive a threatening, harassing or obscene telephone call, notify the NCPD and your telephone company.
- Place the receiver down immediately. Do not say anything.
- Keep a record of the date, time and the content of each telephone call.

## **APARTMENTS AND CONDOMINIUMS**

- Always lock the doors to common areas and garages;
- When leaving or entering a garage, be sure the door closes and locks behind you before moving on.
- Do not leave the garage door opener in your car. If stolen, it provides easy access to your building.
- Organize regular meetings to discuss security issues.
- Contact neighbors in your complex whenever a crime occurs so they may take appropriate precautions.
- Never use a laundry room alone or late at night. Do your laundry during the day and invite a friend or neighbor to do their laundry with you.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

- Get to know your neighbors and discuss your concerns and ideas to improve security in your neighborhood.
- Join or start a Neighborhood Watch program as a method of organizing a network of people interested in working together to improve neighborhood security.
- Exchange work and vacation schedules with a trusted neighbor so that you can keep an eye on each other's homes.
- Solicit several neighbors to install dead bolt locks and alarm systems at the same time. Purchasing a large quantity of dead bolt locks and alarm systems at the same time might save everyone a considerable amount of money.

- Never tell a stranger that a neighbor lives alone, is ill or not at home.
- Report broken streetlights.

***Source: Los Angeles Police Department***