

HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS

STREET SAFETY

- Walk confidently. Be alert. Notice who passes you and who's behind you.
- Walk in well-lit areas. Don't walk close to bushes, alleys or other places where someone can hide. In deserted or dark neighborhoods, walk down the middle of the street.
- If a car pulls up slowly, or the occupants bother you, cross the street and walk or run in the other direction.
- If you feel like someone is following you, turn around and check. Proceed to the nearest lighted house or place of business.
- Don't overburden yourself with bags or packages, which might impede running or protecting yourself.
- Carry a whistle or personal safety device.
- Carry as little cash as possible.
- Don't hitchhike.
- Hold your purse tightly and close to your body. Keep your wallet in a front pocket or in a buttoned, hip pocket.
- Be careful when people stop and ask for directions or information. Always reply from a distance. Never get too close to the car.
- Wear clothes and shoes that give you freedom of movement.
- If you feel you are in danger, don't be afraid to scream and run.