

# SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SAFETY



Wherever you may be, it is important to stay alert, take stock of your surroundings and mentally plan to react.



## Look



Upon entering a location, conduct a 360-degree scan of your surroundings, observe as much as possible and make a mental note of the people in the area as well as the entry and exit points. Continue consciously paying attention to everyone and everything around you.

## Think



Once you are familiar with your surroundings, ask yourself what you would do in the event of an emergency or threat - What escape route(s) would you take? Where would you take cover? What can potentially be an obstacle? Which nearby object can serve as an improvised weapon?

## React



When you practice being attuned to your surroundings (people, objects, general environment), it becomes easier to notice potential threats or sense trouble before it happens. This is essential to being ready to react swiftly and accordingly whether it means leaving the area, notifying law enforcement or fighting back if attacked.

## When Out and About ...

- Be observant and periodically scan your surroundings.
- Walk confidently and present an alert appearance.
- Avoid using cellphones, headphones or other distracting electronics that reduce your awareness level.
- Make people aware you see them by making brief eye contact.
- Pay attention to your intuition, and be prepared to react.

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