

**Sent on behalf of Savalas Kidd, Executive Director and Chief of Police,
University of Dayton Department of Public Safety.**

Flyer Aware

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The Department of Public Safety would like to offer a few safety tips and request your assistance to help protect the campus community against criminal activity after much of the student body transitions to finish the semester remotely.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the following safety and security measures in mind:

- As you prepare to leave campus, please wait to pack your vehicle until you are ready to depart. Leaving personal belongings in your car overnight increases the possibility of theft or damage.
- Remain aware of your surroundings, especially as you stop for gas and food. Always lock your vehicle, even if you are only running inside for a moment.

Before you leave your residence to continue your semester remotely, please take the following steps:

- Store valuable possessions in a secure area out of view of passers-by. Consider taking valuables like jewelry and small electronics with you.
- Secure and lock all doors and windows.
- Inspect locks, hinges, etc. to make sure they are functioning properly. Report any concerns to Facilities Management before leaving.
- Unplug extension cords and other devices that could create a fire hazard.
- Leave your refrigerator plugged in and your furnace on.

Take the following steps for a safe and enjoyable end of the semester and holiday break:

- Adhere to all public health guidance: wear face coverings, wash your hands, maintain physical distancing of at least six feet, and avoid groups of 10 or more people. Be aware that public health requirements may vary from city to city and state to state.
- Do not drink and drive, or ride with someone who has been drinking. Designate a driver or use a ride service.
- If you are driving long distances, take frequent breaks to reduce fatigue.
- Keep your gas tank half-full at all times. Carry emergency supplies (food, water, blanket) in case you experience car trouble.
- Keep your cell phone charged and make sure someone knows your travel plans and intended route.

In addition to the steps above, UD police officers will increase patrols in the student neighborhoods through the end of the semester and during semester break.

On behalf of all of us in the UD Department of Public Safety, we wish you a successful conclusion to the fall semester and a safe holiday season and semester break.

Be safe,
Savalas Kidd
Executive Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police