The St. Louis Metropolitan Police department encourages visitors and residents to observe the following safety suggestions

**Trust Your Intuition**

If you feel threatened or something doesn’t feel right, take action immediately

Pay close attention to your surroundings

Know safe places in the areas where you live, work and play

Don’t let strangers get too close to you, even if they seem to have a reason

Carry as few items as possible

Walk with a purpose

Know where you are going ahead of time

Avoid shortcuts that take you through alleys, gangways, and other unlit, isolated areas

Have a plan before you see trouble

Be prepared to cross a street or duck into a store, if needed

Carry a small amount of cash, and only the credit cards that you intend to use

If carrying a wallet, carry it in a front pocket

Leave your expensive jewelry at home

Don’t wear clothing or shoes that restrict your movement