



SAFETY ADVISORY

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Off-Campus Parties

Off-campus parties pose safety risks to students. The combination of alcohol consumption in an unknown environment with strangers will put you at risk.

To reduce your risk and improve your safety this Halloween Weekend, follow these safety tips:

- Be suspicious of party invitations that do not contain specific information about the location or the sponsoring organization.
- Be cautious about attending parties with people you do not trust or know.
- Do not accept rides to off-campus parties from unknown individuals.
- Do not ride in vehicles that are over-capacity.
- Be cautious about party notifications received via social media, like Facebook, SnapChat, Twitter or YikYak.
- Do not accept beverages provided in cups or other unsealed containers.
- Have a safe transportation plan with a sober, trusted driver. Use mass transit, taxi or ridesharing (Uber, Lyft) services.
- Install Rave Guardian on your mobile device for instant connectivity to University Police, including a panic button and safety timer. Download instructions are available at <http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/Rave-Guardian.cfm>.

If you have concerns about off-campus parties, please call the University Police at 202-885-3636 or submit an **anonymous tip** at american.edu/finance/publicsafety/tips.cfm

If you are **on-campus** and have an emergency, call 202-885-3636 immediately.

If you are **off-campus** and have an emergency, call 911 immediately.

If you would like a copy of this advisory, please visit: <http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/crimealerts.cfm>

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