

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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ATM Safety and Security Tips

Almost everyone uses ATM machines, and almost always transactions are completed without any negative consequence. It's important to remember however, that there are opportunistic criminals out there willing to take advantage of easy victims. We offer the following tips for your consideration.

Avoid the appearance of vulnerability

Walk with purpose and confidence. Be aware of your total environment and what's going on around you. Perform mental exercises and think about what you would do in personal security situations. Follow your instinct. If you feel in danger respond immediately, your safety is always your first priority.



ATM Selection Considerations

Select an ATM in a well-lit location, that allows you to see approaching people, and improves your visibility to the surrounding area. This improves your chances of identifying an assailant, and increases likelihood a witness would see them too.

Considerations before & During Transactions

Watch for suspicious persons or activity around an ATM. Be aware of persons in parked cars nearby. Prepare your documents before you arrive at the ATM to decrease time spent standing there.

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Talking with Kids About Drugs

Don't put off talking to your children about alcohol and other drugs. As early as fourth grade, kids worry about pressures to try drugs. School programs alone aren't enough and parents must be involved. For some this task is difficult, but open communication, talking

freely and really listening tells children they are important to you.

Kids sight a number of reasons for using drugs, most commonly: Because their friends are, to escape pain in their lives, to fit in, boredom, for fun, and curiosity.

What do you Say? Tell them you love them and want them to be healthy and happy. Tell them you find alcohol and illegal drug use unacceptable. Many parents never state this simple principle.

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ATM Fraud Considerations

Memorize your Personal Identification Number (PIN). Do not write it down or keep it in your wallet or purse. Do not tell anyone else your PIN (including bank employees, the police etc.)

Shield the ATM keypad from anyone who may be standing or parked nearby, or anyone crowding you. Use your body as a shield when you enter your PIN.

Make sure you retain your transaction receipt. Do not throw the receipt away at the ATM site.

The National Consumers League has opened a toll-free number to provide information on ATM frauds and scams. The National Fraud Information Center at **1-800-876-7060** employs counselors who will refer consumers to the proper agency for reporting a fraud or scam.

Immediately report any stolen or lost ATM card to the proper entities.

Kids and Drugs (Continued)

Explain how alcohol and drug use hurts people, physically and emotionally, potentially causing isolation, paranoia and injury. Discuss the legal issues. A conviction for a drug offense can lead to time in prison or cost someone a job, driver's license, or college loan.

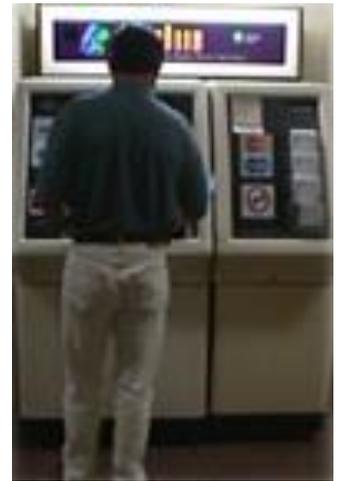
How do you say it?

- Calmly and openly - don't exaggerate. The facts speak for themselves.
- Face to face - exchange information and try to understand each other's point of view. Be an active listener and let your child talk about fears and concerns. Don't interrupt and don't preach.
- Through "teachable moments" - in contrast to a formal lecture, use a variety of situations - television news, TV dramas, books, newspaper.
- Establish an ongoing conversation rather than giving a one-time speech.
- Remember that you set the example. Avoid contradictions between your words and your actions. Don't use illegal drugs, period!

Take A Stand!

- Educate yourself about the facts surrounding alcohol and other drug use. You will lose credibility with your child if your information is not correct.
- Establish clear family rules against drug use and enforce them consistently.
- Develop your parenting skills through seminars, networking with other parents, reading, counseling, and support groups. Work with other parents to set community standards - you don't raise a child alone.

