RIT’s Public Safety Department cares about your safety and wellbeing. Please take a few minutes to read the important personal safety tips below and more importantly, if you don’t have a safety plan, now is the perfect time to work on it.

• Don’t get lulled into a false sense of security when living in a new neighborhood or traveling in areas around town that are unfamiliar to you. Criminals can strike anywhere and at any time and being prepared is key to your personal safety. Wherever you are, waiting for a bus, shopping at the mall, or driving – stay alert.

• Always lock your windows and doors at home and be vigilant when it comes to residential security, especially if you are living in a new neighborhood. If you are not sure about crime trends in your new neighborhood or apartment complex, check in with the local police department or Sheriff’s Office before you move. Their crime prevention staff will be able to assist you with local crime reports.

• Be aware of what is going on around you. Look at the demeanor of individuals around you. Being aware of your surroundings will prevent anyone from surprising you if they plan to assault you. Stick to well-traveling streets and don’t take short cuts through the alley or parking lots. Avoid talking on your cell phone while walking alone as your guard will be down.

• If you think someone is following you, cross the street and change the direction. Walk towards an open store, fire house, police station, restaurant, and yell for help if you’re scared or in trouble.

• Stay away from ATM machines at night. If you must go, make sure your doors are locked, windows are up, and the radio is turned down so you are aware of your surroundings.

• If someone tries to rob you, give up your property and remain calm. Report the crime immediately to police as your actions will prevent others from becoming victimized.
PUBLIC SAFETY
Staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Officers regularly patrol residential and academic facilities, campus roadways, and parking lots.

BLUE-LIGHT CALL BOXES
Located campus-wide including RIT operated apartment complexes, residence halls, and parking lots. These call boxes dial directly into Public Safety and will give the dispatcher your exact location.

REPORT ALL CRIMES
Public Safety will assist you with crimes that you can report via phone, text, video, TTY, aim, or the TigerSafe app.

REPORT LOST ITEMS
If you are an RIT student, report lost items on the Public Safety website with your RIT account.

CONFIDENTIAL TIP LINE
If you would like to report a crime or information to Public Safety anonymously. Go to the Public Safety website and select Tip Line. All tips are welcome and your identity will not be accessed.

MOTORIST ASSISTS
If you need a jump start or are locked out of your vehicle, contact us and we will assist you free of charge.

FIRE AND SECURITY ALARM
Communications Officers monitor all fire and security alarms, and will dispatch a Public Safety Officer to that location if the alarm is set off.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT & CO-OP OPPORTUNITIES
Co-Ops and interns add tremendous value to Public Safety’s operations. Students from varied disciplines have applied newly learned technical skills, research, and communication skills to the investigative and security operations of Public Safety.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES
Apartment and residence hall room lock outs, emergency notifications, security surveys

CRIME PREVENTION
Public Safety Officers will gladly support any program in which they can make the RIT community safer and more enjoyable. Just ask!

MISSING PERSONS:
If an individual believes an on-campus resident student to be missing, the Public Safety Department should be contacted immediately. Local law enforcement will be contacted immediately by Public Safety Officers in all instances of resident students determined to be missing.

Residential students may elect to register a person other than who was registered as an emergency contact in the Student Information System. To register a confidential contact person to be notified in the event that you are determined to be missing log into myhousing.rit.edu using your DCE login. There is a section to enter personal information including a field for Missing Person notification and click to save. The contact information will be registered confidentially, and will be accessible only to authorized campus officials and to law enforcement to conduct a missing person investigation.

The Public Safety Department will initiate an investigation of a missing person immediately upon receipt of a reported missing person.

VEHICLE SAFETY
• Always lock your vehicle doors, even when driving. Don’t place valuables on the seat next to your in plain view. Keep items in the trunk

• Consider purchasing a steering wheel lock from a local automotive center

• Have your key in hand when you approach your vehicle to allow for a quick access. Remember to look in the back seat before entering

• Park in areas that are well lit and visible to other people

• If you think you are being followed by another car, drive to a populated area or find a local firehouse, police station, or open business.

THINGS TO CONSIDER:
• Download the TigerSafe App

• Friend us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter for up to date information

• Stop by the Public Safety Office and introduce yourself to the department