TOP TEN SAFETY TIPS FOR FEMALE COLLEGE STUDENTS

College safety is a systemic issue but it often boils down to personal safety. You are responsible for you. Your college years can be the best years of your life, but can become a nightmare if you do not take steps to protect yourself. Let’s take a look at the top 10 safety tips for female college students.

10. Know Where Campus Safety Phones Are

9. Have a “Safety Buddy”

8. Tell someone where you are Going & When You’ll Be Back

7. Always Have a Designated Driver

6. If a Party gets too Crazy…Leave

5. Never Drink Alone with Someone You don’t Know

4. Don’t Ride with Drunk or High Drivers

3. Never offer Rides to Strangers

2. Practice Safe Sex

1. Trust Your Instincts

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CONTINUED SPECIAL TRAINING FOR UNIVERSITY POLICE

Benedictine University Police Officers continue to train in various topics. Police Officers have been training in everything from Tactics to D.U.I. enforcement. University Police attend both State certification training and in-house training through University Police Instructors.

EMAIL SCAMS

Jobs that sound too good to be true should raise a red flag for any college student. FAKE job postings abound in unsolicited emails sent to your student account and on online job listings.

Watch out for over payment scams, often posted as a book-keeper, personal assistant, administrative assistant, etc, to assist in processing checks or mystery/secret shoppers. The “company” sends a check to the “assistant” (student), who is then responsible for taking their salary out of the check and wiring the remainder of the money back to the “company.” These checks are fraudulent and can leave you facing criminal charges.

Beware if the email or job posting:
• Does not indicate the company name
• Received from address that doesn’t match the company name
• offers to pays a large amount for almost no work
• offers you a job without ever interacting with you
• asks you to pay an application fee.
• wants you to transfer money from one account to another
• offers to send you a check before you do any work
• asks you to give your credit card or bank account numbers
• asks for copies of personal documents
• says you must send payment by wire service or courier
• offers you a large payment for allowing the use of your bank account – often for depositing checks or transferring money

ROOT BEER FLOAT ANYONE?

Benedictine University Police conducted an alcohol and D.U.I. awareness program on January 23, 2013 in Ondrak Hall.

Officers had students don vision altering goggles which simulate different blood alcohol contents. While wearing these goggles, students had to try and walk a straight line and complete several tasks without stumbling or falling.

R.A.’s provided Root Beer Floats to all participants in the event.