# 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)