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CAMPUS WATCH ALERT

With the start of a new semester and the accompanying increase in people and activities on campus, there is the possibility for members of the UA community to potentially be targeted for criminal acts. The University of Arizona Police Department encourages you to utilize good safety practices. Listed below are safety tips that you should keep in mind, and remember to report any suspicious persons or activity you may see.

PERSONAL SAFETY

1. Remain alert and aware of your surroundings and the people in your vicinity at all times.
2. Talking on cell phones or using other electronic devices when walking, biking, or driving, is a distraction and interferes with your ability to drive safely. Save important phone calls for a later time.
3. When going out, tell someone where you are going, with whom, and when you will return. Call if you are going to return late.
4. At night travel in well-lighted areas. Avoid "shortcuts" through dark or deserted areas. Use the buddy system and travel with a group.
5. Utilize ASUA Safe Ride for a free way to travel between UA buildings and lots at night. Call: 520-621-SAFE.
6. Utilize Safe Walk, this is a free service offered by the Women's Resource Center. To contact Safe Walk and have two walkers respond to your area to escort you to your destination call: 520-471-5262
7. Parking and Transportation Services Night Cat travels a full circuit around the University of Arizona campus every 30 minutes. The service is free and operates M-F from 6:00pm – 12:30am.
8. If you feel threatened or suspect you are being followed, walk toward well-lighted areas where there are people. Call **9-1-1** immediately!
9. Emergency blue light phones give you direct access to UAPD with the push of a button. Know where they are located at.
10. Do not carry more cash than you need. Avoid "flashing" your cash in public. Carry personal items close to your body and maintain a tight grip on them.

THEFT PREVENTION

1. Never leave personal property unattended.
2. Lock your doors and windows.
3. Record serial numbers.
4. Report suspicious activity by calling **9-1-1**

VEHICLE SAFETY

1. Even if you will only be away for minutes, do not leave your vehicle unlocked and unattended at any time. It only takes seconds for a crime to occur.
2. Do not sit in your vehicle for extended periods of time performing tasks such as talking on the phone or balancing your checkbook. Get into your vehicle, lock the doors and leave the area immediately.
3. Park in a populated, well-lighted area. Do not park in isolated, dark places. Not only will this deter criminals who might be interested in breaking into or stealing your vehicle, it is also a sound personal safety tactic.
4. Do not leave valuable items inside your vehicle. If you must leave these items in your vehicle, do not leave them in plain view. Secure them out of sight under the seats or in the trunk.
5. If your vehicle is registered in the state of Arizona, consider registering it in the Arizona Watch Your Car Program. To obtain more information about this program visit their website at: www.azwatchyourcar.com
6. Obtain a steering wheel lock and use it habitually to make your vehicle a less attractive target to thieves. Steering wheel locks can be obtained at UAPD, located at 1852 E. First St. or Parking and Transportation Services, located at 1117 E. 6th Street. Locks cost \$11.00.
7. Consider making an appointment with the UAPD Crime Prevention Unit to have your vehicle identification number etched at no cost. For more information on VIN etching, contact the UAPD Crime Prevention Unit at 520-621-4219.