

- If you think someone is following you, do not go home. Drive to the nearest police station, fire station, open gas station, or well-lighted place where there are people that can help you.
- Don't lose your life or the life of a passenger by becoming involved in ROAD RAGE.

### **Reduce your chances of being Car-Jacked**

Always park in a well-lighted area so you can see your car and its surroundings from a distance.

- Have your car keys ready as you approach your vehicle and look under, around, and inside your car for persons who may be hiding. If safe, enter and immediately lock all doors.
- While stopped in traffic, leave enough room between your car and the one in front of you so you can maneuver and escape if necessary.

Keep an alert eye out for any suspicious characters at intersections.

### **If Someone Tries to Rob You**

- If the attacker has a weapon and only wants your money or possessions, don't fight back. Your life and safety are more important.
- Try not to panic. Look at the attacker carefully so you can give a good description to the police.
- Immediately report the crime to the police. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming victims.

#### **Important Numbers:**

**Stevensville Police Department**

406-777-3011

**Ravalli County Sheriff's Office**

406-375-4060

**Non-Emergency Number**

406-363-3033

# Personal Safety Tips

**Stevensville Police Department**  
**102 Main St. Ste D**  
**Stevensville, Mt 59870**



By practicing basic crime prevention, residents of Stevensville can reduce the opportunities criminal look for when targeting a crime victim.

Crime prevention starts with each person, family and home. We can all do our part in making it as hard as possible for a criminal to identify a crime victim.

The Stevensville Police Department and the Town of Stevensville wants its residents to be safe. By practicing these personal safety tips, whether you are in Stevensville or away on a trip

### **Street Sense**

- Always be alert of your surroundings and avoid locations/situations that make you more vulnerable to crime such as alleys or dark parking lots.
- Avoid distractions that decrease your awareness level, i.e. talking on a cell phone or wearing headphones.

- Walk with a purpose to communicate a message of confidence. Make eye contact with people.
- Travel with family and friends. Walking in a group decreases your chances of becoming a victim.
- Stay in well-lighted areas and avoid short-cuts through deserted areas.
- Avoid displaying large amounts of cash or other tempting items, such as expensive jewelry and clothing. Always trust your instincts. If a person or place makes you uneasy, leave.

### **Work Safety**

- Never give telephone numbers, addresses or plans of fellow co-workers to anyone without their permission.
- Use discretion in revealing personal plans to people at work. DO NOT leave valuables in plain view. Always secure your property.
- DO NOT leave the reception area unattended.

- If you work alone or work outside of normal business hours, keep your office door locked.
- If you leave the office after hours, have a co-worker or security guard walk you to your car.

### **Driving Safety**

- Immediately lock your doors.
- DO NOT become involved with angry drivers and don't take traffic problems personally.
- Avoid eye contact with an aggressive driver and do not make obscene gestures. If someone is tailgating you, pull into the slow lane and allow them to pass.
- DO NOT tailgate other drivers or cut them off.
- If you have car problems, raise the hood and tie a white cloth to the door handle to signal for help. Get back into the car and keep the doors and windows locked. If someone stops, do not roll down your window. Ask them to call for help. Do not accept rides from anyone.