



QUICK CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

- 1) Before you sign a contract for services, especially for home repairs, ask for references, check with a lawyer, or call a representative of the Better Business Bureau or the District Attorney’s Consumer Fraud Division.
- 2) Have your Social Security or retirement checks sent directly to your bank, not to your home. Try to avoid keeping large sums of money in your home or in your billfold. Ask your bank whether they have services available such as direct fund transfer for paying bills that will keep you from having to carry money with you.
- 3) Leave your purse at home, or if you must carry a purse, do not have all your keys, identification papers, valuables and essential medications in it. Use pockets, a money belt, or a pouch that can be worn or pinned inside your clothes – anything that makes you a less easy target for a purse-snatcher.
- 4) If someone tries to snatch your purse, give it up! Older people are likely to be injured in a struggle, and your health is more important than your purse. Try to remember details of what the robber looked like so you can tell police.
- 5) Get to know your neighbors, and get involved with your community. Criminals find it harder to operate when neighbors are alert for suspicious events or people. Knowing your neighbors gives you someone to call for help and someone to look out for you who knows when your usual routine is different.

Telephone numbers:

Better Business Bureau.....	(303) 758-8200
District Attorney’s Consumer Fraud Division.....	(720) 913-9179
District 1, 1311 W. 46 th Ave.....	(720)913-0400, TTY (720)913-0404
District 2, 3555 Colorado Blvd.....	(720)913-1000, TTY (720)913-1149
District 3, 1625 S. University Blvd.....	(720)913-1300, TTY (720)913-1196
District 4, 2100 S. Clay.....	(720)913-0200, TTY (303)937-4446
District 5, 4685 Peoria.....	(303)376-2300, TTY (303)376-2306
District 6, 1566 Washington St.....	(303)839-2100, TTY (303)839-2105