



# Safety Tips

## From the MTCC Safety/Security Department

### Personal Safety

- Follow the Buddy System when possible.
- Trust your instincts -- Call out someone's name if you are scared.
- Do not carry large amounts of money.
- Avoid wearing baggy clothing when working around machinery.
- Enroll in safety classes.
- Turn on your emergency flashers, drive to a well-lit area and wait for the officer's siren, if you have doubts when being stopped by law enforcement.
- Change directions and go towards bright lights and other people, if you think you are being followed.
- Walk with confidence, avoid giving the impression that you would be an easy victim.
- Keep a safe distance from strangers.
- Plan ahead -- know what you would do if attacked.

### Vehicle Safety

- Lock your valuables in your trunk prior to arriving at your destination.
- Hide or always carry an extra key to your vehicle.
- Keep a half-tank of gas at all times.
- Know your vehicle license plate number and register your vehicle on campus.
- Make sure you lock your doors when you get in your vehicle and when you exit your vehicle.
- Keep a spare tire and check the air in it.
- Keep the following items in your vehicle:
  - first aid kit,
  - blanket,
  - one day supply of snack food,
  - cell phone,
  - jumper cables,
  - empty gas can,
  - flashlight,
  - battery-operated radio,
  - fire extinguisher,
  - water, and
  - extra oil.

### Safety on Campus

- Contact Campus Safety and Security Office to request someone to walk out with you after dark.
- Notify Security if you see or hear anything suspicious.
- Inform your parent(s)/spouse of your class schedule.
- Avoid leaving books, book-bags, or purses unattended.
- Notify Security if your vehicle will be left overnight on campus.
- Look underneath and inside your vehicle before getting in.
- Be familiar with the campus and buildings.
- Walk between buildings in groups, when possible.
- Stay alert.



**Contact MTCC Security if you have questions or an emergency on campus dial 828-442-1084; off campus dial 828-442-1084 or 9-1-1 (during operating hours).**

