

Report Crime

Report all suspicious activity to your local police department. Know your neighbors and your neighborhood. You do not need to give your name.

DIAL 911 
*For Emergency,
Police or Fire/Rescue*

For further information contact:

Senior Crime Prevention &
Victims' Assistance Program
1790 S.W. 27th Avenue
Miami, FL 33145
447-9808

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Senior Crime Prevention & Victims' Assistance Program



**A Community Funded Program
Serving Older Adults
Throughout Dade County**

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Working Together To Lock Out Crime

Older adults working with each other and their local police departments can play a vital role in reducing crime. Through proper education, they can arm themselves with the knowledge necessary to prevent crime from occurring in their neighborhoods, and learn how to respond quickly and safely when a crime does occur.

The Senior Crime Prevention & Victims' Assistance Program is here to provide that education, as well as a variety of other services.

Our Goals

- To help older persons protect themselves from criminal activities and reduce the risk of becoming victims of crime.
- To reduce the physical, psychological and financial effects of criminal victimization.
- To refer victims of crime to community resources that provide additional care/assistance.
- To provide errand assistance, friendly visitors, and telephone reassurance to recent crime victims through SCPVA Volunteers.

Our Services

Our team of professionals and trained senior aides work closely with local police departments and other crime prevention organizations in Dade County to coordinate crime prevention meetings, counsel and assist elderly crime victims, provide home security planning assistance and install needed home security improvements for eligible seniors.

Victims' Assistance

Trained senior aides and social workers provide crisis and short-term counseling to senior crime victims through telephone reassurance and when necessary, home visits.

Referrals to appropriate health care or social service agencies are also made when required.





Crime Prevention Presentations

These presentations are given with the participation of your local police department and include topics such as personal street safety, how to avoid purse snatchers, pickpockets, robbers, burglars, mail theft, con games and other fraudulent schemes.

Police officers and program staff members will come to your neighborhood group, civic organization or condominium association to provide lectures, show films and help organize a chain of communication for your neighborhood or building.

Lectures are provided at no cost to your group. To arrange a presentation call our office at 447-9808.

Home Security Planning

Our security specialists schedule home or apartment security surveys and make recommendations for safety improvements where needed.



Special funding allows the program to provide free installation of deadbolt security locks, metal screening, and door viewers to crime victims

over age 60 who meet income eligibility requirements and live in designated target areas.

Call 447-9808 to learn if you qualify.

SCPVAP Volunteers

SCPVAP volunteers are a vital aspect of the program, serving as victim counselors, errand assistants, friendly visitors, telephone aides, companions, and police liaisons.

Each volunteer is carefully screened and receives specialized training and supervision in working with the elderly.

You're Never Too Old To Become A Victim!



Crime Prevention Tips...

Purse Snatching & Robbery

- Remain calm.
- Get a description.
- Never fight for property.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash.

Walking

- Remain alert at all times.
- Stay in lighted areas.
- Go in groups of two or more.

At Home

- Always lock all doors and windows both day and night.
- Leave a light on and the radio or TV on when away.
- Don't let strangers in without checking for proper identification.

Look For Fraud



- Avoid purchases on the phone or through door-to-door sales.
- Never sign a contract until you have it read by an expert.
- No one gives away something for nothing
....everything has a price.

Beware Of Confidence Games



- **Pigeon Drop**
A person finds a wallet full of money and offers to share it with you if you'll put up a like amount as "good faith" money..
- **Bank Examiner**
You are enticed to withdraw money from your bank account in order to help catch a dishonest bank employee.
- **Lottery Ticket Scam**
You are asked to supply "good faith" money to a person who claims they are unable to cash a winning lottery ticket.