

## About Us

Henrico County Police Division, under the leadership of Chief Eric English, is an award-winning agency, which is internationally accredited. That means our organization meets rigid standards set forth to ensure exemplary customer service through honor, professionalism, commitment, compassion and accountability.



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# Safety Tips for Henrico Visitors



**BUCKLE UP**

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## ON THE ROAD

- If you suspect someone is following you, drive to a safe location and immediately call the police.
- If your car breaks down, raise the hood and call police for assistance. If you don't have a cellular phone and someone stops to assist you, it is advisable to stay locked in your car and ask them to call the police or local garage.
- If you are involved in a non-injury crash and vehicles can be moved, move them to the side of the road.
- Avoid road rage. Don't drive if you are upset, angry, or tired.
- Never engage in road games with aggressive drivers. If aggression continues, drive to a busy place, or police station for help.
- Always be mindful of your location as you travel. If you need to call for help, you will know your location so police or roadside assistance can find you.
- Dial #77 for Virginia State Police emergency assistance on the interstate highway.
- Keep names and phone numbers of relatives or friends on your person in the event of an accident or emergency situation.

## SIGHT-SEEING

- Ask for directions from the hotel/motel on how to get to the attractions or destinations that you want to visit.
- Ask if there are any areas in town you should avoid. Stick to well lit streets and public areas.
- Looking lost may make you look like an easy target for crime. If you do get lost, find an open business and ask for directions or take a cab to the destination.
- Carry only as much cash as you need.
- Be aware of your surroundings and never advertise your plans or intentions to strangers; this includes travel routes and the amount of cash you are carrying.
- When using traveler's checks and credit cards, keep a record of the serial and card numbers in a safe place. Have the appropriate telephone numbers to call in case they are lost or stolen. When using a credit card, write in the dollar amount next to your name on the credit receipt to prevent additions to your bill.

## AT YOUR HOTEL OR MOTEL

- Learn the location of fire exits, elevators, and public phones in case of an emergency.
- Make sure your room has a peep hole or a window so you can identify someone outside your room without having to open your door.
- Be aware of strangers who follow you to your room.
- Never leave computers or other expensive electronic equipment in your room unattended.
- Keep valuables in the hotel safe, or if equipped, the room safe.
- Always verify who is at your door. Do not open the door to strangers. If an unexpected visitor claims to be a hotel employee, call the front desk and verify.
- Do not display room keys in public places where they could be lost, stolen or reveal your room number.
- When occupying your room, use all locking devices on doors and windows.
- Report suspicious activity to management and to police (501-5000.)

## WHEN SHOPPING, DINING, OR ENJOYING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Be wary of strangers who contact you first. Keep a comfortable physical distance from them.
- Park in a well lit area; be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and keep valuables in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a traveler's check or credit card. Have appropriate telephone numbers in case of loss or theft.
- Deter pickpockets and purse snatchers. Don't overburden yourself carrying articles or packages.
- Carry wallets inside of jacket pockets or front pants pocket. Purses should not be carried dangling by the straps.
- If you're shopping with children, teach them how to go to a store clerk, security guard, or policeman if you become separated or if they have a problem.
- Do not leave room keys in public view on restaurant tables, at the swimming pool, or in other places where they can be stolen.
- Always trust your instincts if you sense danger.