Safety & Crime Prevention Tips

Tips for staying safe in downtown Saint Paul while attending McNally Smith College of Music.

Campus Safety Contacts

For safety concerns, or to report a crime, please contact any of these individuals:

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McNally Smith College of Music has an active Safety Committee consisting of campus students, staff, and faculty. Our Campus Safety Manual outlines McNally Smith’s safety and security policies and contains details regarding:

• Emergency procedures
• Campus building hours
• Security badge policy
• Student code of conduct
• Lockdown procedures, and more.

The annual safety report can be downloaded from the McNally Smith website:

www.mcnallysmith.edu/student-life/campus-resources/campus-safety-security

Emergency Contacts

All Emergencies - Police, Fire, EMS  Dial 911
St. Paul Skyway Police Pager  651-229-1994
St. Paul Police (Non-Emergency)  651-291-1111
Regions Hospital  651-254-0855
640 Jackson St, St. Paul
St. Joseph’s Hospital  651-232-3000
69 W Exchange St, St. Paul
United Hospital  651-241-8000
333 Smith Ave, St. Paul

Bicycle Theft

McNally Smith has a bicycle registration program. See the front desk in the 19 Exchange building to register your bike. To help prevent bicycle theft, we recommend getting a quality U lock. Kryptonite locks that do not use a “barrel key” (round key) are the best. Cable and chain locks can be quickly cut.

Park your bicycle in a well lit area, and in designated bike racks whenever possible. This will also help deter bike theft. If you have easily removable quick release pieces (wheels, seat), you may wish to take them with you or somehow secure them.

More Information

Crime Prevention Tips in this brochure are from the St. Paul Police Department. More crime prevention tips and information are listed on the website:


→ visit mcnallysmith.edu
Fraud Related Crimes

Identity Theft Comes in Many Forms
Thieves use stolen credit card numbers, Social Security numbers, and driver's license numbers to open checking and credit accounts, and apply for loans, pay bills, and charge items over the phone or the Internet. Prosecution requires identification of the suspect, which is virtually impossible in these types of cases. The Social Security Administration reported that complaints about misuse of SSNs increased nearly four times in two years.

Internet Scam
People often make arrangements to purchase items over the Internet through e-Bay or other means. They will send a check to the seller for an amount of hundreds or even thousands of dollars more than the agreed upon price. The receiver of the check then contacts the person who sent the check. The receiver is then told the amount was made out "by mistake." They are instructed to go ahead and deposit the check that was sent "by mistake." The check receiver then is supposed to send another check to the original sender for the difference.

The problem with this scheme is the check is usually counterfeit. Victims are also disappointed when they learn local police often have no jurisdiction and no way to prove who perpetrated these scams. While this practice is common in this country, many Internet scams of this nature also originate from other countries.

Theft from Automobiles

Theft from auto is the most common theft in downtown St. Paul. Here's what you can do to help prevent it from happening to you.

Tips for Preventing Theft
Thefts from auto will increase in parks and public parking areas! Over $1 million dollars in property is stolen each year from autos in Saint Paul. Working together - the community and the police - we can help prevent this.

Here are some tips:
- Never leave valuables, such as wallets, purses, computers, cell phones or jewelry, in plain view.
- Lock your doors and roll the windows up tight.
- Valuables in the trunk are at risk. If you must put valuables in the trunk, place them there before arriving at your parking destination.
- Watch for suspicious acting people loitering or lurking in the area of parked vehicles. Call 911 and describe the person's:
  - Gender, race, height, weight, clothing and age.
  - License number (if available) or mode of transportation.
  - Exact location.
- Park in a well lit area if you expect to return to your car after dark.
- Keep a record of all your credit card numbers. Write down the serial numbers, makes an models of your personal property.

What to Do If It Happens to You
Call 9-1-1 immediately if property is stolen from your auto. If possible, stay where your auto was parked. Prepare a list of what was taken. The police will further advise you. Immediately cancel all credit card and bank accounts if a credit card or checks are stolen. Do not just place stop payment orders on checks that were stolen.

Personal Safety Tips

- Stay on populated, well-lit streets. Avoid shrubbery, dark areas near buildings and other places an attacker might hide. Avoid shortcuts through alleys, vacant lots and other deserted places. When possible, avoid walking or jogging alone - even during the day.
- Look around as you walk and be aware of your surroundings. Make it difficult for anyone to take you by surprise. Walk confidently at a steady pace.
- Avoid secluded or deserted areas and businesses (laundromats, phone booths, etc.).
- Carry something that can make a loud noise that can scare off possible attackers.
- If using public transportation, sit near the driver.
- When using a taxi, ask the driver to wait and watch until you are safely inside your destination.
- Be cautious about revealing cash or credit cards.
- Try to limit the number of items you carry.
- If you carry a handbag, hold it close to your body with fastener closed and turned toward your body so a thief can't grab it and cause injury or knock you down.
- Don't wear headphones. They block your ability to hear someone approach you.
- Again, trust your instincts. Don't hesitate to remove yourself from the situation. Forget the rules of etiquette and social norms. Be willing to make a scene if necessary. Your safety may depend on a quick and decisive reaction.