

# Personal Safety & Security

## Situational Awareness



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**YOUR SAFETY  
OUR PRIORITY**

The [Federal Protective Service](#) is committed to ensuring the safety and security of those who visit and work in Federal facilities. As co-chair of the [Government Services and Facilities Sector](#), FPS promotes security and resilience by sharing information and resources with state, local, tribal, and territorial government personnel, as well as for the essential functions they perform. Listed below are best safety practices we encourage all Federal government employees and Federal facility visitors to follow to remain alert and aware.

- Do not use your cell phone while walking in public areas. Walking and looking down at your phone makes you an easy target for bad actors.
- Avoid walking in public with headphones or earplugs.
- If you have a suspicion that someone is following you, do not go home. Instead, go to a well-lit, crowded public area and dial 911.
- Do not fall asleep on public transportation while commuting.
- Do not leave valuable items or packages in plain sight in your car or outside your home.
- Avoid taking out your wallet or displaying large sums of cash in public.
- Refrain from using ATMs at night or in unfamiliar places.
- Practice patience while driving and do not engage with violent, aggressive drivers.
- Try to look confident and walk with a purpose in public.
- Always verify your driver's identity and location when using taxis or ride shares.
- Make sure your children know where to go and who to contact if you are ever separated.
- Familiarize yourself with all entrances and exits of places you frequent, such as office parking garages and grocery stores.

**CONTACT THE FPS MEGACENTER  
TO REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:**

1-877-4FPS-411 (1-877-437-7411)  
OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
\*\*\*DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

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