

Personal Safety



Opportunity

Most Crimes Are Committed Because
the Criminal Has Been Given an
Opportunity

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Personal Safety Is Not Guaranteed,
but With Good Safety Habits You
Can Reduce Your Risk of Being
Victimized!

Street Sense 101- the Basic Mindset

- Don' t walk alone, safety in numbers
- Stay on populated and or well lit streets
- If you exercise at night, do so with a friend

- Use the campus escort service
- Have a cell phone
- Dress for safety
- Walk confidently, be aware of surroundings

Street Sense 201- Practical Advice

- Carry some type of noise maker
- Take a self defense class (I.M.P.A.C.T.)
- Follow your intuition... trust your feelings!
- If you see something/someone suspicious get away and call **911**

In Campus Buildings and Offices

- Keep doors locked at all times whether you are home, gone for a few minutes, or the whole weekend
- Don't let unauthorized people in the building
- Don't prop doors open, this jeopardizes everyone's safety



- Report suspicious people or activities (including solicitors) to **911** immediately
- Know all the fire escape routes
- Report malfunctioning locks to Security and Physical Plant immediately



Homes and Apartments

- Keep doors and windows locked
- Close blinds and shades after dark
- Use window or peephole to see who is at the door
- Ask for ID of people who come to your door before opening the door

Home & Apartments- Continued

- Develop a routine of who locks up
- Have an emergency escape plan
- If you see signs of forced entry... leave immediately and call **911**



In Your Vehicle

- Always be aware of your surroundings, check your review mirrors often
- Keep doors locked and windows closed
- Control your keys
- Consider an alarm system
- Store valuables out of sight
- Park in well-lit busy areas



In Your Vehicle- Continued

- Carry a cell phone
- Service your vehicle regularly
- Never let fuel level get below 1/4 tank
- When traveling let someone know where you are going, ETA, and what route you are using

Breakdowns

- Stay in your car if in an isolated area
- Keep windows rolled up/doors locked
- If someone stops to help, ask them to call AAA, service station, etc...but don't get out
- If you get out to change a tire be cautious of someone stopping to help you

Vehicle Bump Ups

- Do not stop
- Do not get out
- Go to the nearest, well lit, populated area
- Try to get a plate number and description of the vehicle that hit you

Do Not Accept Rides or Pick Up
Strangers!



Party Safety

- Never leave your drink unattended
- Never accept a drink from anyone but your server at a bar
- Attend parties with friends and look out for each other





- If you think your drink has been tampered with... leave it and immediately go to the hospital
- Control the amount you drink
- Don't drink and drive, always have a Designated Driver

Dating Safety

- Don't give out your phone number... get the other person's phone number instead
- Meet somewhere for the first few dates so you have some degree of control
- Consider double dating with a friend who you trust
- Let your roommate or a friend know what your dating plans are when you go out



If You Are Robbed!!!

Give Them What They Want...

Nothing Is Worth Your Life!!!

*Get a good description and notify the
police immediately.*

Assaults

- If they're after property, let them have it
- If able to avoid or get away always go toward people or a well lit area
- Know your physical abilities and limitations
- If they say they have a weapon, **Believe it!!!**
- Try to remember a description of the person, including identifying marks like tattoos, scars , facial hair , etc.

If Sexually Assaulted

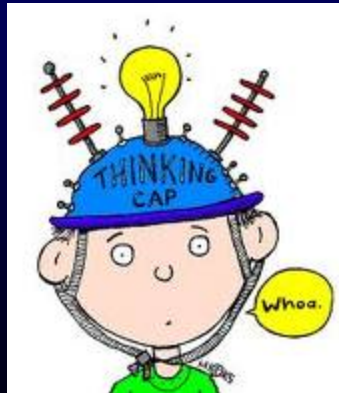
- Tell someone
- Get medical attention
- Consider counseling... Whether or not you think you need it
- Report the incident to police, **Call 911**
- Do not feel guilty, you did nothing wrong

If a Friend Is Sexually Assaulted

- Listen...do not judge!
- Give comfort
- Encourage them to get help
- Do not let your emotions get in the way of helping a friend

Now It's Up To You...

- Think about your safety
- Plan ahead
- Be sensitive to the safety of others
- Do not give a criminal an opportunity



Important Phone Numbers

- Campus Security
- (24hrs. non-emergency)...(708) 524-5999
- Security Office
- (M-F 8am-4pm).....(708) 524-6300
- email..... dusecurity@dom.edu
- Police/Fire/Ambulance
- (Emergency).....911
- Police/Fire/Ambulance
- (non-Emergency).....(708) 366-7125

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