

Basic Security for Women Living Alone

No 2 in a Series of Security Tips

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Take Care & Keep Safe

Many women live alone in flats, townhouses or even free-standing houses and feel unsafe – afraid at night of perceived dangers.

Take some basic precautions to avoid unwanted attention...:

- ◆ Only list your surname at the entrance – No Ms, Miss or Mrs;
- ◆ Don't reveal your name to strangers calling. Simply answer the phone by saying "Hello!";
- ◆ Never let on to any stranger that you are alone;
- ◆ Never let anyone into the building or complex without an appointment. Refer maintenance workers to the supervisor;
- ◆ Insist on seeing valid identification and delivery notes from anyone claiming to be a messenger;
- ◆ Don't show prospective buyers around your place. Get an estate agent rep to accompany clients;
- ◆ If callers press your button at the gate with the excuse that they cannot reach a neighbour, let them wait until you have contacted the neighbour.

Go online to find out more about personal safety at several websites.

- Those living in Cape Town can visit www.capegateway.gov.za . Click on Directories, then Facilities, Crime & Safety and Neighbourhood Watches.
- People in Gauteng can visit www.gautsafety.gpg.gov.za
- KwaZulu-Natal people can go to www.kzncomsafety.gov.za
- Otherwise visit www.eblockwatch.co.za Membership is free and post news of crime in their area. Alerts are sent out via SMS or e-mail

To start a Neighbourhood Watch go to the website www.neighbourhoodwatch.co.za

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