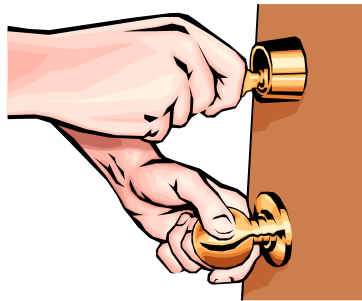


1. The first and most important thing to realize is: just because Madison may have a smaller population and lower crime rate than your city, this does NOT mean that crimes do not happen here. In general, any safety and security measures that you take in the city apply here as well.



2. Do not assume that people will not steal from you here.

Always lock your doors, even if you're just stepping down the hall for a few minutes. It's much better to spend a couple extra seconds locking and unlocking than to lose your cherished stuff. Theft is most often a crime of opportunity; you create that opportunity by

leaving your door unlocked, even if only briefly. The vast majority of on-campus thefts occur when a room is left unlocked.



3. Do not walk alone at night. Plan to travel to and from events—whether at Picnic Point, Langdon Street, or the Memorial Union Terrace—with your friends.

The buddy system isn't just for keeping tabs on potentially wandering kindergarteners.

Note: it is not necessary that you hold hands, though you certainly may if you wish.



4. Similarly, do not walk in poorly lit, rarely-traveled areas. There are some wonderful, off-the-beaten-path nature areas on and near campus—explore them during the



day, and with friends. Stick to the paths on the Lightway at night (<http://www.uwgd.wisc.edu/crimeprv/lightway.htm>).

5. If you are going to use the Facebook, be smart about what you post about yourself.

Do not post your address or telephone number. Eighty percent of campus crime occurs between students

(<http://www.securityoncampus.org/students/tips.html>). Do you really want anonymous potential criminals to know where you live?

6. Be aware of the connection between alcohol use and crime: alcohol or other drugs

are involved in 90% of student felonies (<http://www.securityoncampus.org/students/tips.html>).



Also, make plans with your friends to watch out for one another at parties—and don't be afraid to tell your friends that they are behaving in unsafe ways.

7. Report any crimes and violations of which you are aware—we can't work towards a safer campus if we don't know what's going on. Please report any on-campus violations to the UW Police Department (262-2957) and/or the Student Advocacy and Judicial Affairs unit (SAJA) of the Offices of the Dean of Students (263-5700). Off-campus violations should be reported to the Madison Police Department (255-2345) and/or SAJA.

8. If you feel unsafe traveling at night, use the SAFE nighttime services (SAFEwalk Escort, SAFERide Cab and SAFERide Bus).

608-262-5000

<http://www2.fpm.wisc.edu/trans/Safe/>

**9. Remember: take responsibility for your personal safety.** Crime is NOT the fault of the victim, but there are easy steps you can take to make yourself safer.

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## Other resources

UW crime statistics and other campus safety information:

<http://www.wisc.edu/students/safety/safety.htm>

The UW Police Department's page on crime prevention:

<http://www.uwpd.wisc.edu/crimeprv/cphome.htm>

SAFE Nighttime Services:

<http://www2.fpm.wisc.edu/trans/Safe/>

Security on Campus, Inc.:

<http://www.securityoncampus.org/>

Tips:

<http://www.securityoncampus.org/students/tips.html>

### **S**udent **A**dvocacy & **J**udicial **A**ffairs

Offices of the Dean of Students  
75 Bascom Hall  
608-263-5700

[www.wisc.edu/students/odos/saja.htm](http://www.wisc.edu/students/odos/saja.htm)



608-263-6666  
[www.fpm.wisc.edu/trans/](http://www.fpm.wisc.edu/trans/)

### **UW Police Department**

Emergency: Dial 911  
Non-emergency: 608-262-2957  
Campus Crimestoppers: 608-262-TIPS  
[www.uwpd.wisc.edu](http://www.uwpd.wisc.edu)

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