



CAMPUS WATCH

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DON'T BE THE VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME

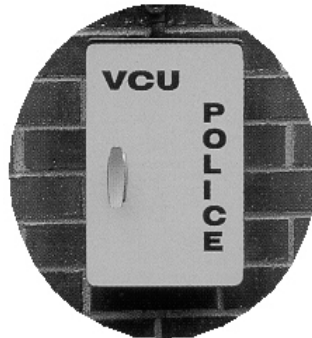
Although violent crime at VCU is rare, we are not immune from such realities. Recent local and national events have heightened our concern for personal safety. This issue of CAMPUS WATCH addresses not only personal safety, but robbery prevention as well.

Although quick arrests normally reduce citizen anxieties, preventing yourself from being a victim of crime is extremely important. Please take a minute and read the safety tips presented below. Consider what **you** can do to enhance your personal safety.

TIPS FOR BEING SAFE WHEN WALKING

ROBBERY is a dangerous crime that can threaten any person or business. It is a crime of violence. Remember that money can be replaced—a life cannot. Test your “street sense” by reading these tips.

- Never walk alone or isolate yourself. Don't make yourself an easy target.
- Use well-lighted, well-traveled routes. Avoid dark areas and be alert to what and who is around you.
- Avoid flashing large amounts of cash or valuables.
- Know the locations of the Emergency Response Telephone System (ERTS) throughout both campuses.
- Use the VCU Security Escort Service. Dial 828-WALK, or use an ERTS.



If a ROBBERY should occur:

- Your safety is most important. Above all, don't be heroic.
- Do what the robber says and don't stall.
- Don't make sudden moves. Make things go smoothly.
- Afterward, call the police immediately. The VCU Police emergency number is 828-1234. Off campus, remember 911!
- Keep all witnesses at the scene until the police arrive.
- If a witness must leave, write down his or her name, address and telephone number.
- Write down a complete description of the suspect, weapon and, vehicle used, if any.

REMINDER:

IF YOU ARE ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND HAVE AN EMERGENCY, CALL **8-1234**.

IF YOU ARE OFF CAMPUS, CALL **911**.

The VCU Police website at <http://www.vcu.edu/police/CrimeReporting.html> posts daily incident reports and up to date information on crime statistics, so that everyone can be aware of what is going on around them. If you have suggestions or concerns about campus safety please call the Emergency Communications Center at 828-1196.



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