SAFETY TIPS

The University of Miami Police Department would like to remind students, faculty and staff about the importance of practicing general, personal safety techniques. Although it has come to the attention of the University that the recently reported assault on Pisano Avenue was fabricated (Official Information), safety should still be a top priority; take an active role in helping UMPD help you to stay safe. Please review the basic and easy-to-follow safety tips listed below. They will greatly enhance your personal safety and security while both on and off campus, especially at night.

- Use common sense and intuition. If something doesn’t make logical sense or just doesn’t feel right, chances are something is wrong. Take immediate action to remove yourself from the situation.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Take advantage of UMPD’s free safety escort services if you are ever uncomfortable: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (305-284-6666).
- Report ALL suspicious activity to UM Police at 305-284-6666.
- Don’t hold a card access door open for someone you don’t know.
- Let your friends know about your schedule and whereabouts.
- Use the “buddy system” – go out with a friend or a group – especially at night if you’re headed for a late night snack, run, or study break.
- Keep your cell phone handy when walking and program the number for UM Police into your speed dial (305-284-6666).
- Consider taking a self-defense program offered by UM Police.
- When jogging:
  - Know your route.
  - Continuously scan the surrounding area.
  - Avoid jogging close to large vehicles or dumpsters.
  - Stay inside campus.
  - Avoid secluded places.
  - Keep your head up and look ahead of you.
  - Stay within reach of a blue light telephone.
  - Consider running indoors on the Wellness Center jogging track.
  - Cross the street if someone starts to jog toward you.
    - Keep your eyes fixed on the person until s/he passes.
    - Periodically look behind you to make sure s/he hasn't turned around.
  - If you must run with headphones on, make sure they are not so loud that you can't hear things around you.

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Distribute and post these safety tips as necessary to keep our community safe and informed.