

College Safety Tips

Trust your instincts

If something feels wrong, it probably is. Trust your instincts and leave – make up an excuse, ask a friend to walk you home. Worry more about your own safety than someone else's feelings. Make use of your campus escort service, if needed.

Be a good friend

Watch out for each other. Stick together in groups, especially when traveling from one place to the next. If a friend is acting in a way that seems out of character, pay attention. If s/he need assistance (sick, intoxicated or injured), get them to a safe place and support them. Call your RA, campus police or 911, if you need help helping your friend.

Make sure someone always knows where you are

Hopefully your roommate or close friend will know your normal schedule, but if you deviate from it – for a study session, a date or a party – make sure you tell someone where you will be and when you plan to be home.

Lock-Up

Just like at home, keep your doors (dorm room and car doors) and bike locked. Be a good neighbor - don't let someone you don't know into your residence hall.

Watch your valuables

Don't leave your valuable stuff unattended. That means your computer in the library or study room, your laundry in the laundry room, expensive stuff in your car, etc...Also – think about getting insurance for stuff, just in case something happens.

If you see something, say something

Intervene if a something seems questionable, or if someone's safety is at risk. If you can't intervene directly, you can always call your RA, campus police or 911.

Party smart

When you go to a party, always go with a friend you trust – look out for each other and be willing to leave with your friend if either of you need to leave early.. Stick to drinks you got or prepared yourself. If you leave your drink unattended, get a new one.

Hang-on to your ID card

Your ID card is linked to lots of stuff – your meal plan, access to campus buildings, student discounts, etc... It also has valuable information about you. If you lose it, report it so it can be deactivated and get a new one.

