

VCU Campus Watch

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Nationwide, over one million cars are stolen each year. For most of us, our automobile is the second largest investment we will make during our lifetime. Let's work together and make it difficult for thieves to steal from us. A car does not have to be new and shiny to be a temptation. As long as the vehicle is easy to steal a thief will have his eye on it. You cannot make your car impossible to steal, but at least you can make it tough.

Rules Of The Road



- ✓ LOCK YOUR CAR! 80% of cars stolen are unlocked.
- ✓ Never leave valuables in sight.
- ✓ Consider an antitheft device. An auto alarm, steering column cover, second ignition switch, bar lock, etc., are not 'foolproof', but may discourage or delay a thief.
- ✓ Make sure you keep spare car keys at home and not hidden in your car. They can be found.
- ✓ Park in well-lighted, busy areas.
- ✓ Never leave your car running, especially at a convenience store.
- ✓ Make sure you have auto theft insurance.

You are one of many VCU students and employees who can assist the VCU Police Department in improving the safety and quality of life on campus. Awareness and reporting of suspicious or emergency situations to the VCU Police Department can help solve crimes, provide emergency assistance which may save a life, and will help deter criminal activity through the implementation of crime prevention procedures and high visibility. Remember, call (82)8-1234 for an emergency.



Maintenance problems often provide opportunities for a crime to occur. Report faulty locks, burned out lights, broken windows, etc., without delay to work control at **828-9444**.

Personal Safety Tips

*Whenever possible, walk with someone or call VCU Escort Service at 828-9255 (VCU-WALK).

*If approached in a threatening way, don't panic. Try to remain calm and think. Obey your natural instincts and don't take foolish chances. Each situation is unique and you should consider three variables: your environment, your personality and the mood of the perpetrator.

*Report all suspicious persons or incidents, however minor, to the VCU Police immediately. Become aware of the VCU Police Emergency Reporting Telephone System (ERTS) located throughout both campuses.



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Together for a Safe Campus*

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