We are also happy to meet with you to review any physical or personal security concerns, or any other topic related to the safety and security of our community.

Our mission

The mission of the OHSU Department of Public Safety is to provide safety and service so that OHSU can improve the health and well-being of all Oregonians.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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The OHSU Department of Public Safety provides trained employees who can consult with you about your personal safety at work or school, or about general safety issues. Our staff is also available to assess the security needs and opportunities of all OHSU facilities.

Safety tips

Property safety

While we are proud that OHSU has a relatively low crime rate, we know property theft and damage is the most common crime on campus. To help you reduce your chances of your property being stolen or vandalized, we encourage you to follow these simple rules:

1. Never leave your vehicle unlocked, your windows down or the keys in the ignition.
2. Never leave spare keys in your vehicle or in known “hiding” spots. Store your spare keys in your wallet or purse.
3. Never leave your vehicle running unattended.
4. Keep valuables out of sight. Lock them in the trunk or store them under your seats.
5. At your house, keep a list of:
   a. All model numbers/serial numbers of electronics you bring on campus
   b. All credit/debit card numbers and company phone numbers in your wallet/purse
   c. Vehicle registration information
6. Always keep your personal belongings in your possession. Don't leave them unattended.

Personal safety

Personal safety is an important skill — no matter where you go. Knowledge and awareness are power, and criminals look for the easiest of opportunities. To prevent crime from happening to you, remove any opportunities before criminals spot them.

Being alert to your surroundings is very important. Nothing is fool-proof, but being alert, cautious and self-confident will greatly add to your chances of not becoming a victim.

1. Keep your head up. Walk confidently and at a steady pace. Make eye contact with people when walking. Avoid working on your cell phone while walking or wearing headphones.
2. Avoid dark, vacant areas. Use well-lit and well-traveled areas.
3. Don't be predictable: Change your walking patterns when possible.
4. Walk in pairs at night. If you notice a suspicious person, find a common area with other individuals or re-enter a campus building and call public safety for an escort.
5. If you have a purse, carry it as close to your person as possible or loop it around your body.
6. Consider carrying a whistle. Loud noises attract attention and help, plus it frightens attackers away.
7. Avoid people and situations that make you nervous.
8. Report suspicious individuals on campus to public safety by calling 503 494-7744.
9. Trust your instincts: If it doesn't seem right, it isn't.