

# THE RISK OBSERVER

Safety Information for Residents

## CRIME PREVENTION

We care about your safety, but crime can occur any place and at any time. Although we cannot guarantee your safety, here are some precautions you can take to reduce the chances of becoming a victim:

- Get to know your neighbors.
- Always lock your apartment door whenever you are inside and whenever you leave your apartment, even if you are just getting something from your car or checking your mail.
- Always keep your windows and screens securely latched.
- If you have occasion to walk around the community at night, walk with at least one other person.
- Walk quickly and confidently to show you know where you are going and what you are doing.
- Always be alert of your surroundings.
- If you feel that your locks are in need of repair or additional locks are needed, please notify the management office immediately.
- Never open your apartment door to strangers and always ask for identification before allowing anyone to enter your apartment.
- While at home at night, keep your drapes closed.
- If you notice any exterior lighting not functioning properly, report it to the management office.
- If at any time you feel threatened, notify the police by calling 911 immediately.

If a crime is suspected or occurring, you need to contact the police immediately by calling 911. Failure to do so could result in crucial delays. After first notifying the local law enforcement authorities, you should then contact the apartment answering service, the management office, or other appropriate on-site personnel.

### Violence and Threat Response

The best way to avoid violence is to know how to handle the situation should a threat be directed towards you. Often threats turn out to be nothing more, but all threats should be taken seriously. If you find yourself in a threatening situation:

- stay calm and be polite;
- look the person in the eye;
- and don't argue, yell, or threaten the person.

If the threat turns into violence:

- run from the situation;
- yell and scream to alert others near that you are being attacked;
- and if the attacker wants money or jewelry, give it to them.

***If you are a victim of any type of crime, report it to the police immediately - even if you know the attacker. If an attack goes unreported, the criminal will be free to attack another person. Also, if you are present at a crime scene, be sure not to move or touch anything until the police have given permission.***