

The Towson University Police Department wants to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Here are some tips to help make your holidays secure.

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even if you will only be gone for a minute.
- Protect your laptops, iPods, purses, wallets, cell phones, and other valuables. Don't leave them unattended.
- Don't put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows or doors.
- When going on trips or out for evenings, use automatic timers to turn indoor lights on and off to make it appear you are home.
- Immediately after the holidays, mark new gifts with a personal identification number. **TUPD offers free engraving of personal items and bicycles. Please contact TUPD at 410-704-5622.**
- Don't advertise what you got for Christmas by putting the boxes out on trash day. Break the boxes down or take them to the dump or recycling center yourself.
- Lock packages in the trunk of your vehicle and out of sight. Don't overload yourself with packages.
- If you must shop in the evening, shop with a friend.
- Park in well-lit areas, as close as possible to store entrances. Be particularly aware of persons in the parking lot, especially near your car.
- Lock your car and make sure the windows are closed.
- Carry only the charge cards you will need. Don't carry or flash large sums of cash.
- Carry your purse next to your body with the purse flap against you. Men should carry their wallets in front or inside pockets.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you. Don't allow your attention to become distracted from your purse or packages.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall.
- Don't hesitate to notify store security if you see suspicious activity.
- If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lit place.
- If you are a victim of a crime, report it to police immediately.

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.



SEE THE STAFF:
Cpl. Jafar Taru
Patrol Squad



FREE ENGRAVING
Contact Ofc. Kia Williams
410-704-5622

Property registration
www.towson.edu/personalproperty



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