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The Department of Public Safety is committed to an open and honest dialogue about the things that affect college students, and specifically the issues we face at Southern Illinois University.

The Department of Public Safety has conducted a Campus Community Survey in the past to identify and confront these issues. In accordance with our mission and core values of building a better community, we are asking for your help with this year’s Campus Community Survey. Please take a few minutes and click on the link below to complete the survey. We will use these responses to provide a better police response and we appreciate your contribution to this endeavor.

2019 Campus Community Survey

WHAT IS STALKING?

Stalking is a pattern of behavior that makes you feel afraid, nervous, harassed, or in danger. It is when someone repeatedly contacts you, follows you, sends you things, talks to you when you don’t want them to, or threatens you. Stalking behaviors can include:

- Knowing your schedule.
- Showing up at places you go.
- Sending mail, e-mail, and pictures.
- Calling or texting repeatedly.
- Contacting you or posting about you on social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc).
- Writing letters.
- Damaging your property.
- Creating a website about you.
- Sending gifts.
- Stealing things that belong to you.
- Any other actions to contact, harass, track, or frighten you.

If you think you are being stalked, contact local law enforcement, any Campus Security Authority, SIU employee, or the Office of Equity and Compliance.
PERSONAL SAFETY

There is no one sure way to prevent violence against a person because every situation is different. However, there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of being targeted. Risk awareness, reduction, recognition, and avoidance strategies can be implemented into your everyday life.

The following strategies are not demands from the police, but they should be thought of as considerations. Evaluate and apply each strategy to your own life and situation with specific circumstances.

Be Aware
Do not ignore the fear or crime, instead, face it with courage. Too many believe crime will not happen to them, causing a person to not be mentally alert to their surroundings and prepared to react. When you go somewhere, have a route planned. Walk with confidence, head up and looking around for suspicious people on your route. Do not wear headphones on/in both ears, as you cannot hear what's around you. Develop a plan of action if something happens to change your original plans, something happens to you, or you need help.

Reduction Strategies
Keep your room/house doors locked, including bathroom doors in suite style accommodations. Get to know your roommate(s) and any guests in your room. Do not allow anyone into the building you do not know. Do not loan your keys to anyone. If your keys are lost, report the lost keys immediately for replacements.

Try to park in a well-lit area whenever possible. Remember where your car is parked so you can get there without delay. Visually check your vehicle and the area around it before getting in. Once inside the car, lock the doors. Turn your car on and leave. Keep your valuables out of sight.

If you meet someone and would like to see them again, get their phone number – this puts you in control. Always get the name of the person you are dating. Nicknames do not identify a person. Consider meeting at a public location and drive yourself to that location. Make sure a friend knows where you are going and who you are meeting.

Recognition
Using the strategies above, identify areas that you need to improve. Recognizing areas of improvement will make you think about personal safety in all situations. Recognize a problem, find a solution, and learn to avoid possible dangerous situations.

Avoidance
Your overall awareness will increase reaction time; however, placing obstacles between you and a dangerous situation will allow you to plan for alternate routes or call for help. Obstacles can be anything physical in the environment, friends, beliefs, the police, or anything that put something between you and potential harm.

The ONLY confrontation you are GUARANTEED to survive EVERY TIME is the one you are never involved in.
EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PRESENTATIONS

DPS offers several educational crime prevention programs and safety services to the campus and surrounding communities. The crime prevention program is comprised of officers who provide public relations programming by request.

Available programs include:
- Alcohol and drug education and awareness
- Basic crime prevention including theft awareness
- Sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking awareness
- Setting boundaries and consent
- Violence Prevention

To schedule an educational program, feel free to contact Officer Kevin Cox (kevinc@dps.siu.edu) or Sergeant Allan Willmore (allanw@dps.siu.edu) at (618) 453-3771.

IMPORTANT SEMESTER DATES

Deadline to drop a class with a full refund was Sunday, January 27.

Deadline to apply for May 2019 graduation is Friday, February 8. Applications are available online. More information can be found on Salukinet.

Deadline to drop a class (withdrawal from) with a grade of W is Sunday, March 31.

Spring Break is March 9 through March 17. The residence halls close at 12:00 p.m. on March 9 and will open at 1:00 p.m. on March 17.

Final Exams are May 6 to May 10.

http://registrar.siu.edu/

Newsletter ideas or topics

If you have a topic or idea you would like us to consider for a future newsletter please email the idea to Sgt. Allan Willmore at allanw@dps.siu.edu. Questions submitted may be featured in future newsletters. The person submitting the question will not be identified.
POLAR PLUNGE & DONUT DASH 5K

The Polar Plunge, presented by Law Enforcement Torch Run and GEICO, is a unique opportunity to support Special Olympics athletes by taking a flying leap – a leap into the frigid waters of SIU Campus Lake. Participants must raise $100 in donations from friends, family and co-workers in exchange for jumping into the icy waters.

The Polar Donut Dash 5K will be held in conjunction with the Polar Plunge. This is the only 5K around that not only tests your speed but your ability to eat donuts! Participants will be treated to multiple donut stops along the route and will receive a minute deduction from their overall time for each donut they consume along the course. Registration is $30 online or $35 the day of the event. Awards will be given to the top three individuals in each age category.

The dash and plunge will take place 02/23/2019 at SIU Campus Lake located at 1492 Douglas Drive in Carbondale. Donut Dash registration starts at 8 a.m. and the dash starts at 10 a.m. Plunge registration starts at 10:00 a.m. with the plunge taking place at noon.

For additional information visit the Special Olympics Illinois main plunge site at www.plungeillinois.com. To donate to the Department of Public Safety team, click HERE.

Are you looking for information from the SIU Police Department about things happening on campus? Check us out on Facebook and “like” our Southern Illinois University—Carbondale Police Department Facebook page. You can also follow us on Twitter at SIUC_Police. We provide information regarding local events, safety tips and press releases for major incidents. You can also send us your questions through private messages and tips on any recent crimes that have taken place.

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