

Protect Yourself!

The Fayetteville Police Department offers complimentary residential security surveys and safety presentations. Please call and schedule an appointment with a Crime Prevention Specialist.

Community Resources

NOW486-8009
National Organization for Women

New Beginnings..... 868-1140
Battered Women's Shelter

Rape Crisis485-7273

Women's Center of Fayetteville 323-3377

Dial
9-1-1
for Emergencies

Police Department Telephone Numbers

Emergency911
Alarm Monitoring Ordinance..... 433-1037
Campbellton District433-1830
Chief's Office 433-1819
Community Relations..... 433-1847
Crime Prevention.....433-1033/34
Crime Stoppers.....483-TIPS (8477)
Cross Creek District 433-1827
Legal Process Unit..... 433-1837
Major Crimes/Detective Division 433-1856
Narcotic/Vice Task Force433-1553
Neighborhood Improvement Team 433-1852
Office of Special Information 433-1036
Operation Support Division 433-1036
Patrol Operations Bureau433-1826
Personnel..... 433-1815
Professional Standards..... 433-1820
Public Service Counter/Information 433-1800
Service Bureau..... 433-1811
Tele-Serve433-1529/1530
Traffic 433-1036
Victim Assistance 433-1849
Violent Crimes Task Force433-1562

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CRIME PREVENTION FOR WOMEN



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All too often women fall victim to crimes they could have easily prevented by taking simple precautions.

Walking

- Be aware of the surroundings. A confident, purposeful attitude may lessen the chance of you being victimized.
- AVOID DARK STREETS. Walk on busily traveled and well-lit streets.
- Maintain a secure grip on your purse, preferably under your arm.
- Walk near the curb and avoid passing close to shrubbery, dark doorways, and other concealed places.
- Have your key ready so your house door or car door can be opened immediately.
- If accosted by someone driving a vehicle, leave the area in the opposite direction. Go to the nearest dwelling or business to get help.



At Home

Most intruders enter by way of a door or a window. Make sure yours doors, windows, screens, and window screens have good locks, and keep them locked.

- Women who live alone should list only their last names and initials in phone directories and mailboxes.
- Safeguard your keys.
- Leave lights on in more than one room to indicate the presence of other persons.

- Never let a stranger in your home. If help is requested, offer to call for them while they wait outside. Peepholes provide a safe means of seeing who is outside without exposing yourself to danger.
- Do not enter an elevator, laundry room, or other confined area alone, if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Never reveal your name, address, or phone number to someone you do not know on the Internet or phone. Notify the police and service providers of obscene messages or calls.
- Demand identification and credentials from anyone at your door. Do not judge by appearances.
- Under no circumstances should you let anyone know you are alone in the house, whether he or she comes to the door or calls you.
- Doors should be fitted with good quality locks and deadbolts.
- After moving to a new house or apartment, it is a good idea to change the door locks. Previous tenants or former employees may still have keys.
- When you go on a trip, do not advertise that your house or apartment is empty. Stop all deliveries and mail.
- Make a list of serial numbers on appliances, cameras, other expensive items and credit cards. This gives you a better chance of recovering your items if they are lost or stolen.
- If a door or window has been forced open or broken while you were out, DO NOT ENTER or CALL OUT Someone may still be inside. Use the neighbor's phone immediately and call the police. Wait outside until they arrive.

If Attacked

Whenever danger threatens, call 911. In the event it is a false alarm, it is better to be a bit embarrassed than to be injured or killed.

- Scream for help.
- If outside, flag down a passing car or at least make yourself seen.
- Use any available object for a weapon.
- If attacked in your home, attempt to get outside where cries can be heard.
- Dial 911 and leave the phone off the hook if you are unable to speak.

Don't let a criminal make you his victim in your car:

- Never enter your car until you check to make sure it is empty.
- Keep your windows rolled up and doors locked.
- Keep your car doors locked at all times, even while driving. If someone tries to get in, drive off.
- Should your car become disabled in an isolated area, raise the hood and sit inside with the doors locked until help arrives.
- If you think you are being followed, try to find help immediately. Drive to a well-populated area. Or drive to the police department if it is close by.
- Never pick up a stranger or hitchhikers.
- Always lock your car when it is parked, even if it is only for a short period of time. Never leave your car running.
- Always park in a well-lit area.