Personal Safety

When walking alone, body language is important in identifying you. Don’t behave like a victim.

- Walk with confidence and alertness. Remain aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Keep your head up and your posture erect. Maintain a brisk, confident pace.
- Should a stranger approach you, look at them for three to five seconds as you walk by.
- If approached by someone asking for directions, give them from a distance, if at all.
- If someone is following you, look at them (so you can identify them) then change directions.
- Vary the route you take when walking around the campus.
- Never prop open doors to buildings.
- Take advantage of the Safety Escort Service by calling (480) 965-1515

Personal Safety in Your Vehicle

- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Avoid parking beside high-profile vehicles such as trucks, trucks with campers and vans.
- When approaching your vehicle, have your keys ready, but do not thread them through your fingers. If someone threatens you and demands your keys, throw them away and flee in the opposite direction.
- As you approach your vehicle from a distance, glance underneath it and the adjacent vehicles.
- Check the backseat of your vehicle before you enter.
- Don’t leave your mail or other personally identifying information visible from outside the vehicle.
- It is recommended that women purchase an inexpensive “masculine” item to leave visible in their vehicle. Any apparent feminine identifiers indicate a woman is likely to return.
- If you think you are being followed, never drive to your home or place of residence. Proceed to a well lit, populated public area, shopping mall, police or fire station.

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For additional information, call (480)965-1972