

# How to stay SAFE

*Remember that San Francisco is a Sanctuary City*

**No City Employee (Including Police) will report you or your immigration status to ICE.**

**We want Everyone to be Safe.**

**During an Emergency CALL 9-1-1**



**To minimize the chances of you being a victim of crime, the SFPD and SAFE are providing you with this safety information:**

- It is a good practice to let another person know your itinerary for the day and your expected time of return.
- When taking public transportation, PLAN AHEAD by using [www.511.org](http://www.511.org) to see schedules and maps. Find out real-time arrivals of the next bus or streetcar at your stop by calling 3-1-1 ((415) 701-2311 outside the 415 area code) or checking [www.nextbus.com](http://www.nextbus.com). Carry your Clipper Card in a separate holder outside your purse or wallet.
- When on the street, be ALERT and AWARE at all times. Walk with confidence and purpose. Use the "Buddy System."
- There is safety in numbers. Make every effort to walk with others when leaving a building or location. Do not take short-cuts through parking lots or alley ways.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable or threatened by another person(s), seek help immediately. A whistle is a great device to have when you need to call attention to yourself.
- Get to know the stores and public buildings that are along your walking routes. Build allies in the community where you live and work, you never know when you might need to call on them.
- To make your nightlife a safe and enjoyable experience, please carry as little as possible. (ID, money and a credit or ATM card).
- **Electronic devices (iPads, cell phones, etc.) are a common target of thieves and robbers. When possible, try not to use them in public.**
- ATM transactions should be made inside a store or at one that is well lit and visible. Shield the keypad while you input your code. Have your card ready and do not count or display your money. Put your money in pocket or purse immediately. Take your receipt with you.
- Excessive alcohol can lead to angry behavior or "blackouts" (temporary amnesia). If someone seems "out of it", seek help. Don't let friends drive after drinking or leave the group without a sober friend.



- Whenever possible, park your vehicle in a well lit area with plenty of walking traffic. Lock all valuables inside the trunk before arriving at your destination, so you do not have to open your trunk upon arrival. Thieves will break in if they see you place valuables in the trunk.
- Protect your vehicle from theft. Always lock your doors and glove compartment. Never hide a spare key in your vehicle.
- **Never leave valuables (GPS system, laptop, cell phone, digital music player, coins, CD's, clothing, jewelry, wallet, mounts or power cords, etc.) visible in the car, or unattended in a café or coffee shop.**
- **Never leave drinks unattended, do not accept drinks from strangers.**
- Have your cell phone easily accessible to you in case you need to call 9-1-1. Keep your cell phone fully charged at all times.
- Avoid wearing the colors of the Norteños y Sureños (Red and Blue). Gangsters will challenge you if you are wearing the colors of the other gang.

**EMERGENCY 9-1-1**

**ANONYMOUS 9-1-1 CALLS (415) 553-8090**

**FOR NON-EMERGENCIES (415) 553-0123**

**NON-EMERGENCY SAN FRANCISCO CITY SERVICES 3-1-1**

**SFPD HATE CRIME HOTLINE (415) 553-9410**

**Reporting Harassing Telephone Calls, Auto Burglary, Graffiti, Vandalism,  
Lost Property, and theft can be done online  
via the SFPD website at [WWW.SF-POLICE.ORG](http://WWW.SF-POLICE.ORG) and  
selecting the Online Reporting Icon.**

San Francisco SAFE, Inc. (Safety Awareness for Everyone) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that works in partnership with the San Francisco Police Department. SAFE offers a variety of crime prevention and public safety awareness services. Contact SAFE for more information:  
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(415) 673-SAFE, [www.sfsafe.org](http://www.sfsafe.org).