

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior citizens represent the most rapidly growing segment of the population in the United States. Their number will increase as baby boomers age and life expectancy increases. By 2030, the number of senior citizens in the U.S. is expected to exceed 64 million.

Although national surveys indicate that senior citizens are the least victimized age group, they often exhibit the greatest fear of crime. This fear can at least partially be contributed to their fear of personal vulnerability.

Due to the natural consequences of aging, i.e., loss of hearing and/or eyesight, along with other chronic and debilitating conditions, senior citizens perceive themselves as more vulnerable to physical injury if attacked.

Senior citizens often live in isolation due to the loss of family members. They are also more likely to live in inner city neighborhoods that may have high crime rates.

If you require additional information or need assistance from Oakland Housing Authority staff, call:

OHA Police 535-3100
OHA Police Chief 535-3104

Office of Property Operations
Union Street 587-5121
65th Avenue 777-4181
Director 587-5126

Leased Housing (Sect.-8) 587-2100
Director 587-2113

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OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

SENIOR CITIZEN RESIDENT SAFETY IN YOUR HOME

OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY
1619 HARRISON ST.
OAKLAND, CA 94612

Safety at Home

Safety at the Door

- When someone knocks at your door, don't open it unless you know your visitor.
- Look through the door viewer installed on each exterior door to identify the person.
- If the person is a representative, salesman, etc., ask that identification and credentials be slipped under the door or through the mail slot. Call the employer to verify the name and business.
- Refuse to deal with anyone who won't comply with this request.
- Someone may knock at your door and ask to use your telephone to make an emergency call. Never open the door; take the message and make the call for the person.
- If someone you do not trust or who you believe might be dangerous comes to your door, call 911 immediately.

Returning Home

- If you find your door ajar, or if you hear unusual sounds inside, DON'T GO IN! Go to the nearest telephone and call 911.
- If your home has been burglarized DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING UNTIL A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ARRIVES!
- If you enter your home and find burglar there, leave if you can. If the intruder is armed, sit down quietly and obey instructions.
- DO NOT resist or fight.
- Observe the intruder closely to obtain a description for the responding law enforcement officer.
- When the intruder leaves, call 911 immediately.

Telephone Safety

- If you receive frequent "wrong number" calls, hang up calls, late night calls from strangers, or other nuisance calls, call the security representative at your local telephone company and the police.

- If a telephone call is obscene, hang up the telephone, but don't slam the receiver down.
- If the telephone call is threatening, contact OHAPD or OPD immediately.
- Never allow yourself to be drawn into a conversation with an unknown caller in which you reveal your name, address, marital status, or anything to indicate you are alone.
- Don't let a caller know you are angry or upset. They want this reaction, and will often encourage them.
- Don't play detective and extend the call attempting to find out who is calling. This may be the reaction the caller wants or needs.
- Don't try to be counselor. The annoying or malicious caller probably needs professional help, but he or she may only be encouraged by your concern and will continue calling.