

Safety and Security Awareness for Court Personnel

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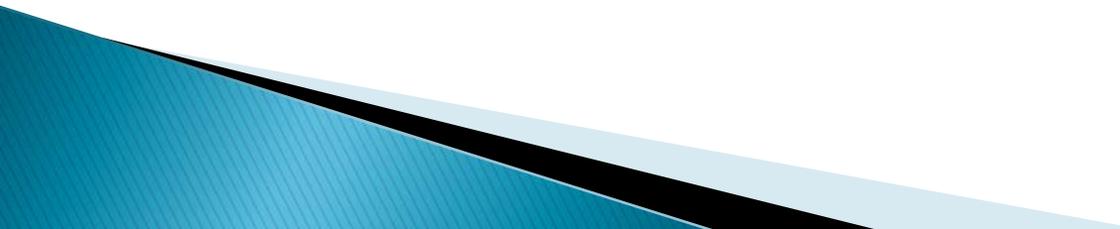
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Video clip – 3 short clips violent attacks in courtroom



Administrative Rule 19

- ▶ Each court shall develop and implement a Court Security Plan.
 - ▶ Multiple Courts in facility shall collectively develop a single court security plan.
 - ▶ Security plan shall give due consideration to the Indiana Courthouse Security Minimum Standards.
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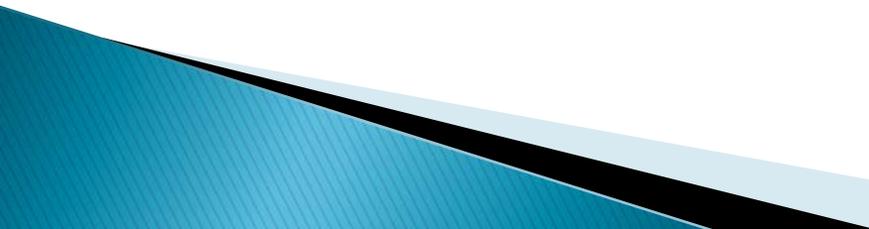
- ▶ Court Security Plan, including security policy and procedures manual shall be excluded from public access pursuant to Administrative Rule 9 (G)(2)(b)vii.
 - ▶ Shall take effect on January 1, 2014
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- ▶ Most basic security principles (plan) can be modified and incorporated in your office and home security plans.

1. Collaboration

- ▶ Courthouse– Courthouse Security Committee
 - ▶ Workplace– All employees
 - ▶ Home– Entire family (include children)
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2. Law Enforcement Involvement

- ▶ Courthouse: Uniformed presence by trained law enforcement officer during operations.
 - ▶ Workplace: In-house/building security with regular contact with law enforcement.
 - ▶ Home: Family training and a set procedure to make immediate notification to police.
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3. Weapon Elimination

- ▶ Courthouse: Main public entrance security screening station (metal detector, hand-held, x-ray).
 - ▶ Workplace: Public entrance security check-in.
 - ▶ Home: Do your best to know everyone and everything entering your private residence (Observe).
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4. Duress Alarm System

- ▶ Courthouse: Wireless with immediate radio transmission to law enforcement.
 - ▶ Workplace: Alarm to in-house security force or private security service.
 - ▶ Home: Home security system reporting to private security service.
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5. Secure Windows and Doors

- ▶ Easy accessible exterior windows and doors
 - Electronic locking systems
 - Deadbolt locks
 - Door chains
 - Bars and grates
 - Alarms
 - Key pads, swipe cards, biometrics
 - Closed circuit television

6. Access to Private Work Areas

- ▶ Access must be controlled at ALL times
 - Barriers
 - Announcement system (Entry Control Package)
 - Electronic cards, keys
 - Identification badge system
 - Established procedures for access
 - Procedures (use what you got!)

7. Appropriate Safes and Vaults

- ▶ Safe keeping for documents, valuables, money and evidence.

