

# Public Safety Dispatcher

Welcome to



## BE STREETWISE AND BE SAFE

You can do a great deal to reduce your risk of becoming a victim of a crime. Some of the most effective defenses against crime are:

### BASIC STREET SENSE

- **Wherever you are**, be alert to what's going on around you. Don't daydream or become distracted. Look to see who is ahead, beside and behind you.
- **Communicate visually** that you are a calm, confident individual. Stand tall with your head erect and walk purposefully. Make quick eye contact with the people around you so that you appear confident.
- **Always trust your instincts.** If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave as soon as possible.
- **Remember your boundaries!** Don't drop your guard just because you are on or near RIT property.

### WALKSMART - BE AWARE

- **Plan the safest route** to your destination and use it!
- **Walk with a companion** whenever possible.
- **Take time to learn the neighborhood.** A few minutes to notice what stores are open, type of street lighting and the locations of telephones may be important if you need help later.
- **Keep purses close** to your body and maintain a firm grip on them. Wallets should be carried in your front pants pocket.
- **Don't overburden yourself** with books, backpacks or packages.

## How We Serve You

- **Public Safety** is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Officers regularly patrol residential and academic facilities, campus roadways, and parking lots.
- **Blue-light Call Boxes** are located campus-wide including RIT operated apartment complexes, residence halls, and parking lots. These call boxes dial directly into Public Safety, identifying the caller's exact location.
- **Safety Escorts:** Walking with two or more people is a good idea while walking at night and you can contact Public Safety 24/7 at the numbers below if you feel uncomfortable walking alone.
- **Report All Crimes** and safety-related incidents to the Public Safety Department in a timely manner by dialing 585-475-3333 (v/tty).
- **Report a Lost Item Online:** If you are an RIT member use this link: (<http://finweb.rit.edu/publicsafety/safety/lostitems.html>) to report a lost item (requires an RIT computer account).
- **Confidential Tip Line:** The goal in providing this service is to obtain information that is unattainable through conventional methods and to assist Public Safety with the investigation of suspicious or endangering behavior that might go otherwise unreported. If you are an RIT member use this link (<http://finweb.rit.edu/publicsafety/forms/tipline/>).
- **Safety Voice:** SafetyVoice is an online forum available to all RIT community members designed to report safety or security related conditions observed on campus (i.e., burned-out walkway or parking lot lights). The Public Safety Department encourages community members to report safety-related issues in a timely manner so that they are appropriately addressed. Use this link if you are an RIT Member: (<https://finweb.rit.edu/publicsafety/forms/safetyvoice/>).
- **Motorists Assists** such as jumpstarts and lock-outs are free for students, employees and visitors. Contact Public Safety at the numbers listed below.
- **Fire and Security Alarm Monitoring:** Communication Officers monitor all alarms and incoming telephone emergencies and coordinate responses of emergency personnel and equipment

- **Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.** Leave valuables, such as expensive jewelry at home.
- **Be aware** that headphones played at an increased volume reduce your ability to hear sounds that may alert you to danger.
- **Call for a mobile escort** during evening hours.

## VEHICLE SECURITY

- **Always lock your vehicle doors**, even when driving. Don't place valuables on the seat next to you in plain view. Keep items in the trunk.
- **Consider purchasing a steering wheel lock** from a local automotive center.
- **Have your key in hand** when approaching your vehicle to allow for quick access. Remember to look into the back seat area before entering.
- **Park in well lit areas** that are visible to other people.
- **Keep your vehicle in good condition** and always have enough gas to get where you're going and back again.
- **If you experience car trouble**, raise the hood and remain in your vehicle with the doors locked. If someone offers to help, ask him or her to call the police for you.

## BIKE REGISTRATION

The Public Safety Department in conjunction with Residence Life offers students an opportunity to register their bicycles for free with the [National Bike Registry](#). Students can register their bikes in any one of the four Residence Life Area Offices or the Public Safety Office.

### How it Works:

- Each registration location will have packets which will contain a registration form, tamper proof registration sticker and an additional sticker that can be applied to any electronic device which will also be added to the NBR database
- The student will fill out the registration form with as much information regarding their bike as possible.
- The registration information will be registered on the NBR national database.
- The student will receive an e-mail from NBR containing a temporary password and be able to update any information not known while completing the registration form.

- Student Employment and Co-Op opportunities: Co-Ops and Interns add tremendous value to Public Safety's operations. Students from varied disciplines have applied newly learned technical, research and communication skills into the investigative and security operations of the Public Safety Department.
- Additional services include: apartment and residence hall room lock-outs; emergency notifications; security surveys.
- The Public Safety Department offers a variety of prevention awareness programs related to personal safety and alcohol/drug awareness.

## HOW TO CONTACT PUBLIC SAFETY

### EMERGENCY

(585) 475.3333 (V/ TTY)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

(585) 475.2853 (V/ TTY)

### WEBSITE

[finweb.rit.edu/publicsafety/](http://finweb.rit.edu/publicsafety/)

### AOL MESSENGER

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**Tampering with, altering, or changing any building system (i.e. safety equipment, lock, elevator, fire alarm, fire extinguisher, smoke detector, telephone equipment, TV cable, computer cable or pathway, plumbing/ electrical system, etc.) is prohibited. Strobe lights cannot be obstructed by any material or object. Any student responsible for any of the above will be charged a \$100 fine. A second violation will result in removal from RIT housing.**