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## ***Leesburg Police Urge Residents to Take Safety Precautions***

**Leesburg, VA (August 9, 2010)** – In the wake of three assault incidents in the Town of Leesburg during the past week, Leesburg Police are urging residents to be alert to their surroundings and to report any suspicious activity.

The following are a series of personal safety tips offered by the Leesburg Police:

- **Be aware of your surroundings at all times.**
- Avoid areas that are abandoned, secluded or poorly lighted.
- When walking, jogging or running, go with a partner.
- If you do go alone, tell a family member or friend where you will be and when you expect to be back.
- Carry a cell phone with you.
- Don't wear earphones that can reduce your ability to hear someone coming up from behind you.
- Report any suspicious activity to law enforcement immediately.

The Leesburg Police Department's non-emergency phone number is 703-771-4500.

"We want people to go on with their normal lives," Leesburg Police Chief Joe Price emphasized. "But we also want residents to take reasonable precautions to stay safe."

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