

# OFFICER SAFETY CHECKLIST

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1. Stop, look, and listen; gather information before you act.
2. Do not rush when the situation doesn't really require speed.
3. Get plenty of assistance.
4. Stay alert for the danger signs.
5. Wear your body armor.
6. Maintain a reactionary gap; don't get too close too soon.
7. Watch your approach and positioning.
8. Always watch their hands.
9. Don't make dangerous assumptions.
10. Use cover properly.
11. Use backup wisely; follow good contact and cover tactics.
12. Follow careful weapons retention practices.
13. Never stop looking for the next threat.
14. Expect the unexpected.
15. Make some contingency plans for surprises.
16. Never use "cowboy" tactics.
17. Never daydream on the job; stay alert.
18. Maintain proficiency with all your equipment through regular practice.
19. Realize that all equipment has limitations, and so do you.
20. In a crisis situation, make a decision, even if it's imperfect.
21. Stay in good physical/emotional condition.
22. Handcuff properly.
23. Search correctly.
24. Be aware of who and what is present in your immediate environment.
25. Practice tactical withdrawal, as required.
26. Count on your good common sense.
27. Maintain a winning mindset.
28. Avoid carelessness and complacency at all costs.
29. Never stop learning your job.
30. Remember to survive mentally, too.

# EMERGENCY POINTS OF CONTACT (POCS)

## NATIONAL POCS

ATF Bomb/Explosive Issues .....	888-ATF-BOMB
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.....	800-232-4636
National Response Center-Chem/Bio Hotline .....	800-424-8802
Civil Air Patrol, National Operations Center.....	888-211-1812
Department of Homeland Security.....	202-282-8000
NHTSA Vehicle Safety Hotline.....	888-327-4236
FEMA: Regional Contact Information .....	800-480-2520
FEMA: Apply for Assistance .....	800-621-3362
FEMA: Report Fraud .....	800-323-8603
U.S. Marshals Fugitive Hotline .....	800-336-0102
American Association of Poison Control Centers .....	800-222-1222
State Department Travel Advisories.....	202-647-5225
National Child Abuse Hotline.....	800-4-A-CHILD
National Domestic Violence Hotline.....	800-799-7233
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children .....	800-843-5678

## LOCAL POCS *(Fill in with alcohol pen)*

FBI Field Office.....	_____
Immigration and Customs Enforcement .....	_____
Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.....	_____
Drug Enforcement Administration.....	_____
Secret Service.....	_____



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