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## LESSON 4 Safety Awareness

### Safe or Unsafe

As we grow older and gain more freedom, we need to learn new ways of protecting our personal safety, like being in tune with our surroundings. This is called **situational awareness**. We practice situational awareness when we use our senses to notice where we are, what we are doing, and what is going on around us.

Read *Mariah's Walk Home*. Underline any behaviors that could put Mariah in an unsafe situation. Then, rewrite the scenario so that Mariah's actions are safe.



#### Mariah's Walk Home

**1** Mariah is walking home from school. **2** She is slouching and walks with her head down. **3** She has earbuds in both ears. **4** She is listening to music at a loud volume. **5** She stops to search for something in her backpack. **6** Several people pass by, but Mariah does not look up. **7** Occasionally, Mariah stops to check her phone and send a text. **8** When she reaches an intersection, she does not look up to cross the street.

#### Mariah's Safe Walk Home

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