SAFETY TIPS
When Walking On- & Off-Campus
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Walking can be great fun, but it can also be potentially dangerous. Here are a few tips to help keep you safe while you enjoy walking both on and off campus.

• Don’t take chances with your safety when walking.
• Don’t walk alone (especially at night).
• Use public walkways.
• Be alert! Be aware of your surroundings.
• Walk facing traffic. Walk confidently. Notice who passes you and who is behind you.
• Pay attention to people/cars around you and be aware of any suspicious situations/people.
• Display proper body language to show you are aware of things happening around you.
• Walk in well-lighted areas. Do not walk near bushes, alleys, etc.
• Wear clothing and shoes that give you freedom of movement and reflect light.
• Do not overburden yourself with bags or packages that might make running difficult.
• If someone in a car stops you to ask for directions/information, always reply from a safe distance—never getting too close to the vehicle.
• If an auto driver persists in bothering you, cross the street and walk/run in the opposite direction.
• If you feel someone is following you, turn around and check. Proceed to the nearest lighted house or place of business.
• If you feel you are in danger, do not be afraid to yell and run.
• Carry as little cash as possible. Hold your purse tightly, close to your body. Keep your wallet in a front pocket, button hip pocket or inside coat pocket.
• Always hide your valuables; and do not leave personal information on display.
• Have your keys in hand, and be ready to enter the vehicle.
• Avoid hitchhiking.
• Park in well-lit areas.
• Avoid parking close to large vehicles; it decreases your ability to see the area around you.
• Keep your car doors locked--while you are in the vehicle, and when you leave your vehicle.