

SAFETY IN THE CITY

- **Trust your instincts and be yourself.**
- **Use your cell phone as a tool.** Make sure it's fully charged before you leave home and if you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation, shoot a quick text for a "friend-assist."
- **Be careful when leaving status or away messages online and when using the "check-in" feature on social media.** Leaving information about your whereabouts reveals details that are accessible to everyone. If you wouldn't give the information to a stranger, then don't put it on your online profile.
- **Wait to let your guard down until people earn your trust.** Don't assume people you've just met will look out for your best interests; remember that they are essentially strangers.
- **Don't be afraid to hurt someone's feelings.** Your safety comes before someone else's feelings.
- **If you see something, say something!** Intervene if a situation seems questionable or if someone's safety is at risk.
- **Stick with your friends and watch out for each other.** Arrive together, check in with one another throughout the night, and leave together.
- **Drink responsibly and know your limits.** Don't accept drinks from people who you don't know or trust and never leave your drink unattended.
- **Watch out for your friends.** If a friend seems out of it, is way too intoxicated for the amount of alcohol they've had, or is acting out of character, get him or her to a safe place. If you suspect that you or a friend has been drugged, call 911. Be explicit with doctors so they can administer the correct tests.
- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Whether you're walking home from the library or at a party be mindful of potential risks. Don't listen to electronic devices so loudly that you can't hear what's going on around you.

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TRAVELING

- Let someone know where you are going
 - Know your travel route before you leave
 - Carry only necessary money/credit card and identification with you
 - Do not carry excessive amounts of money, jewelry, or credit cards with you
- Subway tips*
- Enter a subway where there is a green bulb or square. There is always an attendant on duty 24 hours a day at these locations
 - Always stand away from the platform as trains enter and leave the station
 - The conductor is always in the fifth car. It's a good idea to board that car
 - Listen to any conductor announcements. They could affect your travel plans
 - If you get sick on the train, get off the train and seek help from the conductor or from the attendant on duty at the main ticket booth
 - Be ALERT while riding the subway so that you don't miss your stop

RESIDENCE HALLS

- Keep your door locked
- Never leave your door propped open
- Before letting someone in your room, be sure to use your peephole to identify them
- Have the telephone number of the security desk in case of an emergency
- Let Security or your RA know if you are feeling ill
- Monitor your guests at all times, you are responsible for them and their actions

SVA Resources

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency, including any serious injury, you should seek help immediately. **Call 911** from any campus phone, other landline or mobile phone.

SVA SECURITY

After calling 911, or in non-emergency safety situations, contact the nearest security officer at one of the following locations.

- 23 Street Residence 212.592.2441
- 24 Street Residence 212.592.2768
- Gramercy Women's Residence 212.592.2278
- Ludlow Residence 212.592.2713
- 132/136 West 21 Street 212.592.2754
- 133/141 West 21 Street 212.592.2581
- 209 East 23 Street 212.592.2001
- 214 East 21 Street 212.592.2320
- 335 West 16 Street 212.592.2741
- 380 Second Avenue 212.592.2602
- SVA Theatre 212.592.2025

STAY INFORMED

Sign up for *SVA Alert*

Each year Student Affairs produces a Student Handbook. Information about policies and procedures as well as disciplinary information can be found in the document which is available in PDF format under the Student Affairs page of www.sva.edu

Student Affairs staff act as a resource for student safety and can be allies for students wishing to report a crime. Reports of concerns can be made to the director of Student Affairs for consideration of action under the Student Code of Conduct.

Residence Life

212.592.2140

Non urgent safety concerns can be discussed your RA or RHD so that they may be addressed.

Student Health and Counseling Services

212.592.2246

Clinicians can be a resource to victims of a crime by providing support and directing students to appropriate medical or counseling services.

Title IX Coordinator, Laurel Christy

212.592.2153 *lchristy@sva.edu*

Laurel Christy is available as a resource for information, education, collaboration on programs, and for anyone who wishes to make a report or file a complaint related to discrimination, harassment, or sexual misconduct.

OUTSIDE RESOURCES

The New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault
www.nycagainstrape.org/survivors.html
Accessing emergency care and other helpful info.

Rape Abuse and Incest National Network

www.rainn.org - 1.800.656.HOPE(4673)

In cooperation with more than 600 rape crisis centers around the country, *RAINN* operates a free, 24-hour hotline for survivors of sexual assault.