

SAFETY 101

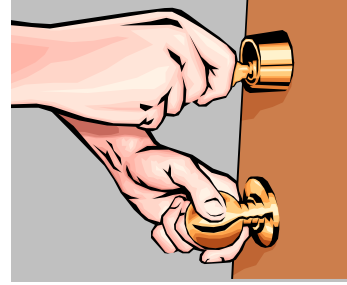
Come from a Small Town?



**Read (and follow!) these tips
for adjusting to life in a city.**

Be Smart, Be Safe

1. The easiest and most effective thing you can and should do is: lock your door. 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.



2. 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.

3. Similarly, do not walk in poorly lit, rarely-traveled areas. Stick to the paths on the Lightway at night. (<http://www2.fpm.wisc.edu/trans/Safe/SafeOther.htm>).



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



5. 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

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(263-5700). Off-campus violations should be reported to the Madison Police Department (255-2345) and/or SAJA.

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. 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/>

8. **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/faculty/safety.htm>

The UW Police Department's page on crime prevention:

<http://www.uwpd.wisc.edu/Crime%20Prevention.html>

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>

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Offices of the Dean of Students
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<http://www.wisc.edu/students/advocacy/advocacy.htm>



608-263-6666
www.fpm.wisc.edu/trans/

UW Police Department

Emergency: Dial 911
Non-emergency: 608-262-2957
Campus Crimestoppers: 608-262-TIPS
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