

## Self-defense classes offered

Public Safety will offer free self-defense classes for all university community members during the spring semester. All classes will be held in the Alumni Memorial Union on the following dates.

Monday, February 9th at 5 p.m. in room 163

Monday, February 23rd at 5 p.m. in room 163

Monday, March 30th at 5 p.m. in room 157

Public Safety's self-defense program uniquely combines a hands-on approach to learning effective techniques with information about the latest national and local crime trends. Designed for both female and male audiences, the class incorporates simple strategies for escaping potentially dangerous situations.

Participants are encouraged to wear athletic attire. There is no fee for the class but registration is required. Registration can be completed by calling Public Safety at 288-6800.

In addition to self defense, Public Safety offers a variety of programs designed to inform the Marquette community about the most current safety and security issues. For more information or to schedule a program, contact Public Safety.

## Vacant House Watch program offered during winter break

The upcoming holiday season marks the 23rd year Public Safety is offering its Vacant House Watch program to students residing in the near off-campus neighborhood. Through the program, students can register their residences with Public Safety prior to leaving campus for the winter break. During the break, Public Safety officers monitor vacant residences during their routine patrols of the neighborhood. The information provided to Public Safety remains strictly confidential.

Public Safety's crime prevention officers will be going door-to-door, providing residents with Vacant House Watch forms and home security information prior to final exams. Students can also obtain forms via Public Safety's Web site, [www.marquette.edu/dps](http://www.marquette.edu/dps). Completed forms need to be delivered or mailed to Public Safety by Monday, December 22nd.



Students concerned about leaving their vehicles unattended can obtain free on-campus parking during the break. Students can register vehicles and obtain a parking pass with Parking Services after their last final exam. Additional information can be obtained from Parking Services at 288-6911.

"We've experienced a great amount of success with this program over the years," said Ruth Peterson, preventive services sergeant. "Providing simple home security suggestions to residents, along with utilizing patrolling officers to monitor the off-campus residential area has proven successful in keeping the neighborhood secure during the time so many students are away from campus enjoying the holidays with family and friends."

## Fake IDs carry stiff penalties

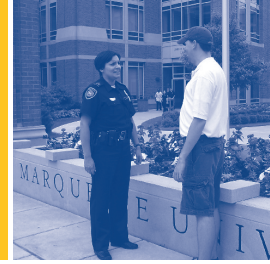
For some college students, the desire to seek exciting social opportunities extends beyond the residence halls and traditional campus venues to clubs and bars where entry is restricted to those over the age of 21. Since photo identification is required for entry, students willing to take risks procure fake driver's licenses. What risk takers may not know is that the Milwaukee Police Department continues to strictly enforce laws relating to the possession and use of false identification cards.

Possessing false identification is in violation of a city ordinance, carrying a fine in excess of \$300 for the first offense. Subsequent violations carry even stiffer penalties. Manufacturing or selling false identification, altering an existing license and duplicating a license are all covered by state and federal statutes, which define these offenses as crimes punishable by imprisonment and fines. Additionally, these offenses are subject to review through the university's student conduct process.

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## Eliminate the opportunities for theft

Proper and consistently practiced home security habits can greatly reduce incidents of theft. Whether you're at home, studying on campus or hanging out at a friend's house, be conscious of securing your personal property. Theft is the crime most often reported to Public Safety and almost all of these incidents could have been prevented by following these simple tips.

- Keep the door to your room, house or apartment locked at all times. It is especially important to secure your doors when you leave home or are sleeping. Remind your roommates that everyone needs to play a role in home security.
- Keep exterior lights lit during hours of darkness. This will allow for greater visibility of your home's exterior.
- Do your best to store valuables in non-traditional places throughout your home. Use lock boxes or small safes to store valuables you do not use daily.
- Consider engraving valuable items with your driver's license number, which is more secure and easier to trace than your social security number. Electric engravers can be borrowed from Public Safety.
- Be a good neighbor. Immediately report any suspicious persons or activity in your hall, apartment building or neighborhood to Public Safety.
- When attending a house party or other social gathering, keep personal items with you. Public Safety has received reports of unattended phones, purses, cameras and coats being stolen from parties.

## Winter bicycle security tips

This fall, several incidents of bicycle theft were reported to Public Safety. Although this trend has decreased, Public Safety is suggesting that bicycle owners properly secure their bicycles during the winter months.

Due to limited parking spaces on campus, as well as the potential damage sustained by bicycles left outdoors during the winter months, Public Safety suggests storing bicycles within the Bike Corral, located in the basement of the 16th Street Parking Structure. Students can register their bicycles for the Bike Corral at the Parking Services office, located in the Wells Street Parking Structure. Bicycles stored within the Corral must be secured with proper bicycle locks.

Students may also choose to take their bicycles home for the winter. For more information, contact Parking Services at 288-6911.

## Crime statistics

The statistics below reflect the more significant incidents (including attempts) reported from on- and off-campus areas to Public Safety, August - October 2008.

	Aug.		Sep.		Oct.	
	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off
Sexual assault	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Robbery	0	0	0	4	0	0
Battery	0	0	0	2	0	3
Burglary	0	0	2	1	4	0
Theft of auto	0	3	0	0	0	0
Theft from/damage to auto	7	5	4	1	1	10
Other thefts	16	7	9	5	11	3

\* This incident was classified as a fourth degree sexual assault.

## Vehicle security

This semester, Public Safety has received reports of thefts from vehicles parked in the off-campus neighborhood. Public Safety provides the following information to keep vehicles secure.

- 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.
- The use of high-security steering wheel locks may reduce the risk of vehicle thefts.
- Immediately report suspicious activity in or near parked vehicles to Public Safety at 288-1911 or by using a Blue Light Phone.

## LIMOs available during break

During the winter break, LIMO vans will operate nightly from 5 p.m. until 3 a.m. LIMO rides can be requested by calling 288-6363.

The Awareness is a publication of the Marquette University Department of Public Safety. Its purpose is to provide members of the university community with timely and accurate safety and security related information. Questions and comments are welcome.

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