

UMES Department of Public Safety

SPRING BREAK SAFETY TIPS

Spring break is quickly approaching and whether you're going on a cruise or traveling far, personal safety is your responsibility.

Here are some helpful pointers that will protect you and your personal valuables while enjoying your spring break.

- Secure all windows and doors before leaving you dorm
- If traveling out of the USA, make sure passport is valid
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Always have your ID available and any special medical information



HAVE A SAFE SPRING BREAK

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MID - TERM EXAMS



Mid- term exams are 03/13/06 thru 3/17/06 for all students. We ask that you be mindful of those who are studying. Waters Hall will remain

open 24 hours for the entire week.

We offer late night escorts, just call X6590.

Remember to walk with someone if you are out studying late.

WHAT IS PHISHING?

Phishing is a type of deception used by scam artists to steal your identity. Phishing scams can be carried out in person; by way of telephone; and legitimate looking e-mails. The most common phishing is online. Online phishing involves emails that appear to come from a popular Web site or common known companies. Scam artists attempt to gather financial and personal informa-

tion such as: credit card numbers, passwords, and account data. There are steps you can use to avoid becoming a victim to this scam:

- Be suspicious of any e-mail that request urgent person financial information



For more information visit their website: www.antiphishing.org

- Avoid filling out forms in email messages that ask for financial personal information
- Be cautious using links in an email to get to any web page.

Always remember when in doubt call the company

POPULAR STUDENT WEB SITE HAS ITS DOWNSIDE

Facebook a popular website is designed for students to create personal profiles enabling them to communicate with one another. Yet, many campus leaders are finding a downside to students interaction on this web site. The site is a potential nightmare because students may be giving out too many details, which leads to incidents of

crime. The most common problems resulting from the use of this web site are stalking, harassment, and identity theft especially on the college campuses. It is estimated that the use of Facebook is rapidly on the rise, on the average 50 to 65 percent of college students have registered to communicate with one another.

Facebook a popular student web site can lead to identity theft and stalking.

CELLS PHONES INCREASINGLY ATTRACTIVE TO HACKERS

In an article from the Washington Post (11/06/04), security experts have named the most recent software "Skulls" which leads to attacks against cell phones. Web sites have been

ringtones and screensavers for certain cell phones. But those who downloaded the software found out that it disables every icon and destroys the cell phone. Consumers must take



Software that protects computers are not for cell phones.

caution when downloading programs on their cell phones.

TIPS FOR ONLINE SHOPPING

The internet is the newest and fastest tool for shopping. It provides you with vast products right at your fingertips. You can buy the latest fashions and plan your vacation with just a click of the mouse. There are advantages of shopping online such as convenience, finding great bargains, and faster. But before you shop online, be aware of the scams.

- Shop with companies you know.
- Keep your password private. Avoid your (SSN).
- Pay by credit card. This way you are protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act.



- Know the companies return and refund policies before making a purchase.
- Save all transaction information and note any phone conversations with the company for your records.



LET'S TALK

The UMES Department of Public Safety is offering seminars for the University Community. We offer topics such as: drugs and alcohol, sexual assault, crime prevention, personal safety, and topics of interest. Also to all females we offer the R.A.D. program, which is an twelve hour program. We

have three certified instructors for this program. You may call the department for available dates and times. All programs are free of charge, so take advantage of this opportunity.

For more information you may call 410-651-6590.



KEEPING FIT ON THE ROAD

A friendly reminder to all faculty, staff, and students that it's the time of year, when walkers and joggers enjoy the campus scenery while staying fit. We ask that you drive the speed limit and be cautious of those on the road.

Walkers and joggers for your safety make yourself visible to motorist. Wear bright colors for day and white or reflective clothing for evening. Always carry identification.

****TO MOTORIST AND JOGGERS (STAY ALERT AND BE SAFE)***

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We're on the web
www.umes.edu/police

The Department of Public Safety/University Police provides 24-hour police protection and responds to emergency calls . UMES Police Officers are vested with full law enforcement powers and responsibilities. All UMES Police Officers have met the police training certification requirements of the State of Maryland .

The department is responsible for a full range of public safety services, including security concerns, crime reports, investigations, fire emergencies, traffic accidents, enforcement of laws regulating underage drinking, the use of controlled substances, weapons, and other incidents requiring police intervention.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We all know that the value and portability of laptops and projectors continue to be ***“hot targets”*** for thieves. This has been the case for several academic buildings on campus of repeated thefts. All faculty and staff members, need to take an extra second or two to secure your office even if you step out just for a few moments. That is all it takes for someone to enter your office and take your personal belongings.

Students please be mindful to lock your dorm rooms and the common area of your dwelling. When the common area doors are left unsecured you have made it accessible to anyone. UMES Department of Public Safety would like your help and cooperation in making sure that your valuables are protected. Please lock your doors and report any suspicious activity that might be occurring in your presence or around a building such as; climbing through windows or checking doors.



Please call the police station immediately at X6590 or our hotline tip phone at X8484.