**Personal Safety**

Personal safety is a top priority for the Northwest community. With this goal, Residential Life offers the following tips to keep yourself and your friends safe.

Get to know your neighbors so you know who should be in your community or hall. Keep an eye on your community. When you see someone that just doesn't like right, or doesn't belong, notify your RA, the front desk, or Campus Safety immediately.

Campus Safety is available for a variety of services to ensure your safety. Our officers are certified police officers and act with professionalism. If you need an escort across campus, need to report an incident, or have a fear for your safety in anyway, don’t hesitate to call them at 660.562.1524. Be prepared! Program their number into your cell phone today.

When you leave your room, be sure to lock it behind you, take your keys, and always carry your Bearcat card with you so University officials know you belong here. When heading out the building, be aware of your surroundings and travel with friends and don’t walk alone - especially at night. The Northwest campus is well lit, but having someone with you is the best policy.

When out on campus, you'll quickly discover that it is the campus culture for traffic to stop when you near a crosswalk, but don't depend on it. Look both ways before crossing.

When you enter your residence hall, don’t prop exterior doors or let in people you don’t know or aren’t willing to accept responsibility for. Don’t let people tailgate into the building behind you. You never know what the intention is of someone entering your home, so don’t take the chance.

It may be awkward to ask someone behind you to key in, but the safety of your community is what counts.

Finally, at the end of a long day, but sure to lock your door when you go to sleep at night. Safety is number one for our community, but it takes you to make it work.