



# Off Campus Safety

Keep your outside doors locked (**even when you are home**).

Don't advertise your class or work schedule.

Never leave a note on the door saying when you will return.

Lock your windows.

If the property owner won't replace cheap locks, ask if you can do so at your expense.

Leave some lights on when you are gone.

Do **not** trust chain locks alone — they are not strong enough to keep out a determined intruder.

Be sure all valuables are permanently marked with your name and record all serial numbers.

Sign up to receive crime alerts via text at: [www.police.pitt.edu](http://www.police.pitt.edu)

If a problem occurs, notify the police **immediately**. Keep the City and Pitt Police department phone numbers readily available on your phone: 911 and [412-624-2121](tel:412-624-2121)

Look outside before opening the door. If you can't see the area in front of the door, install a magnifying peephole (all you need is a drill and screwdriver).

**Never** let strangers in the door. If it is a repair or service representative, call the property owner or company to ensure they are supposed to be there. **Always** insist on identification (a PA driver's license is the best I.D.).

Do not allow a stranger to spend a night in your apartment no matter how sad the story.

Always have your key in your hand as you approach the entryway.

Never leave valuables such as TV's, stereos, jewelry, purses, etc., where they can be seen from a window.

Get to know your neighbors. If you look out for them, they'll look out for you.

Consider renter's insurance.