

Safety and Security Tips for Fall Break



If you are leaving Temple:

- Make sure all doors and windows are closed and locked because they can provide easy access for an intruder.
- Close shades, drapes and blinds to avoid onlookers.
- Consider taking valuables with you. If you leave valuables in your space, compile an inventory of your items including make, model, serial numbers, other detailed descriptions and photographs of the items for insurance purposes.
- Make sure exterior lighting works properly.
- Set lights, radios or televisions on timers to give the impression that your space is occupied.
- Do not post your travel plans on social media.
- Make arrangements for a trusted friend to check your property and take care of pets, packages or emergencies.
- If you have a bike on campus, make sure it is properly locked and secured in a highly visible area to reduce the potential for theft.

If you do not have plan to travel during the break, these risk reduction strategies could be helpful:

- Be aware of your surroundings and others. Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable somewhere, leave.
- Avoid distractions (keep phone out of sight) and isolation.
- Walk in well-lit areas with your head up and your eyes scanning the area.
- Use the Walking Escort program ([215-777-9255](tel:215-777-9255)) between the hours of 4pm – 6am daily.
- Limit the amount of cash and credit cards you carry. Use interior automated teller machines (ATMs) and avoid making transactions at night.
- Know locations and how to activate Code Blue emergency phones so you can get help if you need it.
- Keep your wallet and book bags closed and with you at all times. Never leave items unattended, not even for a minute.
- Verify all guests and visitors before providing access to your space.
- Report any suspicious activities or incidents to Temple Police ([215-204-1234](tel:215-204-1234)) as soon as possible. Try to pay attention to important details such as description of the individual(s) and direction traveled so that you can readily relay this helpful information to police.

Have a safe and enjoyable break!