

ASU Police Offer Safety Tips for Holiday Season

While the holiday season brings gift shopping, traveling and celebrating, it is also an opportune time for more unfortunate situations such as theft. To ensure the safety of students, staff and faculty during the holiday season, ASU Police says to follow a few safety tips. Please be aware of your surroundings and remember to take precautions at all times.

- Walk or jog with a friend, never alone.
- Avoid isolated, dark areas.
- Do not expose cash or other tempting items such as jewelry in public.
- Use campus safety escort services at night: 965-1515.
- Tell a friend where you are going and when you will return.
- Carry a whistle or noise maker. Do not be afraid to shout if you need help.
- Walk with confidence, show that you are aware and in control.
- Park in an area that will be well lit when you return.
- When approaching your car or door, get your keys out in advance. Don't fumble for your keys at the door.
- Remember to always lock your car and place valuables in the trunk to hide them from direct eyesight.
- When walking to your car, look under, around and in front of the vehicle to make sure there is no suspicious activity.
- Do not get in your car until you have checked inside, especially the back seat.
- Before driving, lock your doors and put on your seatbelt.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved.
- Never drink and drive.

For more information, please call the ASU Police Crime Prevention Unit at 965-1972.

Happy Holidays!