

# Be Street Smart!



## Test Your "Street Smarts" IQ: Do you...

- Jog or walk by yourself early in the morning or late at night when the streets are quiet and deserted?
- Stuff your purse with cash, keys, credit cards and checkbook – and leave it wide open on a counter, desk, floor or car?
- Put your wallet in a jacket, which you then hang up or throw over a chair?
- Let your mind wander when walking or driving?
- Think it's a waste of time to lock your car when you'll be back in a few minutes?

**If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you need to change a few habits. Even if you answered "no" and made a perfect score, spend a few minutes now to prevent trouble later.**

## Basic Street Sense

- Wherever you are, stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you feel uneasy, avoid the situation.
- Know the neighborhoods where you live and work, including locations of police and fire stations.

## On Foot

### If Someone Tries to Rob You

- Don't resist. Give up your property; don't give up your life.
- Report the crime to the police. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming victims.

- Stick to well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts.
- Don't flash large amounts of cash or other tempting targets.
- Carry a purse close to your body.
- Try to use ATM's in the daytime.
- Don't wear shoes or clothing that restricts your movements.
- Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. If you're scared, yell for help.

**The Bismarck Police Department wants you to be safe. By being street smart, you will reduce the opportunities criminals look for when targeting a crime victim.**