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CAMPUS WATCH NEWSLETTER

PERSONAL SAFETY

Whilst the incidence of robbery has not increased, the risk of robbery in the Gwynneville, North Wollongong and CBD for students remains an issue for all students and staff.

We should remain vigilant about this risk and ensure that we take steps to reduce the risk and the opportunity for an offender to take advantage of a situation where we might be vulnerable.

On our UOW Security website we provide tips on how not to become a victim of a robbery and, if you are, what to do.

In addition we have a safety guide for International Students which is suitable for not just international students but domestic students as well.

Please take the time to think about your safety at all times.

STUDENTS WHO MAKE GOOD VICTIMS OF ROBBERIES !!

Take the test see how you do. Think about the questions and your answers.

- Do you walk alone between Wollongong Campus and North Wollongong /

Gwynneville/CBD after dark ?

- In clear view of anyone walking by, do you carry any of the following items: mobile telephone, laptop computer, ipod, mp3 player?
Do you open your wallet in open view of people around you so that they can see the contents of your wallet?
Do you walk with your backpack over your shoulders/or across your back, with earphones/plugs in your ears listening to music and are completely unaware of who is behind you?



- Do you stand or walk with confidence and stop and look to see who is around you?
Do you see several people ahead of you and think, is that normal, is it ok for me to keep walking that way?

- Should I stop or take an alternative route?
Do you think about these things or do you just walk along and don't think or look to see what is happening around you?
Have you ever seen people who are acting in a way that arouses your suspicions and think someone should check these people out?
Did you call the Police or Security or did you think nothing more about it?
Have you ever been robbed and didn't report the incident formally to the Police or Security?

ICE CAMPAIGN - 'IN CASE OF EMERGENCY'

Following on from some inquiries about ICE on campus, we have put together the following information as background.

ICE is a concept that arose out of the UK during the London bombings. The concept put together by a London paramedic while dealing with multiple casualties.

The ICE campaign is not actively promoted by agencies in Australia.

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The NSW Ambulance Service website advises that it has not launched any campaign supporting ICE. The Service does however support any method of contacting family in a critical medical emergency.

Methods that can be used may include information in diaries, wallets, drivers' licences and mobile phones.

The concept of ICE has merit and would be another source of information that could assist with identification.

The Service further highlights that with regard to ICE in cases involving more than one patient or where a mobile phone has been borrowed from someone else, it may be difficult to confidently match personal belongings to any one individual. This may in turn lead to unnecessary distress.

The Ambulance Service also advises that as with all stored personal information, individuals need to be mindful of confidentiality issues.

Choosing to use ICE is really based upon your own decision and may have some merit in some circumstances.

The fact that many people carry mobile phones with names and numbers stored in the memory other than ourselves, nobody knows which of these numbers are relevant to our closest family or friends.

If you were involved in an accident or took ill, the people attending you might be able to use your mobile phone to locate an ICE nomination.

ICE simply involves recording the number of the person whom you would want to be contacted in an emergency if something has happened to you.

If your phone is relatively secure and in your possession all of the time then using ICE could work for you.

If you use a code to lock your keypad then your phone may not be able to be accessed.

All you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted in case of an emergency under the name ICE.

In an emergency situation you could direct emergency service personnel and/or hospital staff to your phone or if they are attempting to identify you and your next of kin they may be able to retrieve this information from your mobile phone.

If you have more than one contact you can add your contacts by identifying them as ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, etc.

a few minutes.

If you have a laptop or any valuable items, please keep a record of the property's serial number and description, e.g. brand and model number. THIS IS IMPORTANT AS YOU WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO POLICE WHEN REPORTING STOLEN PROPERTY.

In the case of stolen mobile phones, it is important to provide the EMEI number when reporting the matter to Police. (If you do not know the IMEI number, contact your service provider for assistance).

If you require assistance in engraving your property, do not hesitate to contact the Crime Prevention Officer at Wollongong Police on 4226 7899.

Police, Fire, Ambulance Triple Zero (000) <small>In an emergency</small>	For urgent assistance
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 <small>Report crime anonymously</small>	Anyone with information about illegal activities or suspected perpetrators are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers on their toll free number
Police Assistance Line 131 444 <small>For non-emergencies</small>	For non emergencies Call 131444 or Wollongong Police on 42267899

Remember this is not the only source that Emergency Services may use to find next of kin if you have been hurt.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS

Message from Wollongong Police

The Wollongong Local Area Command is experiencing an increase in the number of laptop computers stolen during BE&S (Break, Enter & Steal) and SFMV (Steal From Motor Vehicle).

We urge everyone not to leave valuables in plain view in vehicles or leave bags unattended, even if it is only for

We have VIPs (Volunteers in Policing) who are always willing to lend a hand.

If you become a victim of this opportunistic crime, please report the matter immediately. It is important that you provide an accurate description of the stolen property and more importantly the serial number of any property.

