



## CHICAGO CRIME CONCERNS & SAFETY SOLUTIONS

**Beware your surroundings in the public way. Install exterior cameras & lights on buildings to help the police.** Collaborate with the Chicago Police and our Association for maximum public safety and to urgently eliminate all crime. Contact FMA executive director Roger Romanelli around the clock: (773) 531-6370 or [roger@fultonmarketchicago.org](mailto:roger@fultonmarketchicago.org).

### City of Chicago Safety Numbers & Online Reporting

- Emergencies & suspicious people/vehicles: 911
- Non-emergency property crimes & vehicle crimes: 312-746-6000
- Graffiti removal service & clean up garbage dumping: 312-744-8098
- Fix streetlights/24-hour hotline: 312-746-4400
- Pothole repairs, street/alley problems, signs missing, snow/ice on sidewalks: 311 or 311 online or contact FMA.

### Overall Crime Concerns & Safety Solutions

- Criminals rove 24/7 in vehicles and on foot. Criminals hide in dark spaces between or behind buildings.
- Beware criminals when exiting or approaching vehicles, leaving or entering buildings and walking in public areas.
- Call 911 if you see anything suspicious. Prevent crime before it occurs. Call 911 if you need emergency assistance.
- If a serious crime or crime pattern occurs, FMA will take immediate action and notify the community.

### Prevent Pedestrian Mugging, Armed Robbery or Physical Assault

- Avoid walking alone when dark. Avoid carrying large bags/purses/laptops. Drop off valuables at destination before walking.
- Avoid headphones or watching your phone when walking.
- Walk in well-lit areas and away from dark buildings and dark building gaps.
- Verify your ride-share or taxi service before getting into the vehicle.
- If confronted, don't challenge the criminal but memorize the criminal's characteristics and go limp to the ground if desired.

### Prevent Vehicle Break-In, Theft & Carjacking

- Never leave valuables visible in car: packages, electronics, chargers, bags/empty bags, coins, GPS.
- Avoid parking car in isolated areas without streetlights. Report dark buildings to FMA that need cameras and lights.
- Retailers, restaurants and service businesses should post "Hide Your Vehicle's Valuables" warning signs in your lobbies.

### Prevent Building Break-Ins

- Reinforce exterior doors and windows with metal frames, modern locks and security systems.
- Every building should have exterior cameras and lights all around building.
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### Prevent Crimes Inside Your Business Like Shoplifting & Counterfeit Money

- Beware shoplifting and criminals grabbing cash from cash registers. Report all shoplifting and theft crimes to the police.
- To detect counterfeit money, use an electric detector not a pen. Implement a system for your business if an incident occurs.
- Install in-store cameras, audio devices, under-counter panic buttons. Develop emergency protocols for various scenarios.

### Stop Illegal Graffiti Vandalism, Open Dumpsters, Property Cleanliness Violations & Defacing of Public Property

- Report graffiti crimes to 311. Clean off buildings immediately. Ask dumpster companies to replace vandalized dumpsters.
- Report illegal stickers & posters on public signs and structures. Report garbage & weeds on public way or private properties.