

Robbery Prevention Tips

- Call the Public Safety office for an on-campus escort, especially from dusk to dawn.
- The buddy system works best. Less likely to be targeted. If something does happen, you have a better chance of getting help.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid taking shortcuts through isolated areas.
- Avoid dark corners, alleys and entrances to buildings. Crooks don't like to strike where eyewitnesses can provide the police with a detailed account.
- Plan ahead so that if you must walk alone, choose open, well-lit, and well-traveled areas.
- Leave your purse at home if possible. If you must carry one, carry the smallest one you have, hold it firmly, close to your body. Purse snatchers prefer to grab you from behind.
- When fleeing from danger, alert others by yelling "Fire...Fire...Fire!"
- Be aware of Campus Emergency Call Box locations.

What to do during an armed robbery

- Try to stay calm. Don't make any sudden movements to upset the robber.
- Do exactly as you are told. Do not resist!
- If you must move or reach, tell the robber what you are going to do and why.
- Try to get a good look at the robber so you can describe them later.
- Don't be a hero. It's better to lose your money than your life.
- Give the robber time to leave.
- Note the direction of travel when they leave.
- Try to get a description of the robber when they leave.
- Try to get a description of the vehicle only if you can do so without exposing yourself to harm.
- Tell the robber about anything that might surprise them, such as someone who is expected to arrive soon.