ATM Safety and Security (Continued)



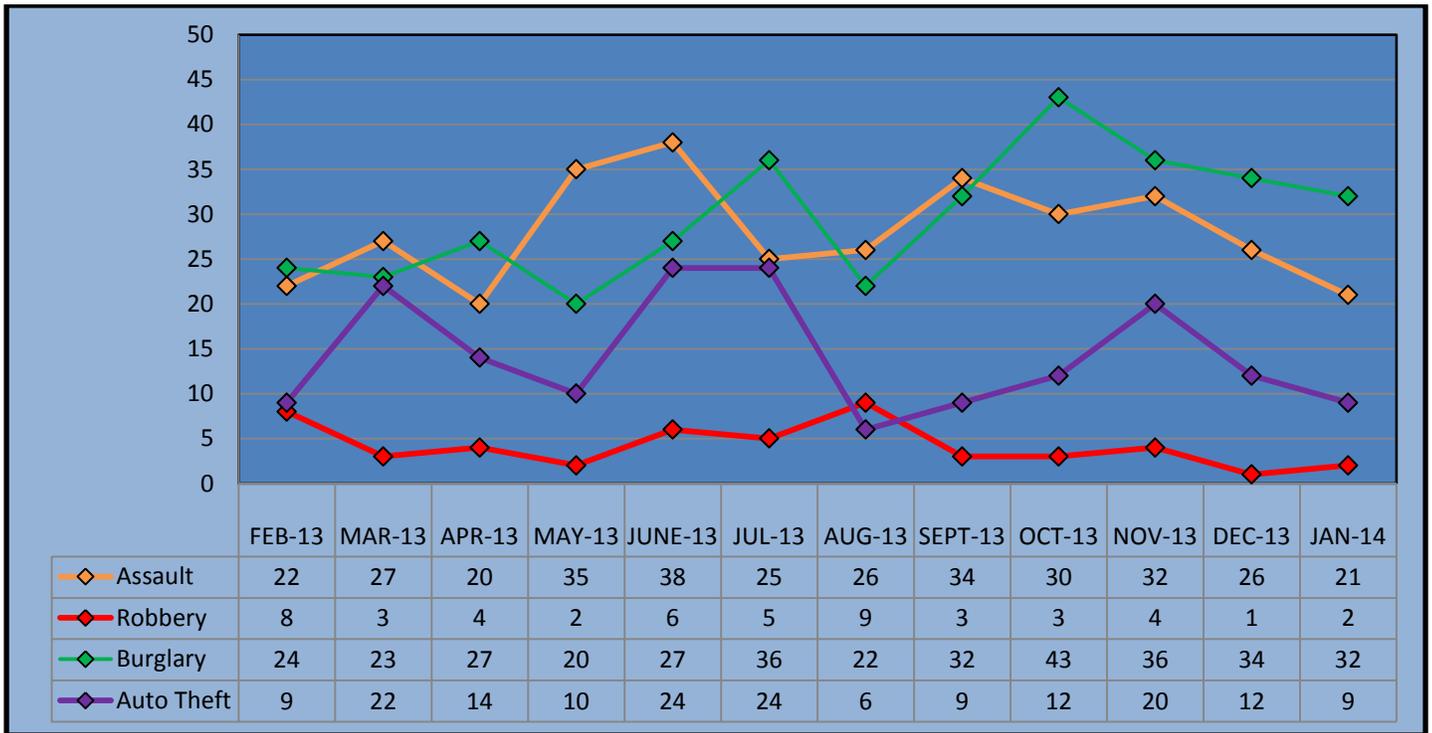
If you get cash, put it away immediately. **DO NOT** stand at the ATM and count it.

If you use a drive-up ATM, ensure your vehicle doors and windows are locked.

During evening hours, consider taking a companion along, park close to the ATM in a well-lighted area and lock your car. If the lights around the ATM are not functioning properly, do not use it.

When leaving an ATM make sure you are not being followed. If you are being followed, drive immediately to a police station, crowded area, well-lighted location or open business, and if need be, sound your horn to bring attention to your situation. Again, your safety is always your top priority.

Covina Police Crime Statistics – January 2014



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<http://covinaca.gov/crime-information/crimereports.com>

Violent Crimes -28%

- Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault & Robbery

Property Crime -25%

- Burglary, Auto Theft, Larceny & Arson

Calls for Service -7%



Percentages shown are increase or decrease from the previous year to date.