

Pedestrian Safety Tips

The Clarkson University campus is a very scenic and safe place for the campus community and guests to run or walk its roads and walkways, as is the village of Potsdam. The following tips will help you keep safe when you go out.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- Plan your outing. Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Tell friends and family of your favorite exercise routes.
- Know where the Emergency Blue Light phones are located along the course.
- Wear an identification tag or carry a driver's license. If you don't have a place to carry your ID, write your name and phone number on the inside of your athletic shoe.
- Don't wear jewelry or carry cash. Wear reflective material.



WHILE ON THE ROAD

- Tell a family member or friend where you are going and the time you expect to be back.
- Stay alert at all times. The more you are aware, the less vulnerable you are.
- Run or walk with a partner or a dog.
- Don't wear headsets. If you wear them, you won't hear an approaching car or attacker. Listen to your surroundings.
- Consider carrying a cell phone.
- Exercise in familiar areas. Know which buildings or stores are open.
- Vary your route.
- Avoid unpopulated areas, deserted streets, and overgrown trails. Especially avoid poorly lighted areas at night.
- Run clear of parked cars or bushes.
- Ignore verbal harassment. Use discretion in acknowledging strangers. Look directly at others and be observant, but keep your distance and keep moving.
- Run against traffic so you can observe approaching automobiles.
- Trust your intuition about a person or area. React based on that intuition and avoid areas you feel unsure about.
- Be careful if anyone in a car asks you for directions — if you answer, keep at least a full arm's length from the car.
- If you think you are being followed, change direction and head for open buildings, stores, theaters, or a lighted house.
- Have your access card or door key ready before you reach home.
- Call Police or Campus Safety & Security if you see a suspicious person or activity; if something happens to you or someone else, call immediately.

Potsdam Police 9-265-2121

Campus Safety & Security 268-6666

CAMPUS SAFETY & SECURITY MISSION

In an effort to keep the campus community informed, the Office of Campus Safety & Security conducts programs at new student orientation and throughout the course of the academic year. Campus Safety & Security also conducts an ongoing campaign of crime awareness on its Web site, the student newspaper, University e-mail announcements, and bulletins.

