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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

During the holiday season, the UMES Police Department urges members of the campus community to exercise extra care when walking outside, especially to and from points of transportation and campus buildings.

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING ADVICE.....

What to expect in "2005"

- UMES Police will be aggressively enforcing Underage Drinking violations.
- Traffic on campus roads will be strictly monitored, and enforced.
- Rape Aggression Defense classes will be starting Spring Semester. See Cpl. Sykes, Ofc. Waters for details.
- More Foot Patrols on campus, and dorm areas.
- DWI Checkpoints will be conducted randomly on UMES Blvd. and Backbone Rd.
- Zero Tolerance is still in effect.

1. Travel with a friend or in a group.

2. Be alert and aware of your surroundings.

3. Avoid dark vacant, or deserted areas; use well - lit, frequently traveled routes.

4. Dress in clothes and shoes that will not restrict movement. Be careful of dangling jewelry, large pierced earrings and scarves wrapped around the neck.

5. Keep your credit cards, IDs, and money in a safe place, and don't carry them all in one place when you shop.

*** The University Police reminds campus offices that safety presentations can be scheduled for your dept. Contact Ext. 6590 for details. ***

Holiday Safety Tips

It is the most wonderful time of the year — and one of the busiest for the retail industry. It is easy for consumers to get distracted by the larger crowds and fast pace, forgetting their crime prevention basics, and allow for the window of opportunity for crime to occur. Here are a few tips to follow for a safe and happy holiday season.

If you are shopping.....

- Don't let your guard down because you are rushing.
- Remain alert and be aware of everything around you at all times.
- Park in well lit spaces as close to the store as possible, lock

your doors and hide packages in the trunk or under the seats.

- Do not carry large amounts of cash. Pay by check or credit card if possible.
- Carry your purse close to your body and place wallets inside your coat or front pants pocket.
- Be sure not to overload yourself with too many packages at one time.
- Be cautious of strangers soliciting for charitable donations. Ask for identification, and how the donated funds will be used.
- If possible try not to go out shopping late by yourself. Take someone with you. It is better

to go in pairs, or in groups.

Report any suspicious activity to either the local police and/or security patrols available to you.



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More Helpful Tips (For off campus residents)

- * Set an automatic timer for your lights.
- * Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home, pick-up newspapers, collect mail and park in the driveway from time to time.
- * Turn on outside lights to deter burglars.
- * Make sure your homeowners or rental insurance is up to date, and all valuables are inventoried properly.
- * Notify your local police to conduct vacation checks at your residence.

MAKE SOBER CHOICES THIS SEASON !!!

With the holiday season comes a time for celebrating with friends and family. If your holiday celebration includes the use of alcoholic beverages, please drink responsibly and keep in mind the following tips:

- * Plan ahead... Choose a designated driver who agrees to stay sober and drive the others who will be drinking.
- * Turn your parties into sleepovers... Let your guests know that they can stay the night if needed.
- * Convince the drinker to relinquish his or her keys and call a cab for a safe ride home.
- * Be your own best friend... While paying attention to your friends, don't forget your own drinking and driving behavior. This includes surrendering your own keys and planning ahead for a safe trip home.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



OFFICE SAFETY TIPS

- . Do not leave your keys lying out or loan them out.
- . Your purse and wallet should be kept with you at all times or locked in a drawer or cabinet.
- . Do not leave cash lying out in the open or in a top drawer.
- . Lock your door if you leave your office, even if it just for a few minutes.
- . Report any non working lights, doors that do not lock or shut properly to maintenance or security.
- . Report any suspicious persons to Campus Police.



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Reminder Fall Semester Graduating Seniors...
 Make sure that you take care of outstanding parking fees with the Dept. of Public Safety before December 17th 2004.

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