

Exercise caution when jogging

Along with providing the benefits of exercise, jogging is a great stress reliever for many. During this time of year, joggers move from indoor tracks to the outdoors.

When exercising outdoors, joggers need to pay greater attention to all that is going on around them. Often times, joggers become so preoccupied with the physical act of jogging that they lose touch with their environment, including the flow of vehicular traffic and the presence of other pedestrians. When joggers allow themselves to become preoccupied, they also jeopardize their personal safety. Being alert and aware is vital at all times.

When jogging, consider the following suggestions.

- Whenever possible, run with a partner.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and run near busy streets.
- If you must run in the early morning or evening, do so in well lit areas.
- Always carry some form of identification and your safety whistle.
- When wearing earbuds, keep the volume low so you can hear cars, sirens and approaching pedestrians.
- Wear light colored or reflective clothing if running in the early evening.
- Vary the routes so your running routine will not become obvious to others.
- Run against vehicular traffic.
- Run across the street at crosswalks and always pay attention to traffic lights. Drivers often do not pay attention to pedestrians. Be sure to make eye contact before crossing in front of a car.

Stay safe at home this summer

At the beginning of summer, many students will transition from residence hall living to the independence that comes with renting their first place. With the realization that they are now more responsible than ever for their personal safety and the security of their property, off-campus residents must take an active role with Public Safety and property owners to create a safe and secure living environment.

"The excitement of living on your own can be quickly replaced with the burden experienced by first-time renters," said Ruth Peterson, preventive services sergeant. "The experience can be positive if students are willing to take responsibility early and gain knowledge of proper safety and security measures and habits."

Peterson offers the following tips to off-campus residents.

- Work with your landlord to perform general maintenance. Make sure the locks on all windows and doors remain in good working order and burned out lights are reported and promptly replaced.
- Ensure that security bars are installed properly and cannot be easily defeated.
- Do not walk through alleys. Use main streets and sidewalks. LIMOs remain operational during the summer months from 5 p.m. until 3 a.m., nightly.
- Immediately report suspicious vehicles, activities and people to Public Safety.
- Pay attention to your neighbors and other people in the area. Never invite people you do not know well into your home.
- Keep your front and back doors secured at all times, even when you are home.

Many residences victimized by burglaries were entered via unsecured doors.

For more home security tips and recommendations, a free home security survey or personal safety information, contact Public Safety at 288-6800 or visit our web site, www.marquette.edu/dps.

Internet scams reported to DPS

A promise of a monetary commission, tax refund or lottery winnings. An unusual way of completing a transaction based on your Craig's List or eBay listing. These are all subjects of the latest Internet scams, prompting local and federal law enforcement officials to warn the public about completing monetary transactions via the Internet. This school year, Public Safety received several reports of scams where victims provided personal information and money to untraceable suspects.

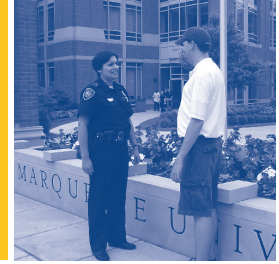
"Since we've become accustomed to ignoring email messages relating to the typical Nigerian scam, in which the sender requests payment to secure a large cash reward, Internet thieves have become more creative," said Sgt. Ruth Peterson. "Thieves are creating new scams tricking people into sending money or providing key pieces of personal information. We've received reports from people who provided their bank account information, social security number or even cash via the Internet without receiving their promised reward or payment."

Public Safety cautions students and staff to beware of any e-mail received from an unknown sender which either requests personal information or asks for money for any reason. Public Safety also recommends against opening messages from unknown senders and the use of extreme caution when conducting business via any Internet sites. For more information on e-mail scams, contact Public Safety at 288-6800.

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Safety and security tips for cyclists

During the summer months, bicycles are a preferred method of transportation to and from campus for many students and employees. Bicycle owners are reminded to use caution while traveling on and near campus and to properly secure bicycles in designated areas. Additionally, bicycle owners should consider the following security tips.

- Never leave your bicycle unattended without first securing it. Bike racks are located throughout campus for this purpose.
- Do not secure bicycles to trees, poles or moveable objects.
- Do not secure bicycles to railings or on access ramps near buildings. These ramps and railings are designed for and used by people who are physically impaired.
- Anyone observed loitering near bicycle parking areas should be reported immediately to Public Safety.
- Long-term or overnight storage is available in the Bike Corral, a secured, covered storage area located in the 16th Street Structure. Bicycles must be preregistered with Parking Services, located in the Wells Street Structure. Use of the Bike Corral is free.
- Bicycles operated within the City of Milwaukee and the municipalities within Milwaukee County are required to display a bicycle license sticker. Licenses cost about \$5 and are usually valid for several years. Contact your local police department or city hall for more information.
- Consider engraving your driver's license number on the frame of your bicycle so it may be easily identified and traced back to you if stolen and recovered. Electric engravers can be borrowed from Public Safety, free of charge.
- Utilize a high-security locking mechanism instead of thin, inexpensive chains and cables, which can be easily defeated.

For more information on bicycle security, visit Public Safety's web site at www.marquette.edu/dps.

LIMOs available during break

LIMO vans will continue to operate throughout the summer from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m., nightly. To request a LIMO, call 288-6363. The Early Morning Shuttle is available from 3 to 7 a.m. to transport students to their residences.

Crime statistics

The statistics below reflect the more significant incidents (including attempts) reported from on- and off-campus areas to Public Safety, February - March, 2009.

	February		March	
	On	Off	On	Off
Sexual assault	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	0	0
Battery	0	2	0	1
Burglary	1	0	0	2
Theft of auto	0	0	0	0
Theft from/damage to auto	1	2	4	4
Other thefts	8	4	11	3

Protecting your vehicle

During the summer months, incidents of vehicle crime tend to rise. A few simple precautions can go a long way in preventing your vehicle from becoming victimized.

- Park in well lit, traveled areas.
- Lock all doors and secure windows upon exiting the vehicle.
- Remove all items from the vehicle upon exiting, including removable faceplates from stereos, compact discs, parking change and cell phones. Do not leave valuable items in the glove box.
- Consider installing a license plate guard to protect registration stickers from being tampered with.
- Consider purchasing a steering wheel lock that when used properly, renders the steering wheel immobile. Locks can be purchased from Parking Services for \$20.
- Immediately report to Public Safety any suspicious activity near vehicles and parking areas, such as people looking into vehicles or trying door handles, the sound of breaking glass and activated car alarms.

For additional information on vehicle security or other safety related issues, contact Public Safety.

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Public Safety	288-6800
LIMO/Safety Patrol	288-6363
Emergency	288-1911
Anonymous Tip Line	288-0467