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SOUTHAMPTON

# Residence Hall Security

1. Unpack as soon as possible. It is not a good idea to leave property in your vehicle for extended periods, especially overnight. Even if arriving late at night, it is best to unload immediately. Ask a friend to help you move in.
2. During move-in, do not leave property unattended in your car, on the sidewalk, in the lobby, or in your unlocked room. Do not prop open exterior doors. Keep both car and room locked while unloading and moving between the locations.
3. Get acquainted with your neighbors on your floor and in your building as quickly as possible. Every resident has a role to play in security. Part of that role is to know who belongs and who doesn't.
4. Always lock your door. Whether you are at home, "just down the hall for a minute", or out of the building, always keep your door locked. Ask your roommates to do the same. If your roommate is taking a nap when you leave - lock the door.
5. Recognize strangers and do something about them. If you feel comfortable in doing so, ask them if you might help them. If not, report them to the University Police by calling 911 or 631-632-3333.
6. Secure your personal property, especially expensive and easily transportable items. Lock them up. Use cables to secure electronic components. Engrave items with unique identifiers.
7. Do not allow entry into your building to those whom you do not know. Don't let them "tailgate" when you use your cardkey to access entrance doors. Refer them to a guest telephone. Have your card out and ready to use before you reach the front door.
8. Be assertive where security is concerned. You have both rights and obligations in this regard. You have a right to expect your neighbors to follow good security practices and to do things which protect your interests. You have an obligation to do the same for them.
9. Propping doors open is the most abused security item found on campus. To prop a residence hall door open is to invite anyone, thief or other felon, into your room. Don't do this to your neighbors and don't let them do it to you.
10. Do not leave notes on your door stating that no one is home or when you will return, it's an open invitation to a theft.
11. Keep wallets, purses, checkbooks and jewelry out of sight and locked up if possible. Use inexpensive "costume" jewelry if possible. Do not keep large sums of money on hand, and routinely check your checkbook to see if any checks are missing.
12. Do not loan your keys to anyone and do not attach your keys to your University ID.
13. Lastly, know who is on the other side before opening the door.
14. It is a good practice to remove valuables when you go home for vacation, weekend or summer session.

Emergency Contact Information  
University Police 911 (Campus Phone)  
University Police 631-632-3333 (Cell Phone)