

CAMPUS ON WATCH



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**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
&
VCU HEALTH SYSTEM**

(82) 8-1234

**If you see a crime ... or even
if you suspect a crime, call ...**

YOUR PARTICIPATION

You are one of the many VCU students and employees who can help promote services to the University community. Close proximity to a phone or another means of communication provides you with the unique opportunity to improve the safety and quality of life on campus.

Awareness and reporting of suspicious or emergency situations to the VCU Campus Police Department can help solve crimes, provide emergency assistance that may save a life, and will help deter criminal activity through the implementation of crime prevention procedures and high visibility.

CAMPUS ON WATCH allows you and your associates to offer an essential, unified “Crime Watch” crime prevention service to the University. Individually, each employee and student can contribute to a safer and more crime-free work environment.

OBSERVE AND REPORT CRIME



ACCIDENTS: Vehicles, people, animals.

FIRES: Buildings, auto, grass, trash

SAFETY HAZARDS: Faulty lighting; broken doors, windows or locks; blocked halls, windows or doors; vehicles leaking fuel, etc.

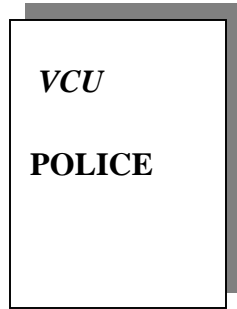
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES: Strange persons or events. Unusual or untimely behaviors.

PERSONAL INFORMATION SECURITY

The Internet has rapidly become the primary information source for many people. This amazing tool has great potential to be abused. Identity theft, facilitated by the Internet, is the fastest growing type of fraud, according to the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, with 1200 people losing their identity everyday in the United States alone. As devastating as financial fraud can be to one's credit rating, electronic harassment or "cyber stalking" can have far more traumatic consequences. Consider these recommendations to protect your personal information.

- 1. Get an assigned "customer number" from the Department of Motor Vehicles instead of using your social security number for your driver's license.**
- 2. Remove extra information (SS#, date of birth, home address) from checks since they can easily be lost or stolen. List first and middle initials and last name on checks.**
- 3. Memorize your social security number and secure it with valuable personal information at home. Do not carry it in your wallet.**
- 4. Invest in a paper shredder and destroy mail solicitations for credit cards, loans, etc., that contain personal information.**
- 5. Never give your credit card number over the phone unless you initiate the call. Avoid credit card purchases over the Internet.**
- 6. Closely monitor your credit card statements to ensure that every charge accurately matches your credit card receipts. Report any discrepancies immediately.**
- 7. Arrange to receive mail regarding financial matters at a post office box rather than at home, especially if you travel often and have an open mailbox.**
- 8. Publish professional addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc., on personal web pages. Limit biographical information. If photographs are used, use action shots. Avoid images that could easily be used for producing false identification documents.**
- 9. Do not reply to professional e-mail using your personal e-mail address. Preserve your personal e-mail for trusted family and friends. Women should use an ambiguous on-line ID.**
- 10. Regularly review your methods of electronic crime prevention, including virus protection, as computer technology advances frequently.**

EMERGENCY REPORTING TELEPHONE SYSTEM

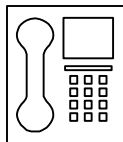


ERTS phones, located throughout the Monroe Park and medical campuses provide a direct connection to the VCU Police Communications Center and identify the location from which you are calling to the answering communications officer.

Outside ERTS phones are yellow call boxes, labeled “VCU Police,” and inside ERTS phones are red dial-less wall phones. Simply push the button or lift the receiver to connect with the Campus Police.



828-9255




VCU-WALK



Use an ERTS phone or call 828-WALK (828-9255) to contact the VCU Police Security Escort Service. This free service is designed to provide a safe walk or ride to campus locations for any student or employee who possesses a valid VCUCard. The Escort Service is available from 5 pm – 8 am on both campuses.

Suspect I.D. Chart

SEX	RACE	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT / BUILD
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HAIR		HAT (COLOR / TYPE)
EYES		SHIRT
GLASSES (STYLE)		COAT
COMPLEXION / FACIAL HAIR		TROUSERS
SCARS / MARKS		SHOES

WEAPONS / ITEMS CARRIED

AUTOMOBILE DESCRIPTION
LICENSE NUMBER AND STATE
COLOR YEAR MAKE MODEL

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