
CHAPTER III - CRIME

1. INTRODUCTION

Vigilance, common sense and personal discipline lead to preventative measures that we follow for our own personal protection. Reported problems in any city should always be clarified from a reliable source and assessed to eliminate any undue exaggeration which might curtail our chosen life style. Your Mission Security Officer will be able to assist in determining whether there is a threat.

2. INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION

a) At Home

If you come across a burglar in your home at any time, day or night, DO NOT attempt to apprehend him.

Never corner a burglar. Always leave him an avenue of escape.

If you suspect a burglar is in your residence, leave immediately, go to a neighbour's residence and telephone the police and the Mission Security Officer.

If you are in bed and you see a burglar enter your room and observe him searching the dresser drawers and closets, do not shout, scream, turn on the light or attempt to telephone the police. Pretend you are asleep. Let him go about his search and take anything he chooses. When he has left, call the authorities and the Mission Security Officer.

If, upon returning to your empty residence, you discover a door open when you distinctly remember locking the door before leaving, DO NOT enter. Instead, go to a neighbour's place and telephone the local authorities and the Mission Security Officer.

b) In Public Areas

If a would-be assailant armed with a gun or knife demands your wallet or handbag, give it to him. It is also recommended to release your handbag to a purse snatcher. Do not pursue him.

Do not attempt to outsmart an armed thief. Any armed attacker is unpredictable. Do not resist. You could be harmed.

If a car comes up beside you when you are walking, be suspicious of a possible attack. Walk quickly in the opposite direction. This may be sufficient for you to reach a temporary safe haven in a store, garage, hotel or other place where there are people and a telephone.

If you hear footsteps behind you or suspect you are being followed, cross the street and walk quickly in the opposite direction. If the pursuit continues, run to the nearest store, service station or a place where there are people.