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Security Tips for Use in Public Places



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In the past we often read about criminal abductions in parking lots of shopping malls, department stores or supermarkets, but these were always in cities out West or up North. We seldom ever heard of this in our old Deep South. But as we are all aware of now, these times have changed. Criminal acts can and do happen in our areas.

Following are some tips that I hope you will pass on to spouses, friends, daughters and clients. If practiced, it could very well save an injury or a life in some situations:

- **Tip from Tae-Kwon-Do** – Your elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to an assailant, use it!
- **If they ask for your purse** – **DO NOT HAND IT TO THEM!** Throw it away from you...Chances are that he is more interested in the purse than in you, so your chances that he will go after the purse are better than for you. So, **RUN LIKE CRAZY IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!!**
- **If you are thrown into the trunk of your car** – Kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm through the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver can't see you, but everybody else will. Lives have been saved using this tip.
- **Women tend to get in their cars after shopping, eating, or working and will work on their checkbook, make shopping lists, etc.** **REFRAIN FROM DOING THIS!** A predator may be watching you, and this is his perfect opportunity to get in your passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. **AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND DRIVE!** But if someone is in your car with a gun... **DO NOT DRIVE!!** Instead, gun your engine and speed into anything, whether it is a parked car, concrete bunker or any other object that is a stationary object to wreck your car. The air bag will save you and the "Dude" in the back seat will get the worst of the blow. As soon as the car crashes, get out and run! This is better than finding your body in a remote location.
- **ALWAYS** take the elevator instead of the stairs. Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and are the perfect crime spot. (This is really true at night!!)
- If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, **ALWAYS RUN!** Statistics show that the predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; and even then, it most likely WON'T BE a vital organ. **RUN!** Preferably in a zigzag pattern.
- **Notes relating to getting into your car in a parking garage or lot:**
 - ~Be aware: Look around your car, at the passenger side floor and in the back seat.
 - ~ If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while women are attempting to get into their cars.
 - ~Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side... if a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall or your work place and get a policeman to walk back out.**IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY!**
- **Women as a rule, are always trying to be sympathetic: STOP!** It may get you raped or killed. Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good looking, well educated man, who always played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked 'for help' into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which was when he abducted his next victim.
- **ANOTHER SAFETY POINT:** A report was relayed that her neighbor had heard a baby crying on her porch the night before last. She called the police because it was late, and she thought that this was weird and unusual. The police told her 'Whatever you do, **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR.**' The lady relayed that it sounded like the baby was close to a window, and she was worried that it would crawl to the street and get run over. The policeman said, "We already have a unit on the way. Whatever you do, **DO NOT** open the door." He told the lady that they think a serial killer has a baby's cry recorded and uses it to coax women out of their homes thinking that someone dropped off a baby. He said that although they had not verified it, but they have had several calls by women saying that they hear baby's cries outside their doors when they're home alone at night.

WATER SCAM - if you wake up in the middle of the night and hear water outside or what you think is all your outside faucets running, **DO NOT GO OUT TO INVESTIGATE!** Predators will turn on all outside taps so that you will go outside and check them, and then they attack you.