

## Don't be a Victim

### If you Become a Victim of a Crime.....

- Call 9-1-1 or your local law enforcement agency immediately to report the crime.
- Alert them to any current medical conditions and let them know if you need immediate medical assistance.
- Call a friend or relative to assist you.
- Try to remember as many details about the assailant as possible, such as clothing, hair color, identifiable marks, etc.
- Be certain not to destroy possible evidence.

Links to resources for people with disabilities:

<http://www.dor.ca.gov/>

<http://www.calsilc.org/>

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/>

<http://www.chhs.ca.gov/>



## Important Numbers to Call

### All **Emergencies** (Police, Fire or Ambulance)

**911**

#### Animal Services

(760) 343-3644

#### Business Licenses

(760) 391- 4197

#### City Hall

(760) 391- 4000

#### Code Enforcement

(760) 391- 4123

#### Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

(760) 391-4037

#### Fire Department (Business)

(760) 347- 0756

#### Indio Golf Course

(760) 391- 4049

#### Indio Police Dept Main Line (24-hours)

(760) 391- 4057

#### Indio Police Department Non-Emergency

(760) 391- 4051

#### Indio Water Authority (Business)

(760) 391- 4038

#### Graffiti Removal Hot Line

(760) 391- 4143

#### Neighborhood Watch

(760) 391-4037

#### Office of the Chief of Police

(760) 391- 4035

#### Senior Center

(760) 391- 4170

#### Special Events ( Garage Sale and Event Permits)

(760) 391- 4175

#### Teen Center

(760) 541-4400



# INDIO POLICE

*"Our Community...*

*Our Commitment"*



## Crime Prevention For People With Disabilities

### Indio Police Department

46-800 Jackson St.

Indio, CA 92201

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[www.indiopd.org](http://www.indiopd.org)

## Crime Prevention Tips

People with disabilities face many challenges. This could make them vulnerable to would-be assailants who assume that people with disabilities are incapable of protecting themselves. If you have a disability, or know someone who does, the following information may be helpful. Take time to read and remember these tips, and you may be able to prevent yourself or a friend from becoming a victim of a crime.



### General Crime Prevention Tips

- Know and avoid situations and locations that could invite crime, i.e. dark alleys, unlit parking lots, etc.
- Decide what you plan to do in the event you are confronted, i.e., show confidence; scream, etc.
- Consider your options in these situations and practice your response often so that you can recall them in real situations.

## Home and Consumer Tips

### Home Security Tips

- Consider having a peephole installed in your doors. Make sure you have the proper locks on doors and windows and use them while you are at home as well as when you are out.
- Never open the door to a stranger. Always demand verification of the stranger's identity and the purpose of the visit.
- Never tell a stranger calling by phone that you are alone or that you have a disability.
- Plan an avenue of escape from each room in your residence to use in case of emergency, such as a break-in or a disaster.

### Consumer Protection Tips

- Always ask for identification from all solicitors and call their agency for verification.
- Don't commit yourself to purchases or charitable donations over the phone. Ask the caller to mail the information to you so you can make an informed decision. If you are not familiar with the company or organization, consult the State Department of Consumer Affairs or the Better Business Bureau.
- Beware of anyone who is offering products or services as a "once in a lifetime" offer.
- Be sure to read and understand all contracts before you sign them. If you aren't comfortable with the document, have someone you trust read it as well.
- Consider having your checks mailed directly to your bank to avoid mail theft or robbery.

## Travel Tips

### Travel Safety

- Whenever possible, travel with someone you know. There is safety in numbers.
- Leave word of your plans with family or friends - including your ultimate destination and estimated time of return.
- When waiting for a bus, train, etc., wait in a centralized location near other passengers.
- Keep your handbags and packages on your lap instead of on the floor or on the seat next to you.
- Consider using travelers checks instead of carrying cash.
- Be aware of those around you, particularly when exiting a bus or train.

