

## Staying Aware is Best Defense Against Robberies

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As simple as it may sound, being alert and staying aware of your surroundings can aid you in protecting your life and property from violent criminals lurking in the dark waiting to pounce upon your very person. These evil beings disguised as human beings will do everything in their power to dislodge you from your earthly existence, and it's up to you to spot these predators before they act. First of all, criminals are not invisible; they're only invisible to you when you're too preoccupied with other things on your mind, causing you to become potential victims.

Criminals know when you're not paying attention to your surroundings, because you don't observe them observing you. Whether you're driving home from shopping, or walking from the store to your parked vehicle, remember to always watch for cars following you, if you suspect a vehicle following you, change directions, and if necessary, drive to one of several HPD substations nearby, remember the license plate number if you can, and report your suspicions to police. While walking to your parked vehicle with bags, look around intensely and watch for people or persons seemingly just standing around waiting on nothing, well maybe waiting for you or someone like you to rob. Stay vigilant in your alertness to your environment. It would also help tremendously if you are armed since your potential attacker or attackers are, so obtain your concealed handgun license in order to have the tools to at least protect yourself if the need ever arises.

If shopping at night, make sure your residence is well lighted outside. Criminals don't like a lot of light, much like vampires, so be very cautious when exiting your vehicles in your driveway, look around for people fastly approaching your vehicle, and don't get out of your vehicles with bags

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in your hands, step out first without picking up bags, have your handgun close and ready to take care of business if attacked. I prefer the security lights that come on instantly when someone comes too close to your property at night, this makes your property not too conducive to burglaries. I'm a strong advocate of surveillance cameras in homes, burglar alarm systems with contacts on all entries including windows, and reinforced strike plates on doorlocks, with at least a 2-inch throat installed with a solid core door, equipped with a viewer enabling to see outside as well without opening your doors. When potential home invaders attempt to kick in your doors, the 2-inch throat will at least give you more time to retrieve your weapon for protection, because home invaders depend on a speedy entry, and the element of surprise to victimize you. One last bit of public safety advice, if you don't have money for alarms and cameras buy some MARBLES, and place them at the entries to your homes, because when home invaders rush into your homes, they will fall on their butts hopefully shooting each other, while you are shooting at them at the same time. HAPPY HOLIDAYS. Don't forget to look at my website, [www.spiveyforconstablepct7.com](http://www.spiveyforconstablepct7.com), and see my vision for the future of precinct 7, after I'm elected Harris County Constable in March 6, 2012.

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