

# SAFETY TIPS FOR STUDENTS

## 1. Be alert at all times.

The single most important thing you can do to ensure your personal safety is to tune in to your environment. Young people often walk around in a bubble of obliviousness, and that kind of behavior sets you up as a walking target for predators who would do you harm. Make it a point to be mindful of where you are, what's going on around you, and who is in your vicinity.

## 2. Lock your doors and windows of your home and vehicle.

Lock the doors every time you leave, even if you're leaving for just a few minutes. If you live with other students, remember to lock your living quarters.

## 3. Introduce yourself to your neighbors.

Take the time to introduce yourself to your neighbors. Knowing your neighbor increases the chance that crime will be noticed if it does occur.

## 4. Record serial numbers.

If your property has a serial number, record this number in case you need it. Attached is a serial number log sheet. Use this to record serial numbers and keep it in your records in the event you are a victim.

## 5. Use the buddy system.

When with a friend at a party, agree to watch out for each other and to leave the event together or in a group.

## 6. Photocopy the contents of your wallet or purse.

Take the time to photocopy the front and back of all of your credit cards, insurance cards, and other important information. Keep these photocopies in a safe and secure place in the event you lose your wallet or purse. You will have the needed phone numbers to call and cancel credit cards and notify your bank immediately, if needed.

## 7. If leaving for an extended period of time:

- \*Ask a trusted neighbor or friend to keep an eye on your home.
- \*Ask a neighbor or friend to pick up your mail. You can also ask the post office to stop delivery.
- \*Stop newspaper deliveries.

## 8. Reduce your risks

- \*The use of alcohol and drugs is often related to incidents of acquaintance rape. When intoxicated or high, people may find themselves acting out of character.
- \*Use alcohol responsibly.
- \*If you are in a situation where people are abusing alcohol and drugs, you may be in danger and should exercise caution.



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**"Crime Prevention is Everyone's Business!"**



