



TAKE NOTICE

Being Observant in a Busy World

ob-ser-va-tion

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noun

1. the action or process of observing something or someone carefully or in order to gain information.

Be Alert

Be Safe

ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS

Put Away Phones

Plan Ahead

Be Confident

Put away your cell phone, but keep it easily accessible. Make sure your kids know what to do if you get separated. Know the layout of the area you are going and have a game plan for getting in and out safely. Moving and acting with confidence lets criminals know you are not an easy target. If a stranger does approach you, don't just focus on them. Pay attention to what's going on to the side and behind you.

WATCH

Continually scan the area around you even if you are engaged in a conversation or other activity. Don't just look, be mindful of what you see. Ask yourself if a person's behavior fits the environment. Is someone overdressed for the type of weather? Are they pacing in a public area? What are they doing with their hands? Look out for vehicles that continually cruise a parking lot but never park and people sitting in vehicles or loitering outside buildings.

Movement

Unusual Behavior

TAKE ACTION

Don't Panic

Trust Your Intuition

Call 911

If you feel threatened, CALL THE POLICE! If you are approached by someone who makes you uncomfortable, don't be afraid to tell them to back off. Get to a public place where others can see you. If you are close to your vehicle, keep your panic button handy.

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