

Summer Safety Tips

Maximize your fun and safety this summer with these tips from City Colleges of Chicago's Safety and Security Department.

Be Alert

- Be aware of your surroundings and others around you.
- Don't be distracted by your phone or by listening to headphones.
- Consider leaving expensive items, such as bags, watches, or jewelry, at home.
- Choose well-lit and busy streets when traveling (avoid vacant lots/alleys).

Trust Your Instincts

- If something doesn't feel right, don't second guess yourself.
- If you feel uncomfortable, leave or seek help.
- Avoid unnecessary contact with strangers.
- Avoid the use of ATMs at night and try not to carry large sums of money.

Protect Your Safety First

- If someone tries to rob you, prioritize your safety.
- Don't fight to keep valuable items—they can be replaced.

Keep Yourself Safe While Bike Riding

- Stay alert and watch out for hazards.
- When you park your bike, make sure you secure it with a quality locking device.
- Register your bike and serial number with the Chicago Police Department.

Stay Protected While on Vacation

- Make sure your home is locked and secure.
- Stop your mail or have family/friends retrieve it for you.
- Set a light on a timer inside of your home to create the appearance of activity.
- Keep valuables away from public view through a window, etc. Place valuables in a safe, if possible.
- Do not post your vacation plans on social media.

If You Witness a Crime...

- Keep yourself out of harm's way.
- Try to observe the subject's characteristics, but don't stare.
- If a crime occurs, call 911 for help as soon as possible/as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Tell the dispatcher your location, what happened, if anyone is injured, and any information about a suspect.