



SAFETY MATTERS

The safety tips listed here have been provided to help you plan for your personal safety at school, at work and at home. **Remember: You are responsible for your own actions.** Your choices and behaviors are your own. All the safety measures and stats in the world won't help you if you're not making smart personal safety choices. **Remember Covid-19 is also one of your first concerns to stay safe and protected. Mask-up keep your distances, and always wash your hands.**

1. Do a Drive-By

Whether you'll be traveling mainly by foot, bicycle, car, or public transit, take some time to get to know your way around. Learn how to get from home to classroom and other parts of campus or neighborhood. Survey it block by block, and familiarize yourself with the immediate surrounding neighborhood, too.

2. It's Good to Share

Make sure to let your parents and/or close friends know what your daily schedule is. Give them a copy of your class schedule and activities along with a list of important phone numbers like your roommate, counselor and any other important contact numbers in case of an emergency.

3. Get Their Digits

Be sure to program the number of your campus police into your cell phone, as well as the city police station. Don't forget to add help resources and counselor numbers.

4. Run with a Pack

Safety in numbers: Don't travel alone, especially at night and in more desolate parts of campus. Avoid isolated shortcuts no matter how tired you are after a long day of studying. And make sure to use the campus shuttle service if provided.

5. Eastside Walk It Out, Westside Walk It Out

No matter where you are, on or off campus, you must always be aware of your surroundings. The more you are familiar with the area the less you become a target for criminals. Be aware of the areas, incidents, people or places that seem unusual or suspicious.

6. New Kids on the Block

Remember: If you are in a new town, it may show. The town is filled with people who are strangers to you, but at the same time, you are very familiar to them.

7. Dark Corners of Campus

It is emphasized that crime against college students is not just perpetrated by other students and does not happen just on campus. You must remember that no school is a closed school. There are many nonstudents who cruise on and off campus every day and night.