FUNDING FOR SECURITY

- ▶ Business tax expense deduction
- ▶ Court security fees and funding
 - HB 1015 Rep. Rebecca Kubacki (Dist #22)
 - SB 155 Sen. Randy Head (Dist #18)

KEY SECURITY TIPS

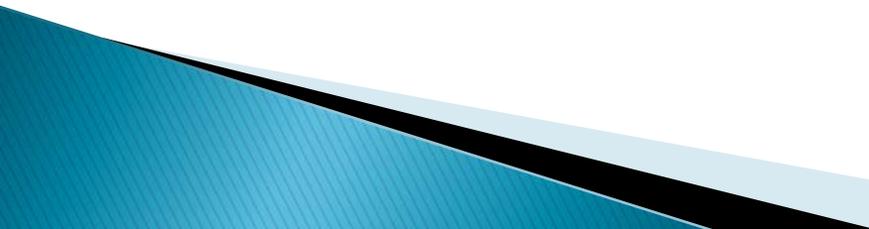
- ▶ Conduct your own audit
- ▶ Keep professional office “clean”
- ▶ Establish general “safe” meeting locations
- ▶ Get familiar with new technology
- ▶ Use “COMMON SENSE” and “GUT FEELING”
- ▶ Establish “SAFE” area for family
- ▶ Keep auto in good condition
- ▶ In car– never stop directly across from car next to you and avoid direct eye contact

KEY SECURITY TIPS, continued

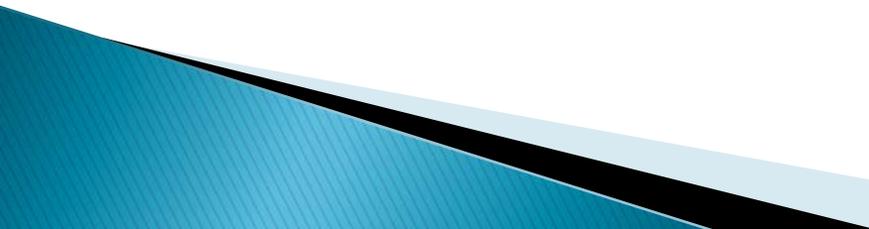
- ▶ Vary driving routine or route
- ▶ Provide room to flee when stopped at light
- ▶ Park in well-lit area
- ▶ Close garage door before exiting auto
- ▶ Do three “rights” if you think you are being followed
- ▶ Proceed to police/fire station if followed
- ▶ Go to middle of road if threat on street
- ▶ When on foot, do not “hug” corners
- ▶ Run-Hide-Fight



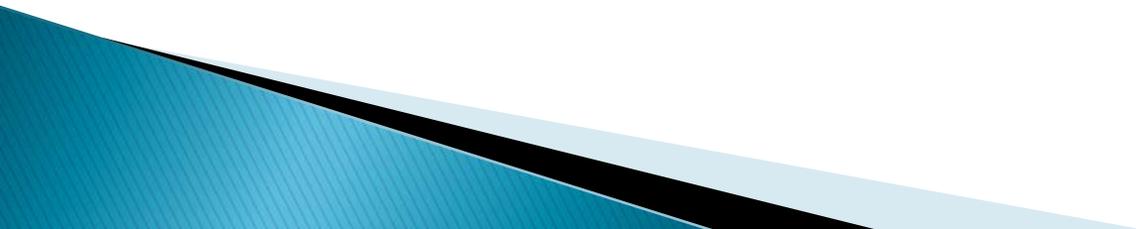
But What If Even After Good Planning Something Occurs?

- ▶ Have a response plan for all occupants
 - Mental awareness
 - Escape plan
 - Know personal limitations
 - Professional training in choice of defense method
 - Practice, Practice, Practice
 - ▶ “One Technique Well Mastered is More Reliable than a Thousand Half Learned” –Bruce Lee
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**“Under stress, in a
crisis, you will
instinctively revert to
the way you have been
trained”**



**Video clip – should have taken
threat seriously**



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