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Already this semester, two robberies have been reported, one on our campus and one in the City of College Park where many students also live. Last Sunday at about 1:00am, two non-students walking in the area of the University Health Center and St. Mary's Hall encountered a man and a woman. The male suspect struck one of the non-students and took property from him before he and the woman ran away. There were no serious injuries.

Last Friday at about 1:00am, along College Avenue about three blocks from Route One and the South Gate entrance to campus, three students were approached by four men, who then started an altercation. Property was stolen from one of the students. There were no serious injuries. Two suspects were apprehended by a University of Maryland Police officer who was patrolling in that area of the City of College Park. Both suspects were turned over to Prince George's County Police.

Police investigations are continuing. Anyone with information about these incidents or the possible identities of the perpetrators of these incidents is encouraged to contact University of Maryland Police at 301-405-3555.

Crimes can be prevented. The following information is meant to remind you of the practical steps you should take to help ensure the safety of yourself and your neighbors.

BE SAFE

Never hesitate to call University Police at 911.

If you ever see a situation on or off-campus involving fighting between partners or groups, threatening actions or statements, screams, suspicious persons or behavior, weapons, etc., do not hesitate -- call Police immediately. Then, call your Service Desk or RA.

From a campus phone, call Police at 911 or x5-3555.

Program your cellular phone.

From a cellular phone, University of Maryland Police can be reached at 301-405-3555. Take time now to pre-program this number into your cellular phone. If you call 911 from a cellular phone, you will reach Prince George's County Police and you should ask to be transferred to University of Maryland Police.

After dark, never walk alone.

Alternatives to walking alone are identified on the reverse. Please post this information in your residence, and encourage your friends and neighbors to take these precautions.

Do not put yourself at risk or in potentially dangerous situations.

Plan ahead, so that you run your errands

and end your outings at an early hour, when more people are out and about. Plan and use the safest route, not necessarily the shortest one. Make sure roommates or friends know your plans, including how and when you'll get back home.

Know what to do if approached.

It is not necessary, and may not be advisable, to confront someone who has a weapon or is angry enough to inflict harm on another person. If you should come upon a situation like this, as naturally as possible, move away to your room, a friend's room, a group of people, a well-lighted area, etc. Then, call Police at 911 or x5-3555 or 301-405-3555.

Do not be afraid to report what you see or hear.

Immediately report suspicious persons or activity to Police. Don't make judgments about what may or may not be a serious situation and don't assume that someone else has called the Police. Calls to Police are taken by a dispatcher whose first job is to have uniformed Police respond to the scene to assess the situation. The dispatcher will ask your name and address, and investigating officers may request to talk with you later. Information can be given anonymously by calling 301-405-3555.

If you are victimized

contact Police immediately by calling 301-405-3333 from a cell phone or pay phone or 911 from a campus phone. Tell the dispatcher where you are located and what happened to you. Stay on the phone until you are told it is okay to hang up. Stay in your same location, if it is safe to do so, until Police arrive. Provide additional information to Police as you learn it or recall it.

Do not let others into your building

or onto residential floors, stairwells, elevators, etc. unless you know them as residents of your building. Anyone you can't identify as a resident of your building should be asked to use an outside telephone to call the resident he/she is coming to visit. Close and latch any door you may find propped. Immediately confront and/or report anyone you see letting strangers into your building or propping a door. Keep your room doors and windows closed and locked.



SECURITY ADVICE

for every resident

Police & Security Patrols

Every night of the semester, the residential communities of the campus and their surrounding areas are being monitored by:

- University Police officers in marked and unmarked police cars (24 hours daily), motorcycles, bicycles and on foot patrols
- Surveillance cameras at more than 210 selected locations (outdoors, inside parking garages and libraries) across the campus (24 hours daily)

Escorts/N.I.T.E. Ride

Escorts by uniformed Police officers or Student Police Aides are available 24 hours any day by calling 301-405-3555.

For curb-to-curb service by N.I.T.E. Ride vans 5:30pm to 7:30am any day, just call 4-NITE (6483). Please use N.I.T.E. Ride when evening transit routes are not in service or if your pick-up location or destination is not on an evening transit route.

These services can be requested from any blue-light emergency phone; the Police dispatcher who answers your call will summon a Police escort for you or transfer you to N.I.T.E. Ride.

Evening Transit Routes

Shuttle-UM fixed evening transit routes operate seven nights a week from 5:30pm to 7:30am, with buses stopping outside most resi-

dence halls, apartments, and along Fraternity Row every 15 to 35 minutes. This is your convenient and safe way to visit friends in other parts of campus and go to libraries, student union, College Park shopping district, College Park Metro station, etc.

Visit www.transportation.umd.edu/routes/evening.html to see schedules for Shuttle-UM transit service evening routes (Blue, Gold, Orange, Purple and College Park Metro).

Terp Taxi, an alternative to evening transit options, is available 5:30pm to 3:00am Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays both on campus and within a 1/4-mile radius of campus. Rides are \$5 per person, per ride. Call 301-314-TAXI to request a ride.

After Dark, Never Walk Alone

Walk with friends or in a group or ride Shuttle-UM. Walk in well-lighted paths. Know the location of the nearest emergency phones.

Going to your car after dark:

- Walk with a friend, then drop him/her at your residence hall as you drive off

Coming back to campus alone after dark:

- Call ahead to a friend who'll meet you at his/her front door, then walk with you from the parking lot, or request an escort from Police (301-405-3555)

SAFE CHOICES

- Get your exercise or run your errands in the daytime or early evening, not late
- Walk or jog/run in groups
- Carry a cellular phone
- Stay alert to what's happening around you; report suspicious behavior/activity
- Plan your route; stay on populated, well-lit walks
- Know locations of blue-light emergency phones and video-monitored areas

WHEN YOU GO OUT AFTER DARK... MAKE SAFE CHOICES

UNSAFE CHOICES

- Walking or jogging/running alone, especially into dark or isolated areas
- Taking a shortcut through dark areas or areas where someone could be hiding
- Wearing headphones (distracts you from your surroundings)
- Not reporting suspicious persons or activity to Police
- Use of alcohol, other drugs, medications, etc., that affect your judgement

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