

## WHAT IS THE MARCH ON CRIME?

March on Crime is HPD's annual campaign to engage the public in the fight against crime. First launched in December of 1984, the department quickly settled on the month of March for this annual initiative.

This brochure provides safety tips for some crimes of particular concern – road rage and domestic violence – as well offering more general safety tips for preventing violent crime. Share these tips with others in your life, and follow HPD's social media platforms throughout the month of March for more.

Above all, please continue to report crime. Call 911 in emergencies or 713-884-3131 for non-emergencies. If you have a tip that might help us solve a crime, call Crimestoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Be safe.

Troy Finner  
Chief of Police



**“ The police alone  
cannot stop crime.  
It takes an entire  
community  
working together  
to maintain peace  
and order. ”**

**HPD OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

CALL: 713.308.3200

VISIT: [HOUSTONPOLICE.ORG](http://HOUSTONPOLICE.ORG)

FOLLOW HPD ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



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ON CRIME**



## DON'T BE A VICTIM OF ROAD RAGE

Everyone may lose their temper at one point or another on Houston roads, but it's important to remain calm and collected when operating a vehicle.

- ✔ Stay mindful of your surroundings.
- ✔ Always give yourself ample travel time.
- ✔ Drive respectfully and resist the urge to honk when other drivers aren't.
- ✔ If another driver gestures or exhibits threatening behavior, ignore them. Responding may escalate the situation.
- ✔ Drive to a police or fire station – not your home – if a hostile driver follows you.
- ✔ Immediately call 911 if you believe you are in danger.



## SURVIVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Last year, three Houstonians lost their lives to domestic abuse every two weeks. HPD and our community partners stand ready to help anyone escape violence.

- ✔ Abusers may have patterns. Try to be aware of signs that violence is likely so you can assess the danger risk for you and your children.
- ✔ Leave a copy of important papers (birth certificates, passports, immigration papers, and Social Security cards) with a family member or neighbor, in case you have to leave in a hurry.
- ✔ If possible, always have a phone where you can get to it. Establish a code word with friends, family or neighbors to signal "Call the police. I need help."

## NUMBERS TO KNOW

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HPD VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION:  
713-308-0080

HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER:  
713-528-2121

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE:  
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

## PREVENTING VIOLENCE & FIREARM THEFT

It's important for everyone to be vigilant in their efforts to protect themselves and their property.

- ✔ Stay aware of what is happening around you at the ATM machine. Don't count cash within view of others.
- ✔ Make good decisions about those with whom you associate and where you choose to hang out.
- ✔ De-escalate or walk away if you find yourself in a heated argument.
- ✔ Always park in well-lit areas and lock car doors. Never leave valuables inside. Firearms, packages, laptops, and purses are common targets for thieves.
- ✔ If you carry a firearm, invest in a gun safe for your vehicle. Leave your weapon at home if you are visiting establishments where they aren't allowed rather than leaving an unsecured gun in your car.
- ✔ Share these tips with teens and young adults in your life.

