

How Safe Are You?

This is a common question that is asked to almost every TUPD Officer, and the campus community that we serve. The answer is quite simple, SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU! As we welcome you back to Towson University from a long winter break, we know that you are bringing back old or new gadgets, clothes, and other important items of value to you.

Here are a couple reminder safety tips to prevent your items from being stolen, or from you becoming a victim of a crime.

- First, **DO NOT** leave your items unattended. If even for a minute for a restroom break, take your items with you. Register your personal property or valuables with TUPD's Free Online Property Registration, www.towson.edu/personalproperty. The Online Property Registration is free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Second, make sure you lock the doors to your residence halls and vehicles at all times. It only takes a thief 4 seconds to enter your room or car, take the first item they see and leave. Park in a well-lit area, and if you think that you may be returning to your vehicle late at night, take advantage of our Safe Ride Escort Service. This service will afford you a walking or vehicle escort around campus. To schedule a safe ride, contact 410-704-SAFE(7233).
- Third, the Towson University Police Department is dedicated to promoting a safe and secure environment in which to live, learn, and work. TUPD offers free classes to assist you in beginning your mental, and physical preparation, of recognizing, accessing, and responding to threats against you. We strongly suggest and encourage you to take advantage of our Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) class.



R.A.D. courses are offered to female students, faculty and staff on campus each semester. RAD promotes crime awareness and prevention while teaching valuable techniques for reducing one's risk of becoming a victim of crime. Taught by certified RAD instructors, the four-week course offers hands-on training in easy and effective self-defense tactics. Check the [Daily Digest](#) or call the TUPD (410-704-2134) for information about the date and registration of the next RAD course.

Free Text Messaging

Students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to register for Towson University's state-of-the-art emergency notification system. It is the best way to ensure that you receive critical university notifications on safety issues, school closings and weather alerts. The registration is free and available 24 hours a day. You may register two phones. For more information, please visit Towson University Police at www.towson.edu/textalerts.

Don't Drink and Drive

Remember it takes the average person one hour to metabolize one ounce of alcohol. Plan accordingly.

Drink responsibly

Use a designated driver when you depart for home.

Buckle Up!

Report drunk drivers by dialing 911.



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Officer Kia D. Williams
Operations Support Bureau



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Contact Ofc. Kia Williams
410-704-5622
property registration
www.towson.edu/personalproperty



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