



College Safety Guide

**Stay Safe, Keep Your Stuff, Live
Smart –
Your College Safety Game Plan**



Personal Safety

Campus Awareness

- Know the layout of campus (especially well-lit paths and emergency call boxes).
- Walk with friends at night or use campus escort services.
- Keep earbuds low or out when walking alone.

Your campus is your new neighborhood—map out the safe spots, well-lit paths, and emergency call boxes before you ever need them. And keep the tunes low so you can hear what’s going on around you.





Personal Safety

Daily Habits

- Share your class schedule or evening plans with a trusted friend.
- Trust your instincts — if a situation feels off, remove yourself.
- Avoid over-sharing your location on social media.

Your safety squad should know your game plan—classes, hangouts, the works. Trust that little voice in your head, and keep your real-time location off social for strangers to guess.





Personal Safety

Residence Hall Safety

- Always lock your dorm or apartment door, even if you're just stepping out for a minute.
- Don't let people you don't know "tailgate" into secured buildings.
- Learn where the nearest exits and fire extinguishers are.

Lock it, even if you're just running down the hall—your stuff and your safety are worth the extra second. And nope, you're not being rude if you don't hold the door for a stranger.





Personal Safety

Social Situations

- Keep your drink with you at all times.
- Have a buddy system for parties and events.
- Set up a code word with friends for uncomfortable situations.

Your drink stays with you, period. Roll with a buddy, and have a code word ready for when you need a graceful exit—or a fast one





Safety for Your Belongings

Smart Storage

- Use a laptop lock for your computer when in public spaces.
- Invest in a small dorm safe for important documents, passports, and extra cash.
- Label valuables discreetly — don't advertise expensive gear.

If it's valuable, lock it, hide it, or store it—bonus points for doing all three. Your laptop lock, dorm safe, and low-key labels are your MVPs here





Safety for Your Belongings

In Transit

- Use TSA-approved locks on luggage.
- Keep electronics, IDs, and chargers in your carry-on or backpack, not checked bags.
- If you're driving, keep valuables out of sight and lock the car.

Travel light but travel smart—locks on bags, essentials in your carry-on, and valuables out of sight in the car. Out of sight means out of mind for thieves





Safety for Your Belongings

Digital Security

- Use strong, unique passwords (and a password manager if possible).
- Enable two-factor authentication on all accounts.
- Don't use public Wi-Fi without a VPN.

Strong passwords and two-factor are like a deadbolt and peephole for your online life. And public Wi-Fi? Treat it like an open diary—never connect without protection.





Safety for Your Belongings

Insurance & Backup

- Consider renter's insurance — it often covers theft from your dorm or apartment.
- Back up important files to the cloud regularly.
- Keep serial numbers for electronics in a safe place for theft reports.

Backups and insurance may not be exciting, but they're the safety net you'll be glad you have. Keep serial numbers handy—because 'I think it was silver' won't help much in a theft report.





Emergency Prep

- Save campus security, RA, and local police numbers in your phone.
- Know where the campus health center and urgent care facilities are located.
- Have a small “go bag” with ID, cash, spare keys, a charger, and basic meds.

Think of it as your ‘just in case’ kit—important numbers saved, health spots mapped, and a go-bag ready so you can grab and go without thinking twice.





Quick Checklist Before You Leave Your Room

- Door locked?
- Phone, ID, and keys on you?
- Laptop and valuables secured?
- Aware of where you're going and who knows you're there?

Two seconds for a mental run-through: door locked, essentials in your pocket, valuables tucked away, and someone knows your plan. Easy habit, big peace of mind.



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