

# Safety Awareness

The recent tragedy on the Virginia Tech Campus is indeed a great loss to the student community. For us to turn this tragedy into triumph we must learn lessons from this dreadful event.

Listed below are some basic safety tips offered for your safety and security of your property and your person. To help eliminate the opportunity for burglary, and reduce your risk of being a victim of crime it is encouraged that you utilize these tips.

1. *Never leave your dorm room unlocked or unsecured.*
2. *Lock your door and windows every time you exit and enter your room.*
3. *Lock your room door; when you sleep, when you shower or use bathroom.*
4. *Keep all valuables and personal items locked in a cupboard or dresser.*
5. *Never leave exterior doors propped open or ajar.*
6. *All exterior exits should be closed.*
7. *Do not allow unknown individuals entry into the Residence Hall*
8. *Do not allow strangers to overnight in your room.*
9. *Report all "suspicious persons or suspicious activity" to Campus Police*
10. *When moving in or out have family or friends assist with watching your valuables in your room and your vehicle.*

While Colleges and Universities are among the safest communities, no campus is immune from crime. Most Campus crimes occur when criminals are given an opportunity to commit them. It is important that everyone learn to be alert, to use common sense and be pro-active and prevent threats to personal safety or becoming a victim of crime.

*Remember Safety & Security is Everyone's Business"*