

Welcome Back

On behalf of the Towson University Police Department (TUPD), we would like to welcome you to the fall 2011 semester and introduce you to the TUPD newsletter. This newsletter will be published monthly to share information, tips and insights on campus safety and crime prevention. Despite offering a variety of services, the TUPD's constant goal is making our campus a safe place to live, work, and learn. We believe that creating a safe, cooperative environment is easier when the campus community is fully informed about policies regarding safety, security, crimes that occur on or near campus, and crime prevention programs and services. You can find this information in our newsletters, and also on our website at <http://www.towson.edu/police/>.

We encourage you to make personal safety your number one priority while on campus. Awareness, avoidance and risk reduction are the best ways to prevent becoming a victim. The following tips can help you remain safe during your time here.

General Safety Tips

- If you are the victim of a crime, report it to the police immediately.
- Contact TUPD by dialing **410-704-2133** for on campus emergencies.
- **Always** lock your doors and windows.
- Never walk alone at night. Travel in groups of two or more and always travel in well-lit, heavily traveled areas. Use Towson's Escort Service by calling **410-704-SAFE(7233)**.
- When you are going out, tell a friend where you are going and when you will return. Carry a whistle or noise maker, which can serve as a reminder to exercise caution and can alert someone in the area if you need help. Whistles are available free of charge at the TUPD Community Outreach Office on the second floor of the University Union.
- Be alert! Look around you, and maintain an awareness of your surroundings. Make it difficult for anyone to take you by surprise.
- If listening to music, keep the volume low so you can hear what is going on around you.
- If you exercise at night or in the dark, do so with a friend and wear bright reflective clothing.
- Follow your intuition...trust your gut. If something doesn't look or seem right, contact the police.

As always, the TUPD is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We wish you a safe and productive fall semester!

ALWAYS BUCKLE UP!



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Cpl. Jerry Weaver
Patrol Squad



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Contact Ofc. Kia Williams
410-704-5622



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