

****DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES
IN PLAIN SIGHT**!**

- Don't leave your wallet or purse in a fitting room or unattended in a shopping cart. Don't leave your book bag or purse on the floor of a restroom where it can easily be grabbed.
- When possible, don't ask strangers for directions. Stop a policeman or public employee or stop at a hotel or gas station. Avoid standing on the sidewalk fumbling with a street map. Go into a business to look at the map or plan your trip in advance.
- **Do not leave valuables in your car!** If necessary, store these items in your trunk or glove compartment. Items which are visible through your window are prime targets for theft.
- When writing checks, avoid placing your wallet on the counter. Check your possessions before leaving.
- Always store your valuables in a secure area like a locker or lockable desk drawer. Never leave any item of value unattended.

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Please pick up one of our other helpful brochures:

- Bicycle Safety
- Jogging Safety
- Parking Garage Safety
- Safety Checks for Residences, Homes, and Apartments
- TUPD Escort Policy

TUPD also routinely offers RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) classes to assist women in protecting themselves against male attackers. For additional information please visit our website: tulane.edu/police. For personal escorts, call TUPD 24/7/365. For virtual escort service download the free Rave Guardian app from the TUPD web site.



Rave Guardian

Street Sense

**Tulane University
Police Department**



General Service:

(504) 865-5381 (UC)
(504) 988-5531 (DMD)

Emergency:

(504) 865-5911 (UC)
(504) 988-5555 (DMD)

Off-campus Emergency:

911

****ALWAYS BE AWARE OF
YOUR SURROUNDINGS**!**

- Be alert when you go to a bank or ATM machine. Someone could be watching or following you.
- Be aware of cars that pass repeatedly or slow down as they near you.
- When waiting for a ride, stand in a well-lighted area in a conspicuous location.
- Do not take short cuts through parks, tunnels, parking lots or alleys.
- Dress practically. Don't wear clothes that restrict your movements and wear shoes that you can run in.
- Walk confidently and purposefully. Know who is around or passing you.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages, boxes or books.
- When using public transportation, don't fall asleep. Stay alert!
- Remember that criminals are always looking for an easy opportunity to commit a successful crime. You can decrease the probability of becoming a victim by limiting the opportunity.

*****REMEMBER THAT THERE IS SAFETY IN NUMBERS**!***

- If you are concerned about crime in an area ask a friend to go with you.
- If you see something that looks suspicious turn around and go the other way. You should **trust your instincts** when something feels wrong or out of place.
- Run or yell if a suspicious person comes too close. Don't worry about feeling foolish.
- If someone attacks you, yell "Fire!" People are more likely to respond to this than anything else.
- If attacked by a mugger, **DON'T RESIST!** Stay as calm as you can and get the best possible description of your attacker. Follow the most recent instructions the robber has given and do not argue.
- If you are at a business when it is being robbed, do not make any sudden movements or place your hands where the robber may suspect that you are retrieving a weapon.

*****CALL THE POLICE. WE WOULD RATHER TAKE THE RISK*****

- Do not chase after anyone who has committed a robbery.
- Report all crimes or any suspicious activity to the police as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Keep a cell phone with you at all times so that any criminal activity can be immediately reported.
- Always carry some coin money in the event you have your wallet or purse stolen so that you may be able to call for help. It is a good habit to carry money in more than one part of your clothing. Avoid places that may allow your money to fall out.
- Don't carry your driver's license in your wallet with your money or credit cards. This will prevent the further damage of identity theft and will make it more difficult for a criminal to use your cards or to cash a stolen check.
- Consider carrying a whistle or other noise-making device.