

# Safe Living Guide



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## Did you know you are an important piece of the FIU puzzle?

Living safely within a community is everyone's responsibility. We want FIU to be the safest community it can be, and we need your help. This guide shares tips for living safely and ensuring a safer community not only for you, but for your fellow Panthers!

### WHAT IF?

If...	You should...
someone is stalking you...	report it to the University Police Department immediately.
you are receiving obscene phone calls...	not engage in the conversation or give away any personal details. Keep track of when calls are received and what is said. Save text and voicemail messages and report your concerns to your residence hall staff or the University Police Department.
you are walking around alone...	think twice about walking by yourself (especially at night) instead use the buddy system. You should always try to walk with others on well lit paths. Make it tough for someone to take you by surprise (don't wear headphones when walking, jogging, or studying alone).
you are being followed...	find someone that can help, head toward lighted areas or buildings. Make sure to utilize the blue lights around campus to contact the University Police Department if you need assistance.
you are out with friends...	make sure that everyone is accounted for before leaving. Don't leave anyone behind.
you are working in an isolated lab, practice room, or study lounge...	tell someone where you are going, or even better, take someone with you. Your safety can be seriously compromised if you are alone.

### THE 7 DON'TS

that will keep your room and belongings safe!

1. Don't leave your door unlocked! Always lock your door when you leave and even when you're inside sleeping, studying, or hanging out with friends.
2. Don't let strangers into your room! Use your peephole to identify guests, ask for ID or meet them in the hallway.
3. Don't post your location or personal information! Whether on voicemail, a note on your door, or even social media be careful of what information you are providing.
4. Don't leave valuables in plain sight or within easy access in your room! You should limit the amount of valuables (cash, jewelry, electronics, etc.) you have with you, don't be an easy target.
5. Don't leave your items unattended! No matter where you are on campus (library, study lounges, the gym, etc.) you should never leave things like your phone, laptop and bags unattended.
6. Don't leave a large amount of cash in your room! Even if it's "hidden" in your sock drawer.
7. Don't give your room key to anyone! Absolutely no exceptions! Remember giving out your key violates the Student Conduct Code.

# INTERNET SAFETY

**Online Relationships:** Just because you've been swapping stories with someone on Facebook or in a chat room, it doesn't make it safe to give out your room or cell phone number. If you choose to meet someone in person that you've been communicating with online, make sure the meeting takes place in a public area and your friends know where you are. Don't be alone with someone you don't know.

**Cyber stalking:** If someone is sending threatening emails, making inappropriate comments or watching you, report it right away! Keep track of the messages, save them, print them out and turn them over to the appropriate authorities - you don't have to deal with this alone. Don't take the chance that this is "just a harmless joke." Cyber stalking is never a game.

## Report

### lost room keys.

Lost keys need to be reported to residence hall staff immediately! Someone may use it to access your building or your room. While there is a cost associated with replacement of a room key, it is well worth your safety.

## Report

### the presence of non-residents.

Whether they're on your floor or just hanging around the residence hall - staff and/or the University Police Department need to be made aware of their presence. Don't let non-residents into your building even if they tell you that they're visiting a friend or that they live there; notify the front desk.

## CREATING A DRUG-FREE CAMPUS

Much criminal activity is related to drugs. If you find yourself in a situation in which drugs are present, remove yourself immediately. Report it to your residence hall staff, University Police Department, or report it anonymously online at [police.fiu.edu](http://police.fiu.edu).

## REMEMBER:

A SAFE YOU + A SAFE COMMUNITY = A SAFE CAMPUS

## Don't

### prop any doors.

Tragedies can occur when the wrong person slips through a propped door. Close propped doors right away and report problems to the residence hall staff. Remember that entering through propped doors violates the Student Conduct Code.

## HOW TO KEEP THE RESIDENCE HALLS SAFE

## REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULTS

All sexual assaults or attempted sexual assaults need to be reported. There are many ways to report a sexual assault. You can speak to your residence hall staff, the University Police Department, FIU's Title IX Coordinator, or FIU Counseling & Psychological Services.

It is important to remember that your safety is our number one goal, we are all here to help you.

## PREVENTING SEXUAL ASSAULTS

Both female and male college students may be victims of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault, and a large percentage of victims know their attacker. It's important to always keep the following in mind:

- Don't be alone with someone you just met.
- Clearly communicate your intentions. You can always say "No."
- Keep a level head. Alcohol or other drugs compromise your safety by lowering inhibitions and clouding your judgment.

You should always be aware of date rape drugs. Drugs such as GHB, Rohypnol (roofies) and Ketamine (Special K) are odorless and tasteless, making it easy for someone to slip them into your drink. Always take the following precautions:

- Never leave a drink unattended, especially when you're at a bar or party.
- Never drink from common sources, like punch bowls.
- Never accept drinks from other people.

# EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

**Police Department Dispatch: 305-348-2626**  
**24-hour Police Department Emergency: 305-348-5911**

**Counseling & Psychological Services: 305-348-2277**  
**24-hour Emergency Hotline: 305-348-3000**  
**Victim Empowerment Program: [advocacy.fiu.edu](http://advocacy.fiu.edu)**

**Title IX Coordinator: 305-348-1509**

“The Title IX Coordinator provides advice and oversight on policies, preventive educational programs, resources and services required under Title IX, and in addition, oversees all complaints of sexual harassment and sexual violence, as well as identifies and addresses any patterns or systematic problems that arise during the review of complaints.”

**Office of Residential Life: 305-348-3661**

## Residence Halls

**Everglades Hall Desk: 305-348-1328**

**Lakeview North Desk: 305-348-1176**

**Lakeview South Desk: 305-348-1171**

**Panther Hall Desk: 305-348-3982**

**Parkview Desk: 305-348-7635**

**University Apartments Desk: 305-348-1050**

**University Towers Desk: 305-348-3836**

**Panther Safety Tram: 305-348-6173**



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