



Safety tips on the streets, dorms or apartments

Plan to be safe on the street

When you walk, jog, or run:

- Use the safest and most direct route.
- Choose well-traveled and well-lighted streets at night.
- Stay alert to your surroundings. Using a phone or MP3 player can decrease your awareness.
- Look confident and purposeful.
- Become familiar with businesses that are open late.
- If you feel uneasy, go directly to where there are other people.
- Walk with a friend if possible, particularly at night.
- Carry your keys and money in a pocket, not in a purse or backpack.
- Avoid using an ATM after dark.
- If you are being followed by someone in a car, turn around and walk in the opposite direction. **Call 911.**
- If you are being followed by someone on foot, turn around and let him/them know you've seen them. Cross the street and go to a place where there are other people. **Call 911.**
- If you are in your vehicle and being followed, go to an open business or gas station and **call 911.** Do not drive home or pull over.
- If you are being verbally harassed, ignore it and walk away.



Call 624-WALK (9255): The University provides a free walking escort service (from and to University locations) to students, staff, faculty, and visitors. Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. During the day, a police officer will walk with you to your destination. At night, you will be met by a uniformed student security monitor. Call and be prepared to give your first name, location at which to be met, and destination.

Be safe in your dorm or apartment

- Lock your door.
- Use only initials and last name on your mailbox.
- Know your neighbors and who you can call on for help.
- Do not open your door without checking to see who is there. Be wary of unexpected visitors.
- Only let people you know into your room or home.
- Keep your cell phone charged and near you.
- Never prop open a building door or leave your room or apartment unlocked.
- Keep first-story windows closed and locked.



If you feel that your safety is in jeopardy, please **call 911.**



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Parties—keeping them safe means proper planning

Before the party

- Plan the party. Limit the number of guests (Parties that are open to everyone invite trouble.)
- Talk with neighbors and ask them to contact you about any problems.

During the party

- Keep noise to a reasonable level. Check outside your unit to see if noise could bother neighbors
- Be available to answer the phone and respond to neighbors' concerns.
- Control parking. Guests should not park in the yard or block driveways.
- Make sure only those of legal age are drinking alcohol.
- Have alternatives to alcohol available.
- Don't promote thirst—serve some non-salty foods.
- Don't allow excessive drinking.
- Designate a responsible person as bartender.
- Don't let anyone leave alone.
- Stop friends from driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Do not allow anyone to use the outdoors as a restroom.



Be aware that you are responsible for your guests! Violations of the law may subject you, your landlord, the property owner, and your guests to penalties which include fines and possible jail time!

1. Party calls (chronic problem addresses): If police respond to your party and they observe or hear a noisy party, your landlord and/or property owner may be fined. Fines will be increased for each additional party responded to. These fines are often passed down to the residents.
2. You may be liable for damages caused by your guests under the “Social Host Liability Act”—Minnesota Statute section 340A.90
3. You and/or your guests may be cited for: underage consumption; misrepresentation of age to purchase alcohol; selling or giving alcohol to persons under 21; selling alcohol without a license

After the party

- Clean up any litter on and around your yard as soon as possible.
- Talk with neighbors to ensure that there were no problems with your party and/or the guests.



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