



CRIME ALERT

Residence Halls

Release Date: 08/01/2013

The Department of Public Safety has received two (2) reports of burglaries from residence hall rooms during the past 48 hours. In both instances personal computers were stolen. There were no signs of forced entry into the rooms and there are no descriptions of the suspect/s at this time. No injuries have been reported.

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of theft, follow these three (3) safety tips:

- Do not leave your doors unlocked, even for brief periods of time.
- Do not let anyone follow you into the residence halls, or admit anyone as a guest unless they are your guest.
- Report lost keys to the Department of Public Safety immediately.

Make a Confidential Tip through the Department of Public Safety Webpage at:
<http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/tips.cfm>

If you have information relating to these incidents, or witness suspicious activity, please call the Department of Public Safety at **202-885-3636** or **911** for the Metropolitan Police Department.

Safety Tips

- Be aware of those around you, and of your surroundings in general.
- Do not leave your doors unlocked, even for brief periods of time.
- Do not let anyone follow you into your residence halls or office area, nor admit anyone as a guest unless they are your guest.
- Report lost keys to the Department of Public Safety immediately.
- Avoid isolated and dark areas.
- Carry your cell phone and keep it accessible.
- If you are approached, take note of the person's appearance, clothing and anything unusual that will help identify the suspect.
- Be aware of the emergency telephones (yellow boxes on pillars, blue light phone towers, and red telephones) located on campus, in building lobbies, elevators, and in parking lots.

General Tips

- Program AU Public Safety into your cell phone for emergencies: **202-885-3636**.
- The Department of Public Safety provides escorts, twenty-four hours a day/seven days a week, for community members to and from university owned property. To arrange for an escort, call 202-885-2527 or use a blue light or red emergency phone

If you would like a copy of this alert, please visit: <http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/crimealerts.cfm>

The American University Department of Public Safety (AUDPS) notifies the campus community when crimes are reported to AUDPS or the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) which the University believes represent a continuing threat to its students or employees, in a manner consistent with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The University uses its best efforts to provide information that is both accurate and helpful, but community members should recognize that the University is able to relay information only as it is reported to AUDPS from MPD. Community members are encouraged to report external incidents to AUDPS to assist in the effective implementation of this program.

Emergency: 202-885-3636