NAU POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAFETY AND SECURITY TIPS

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BE A CRIME FIGHTER: NO BADGE REQUIRED

Criminals can only be successful if they are afforded the opportunity!!!
The good news: It is not necessary to take extraordinary measures! Simply exercise common sense precautions and remain constantly alert to your surroundings. By taking some of these suggested positive actions, you can help minimize the number of opportunities criminals have to commit crimes on our campus.

PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

- Be aware of your surroundings. Don’t wear ear buds or headphones.
- Walk or jog with a friend, NOT ALONE!!!
- Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots, or alleys.
- Avoid isolated, dark areas. Use the campus safety escort services.
- Body language counts! Walk with confidence. Show that you are aware and in control. Always let someone know where you are going and when you will return.
- Be discreet. Don’t advertise your social life or personal plans and those of your coworkers to people visiting or calling your place of work.
- If you feel that you are being followed look directly at the person, awareness is often a deterrent. Head to the closest public area and look for a “Blue” emergency phone, if on campus.
- Carry a whistle or noise maker. Do not be afraid to scream if you need help
- Don’t flash large amounts of cash or other tempting targets like expensive jewelry
- Park in an area that will be well lit when you return
- When approaching your car or door, get your keys out in advance. Don’t fumble for your keys at the door
- Don’t get in your car until you have checked the inside, especially the back seat.
- Before driving, lock your doors and put on your seatbelt.
- If your car breaks down, use an emergency blue phone or raise the hood and stay in the car. If someone stops ask them to call the police. Carry a cellular phone if possible.

NAU Police Escort Services – The NAU Police have an escort service available during hours of darkness. If you are having safety concerns and would like an escort to or from any campus location, simply call our non-emergency number (928)523-3611 and our University Safety Aides or an officer will be dispatched to assist you.
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BUILDING AND DORM SECURITY TIPS

- Do not prop exterior doors open! If you see a propped door close it.
- Never let an unknown person into your building.
- DO NOT confront suspicious individuals or intruders instead call the police department and notify m staff.
- Immediately report any broken or flickering lights, dimly lit corridors and stairs, doors that don’t lock properly, or broken windows to your RAs.
- Elevators - don’t get into elevators with people who look out of place or behave in a strange or threatening manner.
- Never leave your room or office door unlocked (including windows on lower floors): A thief only needs seconds to take your purses, wallets, computers, and other valuables.
- Record the name brand, serial number, and color of your valuable items. If possible, permanently mark (engrave) personal items with an identifying number that can only be traced back to you.

VEHICLE SECURITY TIPS

- Never leave your keys in the car or ignition.
- Keep your home and car keys separate.
- Always lock your car.
- Consider installing anti-theft or alarm devices on your vehicle.
- Do not leave items of value in plain view, even if the car is locked. Put them in the trunk of the vehicle or take them with you.
- If you have a GPS system in your car, do not put your home address in the “home” shortcut.
- Copy your license plate and vehicle identification numbers and keep them with you.
- If possible park in well-traveled and well lighted areas.