
Do not exhibit your wealth. If you wear jewelry, take care that it is not pulled off your wrists or your neck. Earrings and rings may also attract potential burglars. Cameras are also targeted by burglars.

Local customs will vary depending on the country to which you are posted. Women may be required to adapt to certain local conditions and customs. Details will be provided in the pre-posting briefings.

Report incidents with as many details as you can recall to the Mission Security Officer or the appropriate authorities from the nearest safe telephone or in person as soon as possible.

c) Children's Personal Safety

In many places, children should be escorted to and from school. Instruct school authorities that under no circumstances are your children to be picked up by persons other than family members or specifically authorized people.

In certain countries, unaccompanied children should not be permitted to use taxis and public transportation.

Do not allow your children to wander from the house or play in unprotected areas. Caution them never to become friendly with strangers or accept gifts, including candy.

Caution teenagers against blind dates or meeting anyone whom they do not know or individuals they have chatted with on the internet.

Warn your children, especially teenagers, of the possibility of being abducted if they accept a ride from a stranger.

Employ only mature, responsible childcare persons in whom you have complete trust. Ensure that they are well-acquainted with door-opening and telephone-answering procedures and make certain they know where you can be reached and where the emergency numbers are written.

3. RESIDENTIAL PHYSICAL SECURITY

Other than in the United States, the Department maintains staff quarters for personnel abroad. Residential security, in many ways, is more difficult to achieve than office security. The basic difference is that a residence is designed to be lived in 24 hours a day. Any system of security must contain a 'livability' factor.

Security precautions are in place in the staff quarters according to the threat and risk assessment. Discuss these with your Mission Security Officer.

Before carrying out an attack on a house or an apartment, criminals will invariably keep the premises under surveillance for a period of time to determine what deterrents might be encountered.

A number of common-sense countermeasures cost little or nothing. For example, family members or household staff should never admit strangers without proper identification. A video intercom or a peephole in a door where visitors can be observed prior to entry is recommended. Never leave doors, including garage doors, unlocked. Do not have anyone take photos or be interviewed in your home without approval of the Mission Security Officer. Avoid set social routines such