

Don't be a Target

Be Alert, self-confident and in control.

Walk with purpose, pay attention to your surroundings and do not allow anyone to invade your personal space.

If you feel threatened

If you feel threatened, make a scene, draw attention to yourself and head towards an area with people. Walk directly to the nearest house or business if you feel you are being followed by someone either on foot or by vehicle. Call 911 immediately if you feel you are in danger.

If Attacked

The choice of whether to physically resist an attack can only be made by you. There is no way to predict an attacker's actions.

Never get into a vehicle or let the attacker take you to another location.

Use anything you have to fight the attacker.

Attract as much attention as possible.

If any person feels their life or safety is at imminent risk, or that there is an active crime happening that they should call 911. Callers should understand that a 911 call placed from an internal Teams line will engage Security automatically. However, if people are calling from a cell phone, they should also call Security at 902-420-5000 or contact Security via the SMU Safe app so they can engage and assist.

Halifax Regional Police

1975 Gottingen St.
Halifax, NS B3J 2H1

Emergency: 911

When immediate action is required: someone's health, safety or property is in jeopardy or a crime is in progress. In-progress is defined as currently happening, the suspect may still be in the area and/or the victim may still be in danger.

Examples: Assaults, robberies, break and enters, fights, gunshots, vehicle accidents with injuries, suspected impaired drivers, someone is in the process of stealing your vehicle.

Please DO NOT call 911 for any non-emergency matters.

If you aren't sure if your situation is a 911 emergency, it is best to call and let the experts decide whether help needs to be sent or not. Built-in TTY/TDD for the hearing impaired is available on all 9-1-1 emergency calls.

Non-Emergency

902-490-5020

General Inquiries

902-490-5016

www.police.halifax.ns.ca



Personal Safety

On and Off Campus



University Security

Emergency Contact

On campus 902-420-5000

Non-emergency Contact

On campus 902-420-5577

<http://www.smu.ca/campus-life/university-security.html>



**Saint Mary's
University**

Personal Safety

Personal safety is a concern for all of us. There are a number of simple steps you can take to increase your personal safety. Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Trust your intuition. If a certain person, place or situation makes you feel uncomfortable, leave immediately. Don't let politeness and your desire to be helpful take precedence over your own safety.

On Campus

Safe Walk

Any student, faculty, staff or even bonafide visitors to campus can call Campus Security 24/7 to request a Security member to walk them to and from any location on campus if they feel unsafe or just prefer not to go alone.

Lone Worker / Studier

Any person or small group working or studying on campus during hours that are typically quiet (late nights or weekends) may contact security 24/7 to notify them of their location and ask that security members come by to periodically check on them.

SMU Safe app

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to download this free app (available on Google Play and Apple stores) for quick access to SMU Security and information. Features include:

- Contact Security button, emergency numbers, a quick 911 call button and links to various campus resources such as Health, Counseling and Sexual Violence support.
- Virtual Walk Home: once activated Security staff can monitor the requestor's progress in real time and can initiate an emergency support call (i.e. 911) in the event something goes wrong during the walk home, on or off campus.

- Friend Walk: Allows the requestor to connect with a friend to monitor the walk rather than Security.

- Emergency Notifications: Alerts users to various emergency conditions and expected actions (i.e. evacuation) on campus. Users must ensure they activate the permissions to allow the app notifications on their device.

The Husky Patrol is available to students and employees for drives to and from Campus, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Sunday to Friday, for specific locations. See [Husky Patrol — SMUSA: Saint Mary's University Students' Association](#) for more information.

Home Safety

Don't allow a stranger to enter your home, regardless of the circumstance. Speak through the closed door. Install a peep-hole in your door. If they ask to use your phone, offer to make the call for them. Call 911 if it appears to be an emergency.

Do not give out copies of your keys. Never put spare keys under floor mats or other places outdoors. Avoid using chain locks.

Auto Safety

Keep doors locked, even when inside your car. Park only in well-lit areas near other vehicles.

Look inside your vehicle before you get in. Have your keys ready before you get to your vehicle. If someone tries to get in your car while you're driving, simple drive off. Press the horn to alert other people to your situation.

Banking Machines

When possible, use bank machines in highly visible locations. Make sure no one can see you enter your PIN. Lean over the machine and angle your body to block the view of the key pad.

Elevators

Do not enter an elevator if you are suspicious of the occupants.

Stand near the floor button panel. If you feel uneasy, push a number of floor buttons, and exit the elevator as soon as it stops.

Do not push the "emergency stop" button as it immobilizes the elevator, potentially trapping you inside.

Walking

Plan your route and walk in areas of high pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Don't take short cuts through parks, vacant lots or unlit streets or alleys. Walk in pairs, whenever possible

Make sure someone knows the route and the times you will be coming and going.

If you suspect you are being followed, cross the street and go into the nearest business and call police. If you are being verbally harassed, don't respond. Keep walking and notify the police when it's safe to do so.

When walking alone, take the ear buds out of your ears and remove any other distractions from phones or music.

Wear your purse under your coat, or carry a money clip.