NYU Public Safety Tips

- **Never leave property unattended -- on campus or off campus.** Larcenies of unattended property are the #1 crime on university campuses. You wouldn’t leave a hundred dollar bill lying around in a public place, so don’t leave your laptop or cellphone.

- **Be aware of your surroundings** and walk like you know where you are going. If you use an electronic device to listen to music when you walk around the city, keep the volume at a lower level.

- **Be aware of potential pickpocket situations** such as crowded subways, busy sidewalks and concerts. Keep your wallet in a front pocket, or your purse in front of you or at your side, but not behind you.

- **Trust your instincts.** If a situation makes you feel uncomfortable, get out of it as quickly as possible. Make casual eye contact with the person making you feel uncomfortable just to let them know you are aware of their presence.

- **Travel in groups** of two or more (the buddy system), especially late night.

- **Beware of scam artists** offering big returns for little or no money. If it seems too good to be true - IT IS! This includes online phishing scams.

- **Craig’s List or social media.** If you plan to meet someone you connected with online, meet in a public place, get a legitimate phone number or e-mail address, and get the person’s full name.

- **On the street — Travel well-lit and populated areas.** Avoid “short cuts.” If you must travel alone late at night, call someone at your destination to let them know you are coming and how long it will take you to arrive.

- **Lock your doors,** even when you are at home or just going out for a second.

- **Do not give out personal information,** online or in person, unless you know who is asking. **Never** give out your social security number or date of birth outside an official setting.

- **Don’t carry your passport, birth certificate, or social security card around the City.** They are hard to replace and can be used for identity theft.

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