

# Safety Advice and Tips

The University community has become a vibrant academic, social, cultural and sports center for our city. Unfortunately, the advantages, of an open urban location can be an attraction to those with criminal intent.

The Columbia Police Department and the USC Police Department have join forces to beef up patrol around the University community to help provide a positive environment. What can you do to help? The number one thing you can do is take a few precautions and follow a few safety tips:

- Trust your instincts. If a place or situation doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Leave.
- Avoid shortcuts and isolated areas when walking after dark.
- Don't walk alone after dark. Early evening to late evening, travel only in groups of three or more in well lighted and traveled areas. Use the APO Escort Services 777-DUCK or call for a police escort 777-4215.
- When traveling in your vehicle, keep windows and doors locked.
- If approached, don't resist a robber, especially if he has a weapon.
- Never venture into or through dark or undesirable neighbor hoods.
- Familiarize yourself with call box locations.
- Don't carry large sums of cash.
- Get a good description of the attacker and locate a safe area in the event of an encounter.
- If attacked or approached by someone suspicious, contact the police immediately by calling 911 or use the nearest call box.

For additional safety advice and tips, you may contact Sgt. Henry Garbade at 777-0855 or e-mail hgarbade@gwm.sc.edu or Inv. Calvin Gallman at 777-8400 or e-mail calvinr@gwm.sc.edu.

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