

Be safe

UWS takes the safety of students and staff very seriously. Here are some simple, general safety precautions you can take to increase your personal safety when travelling to and from a UWS campus.

Your guide to safer travel

Tips for personal security

Protect your valuables

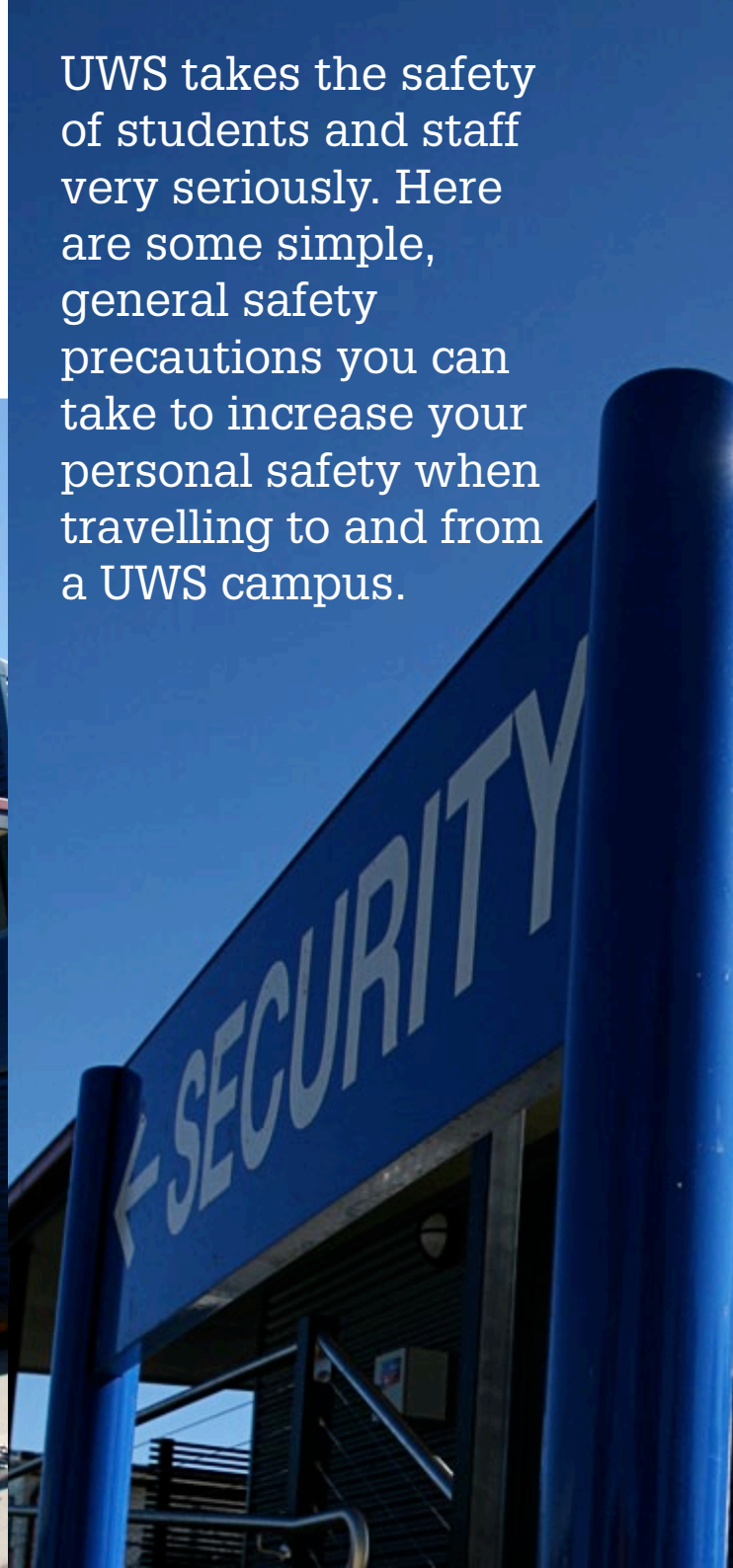
Keep the valuables that you carry to university to a minimum and don't leave your valuables unattended or out of reach. Secure your bag by keeping it zipped up and within your line of sight (ie in front of you or on your lap).

Be aware of your surroundings

Be alert and aware of what's going on around you. Wearing headphones, sending text messages or talking on your mobile may result in you failing to hear approaching vehicles, trains or warning notices.

Ask for a security escort

If you are concerned about your safety on a UWS campus at any time, contact Campus Safety and Security to request an escort between buildings or to or from campus car parks or on-campus transport points (eg shuttle bus stops and taxi zones).



Tips for travelling

Plan your route

Plan your route before you leave home. Check bus and train timetables and connections to avoid any unnecessary delays. UWS's Transport Access Guides (TAGs) outline the various public transport options for each UWS campus. Download the TAGs from: www.uws.edu.au/campuses_structure/cas/campuses

Share your travel plans

Tell someone where you are going each day and when you expect to return. Keep your mobile phone in a secure place close to your body so it is easily accessible in case of an emergency. Make sure you list key contact numbers of someone who knows you under 'ICE Number' (In Case of an Emergency) on your phone.

Avoid waiting on your own

Try to wait for public transport near other people and in well-lit areas after dark. If you're waiting on your own and you feel unsafe in any way, consider moving to the closest populated area.

Avoid walking/cycling alone after dark

Try to avoid walking/cycling alone after dark. If alone, aim to use well-lit main roads and thoroughfares, and try to stay close by to others who are walking/cycling to avoid being isolated.

Travel near the driver or guard

When on board a bus or train, consider sitting at the front of the bus near the bus driver or in the train carriage closest to the guard's compartment.

Tips for driving

Park in well-lit areas

Park in established car parks rather than backstreets or non-designated parking areas that are not lit well.

Don't leave valuables in your car

Don't tempt thieves by leaving valuables clearly visible in your car. Remove portable GPS devices and wipe off the suction mark left on your windscreen. If you choose to leave valuables in your car, lock them out of sight in the boot.

Dealing with confrontation

Don't put up a fight for your belongings

Your safety is more important than your belongings. If an offender wants your bag, wallet or money, hand them over. Don't risk injury to yourself.

Phone for help

If you need help on a UWS campus, you can contact Campus Safety and Security 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0414 240 458. In case of an off-campus emergency, contact 000.

Help and assist

Respond to calls for assistance

Respond to calls for help. Don't just assume someone else will help. Giving assistance may prevent an assault or violent crime and/or suspicious activity, but make sure you don't put yourself at risk by doing so.

Report it, don't ignore it

Please report any crimes or suspicious people, behaviour and/or items to Campus Safety and Security, no matter how minor they may seem.

Contact Campus Safety and Security

For assistance on campus, contact
Campus Safety and Security:

Office locations

Bankstown campus, building 10
Campbelltown campus, building 21
Blacktown campus, building C1
Hawkesbury campus, building J9
Parramatta campus, building EA
Westmead precinct, building J
Penrith campus, building K

Phone

9772 6331
4620 3131
9852 4001
4570 1177
9685 9169
9685 9749
4736 0431

Phone the Police

Call 000 for police assistance in case
of an off-campus emergency.

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Please exercise your own intuition and care in use of this information.

