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# CAMPUS SECURITY

## Reduce Your Chances of Being a Victim

**S**afety is a partnership between citizens and their government, particularly those agencies charged with enforcing the law. While the University's Department of Public Safety can contribute significantly to the overall climate of safety in our campus community, it cannot guarantee that you will not become a victim of a crime.

Crime can strike anywhere in the community without warning and with no apparent logic. While awareness is important, it also is important not to let otherwise valid concern for individual and community safety turn into anxious and hasty responses that fail to address effectively the real problems that underlie crime.

There are too many factors that

contribute to crime for us to deal with here, but we can give you some tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.

This publication not only gives

you many tips but also provides a quick reference to many services and shows you the lighting corridors on campus and the location of emergency call boxes and courtesy telephones. The inside pages are designed as a poster for your office or residence.

Following these safety tips can reduce significantly the chances of you

becoming a victim of a crime.

Nothing and no one can give you a guarantee that it will not happen to you.

If you observe

provides full law enforcement services to the University community. It provides preventive police patrols, including the Student Police Patrol, building security, criminal and accident investigations, emergency communications, and crime prevention information and education programs.

The Department of Public Safety relies on you, the citizens of the campus community, to assist in the job of keeping the community safe by developing safe habits and practices and by providing the information and feedback the department needs to be more effective in the community. The department is here for you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Most of you never will need the University Police, but if you do, call us.

**You are the key:**



**Make UNC crime free!**

any activity that you think may be criminal, or if you believe you have been or might be the victim of a criminal act, call the University Police. Do not wait or be embarrassed to call the police. You contribute to your own safety and that of the entire community by notifying police of crimes or the possibility of a crime taking place.

The Department of Public Safety

## Crime Prevention and Security Tips

### IN YOUR HOME

- Make it difficult, time consuming, visible and noisy for an intruder to break into your home. You not only may deter intruders but you also will give yourself better warning and more time to react appropriately.
- Contact your local law enforcement agency and ask their crime prevention officer to perform a security survey at your residence.
- When returning home, if you have any reason to believe that an unauthorized entry has been made, go to a safe place immediately, such as a neighbor's house, and get help before you return.
- If you find yourself trapped in your house, apartment or any other building, you may want to make noise to draw attention to your plight. You may want to yell for help. Try yelling "Fire!" as this often gets a better response. Don't hesitate to throw something through a window or cause noise in any other way.

### PREVENTION WHILE DRIVING

- Keep your car doors locked and windows rolled up at all times, especially while you are in it. But be aware that windows can be broken out easily by any determined attacker.
- Don't hitchhike or give rides to hitchhikers.
- Do not stop to help other motorists, but rather call help for them at your earliest convenient safe spot.
- If you are being followed or harassed, drive to the nearest safe place where there are people.
- Know where you are going, the safest routes to take and what time you should arrive. Have someone monitor your arrival.
- Park in well-lit, well-traveled areas. Remember where you parked so you won't have to hunt for your car. Ask for an escort to your car if you feel at risk.
- Have your keys ready so that you can enter your car as quickly as possible and relock the door immediately.
- Before entering your car, visually check inside, under and around it to ensure that no one is hidden.
- If you find anything wrong with your car, go back to the safety of the building and get help. Be cautious of anyone who might be standing by or offering assistance with your car. He may have sabotaged it in the first place.

**DON'T BE IN THE DARK**



**WHEN IT COMES TO SAFETY!**

- Keep your car in good running condition with at least a quarter tank of gas at all times. Locking gas caps and inside hood releases will help deter sabotage attempts.
- Keep some money hidden in your car in case you ever need it to take a cab, or for some other unexpected problem.
- Learn how to change a flat tire so you won't have to sit stranded. If you have a flat tire in an unsafe place, you can usually continue driving at a reduced speed until you get to a safe place to stop.

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