

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Personal Security

- Never travel in isolated areas. Avoid bushes or shrubbery where an attacker may hide.
- Avoid walking or jogging alone. If jogging at night, use fluorescent vests or marking.
- Walk with friends
- If its possible, avoid walking at night
- Be aware of your surroundings
- If followed, move to lighted and populated areas.
- If followed by a car, quickly turn and proceed in the opposite direction.
- Use alcohol responsibly, never accept drinks or open containers from strangers.
- At night clubs, bars, and party's do not let your drink out of your site.
- Tell a friend your location when out on dates and the time you should return.
- Park in a well lighted area.
- Check your car before getting in.
- Note locations of Blue Light Emergency Phones.

Residential Security

- Never allow strangers to follow you into a building. If you seen someone that looks out of place, notify Campus Police immediately.
- Never prop open card reader doors or leave room doors open.
- Always secure windows and doors prior to leaving.
- Lock your dorm room when studying or leaving for meals or showers.

Bicycle Security

- Invest in a good lock, such as the U-shaped locking mechanism with attached cuff.
- Always secure the bicycle lock through the wheel and frame prior to attaching to the bicycle rack.
- When cycling, obey all local traffic laws and utilize a helmet when possible.

Vehicular Security

- When riding in vehicles, always wear safety belts.
- Always lock the door after entering or leaving your vehicle.
- Park in lighted areas and have your keys in hand as you approach the vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view. Secure them in your trunk or glove box.
- Check the front and rear seats to ensure the car is empty prior to entering.
- If you believe you are being followed, do not drive home. Remain on populated public streets and proceed to the nearest police station.
- Consider the installation of electronic alarm systems, a steering wheel lock, and locking gas cap to deter theft.
- If your car breaks down, open the hood and remain locked inside. If someone stops to help, remain locked inside and ask them to notify the police or service station.
- Use an anti-theft device such as a steering wheel lock.
- Do not store an *extra key* under the car/fender/etc.
- Park where your car can be seen from the street.
- At night, park in a well traveled and well lighted area.

Campus Security

Maintaining campus security is a team effort between the University community and the Department of Public Safety working together to prevent crime. Individuals use their **EYES, EARS, and TELEPHONES** to keep Campus Police advised of suspicious and criminal activity.

If you see:

- Suspicious Persons in dark and secluded areas.
- Unsecured doors or windows in residence halls or academic buildings.
- Strangers peering into windows, or attempting to gain entry.
- Persons publicly displaying weapons.
- Suspicious persons carrying appliances, luggage, packages, or other articles out of residence halls or academic buildings.
- Unknown persons in or about your residence hall, building, or office.

CONTACT THE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY!

If you hear:

- A person screaming.
- The sound of breaking glass.
- Someone trying to gain entrance to your room, apartment, or home.
- A call for help, assistance, or the police.
- The sound of an emergency whistle.

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If you see, hear, or witness anything, you can provide the information to the police department in four ways:

- On any elevator telephone
- Emergency blue light phones
- Call our dispatch center (410) 951-3900
- Call (410) 951-7070 and report information anonymously.

Operation I.D.

Operation I.D. seeks to minimize losses of personal property by engraving them with a personal identification number in order that they may be quickly identified if stolen. A description of your valuables, including the serial numbers, model numbers, and personal identification number should be kept in a safe place and used later as a cross referenced with local police departments in the recovery of stolen property.

Participants in Operation I.D. will sign out an engraver and return it along with the list of property that should be filed.