

Be Alert to Your Surroundings:

- ❑ Go with friends; not alone.
- ❑ Don't carry large amounts of cash.
- ❑ Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- ❑ Use direct deposit for Social Security and other pension checks.
- ❑ Drive with the doors locked. Be particularly alert in parking lots.
- ❑ Sit close to the driver or exit while riding a bus.



Be alert to Home Security:

- ❑ Install good locks on doors and windows. Use them!
- ❑ Ask for identification from service or delivery people before letting them in your home. If you're the least bit concerned, call the company to verify.
- ❑ Get involved in your community's Neighborhood Watch Program, or start on yourself. Call Carolyn "CJ" Johnson at 749-3955 for more information.

Watch Out for Con Artists:

- ❑ Don't be taken in by investment schemes, funeral scams, home improvement scams, fake cures for cancer and arthritis, sweepstakes, free vacation offers and other promotions that sound "too good to be true." Be wary of phone solicitors asking for personal information – credit card or checking account numbers – even if they claim you won something. Ask them to mail you the information.
- ❑ Don't let anyone rush you into signing something – a contract, sales agreement, or insurance policy. Read it carefully and have someone you trust check it over.

Get Involved:

- ❑ Report any crime to law enforcement. Ask about victim services.
- ❑ Work to improve your community's well being. Volunteer as a tutor for young children, be a Neighborhood Watch organizer or a mentor for teens, or become part of the Marysville Police Department's Volunteer Program. Call Carolyn "CJ" Johnson at 749-3955 for more information.

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