

**FIGHTING CRIME -
It BEGINS with ME!**



**Safer Festive Season
Operation: Duty Calls**

**SAPS CRIME STOP
08600 10 111**



**SQUEEZING CRIME TO ZERO THROUGH
HUMAN CAPITAL INVESTMENT**



CHILDREN need to know their residential address and telephone numbers of their parents/caregivers and police. Teach your children to stay close to parents or adults, especially at swimming pools, beaches or busy shopping centres. They should never wander off and should avoid lonely places or taking short-cuts through alleys or deserted areas.

It is essential to instill in a child the ability to say NO when they are faced with uncomfortable situations. There should be no shame insaying no.

MISSING PERSONS: There is no waiting period to report a person as missing-time is of the essence so it should be done immediately.

As parent/caregiver you have a responsibility to be aware of the whereabouts of children in your care at all times.



AVOID HIJACKING SITUATIONS:

Ensure that your vehicle is always in running condition with good tyres (including the spare wheel) and has enough fuel for your planned trip. Know your destination and the directions to it, and be alert if you get lost.

Always park your car in well-attended parking lots, especially at night.
NEVER, EVER pick up hitchhikers.
Don't have bags, cellphones, briefcases or other valuables in the open in your car or near a window - place them in the boot of your car.



SHOPPING: Carry your bag around your neck and diagonally across your body. Put your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket not a back pocket.



CELL PHONE THEFT:

Conceal your cell phone when you are in a public place and do not get tricked into lending your cell phone to someone to make a call.



SAFETY AT HOME: Unsuspecting domestic workers, garden staff and children are often approached by robbers, pretending to be repairmen or inspectors. Persons who are at home during the day should be made aware of these scams, and the need for security should be emphasized for their own safety.



FIREARM-OWNERS

need to practice proper firearm safety and ownership. A firearm must always be under the owner's direct control or must be locked away in a firearm safe. Persons whose firearms are lost or stolen because of their negligence will be criminally charged, and can be declared unfit to possess a firearm.



PARTY: Do not leave food or drinks unattended in public places or accept drinks or food from strangers. They could be spiked - say No. Do not leave a party or a social event with someone you do not know or just met. Say No! Do not hitchhike.

DRUGS:

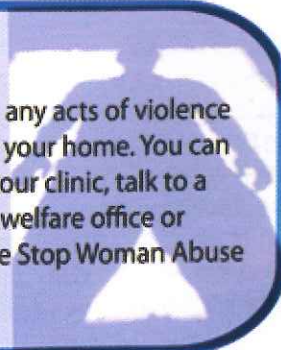
Different people respond differently to the same drug. The more drugs you take the more you will need to feed the habit. It is not weak people who become drug users but drug users who become weak.



RAPE: No-one has the right to force you into sexual activity, no matter what your relationship with this person is. This means no-one can force you to have sex, or touch you in a sexual way without your consent, or force you to perform sexual activity you find unpleasant or humiliating. You have the right to say NO!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Do not be scared to report any acts of violence or abuse that take place in your home. You can talk to a health worker at your clinic, talk to a counsellor from your local welfare office or phone the national toll-free Stop Woman Abuse hotline on 0800 150 150.





IDENTITY FRAUD: Always keep your ID (identity book), passport and driver's licence in a safe place. Do not give out personal information on the phone, through the post or over the Internet unless you have initiated the contact or know whom you are dealing with.

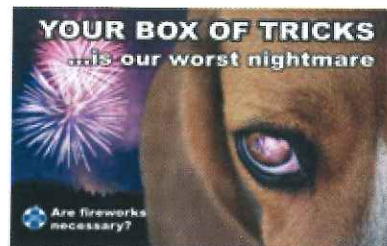
419 SCAM: You may be offered the opportunity to claim monies worth millions of dollars or rands. Under no circumstances should you attempt to reply, either by e-mail, phone or post.



SAFETY AT THE ATM: Avoid isolated ATMs and using the ATM late at night. Never give your card or your PIN to anyone for any reason - not even a bank official, security personnel or a police official. Never accept help from strangers when using an ATM. Ensure that your own card is returned after the transaction. Wherever possible, keep your cash withdrawals to a minimum.

FIREWORKS:

The South African Police Service enforces the Explosives Act. Metro Police of the local Municipality enforce local by-laws. We call for respect and adherence to the law.



BORDER CONTROL:

With an increased focus on border control at the 7 500 km borderline and the 3 500 km coastal line, as well as at border posts, person who smuggle contraband (including cigarettes and clothing), drugs (such as dagga), stolen vehicles and who migrate illegally into South Africa are warned that they will be arrested.



The South African Police Service and partners will be out in full force to ensure that you enjoy a safer festive season.

Those who break the law will face the full might of the judicial system.

Report crime and criminals to Crime Line SMS **32211** or Crime Stop **08600 10111**.

In a police emergency, you can also contact your local police station, or phone the SAPS emergency number **10111**

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Visit the SAPS website at www.saps.gov.za for more safety hints.