Remember to:
• Be responsible for your personal safety
• Be alert to potential danger
• Trust your instincts
• Be aware of all your surroundings
• Avoid anything that does not feel safe
• Anticipate possible problems
• Be vigilant and prepared for anything
• Report suspicious activity

What is suspicious activity?
**Anyone who acts in an unusual or frightening manner. Also, anything found or placed in an unusual location, should be considered suspicious.**

Emergency Call Boxes
connect directly with police dispatch and
are located in various locations around
campus.
Use for emergencies only.

The University of the Incarnate Word Police Department offers a one-hour “Personal Safety” presentation that covers the topics listed in this brochure and many more.

To schedule a full one-hour “Personal Safety” presentation, contact:
Corporal Jim Snow
jsnow@uiwtx.edu
210-829-3906
For further information go to:
www.uiw.edu/police/training.html
Safety TIPS

Walking on Campus

- Familiarize yourself with the layout of the campus.
- Plan the safest route to your destination; choose well-lit, busy pathways and streets.
- Share your class schedule with your parents and trusted friends and give them your telephone numbers.
- At night, stick to well-lit areas whenever possible and avoid alleyways or shortcuts through isolated areas.
- Travel in groups and avoid going out alone at night.
- Use the campus escort or shuttle services at night.
- Know where the emergency call boxes are located on campus and learn how to use them.
- If you are being followed, change direction and go to the nearest business or home, knock on the door and request that someone call the police.
- Note the description of the person following you.
- Walk near the curb and avoid shrubbery or other places of potential concealment.
- Tell a friend or roommate where you are going and what time you expect to return.
- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Carry your purse close to your body and keep a firm grip on it. Carry your wallet in an inside coat pocket or your front pant pocket.
- Keep your keys separate from your purse or backpack.
- Don’t overload yourself with bags or packages. Avoid wearing shoes that restrict your movements.

Exercising on Campus

- Plan your route in advance and walk/jog/run in familiar areas.
- Go with a known companion if possible.
- Carry identification.
- Don’t wear jewelry or carry cash.
- Avoid secluded or dimly lit areas.

Residence Halls

- Report lost or stolen residence hall keys immediately to your residence hall staff.
- Report any malfunctioning locks, doors or windows to your residence life staff.
- Do not leave your keys lying around in your room when you are not in the room.
- Do not leave messages on your door about when you will be returning to your room.
- Tell a roommate or friend if you are planning to be away overnight or for a few days.
- Report any suspicious persons or activities (including solicitors) in or near your residence hall to staff or police.
- Secure your valuables and engrave expensive items with identifying information Operation ID registration.
- Always lock your doors and windows at night, especially if you reside on the first or second floors.
- Do not leave your identification, keys, wallets, checkbooks or other valuables in open view.
- Get to know your RAs and neighbors.

Living Off Campus

- Know the answers to the following questions:
- Do local security/police patrol the grounds/buildings where you live?
- Do you have an alarm system?
- How secure are the locks/doors?
- How often are the locks changed?
- Are there dead bolt locks on the exterior doors?
- Is parking adequate, safe and well lit?
- Are there secluded or dark areas near the buildings?
- Is there a Neighborhood Watch program?
- Is there an adequate fire safety detection and evacuation system in place?

REMEMBER:
A safe campus is everyone’s responsibility!

UIW Weapons Policy:

Pursuant to the Texas Penal Code, Sections 30.06 (Trespass by License Holder with a Concealed Handgun) and 30.07 (Trespass by License Holder with an Openly Carried Handgun), a person licensed under subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter the UIW property with a concealed handgun, or a with a handgun that is carried openly.

The use, possession or carrying of any weapon, including but not limited to a concealed handgun, by any person on UIW property (with the exception of authorized weapon(s) carried by police officers) is prohibited and in violation of state law.

The University of the Incarnate Word will exercise the “opt out” provision of Texas Senate Bill 11, also known as the “Campus Carry” law, after discussions with the campus community.

The University of the Incarnate Word is a WEAPONS-FREE campus.