

DOG WALKING TIPS

Here's a list of dog walking safety tips that will make your walks more enjoyable for both you and your dog.

- Always walk on the left-hand side of the street, facing oncoming traffic.
- Use sidewalks whenever they are available.
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times so you have control if he tries to dart into traffic, chase a squirrel, or make a new friend.
- Be sure your dog is wearing a collar that includes their rabies and identification tags. If your dog should happen to get away from you, you want to get him back! Consider getting your dog microchipped as a form of permanent identification.
- Keep your dog on your side, away from traffic. It may be more difficult for drivers to see a knee-high dog than a person on the side of the road.
- Bring a flashlight. It gets dark early in the winter months, so having a flashlight can come in handy if your walk goes a little longer than planned.
- Wear reflective clothing. The light at dawn and dusk makes it the most difficult to see. Consider a reflective collar and/or leash for your dog, to make it easier for drivers to see you.



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CAPTAIN K9



Captain K-9 is a crime awareness program sponsored by the City of La Mirada that encourages dog walkers to serve as extra eyes and ears for law enforcement in their ongoing crime prevention efforts. The goal of the program is to educate as many people as possible to heighten their senses in order to report suspicious behaviors and evidence of criminal activity occurring along their route.



BE AWARE

Follow these simple tips while walking your dog to identify and report suspicious activity.

1. Input the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station telephone number (562) 902-2960 in your cell phone.
2. If you see a crime in progress, call 911.
3. Be aware, know your route, and start observing.

- Learn the street names you walk on
- Know what is normal and notice changes
- Identify cars, people, and homes
- Remember your own personal safety (carry a flashlight, take off headphones, put down your cell phone).

4. Identify unusual or suspicious behavior and activity.

- Behavior that is not the norm
- Conduct is unusual, different, odd, or dangerous.
- Conduct appears wrong, or just not right.
- Broken or abandoned vehicles.
- Individuals peering into vehicles.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

When reporting suspicious activity:

1. Give a short statement of why you are calling.
2. Let the dispatchers direct the call.
3. If you are put on hold, be aware that priority calls may be taking place.
4. Give the location (Street address is best, if not, two cross streets).
5. Direction (mode of transportation of suspicious persons).
6. Description of vehicle or person. Try to come up with something unusual or distinctive (window decals or bumper stickers).

