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Dear Law Center Community,

As we begin the academic year, please review the following information and resources about what you can do to keep yourself and our community safe. A summary of these resources is available at the [Georgetown Law Campus Police Department \(GLCPD\)](#) webpage. Additional information is also available from the University's [Office of Emergency Management \(OEM\)](#).

PERSONAL SAFETY

For your personal safety and the well-being of the community, please consider the following strategies:

Use the LiveSafe Mobile App. [LiveSafe](#) is a personal security system that connects users with GUPD when activated during an emergency situation. The app also allows users to report suspicious activity, request a personal escort, access resources on emergency preparedness, and use SafeWalk to share your location with friends.

Sign Up for HOYAlert Text Alerts. [Receive important and immediate emergency alerts](#) in the event of threats to safety on any of the University campuses.

If You See Something... Say Something. Program phone numbers for the Georgetown Law Campus Police Department (GLCPD), (202) 662-9325 into your phones. Off-campus, contact 9-1-1 to report an emergency. If you are concerned about threatening behavior or are worried about potential violence to the University or someone at Georgetown, contact the [Georgetown Threat Assessment Program](#).

Be Aware and Vigilant. Never walk alone at night, and always walk along well-lit and well-traveled routes. Take earbuds out of your ears, and keep your attention on your surroundings rather than your phone. Please use caution and use marked crosswalks, particularly near on-campus construction areas. Always walk bicycles and scooters on sidewalks and reduce speed when approaching pedestrians and/or construction zones. Scooters should never be taken or ridden indoors. Please be considerate of community members, and keep your voices down and your behavior respectful as you move through the residential neighborhoods.

Report a Bias Incident. The University considers acts of hate and bias unacceptable and antithetical to its commitment to an inclusive and respectful community. Through the [Bias Reporting System](#), Georgetown is able to track, review, and respond to bias-related incidents.

Take Precautions with Ridesharing. Always check that the vehicle, license plate and driver information matches what's listed in the rideshare app. Don't give away your name prior to entering the vehicle, instead ask the driver to confirm the name of who they are picking up.

Fire Safety. It is important that all community members take fire-safety precautions and are prepared for building emergency evacuations. In the event you discover fire or smoke, or if you hear the fire alarm:

- Leave the building immediately via the stairs. **DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS.**
- As you leave, close all doors, including any that are propped open, and pull the fire alarm station, if not already ringing.
- Once outside, follow directions from the Building Floor Marshals and GLCPD and gather in designated assembly areas. Do not congregate in front of the entrance to the building.
- Remain outside the building until the "ALL CLEAR" is given by Building Marshall or GLCPD. Please note: silencing of the alarms does not constitute an "ALL CLEAR."

Students in university housing should take special care to [note prohibited items](#) that are a fire hazard. If you are living off-campus, please make sure your residence has working smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers.

Share your Feedback with GLCPD. GLCPD accepts all feedback regarding the conduct and performance of the department. If you want to provide feedback, please report the incident, anonymously if preferred, to an on-duty supervisor at (202) 662-9325.

SECURING YOUR PROPERTY

We want your belongings to be safe, and the university cannot be responsible for personal items. Therefore, please take the following actions to protect your items:

Lock Your Doors. GLCPD recommends all students lock their doors every time they leave their room or home. Office spaces should also be secured if they can be.

Lock Your Laptops and Bikes. Never leave laptops or bikes unattended. To mitigate thefts, all bicyclists are encouraged to use U-locks, which are more secure and more difficult to cut than cable locks. Contact GLCPD for [laptop and bicycle registration](#) in McDonough Room #102 or calling (202) 662-9325.

Mark Your Calendars

National Preparedness Month (September)

A month of messaging, events, and advocacy to help improve the university community's response in case of emergency.

Annual Safety Week (September 12 - 16)

A week of events, training and giveaways to learn about safety on campus and to get to know GLCPD working on campus.

Thank you for your attention to these matters, and we hope you have a great semester.

Sincerely,

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