

Public Safety

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General Safety Awareness Tips

- Pay attention to your surroundings, stay alert to those around you, as well as remain aware of what is happening around you at all times
- Become familiar with Campus escort service [schedules](#) and how to access the service
 - BU Bus Shuttle offers service between the Charles River Campus and the Medical Campus (BU Bus Tracker App - Google Play Store / App Store, Website www.bu.edu)
 - Public Safety Escort Services / Medical Campus (617-358-4444 / Off-Hours Service)
 - Garage Shuttles
- There is always safety in numbers; use the Buddy System when walking at night
- Walk along well-lit, populated areas; avoid unfamiliar shortcuts and remain alert



Safety Tips On Campus

Become familiar with the locations of the [Blue Light Emergency Call Boxes](#) around the medical campus. These provide communication with Public Safety personnel 24x7. They are strategically placed in all public areas around the campus, including garages





Safety Tips On Campus

- Avoid using devices (cell phones, iPods, headphones, etc.) that distract you from recognizing danger signs or reduce your level of awareness to your surroundings. Being distracted can make you an easy target.
- When assisting strangers with directions or engaging in conversation, always keep a safe distance.
- Be aware of strangers using distracting techniques, which may give them the opportunity to take your belongings.
- Be conscious not to publicly display cash or expensive electronic devices.
- Have your car or home key in your hand before you reach the door.
- When approaching your vehicle, always look into your rear seat area before getting in.
- Keep valuables and other items such as packages, briefcases and backpacks out of view when leaving them in your vehicle unattended.



Safety Tips On Campus

- Wear your Boston University Identification Badge at all times.
- Never compromise safety or security for the sake of convenience. Please do not prop doors that are intended to be locked.
- Secure your office or work area when you leave for any period of time.
- Avoid granting access to anyone you're not familiar with, when entering "Card Access" areas. This is called "**piggy-backing**" and can allow unauthorized persons access to restricted areas.
- Avoid leaving personal electronic devices and laptop computers unattended.



Safety Tips On Campus

- Keep your purse, wallet, keys and other valuables with you at all times or secured in a locked drawer or cabinet.
- Carry only a minimal amount of cash while at school or in the workplace.
- Avoid carrying important personal documents such as passports, visa, or social security cards unless absolutely necessary.
- Immediately report any suspicious activity or persons to **Public Safety at (617) 358-4444 (Medical Campus), BUPD at 617-353-2121 (Charles River Campus)**



Safety Tips On Campus



Cyclist should use U-locks when securing their bicycles. Please remove any attachments (lights, phone holders) prior to securing your bike.



Important Emergency Contacts On Campus

- **If You See Something, Say Something...**
- Safety in general is a shared responsibility among all members of our community, if you see something suspicious, please call:
 - **Public Safety at (617) 358-4444 (Medical Campus)**
 - **BUPD at 617-353-2121 (Charles River Campus)**
 - For off-campus emergencies call 911
- Program these numbers in your cell phone.



On Campus Alert System

- **Send-Word-Now Alerts**

- Boston University Police and / or Public Safety Department will provide information related to any major incidents, which would impact the daily operations, to all faculty, students and staff. Please follow the directions provided within these messages and updates

- **Twitter / Facebook**

- Boston University Police Department



Off Campus Awareness

- **Twitter / Facebook**
 - Boston Police Department
 - Transit Police Department
 - MA State Police