What is Campus Watch?
Campus Watch asks UAB students, employees, and visitors to look out for each other’s welfare. As well as to be alert to anything that threatens the quality of campus life and to report all suspicious activities, emergencies, and other concerns to someone who can take action. Campus Watch Challenges you to be part of the community, not the bystander who refuses to get involved.

The Autumn Cool Down
Time to Recover From Your Spring and Summer Experiences

It is the goal of this newsletter to keep the citizens and visitors of the UAB Community aware of crime and thus provide information on helping everyone in the effort to prevent crime from continuing. This newsletter is therefore disbursed community-wide for public knowledge. Not everyone will pick up this newsletter, so please inform your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others about any crime that may occur.

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR SCHEDULE
- The fall season and semester has begun. Now that you have to change your daily schedule again, keep it to yourself or tell only those who need to know. This keeps you and your personal items at home safe from thieving eyes.
- There have been many changes to the campus environment. Students and visitors should be aware of this to plan a safe route to and from class. Especially during late or night hours.
- Also remember that Campus Escort services are available after 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. This is recommended if you are traveling to and from class by yourself. You can call 934-8772 or use the white “Escort” phone in the designated building.

TIME TO MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS
- Whether you are moving into a new room, building, or changing office spaces, it may be helpful to know who is around you. Get a chance to get acquainted, even to those who are new to your area.
- There is more to your boss or supervisor than just a person who assigns you tasks. If you get a moment with them, open a conversation of interest to you both. Communicating with anyone may establish bonds you did not think were possible. Also, remember that everyone you know or meet may need to hear about what is going on around the area.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT
- If you are wondering why your email is filling up with “spam”, or unwanted emails, the reason could be that you registered onto a website that by default makes you agree to disburse your email address to third parties. Spam emails could be a threat to the security of your identification. Try to read website agreements before you accept them as this could save you a hassle later.
- Check, debit, or credit cards may be convenient to you, but constantly using them can make it easier for identity thieves to make a purchase without you ever knowing. Paying with check or cash and watching your transactions may help reduce the threat of identity theft. For more information about identity theft, you can ask your local bank officers.
- As a friendly reminder, keep all books and school materials with you when in public locations. All items can be sold for a good price especially when it’s not your own property.
COMMUNITY-WIDE SAFETY REMINDERS:

- Whether you are new to the UAB community or an experienced employee/student, make note of the “Help” phones placed across the campus and medical district. They are placed for your safety and protection.
- When walking around anywhere with your friends, everyone in the group should know where each person is. For instance, if someone decides to go to the restroom. This way there is more than one person keeping track of where everyone is and it makes it harder for a possible stalker.
- Have you recognized how to report a crime? Remember that you may report a crime confidentially and you should call the UAB Police Department as soon as possible or before the crime can happen. This helps prevent crime dramatically.
- Work-place violence is another form of crime that is rapidly growing. Most cases of the attackers show they were undergoing stress from death in the family, undergoing divorce, loss of job, or stress from a physical move. These are just possibly reason; however, employee relations may contribute to reducing work-place violence.

MORE RESIDENCE SAFETY TIPS:

- Remember that multi-residential complexes will have office, grounds, and maintenance employees that may have access to your room. As you should trust these individuals, you should still keep all valuables in secure locations that you would be aware of changes to.
- Respect the privacy and personal dignity of others. However, if you recognize illegal activities or suspicious loitering around bedrooms or dorm entrance, please do not hesitate to report the incidence to the Residence Assistant or the UAB Police Department.
- As students you must take an active role in the security of your residence halls. This is your home - treat it as it is your home. Don't let people do things in the residence halls that you wouldn't want them to do at your home.

For more information these and any other safety tips:
Call the UAB Police at 934-4344 or visit www.uab.edu/police.

Safety of One Can Be Safety for All
For Emergencies Dial
934-3535 or 911

Police Department Resource Numbers
UAB Police Department
1117 14th Street South
Birmingham, Al 35205-2130

Non-Emergency: 934-4434
Chief: 934-2297
Lost & Found: 934-4649

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The next Campus Watch meetings of 2006 will be August 22, 2006 & September 11, 2006.
All meetings are open to the public and will be held in the Hill University Center (HUC) Room 412, from 9:00am – 10:00am