

## Identify theft is the fastest growing crime in America

- An identity thief may pick through your trash to capture your personal information. Tear or shred your charge receipts, copies of credit applications, checks and bank statements, expired credit cards, and credit offers you get in the mail. Be wary of promotional scams.



- Don't carry your SSN card; leave it in a secure place. Carry only the identification information and the number of credit and debit cards that you'll actually need.
- Don't use your mother's maiden name, your birth date, the last four digits of your social security number, or similar series of numbers as a password for anything.
- Pay attention to your billing cycles. Follow up with creditors if your bill doesn't arrive on time. A missing credit card bill could mean an identity thief has taken over your account and changed your billing address to cover his tracks.
- Cancel all credit cards that you have not used in the last six months.
- Secure your mailbox, thieves search mailboxes for pre-approved credit offers, bank statements, tax forms, or convenience checks.
- Order your credit report at least once a year. Reports should be obtained from all three major sources: Equifax at 800-685-1111; Experian at 883-397-3742; or TransUnion at 800-680-4213. In writing, correct all mistakes on your credit report.

For more information about identity theft or what to do if someone has stolen your identity go to:

[www.jhu.edu/security/crimeprevention\\_identity.html](http://www.jhu.edu/security/crimeprevention_identity.html)

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410-516-2359 - [liaison@jhu.edu](mailto:liaison@jhu.edu)  
For assistance with city, neighbor and neighborhood concerns.

