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### ***Security Initiatives...***

University residence halls use a "Best" locking system, so there are no duplicate keys. All keys are stamped "Do not duplicate."

All keys are coded with core numbers rather than room numbers, so lost or stolen keys cannot be matched with a particular room or building.

Students are asked to help enforce security procedures. Most exterior doors on campus buildings are locked and secured each evening by University Police.

During the late night hours, University Police officers provide random patrols of campus buildings and parking lots.

As part of their patrol responsibilities, University Police officers report repairs needed for exterior lighting and other identified safety issues.

To improve nighttime visibility, trees, shrubs, and other vegetation on campus are trimmed.

### ***Choose Your Ride...***



### ***Drink Responsibly... Don't Drink and Drive*** **Always have a designated driver!**

Benedictine University Police, Lisle-Woodridge Fire Department and a Benedictine University student came together to promote responsible use of alcohol. Please take extra care when driving during the holiday season.

A poster similar to this was created in collaboration with Chief Anderson of the Lisle-Woodridge, Emergency Medical Services.

### ***Driving during winter weather conditions...***

This is sometimes hazardous at best. Below is some information you may find useful as you prepare to drive in the winter season.

- Check latest weather information on your radio.
- Try not to travel alone - two or three people.
- Drive carefully and defensively.
- Watch for ice patches on bridges and overpasses.
- If your car should become disabled, stay with the vehicle, running your engine and heater for short intervals. Be sure to "crack" a window to vent Carbon Monoxide.

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### *Erratic & Unsafe Driving rising on campus...*

Over the past two months University Police have stopped many motorists who have been driving at excessive speeds, making illegal lane changes, disobeying stop signs and causing great danger to themselves, other University motorists and pedestrians.

University Police are making every effort to enforce these issues through internal University policies. However, many motorists don't seem to be deterred by University citations and/or courtesy warnings.

University Police may have to take enforcement efforts to the next level, which would require violators to make court appearances in DuPage County court, thus affecting the motorists driving record.



### *Happy Holidays!*

The Office of Public Safety would like to wish all students, faculty/staff and guests of Benedictine University a happy holiday season. Please remember the following things to make your holiday safe and enjoyable.

- Please be mindful of the holiday season when driving and remember to drink responsibly, slow down and be safe!
- Wear your seatbelt when traveling during the holidays.
- When holiday shopping, don't leave packages visible in your vehicle in shopping center parking lots.
- Keep track of all credit card receipts when holiday shopping to prevent possible credit fraud.
- Don't carry large sums of cash or display amount of cash in purse or wallet when purchasing items at register.
- Pick Pocket season – women should wear purses across chest and men should carry wallets in front pocket or waist pack.

### *New Public Safety Website*

Stop by [Publicsafety@ben.edu](mailto:Publicsafety@ben.edu) and follow the on-page link to our new website. Take a moment to explore the various pages. We now have online forms that can be filled out and submitted entirely online. You may also report issues, crimes, or tips anonymously via our online "Silent Witness" page.

Additionally, you will find parking & traffic regulations, department services and information about our officers.