

# SAFETY FIRST



## BE CRIME-CONSCIOUS – be aware of crime opportunities at all times!

- Never **walk** around alone and don't talk to strangers. Be on the lookout for strange cars or people.
- Walk in well-lit busy streets and in a **group**, if possible.
- Make sure your home is secure and become a member of an **armed response** service. Be sure that you know all the emergency numbers or have them displayed in an accessible area.
- Always let someone know where you are going and how long you will be gone. But think twice before advertising your impending absence on **social media**. Criminals also have access to Facebook and Twitter.
- Know all **emergency numbers**.
- Trust your **instinct**.
- Avoid crowded streets where you cannot even walk properly, which is where you will find criminals **pickpocketing**.
- Avoid displaying **valuables** where criminals can see it.
- Do not leave a **party** or social event with someone you do not know or have just met.
- At social events, do not leave your drinks unattended or allow someone to buy you a **drink**.
- Do not allow anyone to touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable.



## Safety at your accommodation

- Report any **suspicious activities** to the landlord and to the Off-Campus Security Liaison Officer of Protection Services via WhatsApp.
- Never leave your **luggage** or other valuables unattended unless it is locked away in your room.
- Do not leave valuables such as laptops, cellular phones, etc., near **open windows** or unattended.
- Store valuables in a **lockable cupboard**.
- If someone knocks, check who it is before **opening the door**. Contact a fellow student if you have any reason for concern.
- Make sure that your room is **locked** when you are not in the room.
- Do not **trust** others with your property.
- Make sure that doors and **security gates** are locked at all times.
- Do not open doors to strangers unless you have checked the **person's credentials**.
- Do not advertise your hi-fi by playing **loud music**, you will become a target for thieves.
- Locks should be **replaced** as soon as you move into a new place.
- Be aware and be **alert** at all times.



## Safety at the ATM

- Be **alert** at all times at the ATM.
- Never accept **assistance** from a stranger at an ATM.
- Do not give your **PIN number** to anyone.
- Report immediately if your ATM card is lost or stolen and **stop the card** at the bank.



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## Safety on the street

- Avoid an **ostentatious display** of expensive jewellery, cameras, mobile phones, and other valuables.
- Keep your **handbag** with you, keep it closed or zipped, and do not leave it unattended.
- Keep your **mobile phone** with you and do not leave it unattended.
- Do not carry large sums of **money** with you.
- Carry your **wallet** in an inside pocket – never in the rear pocket of your trousers.
- **Credit card** transactions must be processed in your presence.
- At **night**, stay away from dark, isolated areas.
- It is always better to explore in groups and to stick to **well-lit**, busy streets.
- Plan your route in advance and, as far as possible, do not ask **directions** from strangers.
- A police officer or **traffic officer** will be happy to direct you if you get lost.



## Safety in your vehicle

- Plan your route **in advance**.
- Keep the door locked and **windows** up at all times.
- Do not leave your mobile phone or other valuables where they are **visible** from outside the vehicle.
- **Lock valuable** items in the boot (trunk) before you leave.
- At night, **park** in well-lit areas. Never pick up strangers or **hitchhikers**.
- If in doubt about the safety of an area, phone a **police station** for advice and help.



## Drugs and alcohol abuse make you more vulnerable!

- Drugs and alcohol make you more **vulnerable** to sexual and other crimes.
- Different people **respond differently** to the same drug – it could kill you!
- Say **NO** to drugs.
- The more drugs you take the more you will need to sustain the **habit**.
- **Addicts** often turn to crime to make money.
- To drink (even one drink) and **drive** is a serious offence.



## See something – Say something

Report any suspicious activities to the **Protection Services Control Room** on your campus.

If you have any other information about criminal activity, on or off campus, please send an **email** to [investigation@ufs.ac.za](mailto:investigation@ufs.ac.za) or **WhatsApp** on **078 960 4165 / 060 984 4629**



Safety in **your** neighbourhood, **even on campus**, is also **YOUR responsibility.**

## CONTACT NUMBERS

### UFS PROTECTION SERVICES

BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS  
**051 401 2634 / 051 401 2911**  
**080 020 4682 (Toll Free)**

QWAQWA CAMPUS  
**058 718 5460 / 058 718 5175**

SOUTH CAMPUS  
**051 505 1217 / 051 505 1478**

### UFS OFF-CAMPUS SECURITY LIAISON

If you are the victim of crime off campus, please report the incident immediately to the SAPS and via WhatsApp on **078 960 4165 / 060 984 4629**

### SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

Emergency number **10111**

Parkweg SAPS (Bloemfontein Campus)  
**051 507 6036 / 051 507 6027**

Phuthaditjhaba SAPS (Qwaqwa Campus)  
**058 718 0894 / 5 / 6**

Kagisanong SAPS (South Campus)  
**051 409 5608 / 7**

**CRIME STOP**  
(report criminal activity anonymously)  
**08600 10111**

**MOBILE PHONE EMERGENCY NUMBER 112**



If you are the victim of crime on or off campus, please report the incident to Protection Services. Off-campus incidents must also be reported to the SAPS – Protection Services will assist in this regard where possible.