



CRIME ALERT

Residence Halls

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Incident:

On the evenings of Wednesday April 4 and Friday April 13, malicious burnings occurred in the McDowell and Congressional Halls. Both incidents were subsequently reported to the Department of Public Safety (DPS):

- 1.) In McDowell Hall on April 4, a leaflet on a community bulletin board was found to have been burnt.
- 2.) In Congressional Hall on April 13, at approximately 10:30 pm, a leaflet on a stairwell door was found to have been burnt.

No injuries were reported in these cases. These incidents do not appear to be related. Both incidents are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Safety.

If you have any information regarding either of these two incidents, you are encouraged to contact The Department of Public Safety at **(202) 885-3636**. You may also speak to Housing and Dining Staff and provide them with any information **202-885-3370**

Confidential tips can be made through the DPS webpage at:
<http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/tips.cfm>

Safety Tips

- All occupants are required to evacuate the building immediately when a fire alarm sounds or some other evacuation signal is present.
- Keep calm.
- Use the nearest exit to leave the building.
- Use the stairwell only (hold on to hand rails).
- Do not use elevators.
- Person(s) with disabilities should be assisted to the stairwell landing. Request assistance from DC Fire Department personnel and direct them to the area where the disabled person(s) is waiting.
- Never attempt to travel through smoke-filled or other imminently hazardous areas.
- If you encounter smoke in the stairwells, close the door and use a different exit.
- Do not return to the evacuated building unless you are told to do so by Public Safety or DC Fire Department.

General Tips

- Report any suspicious activity or suspicious individuals to the Department of Public Safety.
- Program AU Public Safety into your cell phone for emergencies: **202-885-3636**.
- Use the Public Safety Escort Service while walking on campus at night. To arrange for an escort, call **202-885-2527** or use a blue light or red emergency phone.

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.

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

Emergency: 202-885-3636

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