



Chicago Safety Solutions: July 2019

Collaborate with the Chicago Police Department, city agencies and FMA for maximum public safety!

- 911 for emergencies
 - 911 to report suspicious vehicles or people when a crime could occur or to report any concerns
 - 312-746-6000 to report property and vehicle crimes
 - 312-744-8098 to request graffiti removal on private or public structures and to remove garbage dumping
 - 312-746-4400 for streetlights out
 - Report crime concerns online at www.chicagopolice.org.
- Contact FMA around the clock for safety assistance: (773) 531-6370 or roger@fultonmarketchicago.org.

Recent Crime Trends

- Criminals driving in teams and hiding in dark spaces to commit pedestrian robberies and sometimes assaults
- Pedestrians robbed and sometimes assaulted for valuables especially women carrying purses and bags
- Vehicle break-ins to steal valuables, electronics or empty bags
- Building break-ins and thefts
- Bicycles and scooters driving and parking illegally (Some scooters have been involved with pedestrian thefts.)

Pedestrian Safety Solutions

- Don't walk with valuable bags or large purses, drop off valuables at destination before walking there
 - Don't wear headphones or watch your phone when walking, mind your surroundings
 - Conceal your cellphone, laptop and jewelry by hiding valuables inside or under coat
 - Walk in well-lit areas, away from dark buildings and in street when necessary
 - Report poorly-lit areas to FMA for lighting improvements
 - Walk with others
 - Verify ride-share or taxi service before getting into vehicles
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- Call 911 about suspicious activity, call again every 3 minutes until police respond
 - Call 911 if a crime occurs, call 911 again if details change
 - Don't challenge criminal if confronted, memorize characteristics for police
 - If physically detained, go limp to the ground if desired

Vehicle Safety Solutions

- Don't leave valuables inside like packages, electronics, chargers, bags, computers
- Hide valuables in trunk or under seat

Building Safety Solutions

- Reinforce exterior doors and windows with metal frames, modern locks and security systems
- Install exterior cameras around building and alley (FMA works with several companies offering competitive pricing.)
- Install exterior lights around building and alley (FMA works with several companies offering competitive pricing.)
- Identify dark spaces around buildings and report to FMA for solutions

Business Safety Solutions

- Beware counterfeit money, use electronic counterfeit detectors, implement system to gain police assistance
- Install in-store interior cameras and audio devices
- Install counter panic buttons and other emergency alert devices
- Create emergency protocols for various scenarios