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Dear International Student,

Due to an incident which occurred yesterday near UB’s South Campus, I’m writing to send you some safety tips, which I hope you will take to heart.

Also, since many of you will study late before and during final exams, it’s important that you follow essential safety tips when you walk around campus, to your residence hall or to your apartment after dark. Among others, please do not walk alone on- or off-campus at night.

To help you stay safe, I’m sending you some safety tips, as well as contact information and schedule for UB’s Safety Shuttle and Walk Service, and phone numbers for taxis that operate after midnight.

Please read the safety tips below and follow them! Read also the University Police’s Top 10 Safety Tips at www.student-affairs.buffalo.edu/public-safety/pst.php.

Everyone in ISSS wishes you the best of luck on your final exams and projects!

Sincerely,
Ellen Dussourd

SAFETY TIPS

General Safety Tips

1) Never walk or run alone at night. Call the Anti-Rape Task Force for their Safety Shuttle and escort service. For more information, please read below.

2) Try to avoid walking or running alone during the day, especially if you are a small person. Remember: There is safety in numbers!!!

3) Walk close to the street curb. Avoid bushes, doorways and parked cars where an attacker can hide.

4) Travel on well-lit streets where there are other people around. Avoid taking shortcuts through parks, vacant lots, etc.

5) Be alert at all times. Do not use earphones while walking, jogging, bicycling or driving.

6) Walk confidently and assertively. Look directly at others, but keep your distance and keep moving. (Attackers often look for someone who appears vulnerable.)

7) Ignore verbal harassment. Use discretion in acknowledging strangers. If a stranger talks to
you, it’s often best to ignore him/her.

8) In case someone who has a weapon approaches you and asks for money, it is a good idea to keep a lot of $1 bills in your pocket. In that way, you can give (or throw) the money to the person, run away and, hopefully, avoid being injured.

9) Be aware of the locations of the Campus Emergency Blue Light Phones. These are direct lines to the University Police. Use them any time you feel unsafe.

10) Watch your purse, laptop and backpack carefully in campus lounges, libraries and dining halls at all times.

**Home and Apartment Security**

1) Lock your doors and windows at all times. This includes the main entrance to your house!

2) Leave some lights on in your home when you go out.

3) If strangers telephone or come to your door, do not admit that you are alone.

4) Never let strangers into your home.

**Residence Hall Security**

1) Lock the door to your room when you leave your room (even for a short time) or go to bed.

2) Do not prop open locked residence hall doors. If you see a propped door, close it.

3) Be observant of any strangers loitering or checking doors in your building. Note their description and call University Police (645-2222) immediately.

**Vehicle Safety**

1) Park in well-lit areas.

2) Have your keys ready before you reach your car. Check under your car as you approach and check the interior of your car before entering it.

3) Always lock your car doors after entering or leaving your car.

**UB’s Safety Shuttle & Walk Service**

UB offers a Safety Shuttle and Walk Service to promote safety for students on both campuses. During the academic year, pairs of student volunteers and staff offer van and walk services on the South Campus along with a walk service on the North Campus.
Safety Shuttle Service (van service)
South Campus only
Monday - Sunday, 8:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m.
The van operates in 30-minute intervals and drives students anywhere within a 1.5-mile radius of the South Campus with special exceptions for Campus Manor, Collegiate Village and Kensington Village. Van pickup stops are located at Goodyear Hall, Health Sciences Library and Main Loop. Off-campus pick-ups may be arranged by calling SBI Health Education at 829-2584 on Mondays - Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

South Campus Walk Stations
Sunday - Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Cell Phone: 348-1608
Walk service volunteers accompany students to any location on campus (e.g. car, academic building, residence hall). The South Campus walk station operates from the Health Sciences Library. During walk station hours, you can call the cell phone to request a safety walk from anywhere on South Campus.

North Campus Walk Stations
Sunday - Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Cell Phone: 348-7258
Walk service volunteers accompany students to any location on campus (e.g. car, academic building, residence hall). The North Campus walk station operates from the Undergraduate Library (1st floor, Capen Hall) and occasionally from the main entrance of Lockwood Library. During walk station hours, you can call the cell phone to request a walk from anywhere on the North Campus.

Taxi Services

The following taxi services run after midnight.
Airport Taxi - 633-8294
Kenmore Cab – 876-3030
Amherst Taxi – 875-1900 / Tonawanda Taxi – 875-1800 (operate 24 hours per day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, only operate until 10:00 p.m. on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays)