

VCU POLICE DEPARTMENT



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95% of VCU's campus crime is property crime, mainly petit theft. 80 % of campus theft is preventable with minimal precautions.

VCU experiences a relatively low percentage of crimes against persons. "Crimes against persons" includes the categories of murder, rape, robbery, assaults, sex offenses, but these crimes can have life-changing effects.

The great majority of crimes against persons, which occur in the VCU jurisdiction, are also preventable with minimal precautions.



- ❑ Stay in the company of others that you know. Use [the Security Escort Service](#) if you must travel alone in the campus area between 5pm and 7am. (5pm to 8am on the medical campus.) Don't study alone, don't prop doors of locked buildings open.
- ❑ Take advantage of the campus' generous security lighting. Don't park in dark areas. Watch parking signs to avoid being towed.



- ❑ Pay close attention to your property. A great majority of property is stolen after it has been first left unattended by the owners. Make sure you can readily identify your own property – [Bike Registration](#) and [Operation ID](#) – *critical because of personal computers and other sophisticated equipment.*



- ❑ Acquaint yourself with the locations of the ERTS system in a practical way.
- ❑ Always assume that crime can happen to you. There is no such thing as guaranteed safety anywhere. Plan ahead...make decisions with your safety held as the top priority.
- ❑ Be willing to be the one to call police to report crimes, suspicious persons or situations, emergencies involving injury or serious property damage.



- ❑ Women, enroll in [Rape Aggression Defense training](#). Call 828-8730 for information.



When and How to File a Police Report with the VCU Police

- When an accident or crime has happened to you on VCU property.
- The Richmond Police take reports of accidents and crimes on city property.
- Call 828-1234 in an emergency or 828-1196 in a non-emergency.
- Caution not to call 911 from a campus phone because the digit "9" only succeeds in getting dial tone on an outside (non-VCU) line.