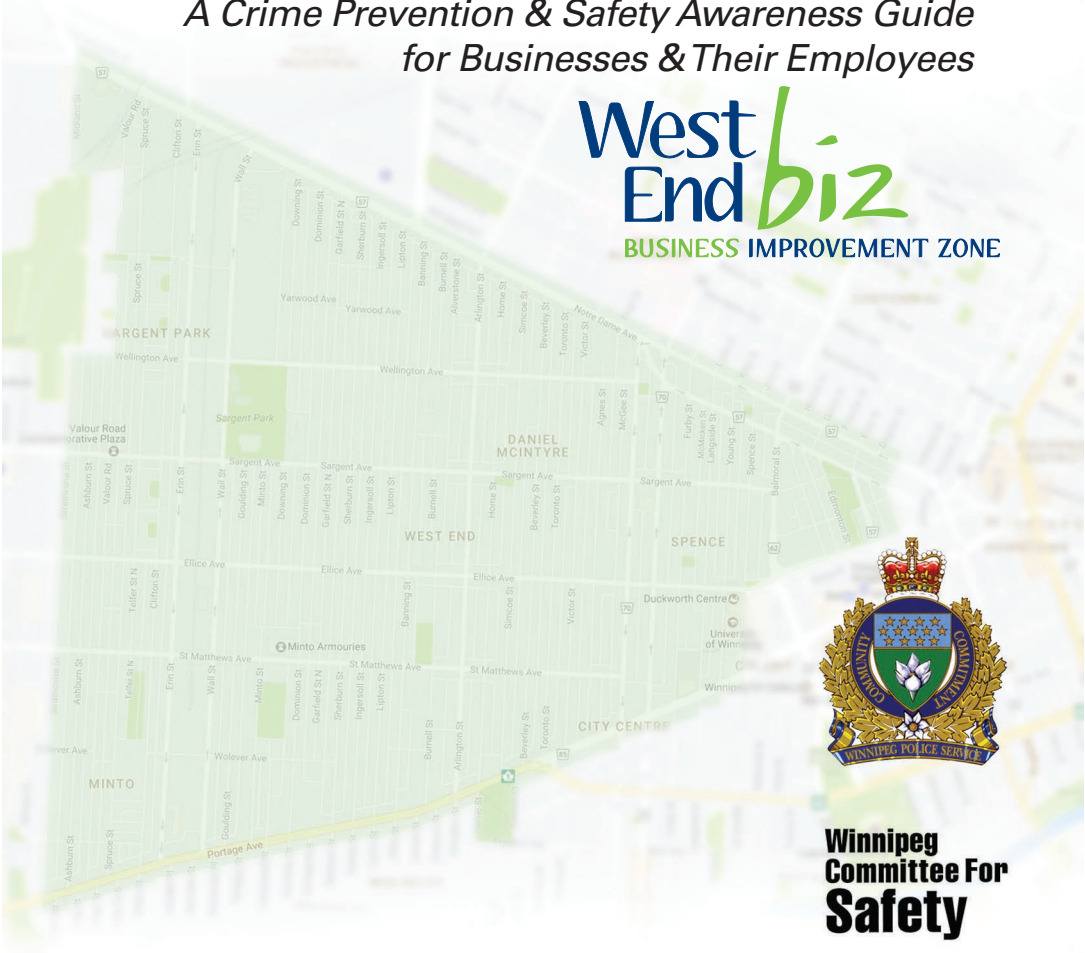


PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

*A Crime Prevention & Safety Awareness Guide
for Businesses & Their Employees*

West End biz
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE



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If your vehicle is stolen

- Make sure your vehicle was stolen, not towed or repossessed
- Call 204-986-6222 to report the date, time and place of theft. Give police information such as the license number, make, model, color, value and year of your vehicle
- Notify Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) of your insurance claim at 204-985-7000

If you recover your vehicle on your own, notify the police immediately. This will avoid you being pulled over for driving a stolen vehicle.

