Safety and security starts with you! ECSU is a relatively safe community; however, like any community, crimes can and do occur here. The University promotes campus safety and security in various ways — by educating students about safety and security issues; by keeping external residential building doors locked at all times; by upgrading security equipment as needed; by coordinating resident safety and security programs; and by providing escorts when requested. These efforts will not be enough unless YOU also take responsibility for your own safety and the safety of others. Please make the following precautions a part of your daily routine:

- Lock your door at night and whenever you leave your room or apartment — even if it is just for a short time! *(It only takes a thief a few seconds to commit a crime!)*

- Don’t lend your room or apartment key *(or I-Card!)* to anyone.

- Don’t prop residence hall or apartment building doors or gates open!... and *remove props if you see them.*

- Never hold a door open for strangers or other residents’ guests to enter the building.

- If you lose your room or apartment key *(or I-Card!)*, report it to your hall/area office *immediately.*

- Report any suspicious persons or unescorted guests to your RD/RA, the hall/area office, or Campus Police.

- **Get nosey!** Ask unescorted strangers their purpose for being on your floor or in your building.

- **Your guests must be escorted at all times!**... even if they briefly leave your room. Be a good host AND a good neighbor!

- Report unusual happenings *(i.e., unexplained noise, raised or angry voices)* to your RD/RA, the hall/area office, or Campus Police.

- **In the event of an emergency, call Campus Police (335-3266) or (911) immediately...** then inform your RD/RA.

- **Don’t be an unwilling accomplice!** If you witness any individual(s) committing any acts of vandalism or violence, report him/her to your RD/RA immediately. *It’s your responsibility, too!*

Remember that your residence hall/apartment building is not just a place where you sleep and study; it is also your home and community. Part of being a responsible community member is taking pride in your environment and reporting instances of vandalism, as well as situations you observe which negatively affect the building’s overall safety and security. Your guests, friends, and roommates should be encouraged to develop a similar attitude toward their environment.