

HOLIDAY BREAK

- Do not leave public messages on social media sites indicating that you're out of town.
- When leaving for a holiday or vacation, do not pack your vehicle the night before. It provides potential thieves an irresistible target.
- Report security issues (such as doors or windows that don't lock) to the Student Life Office in advance, so they can be fixed prior to your departure.
- Avoid leaving valuable items in your room. Remove items such as computers, TVs, gaming consoles, stereos, money, jewelry, etc.
- If you choose to leave items of "high value," ensure that you record the serial numbers and take photos of them so they can be identified as your property.
- Valuables should not be visible through the windows and doors of your residence.
- Take your bicycle home or secure it in your room.
- Draw your blinds and use window locks to secure the window.

DON'T WALK ALONE AT NIGHT

Call Campus Security for a free safety escort to your destination. 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

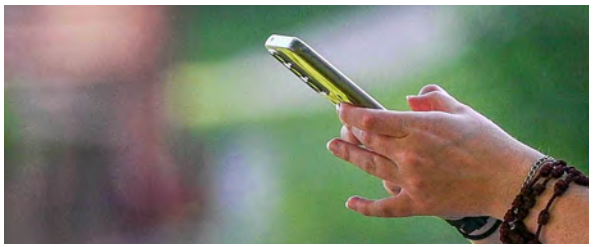
(913) 360-8888





In an emergency dial 9-1-1

Campus Security	**(913) 360-8888**
RD On-Call	**(913) 360-7070**
Student Life Office	**(913) 360-7500**
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	**9-8-8**



Residence Halls, Apartment, and Home Security

Protecting yourself and your property









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RESIDENCE HALL SAFETY

More than 1,600 students live on campus and for many the residence halls will quickly feel like home, but you have to remember to keep your property safe.

Most crimes that occur in the residence halls are theft of personal property and in many cases the victim's room is unlocked and unoccupied at the time of the theft.

- Lock your door at all times, especially when you and/or your roommate are sleeping.
- Do not leave notes on your door indicating that no one is home or when you'll return.
- Respect access control rules; do not let strangers into controlled areas.
- Use the buddy system while walking at night and stay in well-lit areas.
- Have your keys or ID's ready and enter your dorm room/suite quickly when returning home.
- Purchase a cable locking device to safely secure your laptop or desktop PC.



Fire Safety

Be Prepared. Be Aware. Be Ready.

Each year college students, on and off-campus, experience hundreds of fire-related emergencies. There are several specific causes for fires on college campuses, including cooking, intentionally setting fires, overloading power strips and open flames. Overall, most college-related fires are due to a general lack of knowledge about fire safety and prevention.

- Never remove batteries or disable fire alarms.
- When a smoke/fire alarm sounds, evacuate the building quickly and stay out until given the 'all clear' by the fire authority or police department.
- During a power outage, use a flashlight instead of candles.
- Do not use cooking appliances in a dorm room other than an approved microwave.
- Cook only when you are alert, not sleepy or drowsy from medicine or alcohol.
- Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing.
- Annually, 280 fires are a result of people 'Daisy Chaining' their electrical appliances.
- In addition to being the leading cause, cooking accounts 88% of all university housing fires.



Students who are careless in securing their apartments or houses often find themselves victims of burglaries. Here are a few key ways to keep your home safe:

- Put only your initials on your mailbox.
- Do not hide a key outside your apartment — experienced thieves know where to look.
- Keep all doors and windows locked when you are not home, and be aware that first floor apartments offer the easiest access.
- Get to know your neighbors. Together you can improve security in your building and neighborhood.
- Notify your landlord of exterior and common-area lights and locks that are not working.
- Consider purchasing an affordable renter's insurance policy that will pay to replace your possessions if they are stolen.
- If you see a suspicious person, report them immediately to the Atchison Police Department by calling 911.
- If you return home and something looks questionable (e.g., a slit screen, broken window, or open door) do not go inside. Call 911 from a safe location.

