



Personal Safety

International Student Services – Texas A&M University

When at Home

- Keep all the doors and windows locked.
- Meet your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- If your house/room key is missing have the lock changed.
- Before answering the door, check to see who is there.
- Leave both an outside and inside light on if you will be returning home after dark.
- If you return home and suspect an intruder, don't go in. Call the police.

In Public Places

- Do not leave your valuables unattended. Either carry them with you at all times or put them in a locker.
- When carrying a purse, keep it closed and carry it near your body.
- Do not leave personal beverages unattended; if you happen to (even just to use the restroom) get another one.
- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- When going to your car, have your car keys in your hand with the correct key. Before approaching your vehicle, look around to see who is in the area.

When Walking Outside

- Avoid walking alone when it is dark outside.
- Walk in well-lit areas even if it makes the trip longer.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Be attentive of the people around you. If someone is following you, head towards a well lit area with more people.
- If someone in a vehicle talks to you, stay far enough away to avoid being grabbed.
- Always carry a cell phone with you or enough change to make a pay phone call in the event of an emergency.

Important Numbers

- Emergency Number when using On-Campus Phone: **9-911**
- Emergency when using Off-Campus Phone: **911**
- University Police (Non-Emergency): **979-845-2345**
- College Station Police Department (Non-Emergency): **979-764-3600**
- Bryan Police Department (Non-Emergency): **979-361-3888**

Safety Resources

- The Corps of Cadets Guard Room (845-6789):** This is a free escort service that is available at all times. By calling the Guard Room, a member of the Corps will meet you anywhere on-

campus and escort you to any on-campus location. The Guard Room number is listed on the Aggie ID card under “Corps Escort.”

- ❑ **Car-Pool (693-9905):** This on-campus organization offers a free, safe, non-judgmental ride home in the Bryan/College Station area. Their services are offered between 10 pm and 3 am, Thursday through Saturday. When you call their number, a male and female member of the organization will be sent out to pick you up in an Enterprise Rent-A-Car and take you home.
- ❑ **University Transit Service:** For more information on the bus system you can visit their website at <http://transport.tamu.edu/> or call 847-RIDE between the hours of 6 AM and 1 AM.

To Avoid Identity Theft

- ❑ Use caution in giving personal information over the telephone or the Internet.
- ❑ Shred documents containing personal information (address, ID numbers, phone number, etc.) before putting them in the trash.
- ❑ Report missing cards promptly. To report a missing Aggie ID Card, contact the 24-hour hotline at 979-862-4884.
- ❑ If you feel that you are a victim of identity theft, call their hotline, 1-877-438-4338.
- ❑ Do not give out your Social Security number (SSN) over the phone. If you feel that the request is legitimate and will be used to validate your identify you can offer to give out the last four digits of the SSN, but be cautious.

If You Are Harassed

- ❑ Call the police immediately to report the crime. Try to remember as much as possible about the person/people, the vehicle, and the location. If you are in immediate danger dial the emergency number.
- ❑ If you do not report the crime, police authorities cannot prevent future occurrences.
- ❑ Call International Student Services to let them know about the problem. During working hours call 979-845-1824. After business hours call 979-255-6005.

When to Call for Emergency Help

- ❑ When you need emergency medical assistance.
- ❑ To report a crime that is in progress or that has just occurred.
- ❑ To report a fire or accident.

Remember:

- ! **If you become a victim, remain calm, comply with their demands, be attentive to details, and call 911 as soon as it is safe to do so.**
- ! **Dial 911 when off campus or using a cell phone,**
- ! **And dial 9-911 when using an on-campus telephone.**