

# CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION

Southwestern Christian College Police Departments number one priority is the safety and security of our campus, students, staff, facility and visitors. This page was created as a reminder to give students and faculty tips to prevent crimes as well as providing tips to look for that might indicate criminal activity is about to occur.

Around Campus	Residence Halls	Motor Vehicle Safety	Cyber Safety
Plan the safest route to your destination	Always lock your doors even when sleeping or just going down the hall.	Park in well-lit areas, where your vehicle is visible; avoid parking next to vans or trucks	Never give your password to anyone. Change your password frequently.
Travel in groups and avoid going out alone at night	Do not leave messages on your door about when you will be returning to your room.	Keep all valuables out of sight and secure them when you're out of your vehicle	Do not allow others access to your email or other personal accounts.
Tell a friend or roommate where you are going and what time you expect to return	Tell a roommate or friend if you are planning to be away overnight or for a few days.	Before getting in, check inside and under your car to make sure no one is hiding.	Use a secure browser that will encrypt or scramble purchase information or pay with a money order or check
Walk near curb and avoid shrubbery or other places of potential concealment	Do not prop any exterior doors open to allow unescorted visitors into the residence hall	Service your vehicle regularly to avoid breakdowns.	Do not download files sent to you by strangers or click on hyperlinks from people you don't know.
Stay alert to your surroundings and people around you	Do not let unknown individuals "tailgate;" ask who they are visiting and offer to call Public Safety	Keep your vehicle locked at all times.	Make certain that all your personal information is deleted from your computer prior to disposing of it.
Walk keeping your head up and look around, avoid staring at electronics	Do not leave your keys, ID, wallets, phone or other valuables in open view.	When leaving your car for service, remove your other keys and valuables.	Shop online only with companies that you know; check with the Better Business Bureau if unsure.
Keep your keys separate from your purse or backpack	Report any malfunctioning locks, doors or windows to your residence life staff.	Have your key ready when you approach your car.	Update your virus software regularly or when new versions are available.
Carry your purse close to your body and keep a firm grip on it; carry your wallet in an inside coat pocket or your front pant pocket	Report lost or stolen residence hall keys immediately to your residence hall staff.	Consider "The CLUB" or an alarm system.	do not give personal information that can identify where you live to social networking sites.
Don't overload yourself with bags and avoid shoes that restrict your movements	Always lock your doors and windows especially if you reside on the first or second floors.		Never leave your computer/laptop unattended.

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## **Campus Crime Prevention Personal Safety Tips**

Familiarize yourself with the layout of the campus.

Share your class schedule with your parents and trusted friends and give them your telephone numbers.

At night, stick to well-lighted areas whenever possible and avoid alleyways or “shortcuts” through isolated areas.

## **In the Residence Halls**

Do not allow strangers to enter your room or your complex.

Do not open your door unless you can identify the person seeking entry.

Do not leave your keys lying around in your room when you are not in the room.

Report any suspicious persons or activities (including solicitors) in or near your residence hall to your residence hall staff, Public Safety or Police.

Secure your valuables and engrave expensive items with identifying information.

Get to know your RA, residence life staff and neighbors.

## **Cyber Security**

Monitor your access time; by keeping track of when and how long you were on a computer system, it will be obvious if someone has gained access to your account.