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Greetings:

On behalf of the A.S.U. Police Department, thank you for accessing the information contained in this month's A.S.U. Campus Safety Bulletin provided in an extended effort to raise awareness regarding Homecoming Safety Rules.

We welcome you to access this Bulletin each month to review the monthly topic provided as a source of information utilized to extend awareness in regard to the University Police responses to college campus safety issues to increase the level of safety and security for the A.S.U. community.

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It's almost that time of the school year again: Homecoming season. While everyone is getting ready to turn up at concerts and parties galore, it seems as though every year there are safety and security issues at several homecomings nationwide. Students are so caught up in the excitement of homecoming, that sometimes they forget proper safety tactics. Well don't worry: The Albany State University Police Department is here to keep you on track.

Here are the top homecoming safety rules to keep in mind that guarantees you still have a great time, while also being safe. Read through our list below and make this year's Homecoming the best, and safest one yet!

Have a Plan!

- Select your events and purchase tickets in advance.
- Designate drivers for each activity.
- Park in well-lit parking areas and write down where you parked.
- Stick together. Never travel alone. Leave with the group you came with.
- Make sure you have the telephone numbers for the group.

Be Aware of Your Surroundings.

- Be aware of what's going on around you at all times.
- Take notice of street names, parking signs and landmarks.
- If you suspect you are being followed, cross the street, change direction or go to a place where others are standing.
- Remember that people use high traffic/crowed events as a time to commit crimes.
- If you are confronted by someone trying to victimize you, don't be a hero. Get a good description and call the police.
- <u>Trust your instincts always</u>. If you ever feel unsafe, do your best to leave the situation and get assistance. Your personal safety starts with you!

Don't Get Caught Off Guard.

- Be mindful. Do not let the festive atmosphere catch you off guard.
- Be aware of ticket scalpers. Purchase all event tickets from the University Ticket Office and approved ticket venues.
- Avoid displaying large sums of money.
- Keep your room and vehicle doors locked at all times.
- Don't take rides from strangers.
- Having fun is a priority during Homecoming, but safety should always be first!

Be Responsible.

- Do not consume alcohol if you are less than 21 years of age.
- Watch your drink.
- If you are of legal age to consume alcohol, drink responsibly.
- Do not accept open container drinks from strangers.
- Designate drivers who have agreed not to consume any alcohol or call a friend.
- Be mindful of police checkpoints and plan accordingly.
- Remember, Louisiana Law prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while drinking alcoholic beverages.

Protect Your Valuables.

- Keep personal identification on you at all times.
- Limit the amount of cash and credit cards you carry with you.
- Secure cell phones and electronic devices properly when not in use.
- Keep handbags close when not accessing contents.
- Secure all valuable items in the trunk of your vehicle. Do not leave valuables visible in your car.

Stay Away from Hot Spots Known For Drug and Criminal Activity. (Such as Alleys Behind the Wild Pines Area)

Call for HELP! When You Need Help.

 Call campus police when you notice any suspicious activity at (229) 430-4711 Or call 911.

Remember, safety and security is everyone's business! Have A Great Homecoming Experience.



