



YOUR SAFETY MATTERS, NAVIGATING CRIME WITH CONFIDENCE

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Stay crime conscious – be aware of potential risks at all times!

- Avoid walking alone or talking to strangers; stick to well-lit, busy streets and walk in a group when possible.
- Ensure your home is secure and join an armed response service. Keep emergency numbers displayed in an accessible area.
- Inform someone of your whereabouts and how long you will be gone. Avoid sharing your plans online; criminals have access to social media too.
- Trust your instinct.
- Avoid crowded streets where pickpockets often operate.

- Always leave a social event with someone you trust and never leave your drink unattended.
- Make sure that any physical contact respects your boundaries.

Safety at your accommodation

- Report any suspicious activities to the landlord and to the Protection Services off-campus security liaison officer via WhatsApp.



- Keep valuables out of sight and securely locked away.
- Always confirm who is at the door before opening, keep doors and gates locked, replace locks when moving in, and reach out to someone you trust if you feel unsafe.
- Avoid trusting others with your property.

- Keep music at a moderate volume to avoid attracting thieves.
- 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.

- Keep your PIN confidential and secure.
- Report and cancel your ATM card immediately if lost or stolen.



Safety on the street

- Avoid showing off expensive jewellery, mobile phones, or other valuables.
- Keep your handbag and phone with you, securely closed, and never unattended; carry only the necessary cash and keep your wallet in a secure inside pocket.
- Credit card transactions must be processed in your presence.



*Safety in your neighbourhood,
even on campus,*

*is also **YOUR**
responsibility*

- At night, avoid dark, isolated areas and stick to well-lit, busy streets, preferably with a group.
- Plan your route in advance and, if lost, ask a police or traffic officer for directions rather than strangers.

See something – say something

Report suspicious activities to the Protection Services Control Room and if you have any information about criminal activity, share it via email at investigation@ufs.ac.za or WhatsApp 060 984 4629.



Safety in your vehicle

- Plan your route in advance.
- Keep the doors locked and the windows closed at all times.
- Store your phone and valuables out of sight; lock them in the boot (trunk) before leaving your vehicle.
- 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 crime.
- Say NO to drugs. The more you take, the more you will need to sustain the habit.
- Drinking (even one drink) and driving is a serious offence.



Source of information: CSMP units provided by ISMI

CONTACT DETAILS

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

SAPS

- **EMERGENCY NUMBER** 10111
- **PARK ROAD SAPS** (Bloemfontein Campus) 051 507 6036 / 051 507 6027



- **PHUTHADITJHABA SAPS**
(Qwaqwa Campus) 058 718 0804

- **KAGISANONG SAPS**
(South Campus) 051 409 5601

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.