

Living Off-Campus Safety Reminders

1. Keep your doors and, at least, your first floor and basement windows locked at all times.
2. Check to see who is knocking before telling them to come in.
3. Be aware of all visitors in your home. Do not let anyone that you do not know in your home. If you are having a party, try to limit your guest list to only close personal friends.
4. Never give anyone, aside from your roommates, your schedule as to when you will or will not be home.
5. If you have a large window on your front door, cover it with a curtain.
6. Make sure you pick up all advertisements from your front yard or porch. An accumulation of them can give the appearance that no one is home.
7. Get to know your neighbors. Not only will you gain new friends, but you will also have people looking out for you and your property, especially when you are away.
8. Do not leave ladders, or other items that someone could climb on, laying around outside of the house.
9. If you have an alarm system, use it.
10. Have security lights installed, and be sure to replace bad bulbs as needed.
11. Have all broken doors and windows repaired.
12. If a set of keys is missing, have the lock replaced.
13. Keep bushes, shrubs, and trees trimmed back so they do not block windows.
14. Make every effort to make it look like someone is home, even when they are not. Leave lights, a radio, or a TV on in the house.
15. Buy timers for lights in your house so you are not coming home to a dark house at the end of the day.

