Personal Safety Suggestions for Students

From the men and women of the Hopkins Security Department

- Stay alert and attuned to people and circumstances around you.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
- Report any person(s) who appear to be suspicious or make you feel uncomfortable.
- Don’t be embarrassed to report suspicious activity immediately to the Security Department or Police.
- Send the message that you’re calm, confident, and know where you’re going, even if you don’t.
- If a person seems to be following you, turn in the opposite direction or cross the street. If he/she persists, move quickly to the nearest open business or group of people and ask for help.
- Know your neighborhood and campus; find out which buildings are open late (or early) and where you can go to summon help if needed.
- Know the location of campus emergency phones and don’t hesitate to use them.
- Choose an ATM that is located inside a building or other well-lit locations. Use on campus ATMs whenever possible.
- Never count cash at the machine or in public; wait until your are in a secure place.
- Obtain a whistle from the Campus Safety & Security Department and carry it with you at all times. Use your whistle to draw attention if you are in danger.
- Utilize the escort service during late evening/early morning hours or whenever you feel it is unsafe or uncomfortable to walk alone.
- Use lighted walkways at night. Criminals do not like lights! Avoid dark alleys, streets or secluded paths; don’t take short cuts!
- Avoid using cell phones, iPods, or MP3 players while walking. Suspects target cell phones and other items in plain view.
- Avoid giving panhandlers money. Don’t engage in needless conversation and never invite them into apartments or dorms.
- Never accept rides from strangers. If approached, ignore them and report to Hopkins security.
- Carry a “disposable” wallet/purse with a small amount of money in it. If an assailant attempts to rob you, turn it over to them.
- Lock your dorm or apartment when leaving for any reason.

Homewood Numbers
Emergency 410-516-7777
Security 410-516-4600
Escort Van 410-516-8700
These numbers are also located on your Jcard.