

House Security Resource Guide

Key Contacts

- House Sergeant at Arms
 - 202-225-2456
- USCP
 - Emergency
 - Landline on Campus 911
 - Cell Phone (202) 225-0911
 - Non- Emergency Police Services (202) 224-5151
- MPD First District (202) 698-0555

Reduce Your Risk of Being a Victim

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Trust your instincts. If someone or something makes you uneasy or if it doesn't feel right, leave.
- Walk confidently, directly, and at a steady pace. Don't stop to talk to strangers.
- Do not allow yourself to be distracted by your cell phone. If you're wearing headphones, keep the volume low enough that you can hear someone approaching you.
- Try to travel with others and walk in populated and well-lit areas.
- Park in well-lit areas, near sidewalks or walkways. AVOID parking near dumpsters, large vans or trucks, woods, or anything else that limits your visibility.
- Near leave valuables out in plain view, even if the car is locked. Always put them in the trunk or out of sight.
- Try to park in a garage with an attendant.

- Even if you're rushed, look around before you get out and stay alert to your surroundings.
- Always keep your doors locked and windows rolled up no matter how short the distance you're traveling or how safe the neighborhood.
- When you are coming to a stop, leave enough room to maneuver around other cars, especially if you sense trouble and need to get away.
- Always drive with the doors locked. If a thief can't get in your vehicle, you stand a better chance of leaving with it.
- Don't stop to assist a stranger whose car has been broken down. You can help instead by using your cell phone to call police for help.

Emergency Call Boxes

• Be on the look for emergency call boxes located throughout the House office buildings and parking garages to call USCP if needed.



Helpful Resources

- Metropolitan Police Department Crime Statistics Data.
- Metropolitan Police Department Carjacking Data.
- Metropolitan Police Department <u>First District Crime Map/Statistics.</u>