



CRIME PREVENTION

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ALWAYS

- Be aware of your surroundings and walk confidently.
- Close blinds/shades after dark to prevent outsiders from viewing inside.
- Dress practically for safety (e.g., wear shoes for mobility).
- Exercise with a companion if outdoors at night.
- Have a wide-angle door viewer (190 degrees) installed on exterior doors.
- Keep car doors locked and windows closed, and check the rear floorboard of your vehicle before entering.
- Keep doors and windows locked, even when inside.
- Keep gas tanks at least half full to avoid emergencies.
- Leave space between cars in traffic to allow escape if needed.
- List only the first initial of your first name on mailboxes/directories.
- Lock bathroom doors when using shared facilities.
- Look to see who's outside before opening your door.

NEVER

- Loan out room keys or compromise security for others.
 - Open doors to unexpected visitors without verification.
 - Pick up hitchhikers or stop for stranded motorists (call authorities instead).
 - Prop open exterior doors, even temporarily.
 - Share personal information with unsolicited callers/visitors.
 - Walk alone at night without a companion or escort.
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- Maintain vehicle functionality with regular checks and repairs.
- Park in well-lit, busy areas for visibility.
- Save campus security as a contact in your phone at 615.327.6254.
- Request photo ID from service personnel before granting entry.
- Secure exterior doors with high-quality locks.
- Share travel plans (route, ETA) with a trusted person.
- Stay in groups when walking, especially at night.
- Store car valuables in the trunk or out of sight.
- Take a self-defense class to build confidence and skills.
- Travel with campus escort services when alone after dark.
- Trust your instincts—leave immediately if a situation feels unsafe.
- Use well-lit, populated paths and avoid shortcuts through isolated areas.
- Verify suspicious activity immediately: Retreat to safety and contact campus security.

NEVER

- Advertise your absence on voicemail/answering machines.
 - Allow strangers inside to use your phone (offer to make the call instead).
 - Hide spare keys outside your residence (they can be discovered).
 - Leave valuables visible in your car (e.g., electronics, radar detectors).
 - Loan out room keys or compromise security for others.
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