## **SAFETY**

In general, XULA is a pretty safe campus. However, it is very important to remember that you are in a big city and that there is crime. There are some things you can do to make sure that you do not become a victim of crime.

## **WHILE WALKING**

**Always be alert while walking**. Look up and down the street for suspicious people walking or on bikes or in cars. Keep an eye on bushes and stay in lighted areas. On campus, try to walk near campus emergency phones (those with blue lights on top).

**Walk purposefully** like you know what you're doing and know where you're going. Watch where you are going. Be alert to your surroundings.

**Do not carry valuables or important documents (i.e. passport) with you**. Only have enough cash with you for your immediate needs, including some change for phone calls and for the bus/street car.

Try to walk with someone else or in a group.

**Do not leave** your books, backpack, or purse unattended anywhere, including the library.

**Avoid Shortcuts** through isolated areas or areas that are not lit well.

**Accept rides ONLY** from persons you know and trust. If harassed from a car, walk swiftly or run in the opposite direction to safety. If you’re really frightened, scream for help.

It may be a good idea to have a whistle on your key ring.

## **IN YOUR APARTMENT OR RESIDENCE HALL**

**Lock your door** whether you are in the room or not. Even if you are just going down the hall for a minute, lock the door.

**Do not keep** large sums of money in your office, apartment, or residence hall room.

**If an item can be easily stolen**, keep a list of the serial numbers, model numbers and descriptions. Items that can be stolen easily include TV's, stereos, laptop computers, cell phones and more.

**Immediately report** any broken windows or lights to the landlord or the security staff of the residence hall.

**Take care of your keys**! Do not give anyone the chance to duplicate them.

**If you see unusual activity or an actual crime** like burglary, vandalism or assault, report it to the campus or local police. Their major responsibility is to protect you.

**To contact the XULA Police call**

Ext. 7490 (from on-campus)

520-7490 (from off-campus)

**For off-campus emergencies call 911.**

## **WHILE DRIVING AND BICYCLING**

**DRIVING**

**Lock** all doors and close all windows when leaving your car, whether it’s for a few minutes or several hours.

**Park** in well-lighted areas and try not to walk alone in the parking areas at night.

**Have keys ready** when you approach your car. Check car for intruders before entering and lock the door immediately after getting into your car.

**Always keep** your gas tank at least half full.

**Store valuables** out of sight and lock them in the trunk when the car is parked.

**If your car breaks down** in an isolated area, raise the hood. Stay in the locked car. Ask whoever stops to call the police. Sound your horn if you feel threatened.

**NEVER PICK UP HITCH-HIKERS!** A person walking along the road with their thumb out or with a sign asking for a ride is a Hitch-Hiker.

**BICYCLING**

**Park** your bicycle in well-lighted areas and try not to walk alone at night.

**Always LOCK** your bike when leaving it unattended, even if it’s only for a few minutes.

**Invest in a kryptonite** “U-Lock” for your bicycle. These are the most secure and most difficult to break and therefore it is unlikely your bike can be stolen.

## **TELEPHONE TIPS**

**List only** your first initials and last name in telephone directories.

**Be suspicious** of surveys or wrong number calls, and do not give out your name or address. NEVER give out your credit card numbers or social security number to anyone who calls and asks for that information.

**Never reveal** that you are home alone.

**Hang up immediately** on obscene phone calls.

If you are **receiving harassing** phone calls, keep track of when and what time you get the calls and then give the information to the police. **Making harassing** phone calls could cause you to lose your ability to have a telephone number

## **IF SOMEONE TRIES TO ASSAULT YOU**

**Stay as calm as possible**. Think rationally and evaluate your options: escape, self defense, negotiation or screaming to attract attention.

It may be more **advisable to submit than to resist** and risk injury or death. You will have to make this decision based on the circumstances, such as the presence of a weapon and the type of person you are.

Try to get an **accurate description** of the assailant’s appearance, what was said and a license number to assist the police.

If you are robbed, threatened, or raped, **call campus and/or local police immediately**. You may save someone else from becoming a victim.

**Call a victim assistance** service or rape crisis hotline to help you deal with the trauma that any assault causes.

**For off-campus emergencies call 911**.