

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Robbery Prevention Tips



The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department takes a strong interest in promoting the safety and well being of our valley residents and visitors. The following robbery prevention tips are offered as a way for everyone to work, play and visit Las Vegas.

Avoid Walking Alone On the Street at Night

- Use well-lit roads
- Walk near the curb away from shrubbery where someone could be hiding
- Walk against traffic, so that cars cannot surprise you from behind
- Keep an arms length away from strangers
- If you think someone suspicious is approaching you or following you, cross to the other side of the street and head for the nearest public place

Don't Make It Obvious That You're In Unfamiliar Territory

- Giving the appearance of not paying attention and not being alert is what suspects look for in a victim
- Stay sober to be able to take care of yourself. Criminals see drunken persons as easy prey
- Walk briskly and with confidence

At Night, Avoid Public Parks, Vacant Lots, Alleys and Areas With Excessive Trees and Bushes

- Know which stores and other public places are open along your route
- Don't hesitate to run back to where you came from to get help
- Look for anyone "hanging" around your car or your path to your car
- Have your keys in your hand and be ready to open the car door

Street Robbery - Do's and Don'ts

- Follow the robber's instructions
- Don't carry your purse loosely around your shoulder
- Keeping cash in a separate money clip or pouch will allow you to hand it over without sacrificing your credit cards, identification, and personal papers
- **RELEASE THE PURSE.** Do not risk personal injury
- Consider carrying mace or pepper spray
- Avoid carrying a purse and keep a wallet in your pocket instead.
- Make a mental note of the robber's appearance, i.e. height, weight, hair color/style, clothing

If possible, take down the vehicle license plate number, a description of the vehicle, and the direction the robber is fleeing. Then call 9-1-1 immediately! For more information contact the Convention Center Area Command-Crime Prevention Detail at 828-6477 or email you requests to C7859F@lvmpd.com.