

Castro Clubbing Should Be Safe and Fun

Things that can ruin your evening:

- Pickpockets on the Dance Floor
- “Roofied” Drinks
- Excessive Use of Alcohol or Drugs
- Lost ATM Cards
- Assaults, Hate Crimes or Date Rapes
- Car Break-ins
- Robberies (Strong-arm or Weapons)

As a community, we take care of each other.
Blow your safety whistle to distract assailants.
Report every crime. Call 911. Press charges.

San Francisco Numbers

SF Emergency: 911 or
415.553.8090*

SF Non-Emergency:
415.553.0123

City Services (street lights, etc):
311 or 415.701.2311*

Crisis Intervention (Suicide):
415.355.8300

Mobile Assistance Patrol (Home-
less Shelter): 415.431.7400

CUAV (24hr Victim Crisis):
415.333.HELP (4357)

District Attorney (Victim Service):
415.553.9044

Triangle Martial Arts Association
(Self Defense): 415.992.5551

*Dialed number might work better from
a cell phone

Clubber's Guide to Safety



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Clubbing Safety Tips

As with any neighborhood, criminals sometimes come to the Castro to prey on clubbers who are distracted or intoxicated. Stay aware to protect yourself, your friends and those around you.

In the Club

- ★**Pickpockets** dance close and slip your wallet out. Don't carry large amounts of cash or multiple credit cards. Keep your ID, money, and a credit or ATM card in your front pocket.
- ★**Drugged drinks** ("roofies") leave you vulnerable to robbery or date rape. Never leave drinks unattended nor accept drinks handed to you by a stranger, no matter how friendly or attractive.
- ★**Party drugs** can be dangerous when mixed. Tell your friends what you have taken. If paramedics are called, be truthful about quantities and the drugs involved to ensure the best possible treatment.
- ★**Excessive alcohol** can lead to angry behavior or "blackouts" (temporary amnesia). Don't drive drunk. Text a friend or hail a cab.
- ★**Clubber down** means immediately alerting club security if you spot someone passed out on the dance floor or in a booth or a corner, even if you don't know the victim.

Outside the Club

- ★**ATM cards** often get left in the machine after getting cash. If your card goes missing, immediately check for fraudulent transactions.
- ★**Car break-ins** are invited by GPS receivers or leaving things on the seat. Stow everything, including jackets and shopping bags.
- ★**Robberies** can turn violent if you fight back. It is usually better to give them what they want, and then call the police.
- ★**Assaults, hate crimes or date rapes** are worse if you are isolated. Let friends know if you leave with a stranger. Stay with the crowd in lighted areas. Defend yourself. Don't follow attackers.

Victim or Witness: Be Observant, Call 911

- ★**Report all crimes** so the police can identify trouble areas.
- ★**Get descriptions** of suspects such as height, weight, race, hair, clothing, shoes or markings such as scars or tattoos.
- ★**Watch escape** to remember direction, vehicle & license number.
- ★**Write down details** including street address and time of day. Look for witnesses. Record all details as soon as possible.