

CRIME PREVENTION

PERSONAL SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

There are many simple things you can do now to help keep yourself safe, whether on or off campus. When walking anywhere remember and follow these recommendations:

- Make eye contact with anyone in close proximity - this tells strangers that you know they are there
- Be aware of your surroundings - take time to look around yourself and be conscious of any persons or other safety hazards near you
- Walk in groups, if possible
- Wear clothing and shoes that allow you to move freely
- Be careful what you share on social media
- Avoid secluded places or places that are not well-lit. File a [work order with UNT Facilities](#) if you find a place on campus where a light has gone out

PROPERTY TIPS

- Limit the amount of cash and credit cards you carry
- Carry your ID but not your Social Security card
- Avoid using an ATM alone at night
- Secure valuables out-of-sight
- Never leave personal property unattended
- Lock your bike to a rack with a U-lock or chain
- Always lock your room, apartment, or house at all times
- Always look through the peephole or ask for an ID when someone comes to your room, apartment, or house
- Be incredibly cautious as to who you allow into your home or vehicle
- Lock your vehicle after leaving your vehicle and after getting into your vehicle
- Do not linger in your vehicle
- **Remember: No property is worth your life!**

PHONE TIPS

- Always have your cellphone and be sure it's charged. Your phone can be used to call or text **911** in an emergency on the UNT campus or in Denton, so it's important to make sure it always has enough battery to do that. Remote charging devices are a good item to keep with you, however they should regularly be checked to ensure they are holding a charge
- Be aware of your surroundings no matter where you are. Listening to music, talking on the phone, and texting can distract you. Make sure you are looking around continually and staying aware of what's happening in the area

- Never text and drive

SAFETY WHILE WORKING ON CAMPUS

If you are going to be working late on campus, let someone know. If someone is acting suspiciously, you may want to ask them if they need assistance or notify a supervisor or the police. If you see any strange or alarming behavior, immediately contact the **UNT Police (940-565-3000)** or, if you believe you are in danger, call **911**. It is recommended, when on campus, that you always carry your student or employee ID card.

SAFETY IN RESIDENCE HALLS

If you live on campus, there are a few things that are important for you to do to stay safe in your residence hall:

- Always lock your door and secure windows
- Never prop open doors
- Do not loan your room key to anyone
- Use the door peephole to identify visitors
- Do not let strangers in your room
- Talk with your roommate or RA about evacuation plans
- Make sure personal items of value have your personal ID (such as Texas driver's license number) engraved on them
- Get your bicycle engraved at the **UNT Police Department**

SAFETY IN PARKING LOTS AND NEAR VEHICLES

When walking through parking lots and near vehicles, make sure that you walk with purpose and make eye contact with any individuals who may be in the area. When you approach your vehicle, have your keys ready so that you can quickly get into the vehicle. Visually scan the vehicle before getting in to make sure it is safe. Once inside the car, close and lock all doors. Do not linger in your vehicle.

If you keep your car on campus, make sure you keep it maintained and don't leave it in one place for too long.