Safety & Laws

Iowa State University Police Department
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515-294-4428
www.dps.iastate.edu
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ISU ALERT

- Subscribe to ISU Alert
  - ISU’s Emergency Response System
    - Texts, email, phone calls
  - Subscribe through Access Plus
    - ISU Website: www.iastate.edu
  - ISU Police are here to help you!
Personal Safety

- Be aware of your surroundings
  - Walk with friends when possible
  - Call for a Safety Escort 515-294-4444
  - If walking alone:
    - Avoid dark areas
    - Look where you are going, not down
    - If listening to music, leave an ear bud out
    - Don’t use your cell phone unless necessary
    - Put only ONE backpack strap over your shoulder
Personal Safety

- Trust your instincts
  - If someone asks you a question or wants to speak with you, keep a reasonable distance

- If you do run into trouble:
  - Attract attention any way you can
  - Shout “Call 911”
  - Once you are out of danger, contact the police IMMEDIATELY
Personal Safety

- When answering the door, use the peephole or ask who is there
- Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan on returning
Personal Safety

- Identity Theft: Protect your identity
  - Shred any credit card applications
  - Do not carry your passport or social security card with you on a daily basis
  - Do not leave personal information in view where others may see it
- Vehicle
- Common living areas
Personal Safety

- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.
  - Set your profile to “Private”
  - Do not accept every “Friend” request
  - Do not put personal information on your profile
    - Date of birth
    - Address
    - Class Schedule
    - Other personal information
Harassment and Assault

- Harassment & Threatening Behavior
  - It is illegal for an individual to threaten and/or harass another person

- Harassment
  - Intent to intimidate, annoy or alarm another person...through communication...and without legitimate purpose
Harassment and Assault

- **Assault**
  - Any act which is intended to cause pain or injury to, or which is intended to result in physical contact which will be insulting or offensive to the other

  - **Simple/Serious/Aggravated**
  - **Domestic**
    - Including girlfriends or boyfriends
  - **Sexual Assault**
Protect Your Property

- **Theft:** The most significant property crime on campus

- **Property Damage:** Any damage that occurs to your property that is not caused by you
  - When these occur, contact the police.
    - On campus, contact ISU Police 515-294-4428
    - Off campus, contact Ames Police 515-239-5133

Be prepared to provide the dispatcher and officer with your name, address, and telephone number.
Protect Your Property

- Never leave personal belongings unattended
  - Laptop Computers, Calculators, iPods, Textbooks, Bicycles, Cameras, Other Valuables

- Do not keep expensive items in plain view where others may see them
Protect Your Property

- **Lock Up Your Belongings**
  - Keep your doors to your residence and vehicle locked
  - When exercising, use lockers and secure them with a lock

- **Register your bicycle with DPS**
  www.parking.iastate.edu/permit/bike/registration.php
Protect Your Property

- Prevention
  - When leaving your room or apartment, keep your keys with you at all times
  - Do not lend your keys to anyone, especially if you do not know them well
  - NEVER prop open doors for any reason unless instructed to do so by a police officer
  - Report ANY suspicious activity and/or persons to the appropriate law enforcement agency
Driving

- Common reasons to get pulled over
- What to do when you get pulled over
  - Do NOT try to negotiate
- What to do in an accident
- Only drive if you have a valid driver’s license and valid insurance
Alcohol

- Legal drinking age: 21
  - Do NOT use a fake ID

- Public Intoxication

- Drinking and Driving
  - Designated driver/bus
Smoking

- Smoking is banned in public places, all businesses enclosed in a building, bars, restaurants, school grounds, outdoor seating to restaurants and public land of any kind
  - In almost every type of public building or state land, smoking is prohibited in Iowa
Smoking

- The fine for smoking on campus is $50
- The ISU Police Department has one of the highest rates of smoking enforcement in the State of Iowa
- This issue is very important to the ISU Community
Conclusion

- If you are a victim of a crime, notify the police right away
  - Successful apprehension of the offender(s) diminishes significantly as time passes

- Enjoy your time at Iowa State University, but do not forget your personal values, health and safety
Questions
Thank You

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