



## CRIME PREVENTION

Crime prevention means using your instincts and common sense as well as taking action to reduce a criminal's opportunity.

There are three elements a criminal must possess for a crime to occur: desire, ability, and opportunity. Eliminate even one element, and the crime will not occur. We have little control over the first two elements, but we can significantly control "opportunity". A large part of the responsibility of reducing criminal opportunity lies with the individual - YOU!

**Crime prevention is everyone's business!**

Your involvement is needed to the prevention of crime on campus. Disregard and complacency are the prime contributors to the success of crime. The burden of crime prevention rests not only with the Campus Safety Office but also with each member of the Shorter University community.

Campus Safety cannot be everywhere at once and are, therefore, dependent upon you to recognize and report incidents of suspicious and criminal activity.

The extent of your cooperation will greatly influence Campus Safety's effectiveness in fighting crime. Doing your part means:

1. Being aware of your vulnerability
2. Protecting yourself and your property
3. Being alert for suspicious or criminal activity and conditions that may represent a danger to the community
4. Getting involved by becoming more security conscious and by reporting all incidents of suspicious or criminal activity, no matter how insignificant, to Campus Safety immediately!

**In an Event of an Emergency, Call Campus Safety (706)-233-7911**

### Prevention Tips for Life On and Off Campus

- ✓ Lock your residence room or office door whenever you leave.
- ✓ Keep your residence room locked even when you're in it. Keep exterior common area residence doors locked.
- ✓ If possible, never walk alone at night. Use the buddy system, or call Campus Safety for an officer escort.
- ✓ If you must walk alone, choose a route that avoids dark or vacant areas. Project a calm, confident image, and walk with a sense of purpose.
- ✓ Have your vehicle, building, or room key in your hand and ready for use before getting to the door. This prevents standing at the door while fumbling for a key.
- ✓ Look into the front and back of your vehicle before getting into it. Once inside, lock the doors.
- ✓ Do not leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle. Putting them in the trunk is best.
- ✓ Do not leave backpacks, purses, etc. unattended unless they're locked up.
- ✓ Do not keep large sums of money or extremely valuable items in your room or office.
- ✓ Never loan your I.D. or keys to anyone. Do not label your keys to identify what doors they open.
- ✓ Protect your identity, social security number, credit cards, account codes, passwords, and all other personal information.