



MUW Police Department

Community Safety Bulletin

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Spring Break is next week for our campus and the MUW Police Department would like to encourage those planning to travel to take extra precautions on the roadways and to plan ahead.

Spring Break Safety Tips

- Equip your vehicle with a first aid kit, flashlight and basic repair tools. Have all proper documentation with you: driver's license, vehicle insurance and registration.
- Bring along a spare key. Keep it in a safe place; you never know when you might need it.
- No distracted driving— texting, using your cell phone, eating, drinking, talking to passengers, etc.
- Before driving to your destination, have your car checked out by a mechanic.
- Always keep your car doors locked and your windows up high enough so that no one can reach in.
- Be familiar with your route and map out safe places to stop along the way. Drive on heavily-traveled highways and avoid making your way too far off of the interstate. Being lost decreases your vigilance and increases the possibility that you could become a victim of a crime.
- If you have car trouble, especially if you are driving alone, stay in your car with your doors and windows locked and call police for assistance. Be wary of individuals who stop to help.
- Do not allow anyone in the car to drink alcohol. Many states have open container laws that prohibit any person in a car from drinking alcohol.
- If you are tired, trade-off drivers or stop for the night.
- Have a contact person: Let someone know where you are going, when you are leaving, & when you arrive.
- Never go out alone: go out with friends and come home with friends. Be accountable for each other.
- If you plan to drink, have a designated driver and never leave your drink unattended.
- Try to avoid taking credit/debit cards and large amounts of money with you. Take enough cash to cover your expenses for your planned activities.
- Use common sense and good judgment. Always be mindful of your surroundings.

W-Alert Reminder

The University uses the emergency notification system through Blackboard Connect to provide alerts via W-Alert. Take a moment to ensure you are signed up for the W-Alert at www.muw.edu/police/preparedness/walertssignup.

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.