



HOW TO AVOID BEING ASSAULTED OR BEING THE VICTIM OF A ROBBERY

UOW Security Service conducts regular foot and bike patrols of the Wollongong Campus. After dark the Service provides Safety Escorts from buildings to campus carparks and bus stops.

Off campus, UOW Security Service patrols may be seen in local streets in the identifiable patrol vehicles that visit satellite properties and accommodation facilities.

Off campus, regular security patrols are less active and less effective in looking after students who may walk from the Wollongong Campus to local residential streets of Gwynneville, Keiraville and North Wollongong, Halls of Accommodation and North Wollongong Railway Station.

The University Shuttle Service is an important service providing a safe alternative to students who wish to avoid walking alone off campus in isolated or quiet areas, where they could become the target of opportunistic offenders. To find information about the Shuttle Service visit: <http://www.uow.edu.au/about/transport/shuttlebus.html>

If you have parked your vehicle in Robsons Road or in a nearby street as far away as Murphys Avenue on the southern side of the Botanic Gardens, a Bike Patrol Officer will walk with you (after dark) to your car if you can't find a friend or other students to accompany you.

What to do?

If you do walk then consider the following:

- Be street wise.
- Walk with a friend or in a group of two or more.
- Don't take short cuts, follow major pathways alongside roads.
- Avoid isolated areas or pathways where you can't get assistance.
- If you think you are being followed, change direction and walk to a safe place where you can seek assistance.
- Carry a mobile telephone. If you are being followed call the Police on 000. Keep the line open until you get assistance or you get to a safe place

If you are attacked, don't resist. Try to avoid being seriously injured.

- Get help.
- Advise UOW Security (4221 4555) or contact the Police (Police Assistance Line 131 444).
- Without endangering yourself or attracting the offenders' attention, take note of the appearance of your attackers and the direction they flee in.

When you are out be Street Wise

- Tell someone about your movements - family, friends or someone you are living with.
- Always walk on footpaths that are easily seen from the road.
- Stick to well-lit footpaths.
- Walk with a friend or in a group of two or more.
- Carry your bag close to your body, don't let it dangle or swing from your shoulder.
- Always keep your bag or backpack zipped up.
- Don't carry large sums of cash.
- Keep your cash on your person.
- Don't mark keys or small items with your address or their purpose.
- Always walk with confidence.

At the ATM

- Be alert.
- Check to see who is around.
- If you think it looks unsafe, don't stop but look for another ATM.
- Watch people around you while the machine processes your request.
- On completion of your transaction, put your cash out of sight as quickly as possible.

Trains

- Travel near the Guard's compartment.
- Travel in a group.
- Arrive at the station close to the timetable departure.
- Stand near the Station Master's office or in a well-lit area.
- Stand back from the yellow edge line of the platform.

Taxis

- Sit in the back.
- Travel with friends when you can.
- Give clear directions. If the taxi leaves your route, terminate the trip.
- If you feel unsure, insist on being taken to a safe place and terminate the trip.

Drinking out

- Buy your own drinks.
- Don't taste others' drinks.
- Don't leave your drinks unattended or unsupervised.
- Finish your drink before dancing.
- Don't let strangers or persons you don't trust look after your drinks.
- If you start to feel strange, tell someone immediately and leave with trusted friends.
- If your friend is seriously affected by alcohol or drugs, call an ambulance.

UOW SECURITY SERVICE

Telephone 4221 4555 or Dial #3 from any Security Telephone