

Campus Security

The MSU Department of Police and Public Safety would like you to have a safe time during your stay here at MSU. Our department is fully operational 24 hours a day. To reach us, call 911 for emergencies, or dial 517-355-2221 for non-emergencies. Although the MSU campus is a very safe place, common sense precautions such as the following should be always used.

- Do not prop open locked residence hall doors. Never hold the door open to let strangers into the residence hall.
- Before leaving your residence hall room, remember to lock the door. Remember to lock your door and windows before going to sleep.
- Do not take in overnight guests who you do not know.
- Use peepholes to identify visitors at your door.
- Do not allow door-to-door salespeople to enter your room and alert residence hall staff.
- Require identification and authorization from maintenance staff requesting access to your room for any reason.
- Never loan your room key or conference card to anyone.
- Report all doors, locks, and windows in need of repair to residence hall staff.
- Be aware of people loitering or checking doors in your hall. Note their description and call the MSU police.
- Do not keep large sums of money, jewelry, or valuables in plain view. Document serial numbers of your valuables.

While walking on campus, do the following:

- Remain vigilant and reduce distractions such as using a cell phone or digital services.
- Walk confidently and assertively. Walk with others whenever possible. Walk in well-lit areas if possible.
- Carry your backpack or other belongings close to your body and secure over one shoulder or under one arm.
- Be aware of your surroundings and others who might be there. If you think you are being followed, turn around confidently and check.
- Wear flat, comfortable shoes that you can run in if necessary.
- Learn to use keys, pens, pencils, and umbrellas to defend yourself if you are attacked. Backpacks, purses, and coats can be used to protect your body from an attacker.
- Consider carrying a whistle, shriek alarm, and/or cellular phone.
- There are many "green light" emergency phones on campus. The emergency button connects you to the MSU police and pinpoints your location.
- All walkers should be aware of open buildings and businesses along their routes.
- Realize that listening to headphones while walking decreases your awareness of your surroundings.

If you choose to drive while you are on campus, please note the following:

- Lock your doors while driving and when you park your vehicle.
- When parking at night, try to select a well-lit area.
- Be alert in parking areas as you walk to and from your vehicle. Consider carrying a cellular phone or know the locations of emergency phones near the lot.
- Have your keys in hand before reaching your vehicle.
- If you suspect you are being followed, drive to a police station, fire station, or any other safe public building.
- Lock valuables in the trunk of your vehicle.