

Review the types of crime on page 142. Have you been a victim of any of these crimes?

We have many expressions to warn people. Read them and ask about the meaning of any you don't know.

Watch out! Watch your step! On your left. Make way! Hit the deck! Beware! Look before you leap. Let the buyer beware. You're skating on thin ice. Proceed with caution. Batten down the hatches. The coast is clear.

What would you do if:

An unmarked car with a flashing light pulls behind you: Do you stop? Do you call 911? Do you drive to a place where there are lots of people before you stop?

If a stranger is following you: Do you keep driving to your home? Do you try to lose them in traffic? Do you drive to a crowded place? Do you call 911?

You witness a crime: Do you try to apprehend the perpetrator? Do you call 911? Do you go home and mind your own business?

You arrive home to find your door open and you are sure you closed and locked it: Do you go in and look for a burglar? Do you get a neighbor to go in with you to make sure there is no one there? Do you call your husband? Do you call 911?

A stranger comes to the door selling magazines: Do you open the door, invite him in for coffee and purchase some new magazines? Do you not answer the door for any stranger? Do you crack the door and tell him you are not interested in magazines?

A stranger is overly friendly in the grocery store: Do you act polite, but not encourage further conversation? Do you ignore them and hope they go away? Do you say loudly, "You are bothering me. Please leave me alone."?

Idioms: Read the sentence then make up a sentence of your own with each idiom.

If you *throw caution to the wind*, you start taking risks and stop worrying about the danger involved.

A *close shave* describes a situation where an accident or a disaster nearly happened. Describe a close shave you have experienced.

To *cry wolf* is to call for help when you are not really in danger.

A *dicey situation* is a situation that is potentially risky or dangerous.

In a dangerous or risky situation, if you make a *false move*, you do something which may have unpleasant consequences.

People who take unnecessary risks or behave in a dangerous way are *playing with fire*.

If you *hang (or hold) on for dear life*, you are in a dangerous situation and grip something firmly so as not to fall.

If you put something *out of harm's way*, you put it in a safe place where it won't be damaged.

If you do something to be *on the safe side*, you do it as a precaution, to avoid any risks.

This expression means that being part of a group makes people feel more secure and more confident when taking action.

If you are *skating on thin ice*, you are doing or saying something risky, or something that could cause trouble.

To say that someone is *taking their life in their hands* means that they are taking the risk of being killed.