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Personal Safety On and Off Campus

Educating everyone about Personal Safety and Crime Prevention is a goal of the Roberts Wesleyan Campus Safety Department. Students and staff alike share in the responsibility of their own personal safety as well as assisting in the prevention of crime around the campus. The following are some tips to help in this effort.

Dorm Safety

- In the event of an emergency dial 911 and (or) call Campus Safety at 585-594-7777.
- Lock dorm rooms whenever you leave the room (even for a few minutes).
- Do not prop entrance doors into dorms or doors into the residence area of the dorm.
- Secure your valuables out of sight.
- Report any suspicious person or activity to Campus Security.
- Do not loan out your key or your ID to anyone.
- Whenever possible keep ground floor windows closed and locked.

Walking Safety

- Walk with someone whenever possible.
- Request an escort to your car or dorm if you're uneasy about walking alone.
- Walk and park in well lit areas.
- Do not take shortcuts through poorly lit areas.
- Plan your route. If possible let someone know your destination and approximate arrival time.
- Be aware of your surroundings and anyone around. Notice if someone passes you several times or moves with you as you move.

- Do not stop and talk with drivers looking for directions, especially at night or when you're by yourself.
- Walk near a curb facing the traffic. Be aware of building doorways and parked vehicles.
- Do not allow yourself to be taken somewhere. Drop to the ground if necessary. Attract attention by screaming, yelling, or throwing something. The abductor does not want to create attention.
- When possible take an elevator instead of stairs. Stand near the door. Do not stand in the back when by yourself. Be suspicious of those getting on. If someone makes you feel uncomfortable get off the elevator.

Car Safety

- Park your vehicle in a well lit area.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle. (GPS and Laptops are desired commodities)
- Always lock your car doors when you leave you vehicle even for short trips into a store.
- Walk to your car with your keys ready and be observant. Delay using a cell phone or searching through a purse (Don't be preoccupied).
- Observe the area around and under the car as you approach. Look for other vehicles near your vehicle and notice if they have occupants.
- Never approach your vehicle if another vehicle (especially a van) is parked by your driver side with an occupant inside sitting near your door; enter your vehicle from the passenger side or delay getting in and return to a safe area.
- Check the inside floors and backseat quickly; Get in, relock your doors, start the car and drive away immediately. Do not eat, make a phone call, make notes or look for items. Drive to a different safe, well-lit area away from your parking area to perform these tasks.
- Never pull your car over to the side on a quiet road, even if someone is pointing to your tires; continue to drive to a well lit, populated area to check.