

Crime Prevention

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This Winter Put Safety at the Top of Your Outdoor Activity List

We remind ourselves to change our clocks and turn back the hands one hour for the fall season. While turning back the time we must also remind ourselves that darkness will settle in much earlier. When you're out enjoying brisk evening walks or other outside activities after dark, remember to place personal safety at the top of your outdoor activity list.

- Schedule outdoor walking, running and other activities during daylight hours.
- Use the "buddy system" and take a friend along when walking or jogging.
- Don't use shortcuts when walking or going from one place to another.
- Avoid locations that make you feel uncomfortable; trust your senses.
- Walk talk and carry yourself in an assertive manner.
- Leave your headphones at home so you can hear your surroundings.
- Carry a cell phone and dial 911 when you observe suspicious activity.

Please use these personal safety tips all year long but especially now since darkness has started to fall early this upcoming holiday season.

Please take a few minutes of your time now to help safeguard your home and your family and have a safe winter season. If you have any questions, or comments, contact Crime Prevention Officer Matt Boggs at mboggs@pvkansas.com or 913-385-4613.