GENERAL SAFETY

PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

- Stay alert. Always be aware and confident of your surroundings. Attackers are more likely to pursue a person who appears uncertain, distracted or afraid
- Keep distractions to a minimum while out and about walking. Limit the use of earphones and texting
- Travel in pairs or with a group whenever you can. Vary your route each time. Let someone know where you are going and when to expect you back
- Walk facing traffic so you can see approaching cars. Use well-lit streets, populated paths and stay to the middle of sidewalks avoiding alleyways and back lanes if possible
- Carry a personal alarm, in plain view
- Carry a cell phone but don't make it obvious. Cell phones can be attractive to thieves
- Do not wear flashy jewelry
- Criminals associate purses with money 100% of the time. Carry only what you need in a front or inside pocket. If you do carry a purse or bag, avoid wrapping the strap around your wrist, forearm or shoulder which could cause significant injury to you if it was grabbed
- Keep a safe distance from strangers on the street
- If you are being followed, change directions and head for a populated area. Try to remember details for a description of the individual
- If you think a car is following you, immediately turn around and change direction to note the driver's description, license plate and description of the vehicle. Continue walking to a safe place to alert authorities
- Never accept rides from strangers or people you do not know well
- Approach shadowed areas, shrubbery or any features that someone could hide behind with extra caution
- Never under any circumstances carry a weapon for self defense. If you are assaulted, introducing a weapon may only increase the severity of the attack and the chance of injury to yourself. Carrying a weapon also creates the opportunity for you or someone else to be accidentally hurt, for which you could then be held responsible
- If you are involved in a robbery, cooperate as best you can and give up your money. *Remember:* your personal safety is the number one priority!

BANKING & ATM USE

- Avoid making deposits and withdrawals after dark, but if you do, ensure the area is well lit, camera monitored and no one is loitering in the area
- Do not use the ATM machine if someone seems to be loitering nearby
- Cover the keypad with one hand while entering your PIN # with the other, even when you are alone, in case there are any video recording devices nearby
- Never accept assistance with the ATM from strangers
- When your transaction is completed, take your money, receipt and bank card and leave immediately. Do not stand at the ATM and count your money and don't have your money visible as you walk away. If your transaction is incorrect, contact the bank directly during business hours.
- If using a drive-through ATM, ensure all car doors are locked
- ALWAYS BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS. If anything strikes you as suspicious, trust your instincts

IF YOU ARE BEING HARASSED, STALKED OR THREATENED

- If you feel you are being harassed, stalked or threatened, contact police immediately
- Have details of any suspect(s) and situation(s) ready so police can best assist and protect you

IF YOU ARE ATTACKED

- If you are attacked, try to comply with the attacker's wishes. Valuables can be replaced, your well-being can't
- Try to remember details of your attacker's appearance — height, weight, age, hair and eye colour, race, tattoos or scars and clothing
- Report the incident immediately because details are fresh in your mind and police will have a better chance of apprehending the offender

PANHANDLING

Panhandling is permitted in certain areas in Canada; however, there are elements that are illegal. A panhandler cannot impede or intimidate while requesting money. Panhandling is not permitted on public transit. More information can be obtained by viewing online the THE OBSTRUCTIVE SOLICITATION BY-LAW NO. 7700/2000 available at www.winnipeg.ca. Although it can be intimidating, most panhandlers are not aggressive. If a request is made for money you can politely decline and a polite NO usually works. If you are verbally or aggressively harassed, do not respond. Keep walking and notify the nearest authority.

DRIVING TO AND FROM YOUR BUSINESS

- Park in well-lit areas
- Have your keys ready before you get in the car; fumbling for your keys makes you vulnerable
- Visually inspect the interior of the vehicle before getting in
- Keep all doors locked, even when you are inside the car
- If someone tries to get into your car while you are driving, simply drive off. If you are unable to do so, hold down your horn to alert other drivers

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WHO DO YOU CALL?

EMERGENCY

Police, Fire or Ambulance 911

NON-EMERGENCY

Winnipeg Police Service 204-986-6222

Fire 204-986-6380

Ambulance 204-986-6336

Police, Community Relations Unit 204-986-6322

West End BIZ Safety Patrol 204-954-7900

Downtown Watch Safety Patrol 204-958-7233

Exchange BIZ Safety Patrol 204-791-3161

Manitoba Public Insurance 204-985-7000

GRAFFITI REMOVAL

West End BIZ Graffiti Removal Program 204-954-7900

City of Winnipeg Graffiti Removal 311

PUBLIC MAINTENANCE

Garbage, Recycling, Abandoned Furniture 311

Parking Concerns (Wpg Parking Authority) 311

Shopping Cart Pick-up 204-786-7600

Street Lights Not Working, Power Outages 204-480-5900

Traffic Lights Not Working or Stop Sign Down 311

Transit Shelter Vandalized 311

Unsafe Building Conditions 204-986-6855

PUBLIC SAFETY

Arson Hotline 204-986-1000

Crime Stoppers 204-786-8477

Child Abuse 204-986-3296

Domestic Violence Intervention Coordinator 204-986-5992

Human Trafficking Hotline 1-844-333-2211

Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

Klinic 24-Hour Crisis Line 204-786-8686

Manitoba Suicide Prevention & Support 1-877-435-7170

missingkids.ca 1-866-KID-TIPS (543-8477)

Safer Communities & Neighbourhoods Act 204-945-3475

Sexual Assault Crisis Line 204-786-8631

Stolen Auto Reporting 204-986-6222

Winnipeg Police Service Domestic Violence Intervention 204-986-5992