



Chicago Crime Trends & Public Safety Solutions: December 2019

Collaborate with the Chicago Police Department, government agencies and our Association for maximum public safety. Contact FMA Executive Director Roger Romanelli anytime for safety assistance: (773) 531-6370 or roger@fultonmarketchicago.org.

City of Chicago Outlets to Report Crime

- 911: Emergencies and suspicious vehicles/people
- 312-746-6000: Non-emergency property and vehicle crimes
- 312-744-8098: Graffiti removal service and clean up illegal garbage dumping
- 312-746-4400: Fix streetlights/24-hour hotline
- 311 or Chicago 311 Online: Pothole repairs, street and alley problems, signs missing, failure to remove snow/ice from sidewalks

Recent & Typical Holiday Season Crime Trends

- Vehicle break-ins (Theft of packages, valuables, electronics, bags, phone chargers, coins)
- Counterfeit money (Fake \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 bills)
- Theft of mailed packages from home porches and business lobbies
- Property owners failing to remove snow and ice from sidewalks
- Personal muggings or armed robberies (Beware criminals roving in teams on foot or in vehicles)
- Building break-ins and thefts
- Graffiti vandalism

Pedestrian Safety

- Don't walk with large bags/purses; if driving, drop off these and other valuables at your destination before walking there
- Don't wear headphones or watch phone when walking; conceal cellphones, laptops and jewelry
- Walk in well-lit areas, away from dark buildings, with others or in street; report dark, poorly-lit areas to FMA
- Verify ride-share or taxi service before getting into vehicles
- Call 911 about a crime or suspicious activity, call again at 3 minutes until police respond or details change
- Don't challenge criminal if confronted, memorize characteristics for police, go limp to the ground if desired

Vehicle Safety

- Don't leave valuables inside like packages, electronics, chargers, bags
- Hide valuables in trunk or under seat
- Beware car-jackers when approaching or exiting vehicle especially if vehicle is parked in isolated area
- Report dark spaces to FMA for solutions

Building Safety

- Reinforce exterior doors and windows with metal frames, modern locks and security systems
- Install exterior cameras and lights around building (FMA can refer security companies to you.)
- Report dark spaces to FMA for solutions

Business Safety

- Beware counterfeit money: Use electronic counterfeit detectors and implement system if future incident occurs
- Install in-store interior cameras and audio devices
- Install counter panic buttons and other emergency alert devices
- Create emergency protocols for various scenarios

FMA Wants You & Your Team to Stay Safe!

Share this document with your employees, business associates and fellow residents. We can come to your location and conduct public safety workshops. Contact us for further assistance.