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# NEWS FROM HQ

## BELMONT UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF CAMPUS SECURITY CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

### A Message from the Crime Prevention Unit

Did you know that 83% of the incidents reported to the Office of Campus Security during the 2008-2009 school year could have been avoided by following basic safety tips?

### Key Ways to Keep Yourself and Your Property Safe

*Lock the door to your office/residence at all times.*

A theft can occur in less time than it takes to use the restroom or go to your mailbox.

*Do not leave valuables in plain view inside your vehicle.*

Vehicles have been broken into and things you would never consider, such as loose change, a pair of shoes, or clothing items have been taken.

*Do not leave valuables unattended.*

If working out, lock valuables such as purses and wallets in a locker (or keep them with you), lock your bicycle and use a secure lock such as a u-lock, don't leave valuables such as book bags and laptops in classrooms. Take them with you when you leave the room.

*Walk with a buddy or call for an escort.*

The Office of Campus Security offers a foot and vehicle escort service anywhere on campus. If you feel unsafe and would like a ride from point A to point B on campus, give us a call.

*Report Suspicious Activity Immediately*

If we do not know about it, we cannot do anything about it. The Belmont Community is our best resource in helping to keep the campus safe. Err on the side of caution. If you see something that does not look right, give us a call immediately.

### **Belmont Offers Commuter Benefits to Students, Faculty and Staff**

Belmont has secured partnerships with Nashville's Metro Transit Authority (MTA) to provide all students, faculty and staff free transportation on MTA buses and the Music City Star rail system.

Go to [http://www.belmont.edu/ocs/\\_b\\_mta\\_commuter\\_benefits\\_program/index.html](http://www.belmont.edu/ocs/_b_mta_commuter_benefits_program/index.html) for more information.

### **Zipcars Available for Students, Faculty and Staff**

Belmont will again offer two Zipcars this year for reservation to students, faculty and staff. Go to [www.zipcar.com/belmont](http://www.zipcar.com/belmont) for more information about zipcars.



### September Events:

#### Responding to Campus Violence

Monday August 31	5:00pm	Hail Hall
Tuesday September 1	5:00pm	Heron Hall
Wednesday September 2	10:00am	MBC 4th Floor Boardroom
Wednesday September 2	5:00pm	Wright/Maddox
Thursday September 3	5:00pm	Kennedy Hall
Wednesday September 9	5:00pm	Maple Hall
Thursday September 10	5:00pm	Thrailkill Hall
Monday September 14	5:00pm	Hillside Clubhouse
Tuesday September 15	5:00pm	Pembroke Hall
Wednesday September 16	5:00pm	Belmont Commons Clubhouse
Thursday September 17	5:00pm	Bruin Hills Clubhouse

### Important Numbers

Campus Security  
 Non-Emergency 615/460-6617  
 Emergency 615/460-6911

Crime Prevention Unit  
[crimeprevention@mail.belmont.edu](mailto:crimeprevention@mail.belmont.edu)

Metro Police  
 Non-Emergency 615/862-8600  
 Metro Emergency 911

### **Crime Prevention Begins with You**

Locks are only effective when they are used.

Things left in public places or in plain view are likely to be stolen.

Rooms and offices left unlocked and unattended are an invitation to theft.

Vehicles left unlocked or with windows cracked or open are a likely target for break-in.