PERSONAL SAFETY

While Case Western Reserve University’s record for personal safety is a good one, it does not mean you can be careless when it comes to your safety. CWRU Division of Public Safety is here to help provide a secure campus environment, but ultimately you are responsible for your own personal safety. Two key fundamentals of personal safety are:

- **AWARENESS**—This is key to personal safety. Always remain aware and alert to your surroundings. Do not let yourself become distracted. Present a calm and confident image.

- **HAVE A PLAN**—You need to know your escape routes. What would you do if someone jumped out from behind a building and grabbed your arm? What if someone confronts you and wants your money? Once you have a plan, COMMIT yourself to your plan. And remember; if FLIGHT is an option, it is ALWAYS the best option.

Resources Available from Division of Public Safety

- Safety and security presentations tailored to your group’s needs
- Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes and street smarts self defense presentations for those who identify as women. Contact radprogram.case.edu for more information
- Free personal alarms for your keychain
- Hard copy of CWRU Annual Security Report
- The Daily Crime Log found at case.edu/publicsafety/reporting/crime-security-reports
- ALICE (Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate) active aggressor response

For more information on these programs please contact the Crime Prevention office at crimeprevention@case.edu, 216.368.1243, or go to case.edu/publicsafety
GENERAL CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Crime does not simply happen. Like a triangle, crime must have three sides or elements present to be complete. Those three elements are; ABILITY, DESIRE and OPPORTUNITY. Remove any one of these elements and the triangle can’t be formed and the crime will not occur.

You can help the University reduce crime on campus by following these tips and reducing the “opportunity” for crime.

• If you see or hear something suspicious on campus, call CWRU PD Communication Center at 216.368.3333 immediately. You can also send anonymous tips to 67283, you must begin each text with CWRUtip(space) to be received in dispatch.

• Be wary of people that don’t appear to belong in the area. Don’t hesitate to ask questions, such as “May I help you?” If their answers are vague or suspicious call CWRU Police.

• Keep your possessions in sight at all times. Don’t leave books, backpacks or laptop computers unattended in public or unsecured areas, it only takes a matter of seconds for things to disappear.

• If you leave your office or room, even for a few minutes, LOCK THE DOOR! It’s much easier to invest a few seconds securing your property, than spending the time later filling out a theft report and replacing property.

• Never leave your wallet or purse on top of your desk; take it with you or lock it up. Don’t leave valuable objects plainly visible in your car.

• If you have bicycle, lock it up when not in use. Go to case.edu/publicsafety and fill out a bike registration form, print it out and bring it to CWRU PD HQ (1689 E.115th St.) or the Wade or Fribley student service offices to get a campus registration sticker. Undergrad students receive a free bike lock.

• Avoid taking valuables into athletic facilities or leaving them by the track or court while exercising.

• Be aware of your surroundings, especially when using electronic devices.

• Be alert to potential danger while walking. If it doesn’t look or feel right, trust your instinct and leave or alter your route.

• Campus has two-way emergency phones. We have blue call boxes and pedestal mounted blue light phones. Both phone types have an emergency button and a call button. With a touch of a button, the caller is immediately connected to CWRU’s Communications Center. The location of the call is automatically recorded and response is immediate.

• When moving around campus at night utilize safety services such as the shuttle buses (see schedules at case.edu/access-services/shuttles/) and Safe Ride between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. to move around the campus area.

• To request a Safe Ride, sign into saferide.case.edu or call 216.368.3000.

• When jogging or bicycling stay in areas you are familiar with and stay in well-lit areas.

• Get the free CWRU Shield app for your iPhone or Android device. It has useful panic button, safety check and tips features. Go to case.edu/publicsafety for more information.