

May 1, 2008

Dear International Student,

Since we know that you keep especially late hours during exams, I wanted to re-send you some tips to keep you safe.

Since one student was mugged while walking home very late at night last year (after the Anti-Rape Task Force Safety Shuttle stopped running), I added some information about taxi services that operate after midnight at the end.

Please read the safety tips below and follow them!

Sincerely,
Ellen Dussourd

SAFETY TIPS

General Safety Tips

- 1) Do not walk alone at night. Call the Anti-Rape Task Force for their escort and van service. For more information on the ARTF, please read the section below.
- 2) At night, walk close to the street curb. Avoid bushes and doorways where an attacker can hide. Travel on well-lit streets.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Watch your purse, laptop and backpack carefully in lounges, libraries and dining halls at all times.

Home and Apartment Security

- 1) Lock your doors and windows at all times.
- 2) Leave some lights on in your home when you go out.

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 the University Police 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.

Anti-Rape Task Force

The Anti-Rape Task Force (ARTF) promotes 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. Walk service volunteers accompany men and women to any location on campus (e.g. car, academic building, residence hall). Van service drivers drive you anywhere within a 1.5-mile radius of South Campus.

Safety Shuttle Service (van service)

South Campus only

7 Days a week, 8:00 p.m. – Midnight (until May 8, 2008)

Van pickup stops are located at Goodyear Hall, Health Sciences Library and Main Loop. You may also call 829-2584 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays to schedule a pick-up for a particular time or place.

South Campus Walk Stations

Sunday - Thursday, 8:00 p.m. – Midnight (until May 8, 2008)

Cell Phone: 348-1608

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, 8:00 p.m. – Midnight (until May 8, 2008)

Cell Phone: 348-7258

On the North Campus, the 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 North Campus.

Taxi Services

Cheektowaga Taxi – 822-1738

Kenmore Cab – 876-3030

Liberty Cab & Dispatch Service – 877-7111

Yellow Cab of Buffalo – 877-5400

Amherst Taxi – 875-1900 (only operates after midnight on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights)

Tonawanda Taxi – 875-1800 (only operates after midnight on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights)