

Personal Safety



In Residence Halls

- Lock your door at all times– even if you go down the hall for just a few minutes to visit a friend. Do not prop security doors open.
- If a key or access card is necessary to enter the building, do not let anyone without the key or card into the building– no matter how nice they look or act. Tell them they will have to contact campus security or the resident assistant.
- Be especially aware of security during vacation periods when there are fewer people around.
- Report all broken locks, lights or other potential security problems as soon as possible.

In Apartment Buildings

- Get to know your neighbors. If you trust your neighbors– let them know when you will be away so they can alert you if an unknown person enters your residence.
- Change your locks. The resident living there before you may have copies of keys to your doors.
- Check with your apartment manager to see if a security or escort service is provided. If so, utilize the escort service when walking to and from your vehicle.
- Don't keep a spare key in a typical spot, try to find an unusual, hidden, or distant location. If you trust your neighbors, you can leave a key with them.
- Do not leave children home alone.

Where to Find Help

K.S.U. Police Services

- Emergency 911
- Non-Emergency (330) 672-2212
- Services & Information (330) 672-3070

University Health Services

- Medical Services (330) 672-2322
- Psychological Services (330) 672-2487
- Office of Student Health (330) 672-2320

Kent State University Resources

- Counseling & Human Dev. Ctr. (330) 672-2208
- Psychological Clinic (330) 672-2372
- Women's Center (330) 672-9230
- Escort Service (330) 672-7004
- Judicial Affairs (330) 672-4054
- SRVSS (330) 672-8016

Off-Campus Resources

- Kent City Police (330) 673-7732
- Townhall II (24hr Help Line) (330) 678-4357
- Akron YWCA Rape Crisis Center (330) 253-6131
- UH Portage Medical Ctr (330) 297-0811
- Emergency Room (330) 297-2850
- Portage County Victim/Witness Assistance Program (800)201-3857

- At Home
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Emergencies

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Non-Emergency

(330) 672-2212



Kent State University
Police Services
Department of Public Safety

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At Home

- Check your doors to make certain they have strong frames, sturdy hinges, and “jimmy proof” locks. Install a peep hole and chain latch to increase your security. Sliding glass doors need pins or “charley bars” to prevent them from being opened from the outside.
- Lock your doors at all times. Look through the peep hole before opening the door. If a person is unknown or unexpected, ask why they are there. If necessary check and verify their identification before opening your door. If someone asks to use your phone, make the call for them. Don’t let them into your home.
- Lock your windows. Reinforce ground floor and basement windows with a bar to prevent them from opening if the locks are jimmied. When windows are open, place a bar diagonally in the window to prevent them from being opened further.
- If you lose your keys or if you move into a residence (new or old), change the locks. You do not know who has a copy of the keys.
- If you think your residence has been broken into, do not enter. Call the police from another location and let them check for intruders.

Protect Your Identity

Never release your social security number, date of birth, or photo ID where they can be copied or misused. Report lost or stolen ID’s immediately. Report lost or stolen credit cards to the issuer and the following credit reporting agencies:

Equifax	1-800-535-6285
Experian	1-888-397-3742
TransUnion	1-800-269-0271

On the Telephone

- Never let the caller know you are home alone. Do not give information especially social security number or date of birth.
- If you need to call the police for assistance, give your exact address first. State the problem and give as much information as possible.
- If you receive obscene phone calls, hang up immediately. If they persist, contact the telephone company and the police to find out what you can do to identify and prosecute the caller. Tell unwanted telephone solicitors to take you off their calling list.

In Your Vehicle

- Never leave your keys in your vehicle. Keep your car locked at all times, even when you are in it.
- When going to your car, have your keys ready and scan the area. It is not safe to stand by a car while you look for your keys. Before entering your vehicle make sure it is unoccupied—check the floor, front, back areas, and even under your car.
- Don’t leave valuables in plain sight—keep them in the trunk or under the seat. Remove radar detectors, GPS systems, CD’s, and adapter cords that may attract thieves to your vehicle.
- Park in well lit areas. If using valet parking, only give the ignition key to the attendant.
- Never offer or accept a ride from someone you don’t know or trust.
- If you are being followed, do not go home. Drive to the nearest police station, sheriffs department, or fire station. If this is not possible, go to the nearest public phone and call 911 for help.

On the Street or Campus

- Be aware of who and what is around you. Walk with confidence. Hold your head up and your shoulders straight. Look at the people you encounter. Most of all—follow your instinct. If you think you’re in danger, try to get out of the situation and report it to the police.
- Do not impair yourself with alcohol or drugs. Do not drink from open bottles or cans at parties. If you believe your beverage has been tampered with, do not drink anymore of it. If you believe you consumed a tampered beverage, tell a friend and seek medical attention immediately.
- If you are approached while walking, cross the street or change directions. If you are being followed do not go home. In either case, go to a place where there are other people as soon as possible. If you decide to run, run as fast as you can and scream to get attention or help.
- If at all possible, walk with someone else. Always walk in well lit areas. Avoid alleys and deserted parking lots. Take special precaution in parking structures, stairwells, elevators, bathrooms, and dark areas with shrubbery or objects an assailant can hide behind.