Wollongong Police

EMAIL SCAMS

Regularly we hear people talking about receiving emails, the ones that regularly offer you the good fortune of sharing in millions that have been left in some deceased estate

in an overseas country or emails that offer money to process invoices and transfer cash to another account, but you get to keep \$200.

These are, of course, nothing more than elaborate scams intended to lure you into a trap where you will be fleeced of any money in your bank account.

Unfortunately we hear of people who have been successfully lured into the trap and have provided details about themselves and bank accounts to people they do not know.

In this electronic age it is easy for crooks to do a con without having left the comfort of their lounge room or office.

If the content of an email is too good to be true or unbelievable, then it is clearly a scam. Never provide any personal particulars over the internet or on the telephone.

Your bank will never send you messages by email asking you to provide personal particulars. If you internet bank you will know how your banking works and how you and your bank communicate. Your bank will never deviate from that position.

Never provide your personal details to anyone over the telephone and always keep your bank account details secure.

Many email scams are acts of dishonesty and involve fraudulent activity that is more often intended to steal from the addressee of an email.

There have been victims of these scams in the past. The most embarrassing aspect occurs before the victim realises they have been scammed. The Bank may freeze bank accounts as the

scam is likely to appear on their radar as a money laundering activity. Banking legislation requires banks to report on such activities.

So hit the "Delete" button and delete any emails offering easy money with very little effort.

For more information on email scams and fraud, visit the Australian Government and Media Authority website. Common scams to beware of and avoid include:

- ◇ **'Nigerian' scams.** These appear to come from overseas and ask you to send money in return for a large lump sum being transferred to your bank account.
- ◇ **'pump 'n' dump' stock scams.** These are sent as spam emails claiming to be from a successful investor who has made huge profits investing in a particular stock, and needs to offload some of it
- ◇ **'internet dumping'.** Some 'free' adult sites download automatic internet diallers that clock up a huge phone bill without your knowledge.
- ◇ **work-at-home schemes, lottery wins and prizes.** These require you to send money before claiming them.
- ◇ **pharmaceutical scams.** Offering 'amazing' products that claim to boost your health, appearance or virility.
- ◇ **phishing emails** that are sent from falsified or 'spoofed' email addresses. Many phishing emails often claim to be from a bank, online retailer or credit card company.

These emails direct recipients to a website that looks like the real website of a retailer or financial institution, designed to encourage the visitor to reveal financial details such as credit card numbers, account names and passwords or other personal information.

Take the following precautions:

- ◇ **DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY EMAIL WHICH APPEARS TO BE FROM YOUR BANK.**
- ◇ **TELEPHONE YOUR BANK AND REPORT THE EMAIL AND FOLLOW THEIR ADVICE.**
- ◇ **DO NOT USE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IN THE EMAIL IF ONE IS GIVEN. USE A KNOWN NUMBER OR A NUMBER FROM THE TELEPHONE BOOK.**

AUGUST UPDATE

Several robberies occurred on the night of Monday 4 August, 2008 prior to 7.30pm off campus in the Gywnneville/North Wollongong area.

Staff and students were involved in the incidents and in each case the victims were assaulted and had property taken from them.

It has been reported in two of the incidents a small white car was involved and the offender alighted from the car approaching the victim. The offender is described as wearing a white sloppy joe with a hood and about 5' 4" tall, not further described.

Staff and students walking in the Gywnneville/North Wollongong area should take precautions and consider the following safety tips.

Avoid walking alone, walk in groups of two or more, ask for a safety escort from UOW Security by calling internal ext. 4555 or ring 4221 4555.

For more tips on personal safety go to:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/security/personalsafety/index.html>

To avoid being the victim of a robbery or if you do become the victim of a robbery go to the pdf link on the personal safety page:

<https://intranet.uow.edu.au/go/s>

If you have been the victim of a crime in the Gywnneville/North Wollongong area please take the time to report the incident to Wollongong Police or UOW Security.

Wollongong Police: 4226 7899
Police Assistance Line: 131444

UOW Security: 4221 4555 (ext. 4555)

Police are making inquiries into the event and following up on leads provided by a witness.

Navigators, briefcases, handbags, etc.

- ◇ Lock vehicle when walking away - even for a short distance.

PREVENTING MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT OR THEFT FROM YOUR VEHICLE:

Reduce opportunity by ensuring the following:

- ◇ Always fully close all windows, lock all doors and take keys with you.
- ◇ Do not leave property in sight. Cover up or conceal from view valuable property , mobile phones, laptops, GPS/Satellite

Reported Incidents period January - July 2008

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INCIDENTS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Stealing	-	2	5	5	4	2	2
Break-ins	-	6	1	-	1	-	3
Stolen Cars	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Stealing from Cars	1	1	2	-	-	-	1
Stolen Bicycles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malicious Damage	4	2	4	2	4	1	3
Suspicious Persons	-	2	3	5	9	1	4
Assault	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
Robbery Related	-	-	1	-	1	1	-