

Campus Safety Tips

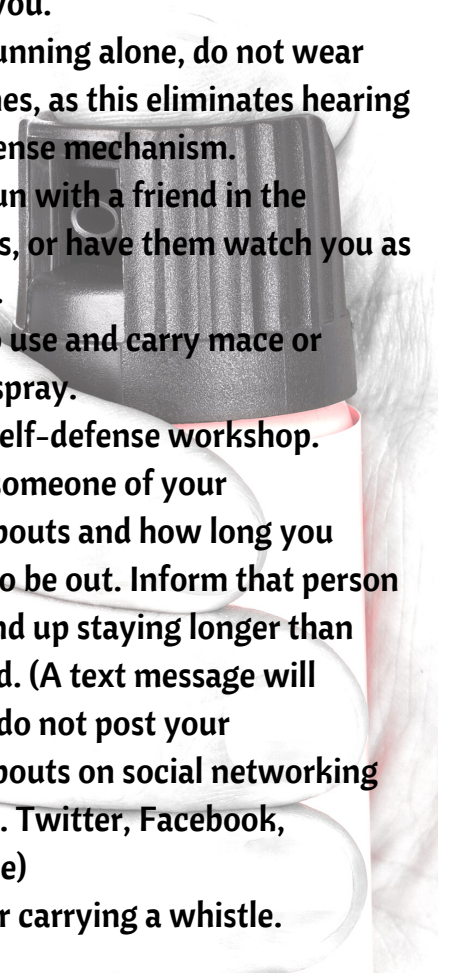


In the Residence Halls

- Always lock your door behind you whenever you leave your room – even if you just go to the restroom.
- Close and lock your windows whenever you leave your room. Burglars have been known to break into rooms by walking out onto the ledge.
- Do not tape or put any objects in your door jam. You may forget that you've done so and leave your room vulnerable to theft.
- Keep your backpack in your room when eating in the dining halls. The cubby holes for backpacks are not monitored.
- If you have expensive equipment (computers, stereos, etc.), engrave them with your Driver's License number.
- Have your computer software properly licensed. Enter the appropriate names of the owner into the computer when installing. Send your registration card into the software company so that there is a record of your purchase.
- Purchase a plastic keychain coil that fits around your wrist. You'll be able to take a shower and keep your keys in your possession.
- Check your peephole before you open your door. If you can't see anyone, don't open the door.
- Report any building safety problems to the R.A. or the front desk.

Helpful Tips

- Know your limit for alcohol. You are more vulnerable when you don't have full use of your senses.
- Always report any suspicious activity to the Police. Use 911 for emergencies
- Be aware of your surroundings when using ATMs (Automated Teller Machines). Keep track of who is behind you.
- When running alone, do not wear earphones, as this eliminates hearing as a defense mechanism.
- Try to run with a friend in the evenings, or have them watch you as you run.
- Learn to use and carry mace or pepper spray.
- Take a self-defense workshop.
- Advise someone of your whereabouts and how long you expect to be out. Inform that person if you end up staying longer than expected. (A text message will suffice, do not post your whereabouts on social networking sites (i.e. Twitter, Facebook, MySpace))
- Consider carrying a whistle.



In the Parking Structures & Parking Lots

- Carry your keys in your hands--You will be able to get into your car faster and keys may be used as a weapon if necessary.
- Avoid blind corners. Take wide turns so that you have room to react to what's ahead.
- Walk in the center of the aisles when safe to do so. You'll have more reaction time if someone leaps out from behind a car.
- Walk with confidence. Criminals can often sense when you feel vulnerable, and this may entice them.
- Check your backseat before getting into your car.
- Park in well-lit, well-traveled areas of the parking structure or lot.
- Use a "club" and/or car alarm. They make theft more difficult for the criminal, and less enticing.



- Do not keep valuables in your car. If you must, keep them in the trunk where they are out of sight. If you have an internal trunk lock, use it.
- Take your pullout/removable face stereo with you. Do not put it under the seats, in the glove compartment, or in the trunk, as this is always the first place criminals check.

