



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERSONAL SAFETY

Regardless of your age the best weapons against crime are alertness and common sense.

The **THREE MAJOR THINGS** to pay attention to according to the National Crime Prevention website are:

- 🔒 **STAYING ALERT AND TUNED INTO YOUR SURROUNDINGS, WHEREVER YOU ARE.**
- 🔒 **STAND TALL AND WALK CONFIDENTLY**
- 🔒 **TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS. IF YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE IN A PLACE OR SITUATION, LEAVE QUICKLY.**



FOR WALKERS....

- 🔒 Choose busy streets and avoid passing vacant lots, alleys, poorly lit areas, or deserted construction sites.
- 🔒 Don't walk or jog alone (especially at night!), trying taking a neighbor or friend along. Take SafeRides (684-7233) when applicable
- 🔒 Get to know your neighbors and the neighborhoods where you live and work.
- 🔒 Find out what stores and restaurants are open late and where the police and fire stations are located. Duke campus location is 502 Oregon St. on Central Campus, online at <http://www.duke.edu/web/police/> or by phone at 684-2444.
- 🔒 Save the Duke Police number on your mobile phone as autodial
- 🔒 Carry your purse or bag close to your body, and keep a firm grip on it. Carry a wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket. If someone stops you with a weapon, don't resist! It is better to give up your valuables than your life.
- 🔒 In case of emergency cry "fire" instead of "help" according to Duke University Crime Prevention Team because people tend to run to the call of fire better than the call for help.

FOR DRIVERS...

- 🔒 Always lock your car while driving and when you leave your car parked (even if only for a minute!).
- 🔒 When you drive, be on the lookout for any problems that affect the neighborhood's well-being – abandoned cars, missing signs, malfunctioning traffic lights, reckless drivers, or poor street lighting. Follow up and report any problems to the appropriate authorities.
- 🔒 Keep your car in good running condition to avoid breakdowns.
- 🔒 If your car does break down, raise the hood or tie a white cloth to the street-side door handle.
- 🔒 Stay in the locked car. If someone stops to help, ask him or her to phone for assistance.
- 🔒 Always park in consistently well-lighted areas.
- 🔒 Always carry an emergency kit in your car. It should contain a flashlight, flares, first aid products, and a 72-hour supply of food and water.
- 🔒 Never hitchhike. Never pick up hitchhikers. ***Never***

SAFEGUARDING YOUR HOME...

- 🔒 Make sure all your exterior doors and all windows have good locks – at least dead-bolt locks with a minimum one-inch throw. Secure windows and doors at night.
- 🔒 If you secure your doors and windows and meet them unsecured at night, do not enter but call your apartment security or 911 first.
- 🔒 Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available bars or locks, or put a wooden dowel or broom handle in the door track.
- 🔒 If someone knocks on your door, verify their identity before you let them in. If you do not know the person do not open your door. This is not rude.
- 🔒 Trim any bushes or trees that hide doors or windows. Maintain your yard and keep ladders and tools inside when you're not using them. If renting, tell management.
- 🔒 Don't hide your keys under the doormat or in a flowerpot. That's the first place burglars look! It is much better to give an extra key to a trusted neighbor.
- 🔒 Get to know your neighbors and the neighborhoods where you live and work.