

Personal Safety

The CSUCI campus is statistically a very safe place to attend college. That being said it is still important you make use of some “common sense” tips that will help to keep you safe and your property from being stolen.

The #1 tip: Be aware of your surroundings! Cell phones and Ipods often can be quite distracting. When you remain aware of your surroundings your “sixth sense” will alert you to conditions or persons that are potentially unsafe. Trust your instincts and don’t allow danger to surprise you.

- Think before you drink. Make plans and take precautions before you become intoxicated. Drinking puts you at risk because it impairs your decision making process. If you’re intoxicated don’t drive, and don’t walk either. Walking home intoxicated can be just as dangerous as driving. Call a cab or a friend.
- Always lock your doors. Never prop them open.
- Do not leave valuables lying out in plain sight.
- Do not let strangers enter.
- Do not put your address on your key ring.
- Lock bikes to a bike rack.
- Record serial numbers of electronic equipment.
 - Use DataDots to mark all your valuable property
 - Data Dots are these really cool super tiny plastic dots – about the size of a grain of sand – that stick to your property. Inside each dot is a unique identifying number that the Police can use to identify you as the true owner.
 - Check out <http://www.datadotusa.com/index.htm> for more information.
 - DataDots are available for purchase. Contact University Police at 437-8444.

The Top 7 Safety Tips for Women

- Travel in pairs. Make it a point to travel with at least one other person specifically at night.
- Carry Identification
- Don’t take drinks from strangers
- Meet new friends in public, and bring someone you trust with you.
- Take a self-defense course
 - University Police offers a very comprehensive course called Rape Aggression Defense or RAD. It is specifically designed for female college students and offered every semester. Call University Police at 437-8444 for more information.
- Always lock your door.
- Tell someone your plans

Community Resources

(click on links below)

- [Rape Abuse National Network](#)
- [R.A.D .Rape Aggression Defense Program](#)
- [211 Get connected to social services](#)

The Top 12 Car Safety / Travel Tips

Carry a cell phone with you.

- Subscribe to a roadside assistance service (AAA, etc.)
- Stay aware of your surroundings. Cell phones and stereos are very distracting. Be wary of persons who try to talk to you while you are walking to your car. Don't let a stranger walk with you all the way to your car.
- Lock your doors when leaving your car in the parking lot. Have your keys out and in your hand when returning to your car. Look into your car before getting in. Lock your door as soon as you get in the car.
- Keep your car fueled at all times. Never let it get below ¼ of a full tank.
- Familiarize yourself with indicator lights. Make sure you have an owner's manual in the glove box that explains the purpose of each.
- Park in well lit areas.
- Keep up with maintenance. Basic items like oil changes, brake and belt inspections are vital, but not difficult to accomplish. Develop a relationship with a "one stop" facility that can perform basic maintenance inspections and oil changes.
- Never pick up strangers.
- Drive to a police or fire station or open business if you feel you are being followed.
- Do not stop to help occupants of stopped or disabled vehicles. Call 9-1-1 and notify law enforcement officials.
- If your car breaks down get it as far out of traffic as possible, raise the hood, lock yourself in the car, and call for help.
- If someone stops to offer help remain in your car and tell them you have help on the way.

