

TIPS WHILE WALKING

1. Avoid walking alone, whenever possible. If you must walk alone, be sure other people are nearby.
2. Keep your distance from alleys, bushes and secluded entry ways. Stay in well lighted areas..
3. Never hitchhike and never accept rides from strangers.
4. If a driver pulls up beside you to ask a question, avoid getting close to the car.
5. If you think someone is following you in a car, go to the closest business establishment for help or turn around and head in the other direction.
6. Don't carry extra money or valuables on your person. If you carry a purse, keep it close to your body. Don't let it dangle.
7. Always be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.
8. If you live alone and take daily walks, be sure someone knows your schedule, when you leave and when you plan to return.
9. If you have a dog, take it along when you walk.
10. Carry a whistle as an added safety precaution.

Courtesy of the Cambridge Police Department

PRECAUTIONS IN PUBLIC PLACES

In theaters, sit near the aisle and the exit doors.
Stay in the vicinity of the largest number of people.
Try to locate the exits when you enter public buildings.

STREET SAFETY

Be aware of who is near you and what's going on.
Have your keys ready so you can unlock your car door or enter your home quickly.
Keys held in your hand can be used as a weapon.
Avoid public parks and areas with excessive trees and bushes. Avoid deserted areas and shortcuts.

GO WITH YOUR GUT INSTINCTS.

Don't put yourself in a bad situation
Walk close to the curb, except when cars pull in.

DON'T PUT YOURSELF IN A BAD SITUATION.

Walk briskly and confidently.
Keep an arms distance away from strangers.
Try to make eye contact with people as you pass them.
Draw attention to yourself if you feel threatened.
Know places that are open if you have to get into, when they close.
Vary your routine, jogging, same pattern.



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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-136, regarding a report on safety in the Cambridge Common, please be advised of the following:

The Cambridge Police Department continues to perform inspections and directed patrols at the Cambridge Common on each shift to ensure the safety of pedestrians. The department will continue to advise pedestrians who use the Common at night to beware of their surroundings. Enclosed are flyers that the department publishes to assist individuals with safety tips while walking and traveling in the city.

In addition, an inspection of lighting was conducted in the Cambridge Common. Some lights that were out have been repaired; all lights are now functioning properly.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

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Consent Agenda #15

Transmitting communication from
Robert W. Healy, City Manager,
relative to **Awaiting Report Item
Number 03-136**, regarding a report
on safety in the Cambridge Common.

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