

## **Sexual Assault**

- ▶ Trust your gut – If you don't feel comfortable in a situation, leave.
- ▶ When going out with someone new, don't feel you have to go alone. Go on a group date or meet in a public place.
- ▶ Communicate – Think about what you really want before you get into a sexual situation, and communicate clearly with your partner. If you think you are getting mixed messages, ask your date what he/she wants.
- ▶ Avoid falling for lines such as "If you loved me." If your partner loved you, he/she would respect your feelings and wait until you are ready.
- ▶ Avoid individuals who:
  - \*Don't listen to you
  - \*Ignore personal space boundaries
  - \*Make you feel guilty or accuse you of being "uptight" for resisting sexual advances
  - \*Express sexist attitudes and jokes
  - \*Act jealous or possessive
- ▶ Do not be alone with someone you just met and/or bring casual acquaintances to your room. You are more likely to be sexually assaulted by someone you know - a friend, date, classmate, neighbor, relative - than by a stranger in a dark alley.
- ▶ Note: Nearly 7 in 10 (70%) assault victims knew their attacker.
- ▶ Keep a level head, stay as calm as possible. Think rationally and evaluate your resources and options – escape, use self-defense, negotiate, scream to attract attention, or act disgusting or crazy.
- ▶ Drugs and Alcohol – Do not mix sexual decisions with drugs and alcohol. Your ability to make smart decisions is hampered when you are drunk or high.
- ▶ Be aware of date rape drugs. Don't accept beverages from open containers and don't leave your drink unattended.
- ▶ For more information go to:  
<http://www.pcar.org>

- ▶ If you are sexually assaulted, call **Public Safety x3939** and/or your local police immediately (911).
- ▶ Call "F&M Sexual Assault Response Line" (717-560-7311), or call the Lancaster General Hospital Emergency Room and ask for the SAFE Program to report and help you deal with the trauma that any assault causes.
- ▶ Try to get an accurate description of the assailant's appearance, what was said, and license number to assist Public Safety and local police.

## **How Identity Theft Happens**

**Being a student does not safeguard you against identity theft.**

**There are many ways that criminals can obtain your personal information. For example they:**

- ▶ Steal wallets and purses containing your identification. \*Memorize your Social Security number and passwords. Do not carry your Social Security card with you.
- ▶ Steal your mail, including your bank and credit card statements. \*Check your statements each month.
- ▶ Rummage through your trash to get your personal data. \*Shred credit card applications received in the mail.
- ▶ Find personal information in your home or dorm.
- ▶ Use personal information you share on the Internet.
- ▶ Scam you, often by email, by posing as legitimate companies.
- ▶ Steal files or bribe employees who have access to files with your information.
- ▶ For more information go to:  
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/misused/idtheft.html>

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# STAYING SAFE ON CAMPUS



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## A Safe Campus Starts With You

**College campuses, like any busy neighborhood, are not exempt from crime. Students, faculty and professional staff can make this special community a safe place to live, learn, and work by taking common sense precautions, being alert and looking out for others.**

### Personal Safety

- ▶ **Remain alert.** Never walk alone, especially at night. There is safety in numbers. Plan your route and avoid short cuts.
- ▶ If you can't find someone to walk with you, call the **Escort Service** at the Department of **Public Safety x3939**.
- ▶ Do not talk on cell phones or wear headphones while walking alone. Always walk with your head up, looking from side to side. Being alert makes you less likely to become a target.
- ▶ Avoid isolated areas such as library stacks, laboratories, and laundry rooms or lounges late at night. Let someone know where you are, if you must work there late at night and **be alert**.
- ▶ Know where yellow emergency phones are located. Get familiar with the "Blue Light" phone system.
- ▶ Accept rides from only people you know and trust. Never hitchhike.
- ▶ Inform your roommate or a close friend whenever you are going to leave campus and how long you might be gone.

### Your Belongings

- ▶ Never leave your backpack or purse unattended. Do not leave it in, underneath or on top of a desk.
- ▶ Do not leave valuables, such as your wallet, cash, checkbook, laptops or jewelry in open view or in unlocked desks or drawers.
- ▶ Do not keep large sums of money in your room even if it's "hidden" in a drawer.
- ▶ Do not attach your ID or room number to your keys or fob.

- ▶ Mark easily stolen items like laptops, electronic equipment and keep a list of serial numbers, model numbers and descriptions. An engraver is available for your use in the office of Department of Public Safety.
- ▶ Thieves often target textbooks. Keep yours safe by putting an identifying characteristic – your name, a certain number – along the binding on the same page in each book.

### Safety Where You Live

- ▶ Always **lock** your doors and windows even if you are only down the hall for a few minutes.
- ▶ Do not let strangers into your room. Look through the peephole before answering the door. If someone wants to come in to sign a petition, meet him or her in the hallway.
- ▶ If a stranger is in your room, keep the door wide open.
- ▶ Ask for ID if someone says they are from Facilities and Operations, Department of Public Safety, the fire department or any other group.
- ▶ Do not prop outside doors! Many tragedies have resulted when the wrong person slipped through an open door.
- ▶ Report the presence of strangers to Department of Public Safety.
- ▶ Do not let strangers into your building. If they are legitimate visitors, they can call their son/daughter/friend to let them in.
- ▶ Always keep your keys or fobs in your possession. Never give them to someone else or hide them over doors, under mats or any obvious hiding places. Report lost or stolen keys as soon as possible.

### Safe Use of ATM Machines

- ▶ Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.
- ▶ Do not withdraw large sums of money unless it is necessary.
- ▶ Remember to retrieve your ATM card and receipt form. Do not flaunt your cash.
- ▶ At night, use ATM machines in well-lit areas, with high visibility and lots of people around or have a friend go with you. Use indoor ATM machines whenever possible.

### Telephone Tips

- ▶ Do not give out personal information over the phone.
- ▶ Be suspicious of surveys or wrong number calls.
- ▶ Never reveal that you are at home alone
- ▶ Hang up immediately and report obscene phone calls; do not engage an unknown caller in conversation or give away any personal details. Keep track of when calls are made and what was said. Save answering machine messages too. Turn this information over to Department of Public Safety right away to help track your caller.

### Feeling Threatened

- ▶ **Threatening Emails** – Rather than calling, some people may send threatening emails. Keep track of these messages. Save, print and turn in the messages to Department of Public Safety.
- ▶ **Stalkers or Cyber-stalking** – If a suspicious person is following you or sending you threatening emails or inappropriate comments, report it to Department of Public Safety immediately.

### Car Safety

- ▶ Park in well-lighted, busy areas.
- ▶ Always lock your car door whether you are in it or not. Lock your car doors and close windows when leaving your car, whether it's for a few minutes or several hours.
- ▶ Have your car keys ready. Make sure you do not have to fumble for car keys.
- ▶ Look in the backseat before entering that no one is hiding there.
- ▶ Store valuables in the trunk.
- ▶ If you are stranded, do not accept help from anyone. Ask them to call the police if you do not have a cell phone. Stay in your car with the doors locked. Accept help from uniformed police and marked patrol car.