



Off-Campus Personal Safety

Safety Guidelines

Keep the entrances closed

- Most break-ins occur through windows, doors and frames
- You should make sure the windows and doors close securely
- Make sure the apartment has solid doors, deadbolts and working locks

Be cautious and attentive

- Students are one of the most vulnerable groups- they are young and trusting
- Avoid opening the door to people you don't know
- Do not share personal information with others, for instance posting on social media about your plans to go out partying is telling others that your place will be empty

Your surroundings matter

- Ensure that shrubs and hedges around your property are maintained to have clear lines of sight to all accessible windows and doors
- Keep the porch light on to ensure that the area outside your house is well-lit
- Consider installing a motion-sensor light near your main entrance and driveway

Keep your expensive items safe

- Students tend to have multiple computers and other electronic devices at homes
- Make your house look lived in and keep the valuables out of sight
- You may consider using timed light switches to create the illusion that someone is inside

If ever in a situation where you feel unsafe or threatened, call 911

- [Personal Safety information from Peel Police](#)
 - (Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon)
- [Personal Safety information from Halton Police](#)
 - (Oakville, Milton, Burlington, Halton Hills)