

# SAFETY BULLETIN

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INSURANCE GROUP

## Stay Alert, Stay Alive *Situational Awareness*

### **WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE APPROACHED OR ATTACKED:**

If you feel like something isn't right... you are probably right.

Keep your distance; don't let someone get too close.

Confront your attacker loudly. **DO NOT SHOW FEAR.**

Scream FIRE!

Get out your cell phone- tell them you called 911 and officers are already on the way.

### **PHYSICAL THREAT/ROBBERY:**

Surrender your valuables; they are not worth your life.

### **PHYSICAL ATTACK:**

**Kick, punch, scream-** do anything you can to attract attention.

Between 2013 and 2014, violent crimes and property crimes in the Redding area increased by 3.75 and 3.76 percent respectively, with burglary, assault, and rape increasing the most. Redding is attractive to criminals for several reasons but some policies have also contributed to the problem.

In April of 2011, AB109 mandated that prisoners with non-violent felony convictions would be incarcerated in county jails instead of state prisons and those offenders already in state prisons would serve probation at the county level following release.

In November of 2014 Prop. 47 was passed which redefined some nonviolent felonies as misdemeanors. Thousands were released from jail, many of them in the local area.

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BE SAFE? BE PROACTIVE!**

- Use buddy teams
- Size-up the area before getting out of your car or going outside
- Don't walk and text, stay alert, scan your surroundings
- Don't overburden yourself with packages, make sure you can see and move quickly
- Have your keys in your hand and ready before arriving at your car
- Park in a well-lit area; lock the car, and close the windows
- Use the panic button on your keys, flashlight, or a whistle
- Don't leave packages or personal items in open view in the car
- Use an inside ATM whenever possible; avoid using an ATM at night
- Carry pepper spray (check your district policy first)

### **RESOURCES**

To report suspicious activity call your local law enforcement office. **Please report all crimes or suspicious activities to the Redding Police Department**

**EMERGENCY: 911**

**NON-EMERGENCY, RPD: (530) 225-4200** [www.Reddingpolice.org](http://www.Reddingpolice.org)

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