Together for a Safe Campus

Wittenberg's Police & Security Department is committed to providing a safe and secure educational and working environment for all our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. As in any community, good policing is only half of the equation to reducing criminal activity; the other half rests with the decisions and actions of its members. Each of us has a personal responsibility for our own safety. This is a part of our effort to inform you about the police & security department's crime prevention initiatives and let you know what you can do to ensure that you and other members of our community are safe. Working together, we can keep the Wittenberg community safe.

Jim Hutchins
Chief of Wittenberg Police
Director of Security

STAY ALERT TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS
Trust your instincts and leave uncomfortable surroundings as soon as possible. Stick to well lit and well traveled areas. Don’t take shortcuts through dark areas or alleys, and avoid isolated spots. Try to travel in groups or in areas where other people are often present.

CALL CAMPUS ESCORT SERVICE
The campus escort service is available to transport students within the University District from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. during the week and until 2 a.m. on weekends, during the academic year. If you are out late at night, don’t walk alone! Call for an escort at (937) 327-7900. After 1 and 2 a.m., escort calls are forwarded to police dispatch and rides are provided by police & security officers.

USE BLUE LIGHT CAMPUS ASSISTANCE PHONES
Phone boxes with distinctive blue lights on top are located throughout campus so that students may access Wittenberg Police & Security, the campus dispatcher and the campus escort service in an emergency. From any of these phones, the caller may press the RED EMERGENCY button, and the campus dispatcher will dispatch an officer to the location immediately.

PRACTICE BASIC SAFETY
Most thefts occur when students leave their doors unlocked or standing open. Always remember...
  - Keep your door locked even when you are at home
  - Don’t prop open exterior doors. You are jeopardizing others' safety as well as your own
  - Report lost residence keys to your housing staff immediately
  - Close your curtains at night and when dressing
  - Keep an eye on your purse or backpack. If you don’t need it, leave it at home
  - Don’t carry large amounts of cash
Tell a friend where you are going and when you will return
Lock valuables in your car trunk out of sight

REPORT CRIMES
Reporting all offenses to Wittenberg Police & Security is one of the best ways to reduce crime. Do not hesitate to contact us. Whether it’s a suspicious person, harassing phone calls, theft or some other unsettling incident, you are encouraged to report it immediately. Call (937) 327-6231 or if it is an emergency call (937) 327-6363.

POLICE & SECURITY SERVICES
In addition to University District patrol services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year, the department provides vehicle registration services, a student escort service, access to campus buildings and emergency medical response. Officers also regularly patrol parking areas and are available to help with vehicle problems, including breakdowns and assistance into vehicles due to the keys being locked inside.

SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
The campus Security Advisory Committee is made up of various student leaders along with selected administrators and staff members. Committee members are asked to serve as liaisons to promote communication on issues of concern to the Wittenberg community. A list of committee members is available online if you have any questions.

CAMPUS ALERTS
Wittenberg’s Chief of Police sends information concerning potentially serious safety or security incidents to the entire campus community via text messaging and e-mail. Be sure to sign up for the emergency text messaging service through MyWitt.

CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT
Wittenberg publishes and distributes information about campus safety policies and procedures, and statistics concerning certain crimes that occurred on campus in a Campus Security Report. This report is available on the university’s website or you can request a paper copy by contacting the Police & Security office.

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