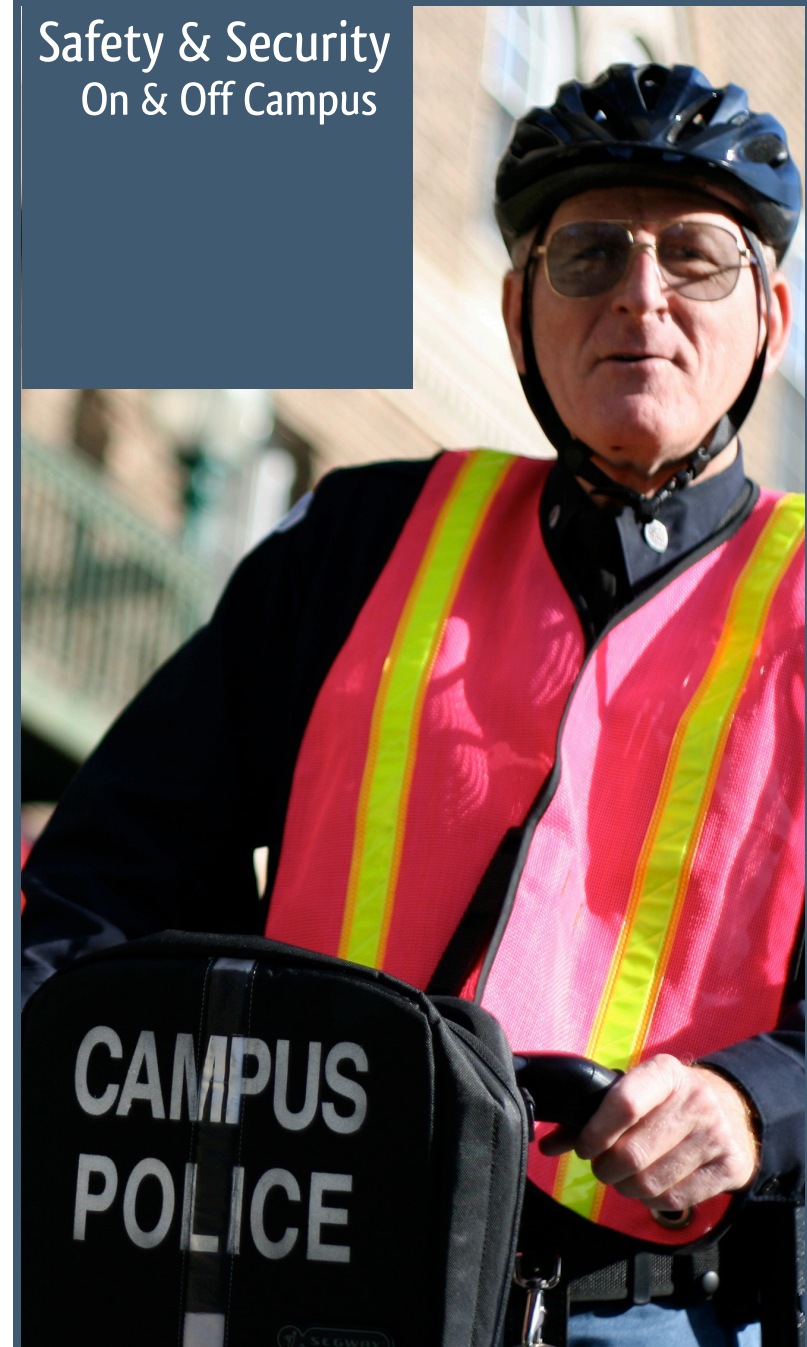
### Off-Campus Housing Office

Wolman Hall, Room 102 - 410-516-7961  
For assistance with landlord issues and referrals to city agencies as well as a general information about life off-campus and listings for available rentals are online at [jhu.edu/hds/offcampus](http://jhu.edu/hds/offcampus).

### JHU Security

Emergency - 410-516-7777  
Information - 410-516-4600  
Escort Vans and Walking - 410-516-8700  
JHU Security provides security services, safety seminars and escorts and shuttles. Please contact JHU Security for more information about services available to you.

## Safety & Security On & Off Campus



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## In Your Residence

- Always keep your doors and windows locked.
- Let a friend or roommate know where and with whom you'll be out, and when you will be returning.
- Determine who is outside your door before you open it.
- Never allow anyone you don't know to enter the building.
- Never invite a person you met on the street, in a bar, or in another public place back to your room.
- Lock the door even if you're just going down the hall for a moment.
- Record serial numbers and keep photos or descriptions of your valuables.
- List credit card numbers with phone numbers to report them lost or stolen and store this information in a safe place.



## Harassing Phone Calls

- If you receive a call from a stranger, ask who is calling and what number the person is trying to reach, but don't give out any personal information.
- Hang up immediately if the caller does not respond when you answer or if the caller uses obscene language, but don't use obscene language, just hang up.
- Don't say anything if the same caller contacts you again because all the caller wants is an audience.
- Call Security at 410-516-7777 to report any annoying threatening, or obscene calls.

## Out and About

- If you suspect you are being followed, stay away from dimly lit areas and head for a store or building.
- Know the location of "Blue Light" emergency phones on campus.
- Be careful when people stop you to ask for directions or money. Always reply from a distance and never get too close to the car or the person.

Carry a security whistle. They are available at the Security Office in Shriver Hall.

- If you are out after dark, use only well-lit routes.



- Make use of escort vans, campus officers, and security monitors.
- Travel in groups whenever possible.
- Look confident when you walk. Make eye contact with passersby, and keep a firm grip on your property.
- Walk near the curb and avoid passing close to shrubs, dark doorways, and other hiding places.

- Carry your keys in your hand so you can quickly get into your car or home.
- Avoid using street ATMs.
- Program the number for Security into your cellphone. 410-516-7777.
- Carry small amounts of cash you can hand it over if confronted.
- If an assailant demands your possessions, surrender them immediately to avoid risking further harm.

## In the Car

- Keep windows rolled up and doors locked.
- Keep possessions out of sight.
- Always remove your keys from the vehicle and lock all doors.



- Check around and inside the car before you get in.
- Make sure your car runs well and has plenty of gas.
- If your car breaks down, tie a white flag to the antenna and wait for help.

- Never pick up strangers and never go with a stranger who offers to help. Instead ask them to get help for you.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- If you park on a University lot, keep your access card in your wallet rather than in your vehicle.
- Look around and under your car as you approach it.
- Check the inside of your car before getting in.
- If you are confronted inside your car, honk the horn to attract attention.

## Protecting Your Property

- Never leave your purse, wallet, or other property unattended.
- Never give any credit card, bank, or social security information to anyone over the phone and memorize all of your pin numbers, or keep them written down in a safe place.
- Use a steel "U" lock rather than a cable lock for your bicycle. Lock the frame and tire together to a stationary object.
- Report all lost or stolen keys to Security.