



Safety in the U.S.

Your safety and wellness comes first when you are studying here in the U.S. Your goal is to graduate with a degree as well as to safely return home to your family after your study.

- 1) When you first get to your study location, or transfer to new state/city, make sure to get to know your surroundings! If you need, ask the school which area to avoid.
- 2) Common Sense: avoid walking alone at night.
- 3) Suspicious Phone Calls:
 - a. Phone calls from the IRS or police: tell them to meet you at the police station; call your Cultural Office advisor/the Consulate and/or your International Student's office to verify its accuracy. If they'd like to meet with you, tell them to meet you at the police station.
 - b. Phone calls from your bank or credit card company: do not give your credit card or personal information over the phone.
- 4) Valuables: avoid showing off your money, wallet, and other valuable items in public.
 - a. Do not carry large amounts of money.
- 5) Private Transactions: do not meet strangers online or anywhere to sell, rent, or purchase high valued items.
 - a. Use well-known companies when renting a car or purchasing a car.
 - b. Sign a lease when renting an apartment.