**Topic Sentence:** You can do many things to avoid being a victim of a crime.

You can learn (take classes in) martial arts for strength and protection.

Don’t walk alone late at night, especially if you’re in an unfamiliar area.

You should be aware of which areas are safe and which areas are dangerous.

When you go to a new or unfamiliar place, bring someone with you.

Be aware of the people around you. Pay attention.

Don’t be on your phone or tablet with your headphones on.

Don't attract attention by flashing (showing) your money or wearing expensive things.

If you have a permit, you can own a gun for self-defense.

You can carry pepper spray to protect yourself.

Keep a whistle and a small flashlight in your bag or purse.

Wear your bag, backpack, or purse over your shoulder.

It is important to choose your friends carefully, and stay away people who are violent or use drugs.

You should try to park your car in a public place with a security camera.

You should always lock your home’s doors and windows and your car to prevent theft.

There should be plenty of lights by your home’s front and back doors. Using motion-detecting lights is a good idea as well.

If you see something suspicious, call 911.

Giving your personal or financial information on the Internet or on the phone can be dangerous.

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Secondly,

Also,

Furthermore,

In addition,

Next,

Finally,

In summary,

Learn and know how to use voice dial on your phone.

Teach your children how to call 911 on your phones.