

# Personal Safety Tips



## Surroundings

Always be aware of your surroundings. If you feel you are in danger go to a place where there are plenty of people, like a shop, service station or business displaying a yellow Safety house sticker.

## What should I do?

- Always keep enough money for a taxi or telephone call.
- Have your keys ready enough before you get to your home or car.
- Carry a personal alarm or whistle if you have reason to feel unsafe.
- Where possible, park your car in a busy, well lit area.
- If someone in a car threatens you, run in the opposite direction the car is facing.
- If attacked, shout as loudly as you can.

If we as the Macquarie University Community can prevent a person committing a crime, there is a good chance we will prevent them carrying out many more crimes. We need you to provide us with any information you have on crime so that we can pass this on to the NSW Police.

You may pass information about a crime to any Macquarie University Security officer or via email to [campus.watch@bgo.mq.edu.au](mailto:campus.watch@bgo.mq.edu.au). The information that you give to us will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

## Out and About

- It is best not to carry large sums of money. Try to pay large bills by cheque, credit card or eftpos.
- If you carry a purse or bag, hold it under your arm or in front of you. Never leave it unattended. If you use a wallet, put it inside your jacket or a front pocket instead of your bag.
- When out at a night club, check your valuables into a cloak room. Don't leave your drink unattended, drink spiking is becoming quite common in NSW.
- If your bag or wallet is snatched don't forget to cancel credit cards, eftpos and access and student cards.

**Be Aware and Take Care!**