

Safety and Security



General Safety Precautions

- **Call 911** – To report a crime, fire or medical emergency, whether you are involved or just a witness to an incident. For non-emergency situations such as reporting a disturbance or a robbery that has already occurred, call 311.
- Do not show large amounts of cash in public.
- DO carry some cash for emergencies.
- Do not keep your wallet in your pocket, a backpack, or an open unzipped bag.
- When going to an unfamiliar location, plan out your route in advance. Tell a friend where you are going and when you plan to return.
- When walking down the street, look confident in what you are doing and where you are going--do not stand in open spaces with a map. If you need to consult a map, find a rest area or go indoors.
- Be aware of who is around you, and try to stay in well-populated areas.

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- **Trust your instincts – If you don't feel comfortable in a situation, get out or move away from the person who is making you uncomfortable.**
- **Try not to ride in empty subway cars. Choose one with many people or ride with the train operator in the first car.**
- **Yell "Fire!" instead of "Help!" ... This is more likely to catch people's attention.**
- **Try to use ATMs during the daytime and not at night.**
- **Give a mugger what he or she wants. If you are approached by a mugger, remember that your safety is more important than your cash and belongings.**
- **Record the serial numbers of your valuable belongings such as laptops and phones. Also, keep a list of the numbers of your credit cards and identifying documents (such as passport and driver's license) in a secure location. If any of those items ever gets lost or stolen, you can report the loss immediately.**
- **Be cautious as you walk home. Never let a stranger follow you into your apartment building. Keep your keys ready in your hand as you walk towards your door. Try not to walk alone in isolated places, especially at night.**

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- If a car approaches you and asks for directions, keep your distance, even if you respond.
- If you feel you are being followed, cross and re-cross the street. If you are still being followed, look for an open store, restaurant, etc. You can also call out to someone on the street as if you know them, or, begin to run while calling “Fire!”
- Always keep your door locked (most locksmiths recommend a dead-bolt lock on all doors). If you ever lose your house keys, change your locks. Do not leave an extra key under your doormat or in any place accessible to others. Do not put your name and address on your key ring.
- If someone comes to your door, always check who it is before opening the door. If you have a peephole, take a look through the peephole. Don't “buzz” strangers into the building.
- Make sure your smoke detector/sprinkler system is working at all times, and that you have access to a fire escape.
- When going to a bar or a club, always go with a group of people. Never leave your drink unattended.

Security at Pace

- Pace University provides a 24 hours a day, 365 day per year security presence on each campus. Still, you do need to keep an eye on your belongings, be aware of your surroundings, and report anything or anyone suspicious or out of the ordinary.
- In the event of an emergency or to anonymously report a crime, you can use any Pace office phone by pressing the red “security” button or dialing 777.
- Emergency Call boxes are located throughout the main campus
- Your Pace ID badge must be worn at all times.
- Students walking at night are encouraged to travel in groups and on lighted walkways. If this is not possible, security will provide an escort upon request between any two points on campus.
- When in the library and study hall, eating facilities, etc. keep wallets, cell phones and laptops with you. These are the types of property that are commonly reported stolen.
- Residence hall room doors should be locked at all times when the room is unoccupied (even if it's only unoccupied for a minute!). All access doors to the residence halls should not be propped open, and unknown persons should never be allowed in.

Security at Pace

- **Campus Security Offices, open 24 hours a day (Use lobby phone to call for security if other offices are closed) - You can call these numbers for more information about safety and security, emergency closings, campus police, and emergency planning**
 - **New York – (212) 346-1800**
 - **Pleasantville – (914) 773-3400**
 - **White Plains – (914) 422-4300**
 - **Briarcliff – (914) 923-2700**
- **Visit Pace's Safety and Security website for more information: <http://www.pace.edu/general-services/safety-security>**
- **Emergency Alerts: Please sign up to be in the know about emergencies, closings, weather alerts, and more at: www.pace.edu/ealerts**

How Can I Check If a Neighborhood is Safe?

There are websites which you can use to help determine if a neighborhood which you are considering staying in is safe.

- <http://www.neighborhoodscout.com/> - a website which gives neighborhood overviews as well as safety ratings by neighborhood
 - <http://www.relocationessentials.com/> - a website which allows you to narrow crime searches by ZIP code, giving a chart that compares the area's crimes statistics with those of the country in general
 - Google also offers safety maps by neighborhood:
 - **Manhattan** - <http://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=214504384267441423605.0004ba5a7f79fcde52894&msa=0&ll=40.790939,-73.959961&spn=0.246932,0.614548>
 - **Brooklyn** - <http://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=214504384267441423605.0004ba596b18ce79adab1&msa=0&ll=40.648346,-73.940048&spn=0.247461,0.614548>
 - **Queens** – <http://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=214504384267441423605.0004ba59fe4d28b309238&msa=0&ll=40.68949,-73.861084&spn=0.247309,0.614548>
 - **Bronx** - <http://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=214504384267441423605.0004ba5abeffb483fef72&msa=0>
 - **Staten Island** – <http://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=214504384267441423605.0004b8bdd58f76eb00186&msa=0>
- ...Red areas indicate areas which you should be very cautious in.

Stay Safe!