



Quiz - How Safe and Secure Are You?

- Did you lock your car when you left it in the parking lot this morning or evening?
- If you are the last to leave at night, do you lock the door to your office?
- Do you always try to park in well lit and well traveled areas?
- Do you insist on identification from repairpersons who come to your home or office? Are you extra alert while they are there?
- Do you keep your purse/wallet with you at all times or locked in a drawer or closet?
- If something suspicious or frightening happened—a stranger loitering near the door, a burglary, a theft—do you know the telephone numbers for the police and fire departments or security?
- Do you shred important papers before discarding them in the wastebasket?
- Do you avoid letting telephone callers know that you're at your home or office alone?
- Would you know how to respond if you were attacked or threatened?
- At home, do you lock your doors and windows when you're away (even for a minute) or sleeping?
- Do you have your checks automatically deposited?
- Do you trust your gut instinct?
- Do you vary your routine?
- Do you carry limited amounts of cash?
- Do you have your cell phone programmed with police department non-emergency numbers?

If you answered "yes" to all 15 questions, congratulations! You're helping to make this a safer community for us all. A score of 10 or more indicates you are fairly alert and aware, but could use a little practice. If you scored under 10, consider calling the Costa Mesa Police Department at 714-754-5658 to schedule a safety talk at your office, home, church, or community meeting.