EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
Campus Safety Tips

- Don’t take chances with your safety when walking.

- Save the Eastern Police phone number in your phone (860)465-5310 and don’t hesitate to contact police when something is suspicious.

- Eastern Police Department will provide campus escorts anywhere on campus. Call the police for an escort, rather than walk alone.

- If there are emergencies, call 9-1-1.

- Sign-up for the Eastern Campus Alert System (instructions are on Eastern’s website).

- Don’t walk alone/Walk in groups (especially at night).

- Use public walkways (rather than wooded paths or shortcuts).

- Avoid walking to establishments and local areas that you are not familiar with.

- Be alert! Be aware of your surroundings.

- When possible, walk facing traffic. Walk confidently. Notice who passes you and who is behind you.

- Pay attention to people/cars around you and be aware of any suspicious situations/people.

- Be familiar with the location of the emergency call boxes/phones on campus. If something is suspicious, don’t hesitate to run to one to activate it.

- Display proper body language to show you are aware of things happening around you.

- Walk in well-lighted areas. Do not walk near bushes, alleys, etc.

- Wear clothing and shoes that give you freedom of movement and reflect light.

- Do not overburden yourself with bags or packages that might make running difficult when walking at night.
If someone in a car stops you to ask for directions/information, always reply from a safe distance—never getting too close to the vehicle.

If an auto driver persists in bothering you, cross the street and walk/run in the opposite direction.

If you feel someone is following you, turn around and check. Proceed to the nearest lighted house or place of business.

If you feel you are in danger, do not be afraid to yell and run.

Carry as little cash as possible. Hold your purse tightly, close to your body.

Keep your wallet in a front pocket, button hip pocket or inside coat pocket.

Always hide your valuables; and do not leave personal information on display.

Have your keys in hand, and be ready to enter the vehicle.

Avoid hitchhiking.

Park in well-lit areas.

Avoid parking close to large vehicles; it decreases your ability to see the area around you.

Keep your car doors locked--while you are in the vehicle, and when you leave your vehicle.

Do not prop entrance doors to the residence halls.

Don’t leave your residence hall room/suite door unlocked if you are leaving.