UNIVERSITY of DAYTON

TRUE OR FALSE?

• Ninety percent of campus crimes are “crimes of opportunity.” If the opportunity can be denied or reduced, then the potential for a crime can be reduced.

• Through campus crime prevention you can increase your ability to recognize crime risks and learn proven methods that can reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

• Campuses with active crime prevention programs have reported dramatic reductions in crime.

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• Lock your bike to a fixed object, and use a U-shaped lock for security. Always lock your car and take the keys with you. Put books and other items you aren’t carrying to class in the trunk, out of sight.

• Don’t leave your books laying around unattended.

• Know the locations of emergency or public telephones. DIAL 911, it’s free, or Campus Law Enforcement if you feel unsafe or are afraid in a situation.

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Campus crime prevention is a way you can make your college or university a safer place to learn...and live. By becoming aware of the crimes that occur most often on campus, you can learn ways to reduce your chances of becoming a victim, and ultimately prevent crime.

Campus crimes most often occur in dormitories, on campus common areas and buildings. The following are basic personal safety and security tips that take little time to practice, but can save you the rest of your life.

• If you only remember one crime prevention tip, it's this: THE MOST EFFECTIVE PRECAUTION AGAINST CRIME IS TO BE AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND YOU ALL THE TIME.
  • Keep cash out of sight, and only carry enough money around that you'll need for the day.
  • Keep your doors locked—day or night, and don’t let strangers in your room.
  • Don’t lend out your keys or leave your door unlocked for a friend. And don’t prop open exterior doors.
  • Avoid shortcuts, dark alleys and secluded places.
  • NEVER drink and drive. I you do, you’ll become the victim AND the criminal.

• Don’t bring expensive items to campus. If you think they’re valuable, chances are so does someone else. If you have to bring something expensive to campus, engrave your social security number on the item in case it’s stolen.
  • Report suspicious activities to building staff or campus law enforcement as soon as you can. Report suspicious people, too. By you reporting them, you may help prevent dangerous people from hurting you or someone else.
  * Don’t hitchhike, pick up hitchhikers, or ride with a stranger.
  • Don’t walk alone: Ask one of your friends to walk with you, or travel in groups—especially at night.
  • If you have a personal computer, engrave an identification number on it and keep it in a locked place.