

Living In The UWM Neighborhood Safety And Security

SAFETY TIPS

Take action by executing these safety recommendations! Criminals can strike any neighborhood at any time. Areas and homes poorly maintained and lighted, hidden by fencing or landscaping, or out of sight of neighbors can be risky and prime for crime. Do your part to help minimize crime by considering and implementing the following information.

Be Aware,

Think Before Your Drink, Make Safer Choices

- Develop a safe-exit plan before your evening begins.
- Decisions you make now will have a significant impact on your future and your safety.
- Never leave a fellow panther behind, do not walk alone at night.
- If you are being followed by someone, change your path, walk in well-lit areas, and find the nearest safe place.

Trust Your Instincts: If You See Something, Say Something

- If you return home and notice something questionable (ex: slit screen, broken window) do not go inside!
- If you think there is something wrong, there probably is.
- Be aware of your rights in social and sexual situations. Unwanted physical contact is a crime and should be reported immediately. Call UWM Police or file a report via uwm.edu/reportit.

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- Lock YOUR DOORS AND BIKES
- DO NOT LEAVE ELECTRONICS, PURSES, WALLETS OR BACKPACKS **UNATTENDED**
- LEAVE YOUR PORCH LIGHT ON
- GET TO **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS**
- DON'T WALK WITH HEADPHONES ON
- AVOID **WALKING ALONE AT NIGHT**
- USE **BOSS AND SAFE WALKERS**
- **BE AWARE** OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS
- **DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES** IN YOUR CAR



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- Prevent sexual assault and know: No means “No”. “Yes” and then a “No” later-on means “No”, Silence means “No”. Any lack of expressed verbal consent in any situation means “No”.
- Always contact 911 in case of an emergency. It is better to be safe than sorry, your community will thank you!

Keep Strangers Out of Your Home

- Lock your doors both while you are home and away; crime can happen at any time.
- Never prop doors open and leave the doorway unattended.
- It's your right to know who is in your home. Do not be afraid to ask utility employees or law enforcement for identification. You can even call the company to see if they have sent someone out.
- Check with roommates before answering the door to see if any of you are expecting someone. Don't answer the door if you are uncomfortable!

- Put your valuable items out of sight both in your home and in your vehicle (phone chargers, wallets, keys, etc.), and close your blinds while you are not home.

Protect Your Property and Keep It Well-Lit

- Leaving for a few days or just for the evening? Leave a light on inside to detract intruders.
- Leave your porch/outdoor light on at night to help you see better as you enter your home and contribute to a safer environment while neighbors are walking by.
- Discuss with your landlord whom is responsible for replacing/fixing lighting.
- Get renter's insurance! Check with a parent/guardian and their insurance to see if you are covered under their homeowner's insurance.
- Record serial numbers and register your valuable items. Report and freeze cards and accounts immediately if you lose information or suspect fraudulent charges.

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Being A Good Neighbor

SHOWING RESPECT

UWM lies at the center of a lively mix of neighborhoods on Milwaukee's Upper East Side, each with its own personality and distinctive blend of housing, shops, restaurants, parks and nightspots. Located just a few blocks from Lake Michigan, these neighborhoods are home to many UWM faculty, staff, alumni and students.

Because of the special nature of these neighborhoods, UWM is joining with students and community members to help preserve their character. Successful living in this area requires respect, communication and cooperation. It means working together to ensure that all members of the community respect the rights and diversity of their neighbors. Along with these rights come responsibility. Treat your neighborhood as you would treat your hometown.

KEY CITY CODES

• OCCUPANCY

Occupancy of any unit, including homes, is restricted to no more than three unrelated people, regardless of the number of bedrooms available, unless the landlord has a rooming-house license. If this code is violated, the property is considered an illegal rooming house and provides grounds for eviction. Renters should also be aware of illegal attic or basement units.

• ALCOHOL

Milwaukee Police enforce the codes regarding illegal use of alcohol. Citations with expensive fines can be issued for public drinking and the purchase of alcohol by a minor. The sale of alcohol or cups at parties is also illegal and being cited for that offense includes a hefty fine. All fines increase for the second and third offenses. With the second offense, landlords as well as tenants receive a fine, increasing the offenders' chance of eviction. A complaint can be made at the time of offense or the next day.

• NOISE

Like most older, established neighborhoods, the Upper East Side is an area of closely-spaced homes and apartment buildings. Keeping noise - and music - to acceptable levels and reasonable hours is important. The Milwaukee Police strictly enforce noise ordinances. Fines for excessive and/or late-night noise are hefty and increase with each subsequent offense. Landlords are liable with the second offense, often leading to eviction of the offender. As with alcohol offenses, a complaint can be made at the time of the offense or the next day.

LANDLORDS

Landlords are in the business of renting property. The rent charged for the property depends on its size, location and condition. Landlords must provide a reasonably secure environment with working fixtures, heat and hot water, a hazard-free environment with smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, access to city services and access to the rented unit during the active rental agreement.

Landlords must follow established legal procedures when asking a tenant to vacate a property. The landlord is responsible for enforcing all codes applicable to rental property. These include occupancy codes, noise codes, building safety and security codes, nuisance codes, cleanliness codes and health codes.

The best landlords form a partnership with their tenants, which provide quality housing, maintains the value of their property and results in a living situation that is in harmony with the neighborhood.

TENANTS

Tenants receive the use of the property for the term of the rental. They are expected to leave the property in good condition at the end of their stay. While in residence, tenants are expected to be good neighbors.

Being a good neighbor means using good sense; reporting problems promptly; keeping the property clean and removing garbage to avoid the pests; wheeling trash and recycling carts to designated pickup areas and returning them to storage areas when emptied; picking up debris outside the building and in common rooms and hallways; refraining from making noise at levels that would disturb others; and avoiding all illegal activity.

Being a good neighbor is especially important when there is no owner or manager on site. It's a good idea for new tenants to introduce themselves to their neighbors and exchange phone numbers. Problems often can be avoided or quickly solved when neighbors know each other and communicate effectively.

If you have legal questions or concerns, contact the University Legal Clinic (414-229-4140; Union WG81), You can also contact Milwaukee's Department of Neighborhood Services (414-286-2268; <http://city.milwaukee.gov/DNS>) or UWM's Neighborhood Housing Office (414-229-6999; neighborhood-relations@uwm.edu).