



Chicago Safety Solutions: December 2018

Collaborate with the Chicago Police Department and FMA for maximum public safety.

For emergencies or suspicious activity, call 911 Chicago Police emergency. For property crimes, 312-746-6000.

For streetlights out or graffiti removal, call 312-746-4400 or 312-744-8098. Be aware in the public way and ready for action.

Contact me for assistance day or night. Roger Romanelli, FMA Executive Director, roger@fultonmarketchicago.org/773-531-6370

Recent Crime Trends

- Criminals driving around in vehicles or hiding in dark spaces
- Pedestrians robbed & assaulted especially women carrying phones, laptops, purses, bags, valuables
- Vehicle break-ins & thefts
- Building break-ins & thefts
- Counterfeit money at businesses
- Vagrants in alleys & using/selling drugs
- Graffiti vandalism on buildings & dumpsters
- Illegal dumping on top of or around dumpsters
- Theft of packages at residential doors
- Aggressive panhandling on sidewalks

Safety Solutions for Pedestrians

- Drop valuables at destination before walking there from vehicle
- Hide cellphone, purse, laptop inside/under coat before walking
- Have personal protection device ready, do not wear headphones or watch phone when walking
- Walk in lighted areas/away from dark buildings OR walk in middle of street, report dark spaces to FMA
- Walk with others when leaving at night OR walk away from suspicious activity within 30 feet
- Confirm ride-share driver before approaching vehicle
- Call 911 if you see suspicious activity, call 911 again every 3 minutes for police, call FMA or neighbor for support
- Call 911 if crime in progress, call 911 again if details change
- Do not challenge criminal if you are confronted, memorize characteristics: height, weight, facial features, shoes
- If physically detained, go limp to the ground

Safety Solutions for Vehicles

- Hide valuables & packages in trunk before arriving at destination
- Never leave valuables-packages-bags-GPS-phone charger visible in car; never leave car running alone with keys
- Never sit in vehicle for extended time on cellphone as criminals driving around could see you and target you

Safety Solutions for Buildings

- Install exterior lights & cameras around building & alley
(FMA can make business referrals for cameras & lights vendors. ComEd gives cash rebates for energy-efficient lights.)
- Connect exterior cameras to Chicago Police System at no additional cost
- Reinforce exterior doors with metal frames & deadbolt locks
- Look for dark spaces around and between buildings, report to FMA
- Clean graffiti off buildings and dumpsters immediately, lock dumpsters with chains to prevent illegal dumping & \$500/day fines

Safety Solutions for Businesses

- Beware counterfeit money, use counterfeit detectors (not pens), create company system to collaborate with police
- Install interior cameras, interior audio devices and under-counter panic buttons
- Create emergency protocols for all possible scenarios

Safety Solutions for Package Deliveries

- Do not have packages sent to unattended house, send packages to work/at-home neighbor/USPS-UPS-FedEx