

## YOUR CAMPUS, YOUR COMMUNITY

■ Know your neighbors, whether you live in a dorm, a sorority or fraternity house, or off-campus apartment. Exchange good news—a great book, a “must see” film—and the bad—a neighborhood burglary, a rape attempt. Share ideas and solutions.

■ Make sure a roommate or friend knows your routines. Tell someone if you are going to be late or are going away.

■ Report all crime to the campus police. How can they help if they don't know what's happening?

■ Tell the “powers that be” about broken lights, overgrown shrubbery near walkways, telephones that don't work, doors with lousy locks. Don't assume that someone else will do it.

### NOW, IT'S UP TO YOU ...

■ Don't just use the escort service, volunteer to help. Better yet, make it a group project.

■ If a friend has been a victim of a crime, offer moral support and practical help.

■ Raise awareness of campus problems—write a letter to the editor, start a column in the campus newspaper, create a campus crime prevention newsletter.

■ Work with student government and campus administrators to create a forum to diffuse potential powder keg situations.

■ Volunteer to tutor children in your community's schools, or help out in an after-school program.

■ Start a Big Buddy program to mentor area high school students.

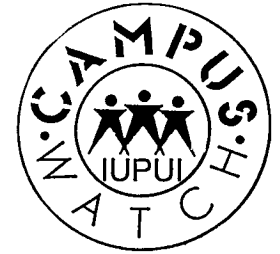
## VINCENNES UNIVERSITY

Campus Police: (812) 888.4274

In case of an emergency dial 911



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## STREET SENSE—IT'S ELEMENTARY\*



\*Even for college kids who already know everything!



## TEST YOUR STREET SENSE . . .

Do you jog by yourself early in the morning or late at night when it's quiet and lonely?

YES  NO

Do you carry all your possessions—cash, keys, credit cards, checkbook—in a beloved but tattered backpack every place you go, then leave it laying around?

YES  NO

When you work late at the computer center or library, do you think it's wimpy to call the campus escort service at 2 a.m.?

YES  NO

Did you cash in the plane ticket and hitchhike home last spring vacation?

YES  NO

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you need to change a few habits. Even if your score was a perfect "No, Never!!", read on. A few minutes now might prevent trouble later.

### Street Sense 101—The Basic Mindset

- Wherever you are—walking between classes, in the library, shopping, driving—stay alert and tuned into your surroundings.
- Walk with confidence—show that you're aware and in control. Body language works.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, get out or away.

### Street Sense 201—Practical Advice

- Walk with a friend, whenever possible.
- Don't fumble in your pocket or purse for your door key—have it in hand before you reach your home or car.
- Stick to well-lighted, well-traveled areas. No shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots, or alleys.



- Avoid jogging or biking alone. If you must go by yourself, stay clear of isolated or poorly-lighted areas.
- Don't tempt fate by flashing large amounts of cash or other valuable objects.
- Out late studying? Call a friend or the campus escort service when you're ready to leave.
- Never hitchhike. It's not worth the risk!

■ Watch your purse, backpack, briefcase, recorder. Don't take a break and leave them behind.

■ If you think someone is following you, abruptly switch directions or cross the street. If you're still being followed, go to a public place and ask for help.

### Street Sense 202—For Bus and Subway Riders Only

- Use well-lighted, busy stops.
- Sit near the driver, and don't doze off!
- If someone harasses you, don't be embarrassed. Just say—loudly—"Leave me alone!"
- Watch who gets off the bus or subway with you. If you feel uneasy, go where there are other people—a dorm, a store, a cafe.

### Telephone Sense 203—How to Handle the Obscene Phone Call

- Hang up as soon as you realize the nature of the call. Don't try to find out who the caller is, and don't show any reaction.
- If the calls keep coming, notify the police. Keep a log of the times, what the caller said, a description of the voice, and any background noise.

