



Security Update Circular thru AAVA News...

## **SECURITY UPDATE**

CRIMES are prevalent nowadays. There are several factors that influence the commission of crimes such as extreme economic difficulties experience by the perpetrators, sustain drug addiction, tempting situation like conspicuous display of cash and valuables and easy access or apparent laxity and negligence of the victim.

Here are TIPS on how NOT TO BE A VICTIM OF CRIMES:

### ☺ AT HOME AND AT WORK

- Avoid routine. Change travel route on a regular schedule.
- Screen and choose house helps, office workers, especially family drivers and guards carefully. Demand NBI clearance and Drug Test Result. Take a photo of your new employee and get a bio-data.
- Instruct house helps and office staff not to volunteer information about you, your family or your daily activities.
- Avoid conspicuous and luxurious lifestyle. The more you are noticed, the more you are in danger.
- Avoid personal ads like buy-and-sell of large property that call attention to your financial status.
- Make friends with your neighbors. All doors leading outside should have deadbolt locks.
- Instruct all house helps to observe outside before opening the gate.
- Never open the front door or gate unless you know who it is. Instruct helpers not to let anyone they don't know into the house even if the visitor says he's a relative.
- Keep AAVA Security, Police and Fire Dept and AAVA Clinic emergency numbers beside your phones.
- Keep lights on outside the gate at night.
- Secure your cars inside your garage.
- Beware of strangers trying to befriend your maids and/or guards.
- Open ATM accounts for employees to avoid payroll transport.

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### VILLAGE (AAVA) ID

Your Security in the village is our paramount concern.

Village (AAVA) ID is one measure we are implementing to easily detect and prevent unauthorized entry into our village. Significantly, AAVA ID facilitates easy access of the bearer thereby leaving unauthorized persons under security control of our guard forces.

Please secure AAVA ID now and help our guard forces maintain the security atmosphere of our village. Thank you.

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## PERSONAL SECURITY

Personal security speaks about measures you and your family undertake in the daily activities. Personal security measures make it difficult for the would-be perpetrators in committing crime. Criminals usually establish patterns for the potential victim. Employing the following personal security measures in your daily activities will make it difficult for the would-be perpetrators. As such, the risk of being a crime or a kidnap victim is much less likely to happen.

### Critical Information You Must Protect -

During the surveillance phase, the perpetrator develops information which influences his final decision whether or not you are vulnerable, and whether or not the operation against you or any member of your family will be pursued. This is a critical time for the potential victim, and is where good security measures can most affect the perpetrator's decision process. Above all, do not set patterns. By varying routes and time of departure, you can frustrate surveillance efforts and cause the perpetrator to move to an easier target. The following are items of best interest to criminals when you are being targeted:

- Time of departure/return from the office.
- Time of departure/return from the office.
- Time of children's departure/return from school.
- Routes taken.
- Vehicle identification.
- Business or pleasure travel itineraries.
- Hobbies requiring travel to and from specific locations.
- Other activities requiring children or wife to travel.

### Protective Measures -

You are most vulnerable while traveling by vehicle. Local traffic conditions, combined with vehicle and pedestrian congestion, assist the perpetrator during surveillance as well as during the kidnap phase. Most kidnappings have occurred while the victim was traveling in a motor vehicle.

### Travel Security -

- Do not advertise travel plans.
- Vary departure times to and from office/school/home.
- Use different routes to and from office/school.
- Lock doors after entering the vehicle.
- Enter and exit buildings from different locations.
- Train drivers in surveillance detection and evasive driving.
- Rotate vehicles between office and school.
- Do not travel late at night unless necessary.
- Ensure someone in the family knows your destination and estimated time of arrival.

### Route Security - Route Selection:

Develop a series of routes to and from your office and your children's school. Constantly vary these routes to avoid establishing a pattern. Routes should avoid roads with little traffic since the kidnaper must have an avenue of escape after stopping your vehicle. The kidnaper is much less likely to stop you in heavy traffic.

Safe Haven Areas:

Know the location of safe haven areas along your route. These are areas such as police stations, fire stations, Barangay outposts, security outposts, and other relatively secure locations where you could seek protection if necessary.

#### Surveillance Detection:

Be alert for surveillance. Have your driver check periodically to see if you are being followed, and if suspicious do the following:

- Remain Calm – If you are being followed, you probably are still in the surveillance phase of the kidnap cycle. Do not alert the suspect vehicle of your suspicions.
- Communicate – Alert your family or office workers that you are under surveillance. Give them your location, direction of travel and a description of the vehicle, to include plate number and the number of the vehicle's occupants and their descriptions.
- Never Confront – Do not stop your vehicle or take any other actions that would force a confrontation. Chances are that they are armed.
- Change Your Route – Deviate your route to see if the suspect vehicle follows you.
- Safe Haven Area – If you sense danger, immediately go to a safe haven area and seek assistance.

#### Driving Habits:

It is best to keep your vehicle in motion to allow escape in the event kidnapers attempt to stop your vehicle. It is much more difficult to block a moving vehicle than a stationary one. In slow moving traffic or when stopped at traffic lights, allow maneuvering room between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.

#### Entering/Exiting Vehicle:

Never enter or get out of your vehicle without checking the immediate area for suspicious individuals. The ideal method is to have the driver check the area before you enter or get out of your vehicle. Remember; go with your initial feeling. If thing do not feel right, drive away.

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Unfortunately, not all crimes can be avoided, but hopefully, you will never become a victim when you think about some plan of action ahead of time. While AAVA is taking up stiff security measures in the village, it would be more effective when villagers are likewise vigilant in deterring crime.

**SECURITY IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE. REPORT to AAVA SECURITY IMMEDIATELY any sighting of suspicious-looking persons and vehicles or unusual occurrence in our surroundings.**

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