



JENNIFER PASTER  
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## BROOKLINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Brookline, Massachusetts*

Social awareness for tweens and teens:

### ATTENTION:

Paying attention to the people, places, things around you. All too often people are not paying attention and miss something around them. For example, face in the phone, miss seeing the defect in the sidewalk.

### PUT THE PHONE DOWN:

The largest distraction. Crossing the street, walking, driving, biking etc... if our face is on the phone, it is not paying attention. And if you do see something that would need emergency services, don't just record the incident, also **call 911**.

### CROSS THE STREET SMART:

**Don't just walk out into the street, crosswalk or not, remember to STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN for oncoming traffic in BOTH directions! In the crosswalk, yes you have the right of way, however, be sure the driver sees you before crossing into traffic!!**

### SITUATIONAL AWARENESS:

Knowing where you are. For instance, are you in Brookline or Boston? If you needed to call for help, could you tell someone where you were. Know what numbers to call for help. **(If it is an emergency call 911** before anyone else to get emergency services there quickly!! For example a medical, unresponsive person, car accident, etc!!)

When out and around town don't have both ear buds in. If you can't hear someone sneaking up, calling for help, sirens or something else important- you could get hurt.

**911 or NON EMERGENCY LINE** Did you know there were two lines? Or when to call the non-emergency line vs. 911? Non-emergency line in Brookline is **617-730-2222**- this would be for a car broken down on the side of the road. Or you think something needs police attention, but not an emergency. Did you know you can call 911 on your cell even if you have no service or wi-fi?

