### Safety Tips

- Report all crimes to University Police immediately: Call University Police at (631) 632-3333 or use an emergency "Blue Light" phone.
- Do not walk alone at night, especially in poorly lit areas.
- Do not hitchhike, pick up hitchhikers, or accept rides from strangers.
- If a car approaches and you feel threatened, run in the opposite direction of which the car is traveling so that the vehicle will have to turn around to pursue.
- Have your key in your hand and ready to unlock the door of your house, apartment, or dormitory.
- When getting off a bus or exiting a building, look around and assess your environment. Check for anyone following you. If you think you are being followed, cross the street, run, change your direction of travel, or run to a well-lit residence, business, or public place.
- Keep doors locked while driving - someone could enter your car while it is stopped in traffic.
- Lock your car when you leave it and check the interior when you return prior to entering.
- Have your keys in hand when you approach your car.
- If followed, drive to a public place, police station, or firehouse. Do not go home - you do not want the suspect to know where you live.
- Do not pull over when flagged down by strangers.
- If your car becomes disabled, keep the doors locked and windows rolled up. If someone approaches, remain in your vehicle and without unlocking the doors or lowering the windows, tell them to call the police. Remain in your vehicle until the police arrive.

### Important Contact Information

For emergencies, contact University Police at 333 from campus phones or (631) 632-3333 from non campus phones. For non emergency related questions please contact (631) 632-6350 during regular business hours.

- **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**: 632-3056
- **CRIME STOPPERS**: 2-TIPS on campus
  - 1-800-220-TIPS off campus
- **STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE**: 632-6740
- **WALK SERVICE / RSP**: 632-6337
  - (Free escort to your car or between buildings from 8:00 pm to 3:30 am)
- **COUNSELING**: 632-6720
- **CRISIS INTERVENTION**: 751-7500
  - (24-hour crisis counseling and referral service)
- **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**: 2-6085
- **Wo/MEN's GENDER RESOURCE**: 2-9666
- **WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS**: 2-SNOW
  - 4-SNOW
Reactions—Not Distractions

Whether you’re a driver or a pedestrian, individuals can take control of distractions that are often times harmful and threaten the safety of everyone. Help us make our roads and our community safer for everyone. Make the pledge to stop distractions by visiting: www.stonybrook.edu/police/safety/reactions-not-distractions

Driving While Distracted (DWD)

- Distraction from cell phone use while driving (hand held or hands free) extends a driver's reaction time as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08 percent.
- The number one source of driver inattention is use of a wireless device.
- Drivers that use cell phones are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.
- 10 percent of drivers aged 16 to 24 years old are on their phone at any one time.
- Driving while distracted is a factor in 25 percent of police reported crashes.

Driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37 percent.

Pedestrian Distractions

When using a cell phone, pedestrians commonly:

- Walk slower
- Are less likely to notice other objects in their environment
- Select smaller crossing gaps in traffic
- Are less likely to look at traffic before starting to cross the road
- Are less likely to wait for traffic to stop
- Are less likely to look at traffic while crossing the road
- Are more likely to walk out in front of an approaching car

Using electronic devices like cell phones and MP3 players while walking can increase your likelihood of being involved in a motor vehicle accident. Pay attention to your surroundings and avoid distractions. No plan or strategy guarantees your safety; all you can do is remain cautious and take no unnecessary chances. The more careful you are, the safer you will be.

Community Relations Safety Programs

Rape Aggression Defense — The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

Operation Identification — Operation Identification is a theft prevention program that involves marking property with an identifying number to alert thieves that all valuables in the home are marked for identification purposes. Operation Identification is an excellent community project which promotes neighborhood cooperation and citizen awareness of crime prevention strategies.

Fingerprinting — The fingerprinting service is open to all Stony Brook University Faculty, Staff and Students. You must have a valid Photo ID or State issued ID card to have your fingerprints taken.

To sign up for any of our crime prevention programs please contact the Community Relations Team at (631) 632-3056.