

# YOUR SAFETY! WHAT CAN YOU DO?

UMBC has many resources and programs designed to help minimize risks to you. If you experience any difficulties, a campus wide network of support services is here to help you. Please use it.

It is important to remember that UMBC, like any college campus, is not immune to crime. The safety tips that follow require you to be alert and careful. Using these suggestions and your common sense will go a long way to keeping you safe at UMBC.

- ALWAYS walk confidently, keep your head up, and be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not walk alone; walk with a friend or call the Campus Escort Service at x55555.
- Stay in well-lit areas, walk mid-point between curbs and buildings, away from bushes and entries, stay near people, and avoid shortcuts.
- Avoid working or studying alone in an academic building at night.
- Do not leave, by yourself, with someone you have just met.
- Lock your car and keep valuables out of sight.
- Close and lock your residence or office door even if you are only going next door.
- Lock your door when you are asleep or in your room alone.
- Stay in control when you are out socializing.
- Do not prop open doors to buildings.
- Do not lend anyone your keys.
- Do not leave your keys in public places, in a coat pocket or your knapsack when you are not present.
- Engrave your driver's license number on valuables. Engravers are available from the UMBC Police Department.
- If you observe suspicious behavior, do not pursue the person.
- Call the UMBC Police at x55555. Call the UMBC Police if you enter your room or office and find a stranger regardless of the explanation offered.
- Verify that persons in your room doing maintenance work are UMBC staff by asking to see UMBC identification.
- Enroll in a Self Defense class.
- Door to door soliciting is not permitted in University residential facilities; report any incidents to the UMBC Police.