



## Campus Safety

### TIPS FOR PERSONAL SAFETY

#### **BE OBSERVANT.**

Familiarize yourself with campus buildings and landmarks. Always be aware of your immediate environment. Try to stay clear of poorly lit doorways and bushes. Have your keys or ID card readily accessible as you approach your car, office, house, or residence hall. If you ever feel that you are being followed, get to the nearest public place as soon as you can.

#### **WALK IN THE LIGHT.**

In the evenings, always remain on the sidewalks, and avoid secluded, poorly-lit areas. If you know you will be heading back to your vehicle after dark, try to park in an area that will be well-lit after dark.

#### **WALK IN GROUPS.**

There is safety in numbers. If you are alone, call campus security to escort you to your residence hall. (817) 202-6345

#### **WALK WITH PURPOSE AND ATTITUDE.**

Be assertive and display confidence.

#### **IF YOU CHOOSE TO RESIST AN ATTACKER.**

Remember that your goal is to escape. Resist vigorously with the purpose of getting free. Then run to a public place. In attempted sexual assaults, approximately 50% of victims escape if they yell, and up to 85% escape if they physically resist quickly and vigorously. Be aware of vulnerable targets of the assailant: eyes, nose, throat, stomach, kneecaps, and groin.

#### **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**

If something seems strange, trust your instincts and call Campus Security or the police department to report suspicious people or situations.

### TIPS FOR PROPERTY SAFETY

#### **BE MINDFUL OF YOUR PROPERTY.**

Never leave property unattended in any campus building or in plain view in your vehicle. Theft can happen on any campus. If you need to step out, leave your property under the supervision of someone you trust, or take it with you. Hide your belongings when you leave them in your car, and always remember to lock your car doors. Carry purses and open bags tucked under your arm, with any flaps facing your body. Southwestern Adventist University does not assume any responsibility for damage, theft, or fire loss (this includes any other loss sustained to any vehicle on or off the university property, or damage caused by such a vehicle).

### TIPS FOR SAFETY IN YOUR RESIDENCE

#### **ALWAYS LOCK YOUR WINDOWS AND DOORS.**

when stepping away from your residence.

#### **DON'T LEAVE SPARE KEYS HIDDEN ON YOUR PROPERTY.**

Most thieves know all the common places in which they are hidden.

#### **NEVER TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU LIVE.**

Never tell a stranger or someone you do not trust where you live or that you are home alone.

#### **BE AWARE OF OPEN WINDOWS.**

When dressing or undressing.



## TIPS FOR SAFETY IN YOUR VEHICLE

### ALWAYS INSPECT YOUR VEHICLE BEFORE ENTERING.

Check under the vehicle while approaching it, and check the back seat before entering the vehicle.

### HAVE YOUR KEYS.

Have your keys in your hand before reaching the vehicle.

### BE SELECTIVE WHEN CHOOSING A PARKING PLACE.

If you know you will return to your vehicle after dark, or you are parking at night, try to select a spot that is in a well-lit area.

### A CELLULAR PHONE.

A cell phone can be of great assistance in an emergency situation.

## REPORTING A CRIME

If there is an **emergency** on campus dial 9-1-1. Please report all crimes and minor emergencies to Campus Security or one of the following:

Dean of Men  
Wil Iverson (817) 202-6229

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Dean of Women  
Janelle Williams. (817) 202-6510

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Student Services  
VP James The (817) 202-6719

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Campus Safety (817) 202-6345

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Director of Security  
Matthew Agee (817) 202-6415

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Local Law Enforcement  
(For non-emergency) (817) 556-6060

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In the event of sexual assault or other crime on campus, a report will be filed. Once a report has been filed the appropriate authorities will be notified and given a copy of the report. A copy of the report will also be placed in the student's file. In the event of a sexual assault or related crime, the deans will assist in obtaining counseling services for the victim. Reporting a crime to the police is a personal choice. Filing a police report does not require prosecution.