



MUW Police Department

Community Safety Bulletin

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As the fall semester gets underway, the MUW Police Department would like to remind the campus community of some helpful safety tips following an incident where the Columbus Police Department recently responded to an armed robbery on Seventh Street South.

MUW Police Chief Randy Vibrock said, "The beginning of the semester is a busy time of the year, and we can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware."

Safety Tips:

- Avoid traveling alone when possible. Park in well-lit areas.
- Remember vehicle location.
- Keep all doors locked and windows closed while in and out of your car.
- When returning to your vehicle, have keys out and ready.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car.
- If you use an ATM, choose one that is located inside or in a well-lit location.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about many things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Be aware of strangers approaching you for any reason.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows to buildings, offices or place of residence.
- Report suspicious activity immediately to the MUW PD at (662) 241-7777 or 911.

W-Alert Reminder: In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning will be issued through the University's text messaging system called W-Alert to students, faculty and staff.

Take a moment to ensure you are signed up for the W-Alert at www.muw.edu/police/preparedness/walertsignup. Follow W Alerts on Twitter, @TheWAlert.

Crisis Management App: We encourage you to download the Crisis Management App and use it as a reference in the event of an emergency. Please visit www.muw.edu/police/preparedness/app for download instructions.