

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY
SECURITY DEPARTMENT

CRIME
PREVENTION
TIPS

Crime prevention is a major concern of all members of the University community.

Our goal is to maintain an atmosphere where students can pursue their higher education free from the worry of crime.

This pamphlet can serve as a useful guide on TIPS you can utilize to decrease your chances of being victimized.

In order for our efforts to be effective, security must be a responsibility shared by all.

If you are a victim:

- Remain calm and try not to panic. Few mugging victims are injured if they remain calm.
- If you are confronted by a person with a weapon, **DO NOT RESIST** unless you are left with no other choice.
- Notice and remember as much as possible about the person so you can give a good description.
- Dial 911 as soon as possible (or call Security if on campus). Your crime report will help police and/or Security assign personnel where they are most needed. Your failure to report may prevent future help for someone else.
- Try not to wear expensive jewelry. If you must, attempt to conceal it under your clothing while in the street, subway, etc.
- Always trust your instincts. If you observe someone or something that makes you uneasy, cross the street. If you think you are being followed, go as quickly as you can to where there are other people in a public place such as a store, etc. Be prepared to run and yell for help. Remember that one of a criminal's greatest assets is his/her ability to surprise you and attack when you least expect it.
- When using ATM bank machines, don't hold the door open for others. Let them use their own cards. Never keep your pin number in your wallet with your credit cards. Keep a record of all your credit cards and bank account numbers and the telephone numbers to call to report them lost or stolen.
- Be very cautious when entering an elevator with a stranger. Elevators have mirrors; make use of them before entering. If you feel uneasy about someone in an elevator, don't get in. Wait for the elevator to make a return trip to your floor. Always stand near the control panel. If threatened, hit the alarm button and press as many of the other buttons as you can with your arm.
- Use the subway system during times of peak usage. Stand in the safety zone, which is clearly marked on the station or by the station attendant booth, while awaiting a train. Always stand away from the edge of the platform. When the train arrives, use the middle car where the conductor is assigned or a car where there is a police officer or a large number of people. Stay near an exit door so you can leave the car quickly if the need arises.
- If taking a bus, stay away from the curb until the bus arrives. Try to sit near the driver. Watch who gets off at your stop. If you feel uneasy, go for help.

If you are driving a Car:

- Have your key in hand as you approach your car.
- Always look inside the vehicle before entering.
- Keep the doors locked at all times.
- If your safety is threatened blow the horn and drive away as soon as possible.
- Try to park in a well-lit areas.
- Look around before getting out of the car.
- Beware of pick pockets when in crowds. Men should not keep wallets in their rear trouser pocket (sucker pocket). Women should keep their purses tucked tightly under the arm.

Crime Prevention TIPS While on Campus

■ LOCK YOUR DORM ROOM!

By failing to lock your room you create an opportunity for theft. Experience has proven that the vast majority of thefts take place because of this. Also remember to lock your room when sleeping or showering.

- Don't leave money, credit cards or jewelry in plain view in your room. This applies even when you are sleeping in your room. Make conscious effort to protect your property and request your roommate to cooperate. Deposit all large sums of cash in your bank account
- Keep a record of all items that have serial numbers. This could be helpful either in recovering the items or for filing a claim with your insurance company.
- Whenever you are on campus, always make a conscious effort not to leave your possessions unattended (not even for a brief period). A potential thief will seize upon such an opportunity. Leaving pocketbooks unattended or keeping wallets in coats left on chairs, etc., are prime targets.
- Never leave a note on your dorm room indicating that nobody is in the room. Let your roommate know if you are going to be late returning to the dorm or are going away.
- All dorm visitors must be signed in by students at the Security Desk in the dorm.
- Any guests staying in your room must be registered with the dorm office or your dorm counselor. You are also responsible to sign the guest in and out at the Security Desk.
- Notify Security if you notice any suspicious or unfamiliar person in any building. Make a mental note of the description and where you last saw the person
- All deliveries must be met at the Security Desk. Delivery personnel are not allowed to go beyond the Security Desk in any building.
- Avoid basement areas of buildings if you are alone at night. The rooftops of buildings are off limits to students.
- If you receive an obscene phone call, don't talk to the caller or show any reaction or emotion. Hang up the phone and notify Security. If you have a tape of the call on a answering machine give it to Security.

Crime Prevention While Traveling Off Campus

- Use the campus shuttle vans for transportation whenever possible (Wilf and Beren Campuses).
- Stay alert and tuned into your surroundings. Walk closer to the curb in order to avoid passing too close to dark doorways, alleys, etc. Walk with friends at night whenever possible (there is always safety in numbers).
- Communicate the message that you are calm, confident, and know where you are going.
- Use only well-lit, or busy streets. At the Wilf Campus it is suggested you use 181St or 185Th Streets to go East or West. Use Amsterdam Avenue, St. Nicholas Avenue, or Broadway to go North or South.
- Stay out of all parks at night.
- Don't carry credit cards unless you intend to use them.
- Carry only as much cash as you will need and try to divide it so you can carry it in different places on your person.
- Smart phones and other hand held devices have become a favorite target of thieves. Free [apps](#) are available for most smart phones that will help the Police Department to locate your lost or stolen device.

Report all incidents to the Security Department at the following telephone numbers:

WILF CAMPUS

(212) 960-5200

If Off Campus

Toll free #

1-(888)-YU-SAFTY

1-(888)-987-2389

BEREN CAMPUS

(212) 340-7460

If Off Campus

Toll Free #

1-(888)-STERN-YU

1-(888)-783-7698

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(212) 790-0303

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