



Your Police Department

The Wellesley College Police Department consists of 20 professionally trained police officers, supervisory staff, communication coordinators, and support staff who provide public safety services to the Wellesley College community, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Wellesley College officers are armed and have full police authority on college property as special state police officers (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 22c section 63). Additionally, all officers are also special police officers in the town of Wellesley.

Officers of the Wellesley College Police Department patrol the campus on foot, bike and in marked vehicles. High visibility of these patrols serve to deter



criminals, but we rely on community members to take an active role in crime prevention. Each community member must be responsible for

their own safety and the safety of others. We ask that you take full advantage of our services and practice the safety tips provided in this brochure.

Safety Escorts

The Police Department operates a shuttle van on a scheduled route from 6:00 pm until 2:00 am during the academic year. We augment the shuttle van with walking escorts who provide safe, reliable escort to your destination.

New Student Orientation

The department provides a crime prevention presentation to all incoming students during orientation. The program includes an overview of the Wellesley College Police Department and brief presentations by other members of the department covering various safety issues.



Residence Hall Crime Prevention

Wellesley College Police, in conjunction with Office of Residence Life, schedule Crime Prevention programs throughout the academic year at each campus residence hall. Programs can be specifically tailored to meet individual needs.

Rape Aggression Defense System

This is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. The RAD system is a comprehensive course for women that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, and progresses to the basics of hands-defense training. There are two programs each semester and one during Winter Session.

Operation Identification

This is a nationwide program that involves permanently marking all valuables with your license number and recording identification information with Wellesley College Police.

Community Policing Officer Program



Officers are assigned to serve as police representatives to the various residence halls. The officers attend and participate in residence hall meetings, engage in safety education programs and serve as liaisons between the Police Department and the residents.

Sexual Assault Awareness & Education

Presentations are made to members of the campus community through the S.A.I.V.E. (Sexual Assault Interpersonal Violence Education) committee. This body includes representatives from Campus Police, Residence Life, Counseling, Health Services and student groups.

Whistle Safety Program

The Wellesley College Police distribute whistles to promote the general safety of the community. They are used to signal an immediate threat that exists or an actual crime that is in progress.

Blue Light Phones

There are blue light two-way call



providing a direct line to Wellesley College Police. When a call comes in to Police the dispatcher will send an officer or other appropriate emergency service to assist with the situation.

Personal Safety Tips

In your Residence

Always lock your door when you leave your room, regardless of the length of time you plan to be gone. Ask your roommates to do the same. If your roommate is taking a nap when you leave, **lock the door**

Never allow door to door sales people to enter your room. Immediately report any sales person wandering around your residence hall.

Do not prop open locked exterior doors.

Be suspicious of unknown persons loitering or checking doors in your residence hall. Note their appearance and immediately call the Wellesley College Police Department.

Join the Wellesley College Police Operation Identification Programs.

Engrave all valuable items with your license number or other personal ID number and keep a record of all valuables, their description and serial numbers.

Report all doors, locks or windows in need of repair to the Office of Residence Life, Physical Plant (ext. 2767), or the Police Department

While You're Walking

Walk in groups whenever possible or use the escort service provided through the campus police department.

Go out with a friend, not alone, especially in the evening.

Walk purposefully. Look confident. Watch where you are going. Be alert to your surroundings.

Use well-lighted, well-traveled routes. Avoid short cuts through isolated or wooded areas.

Be able to call for help. Look for a blue light emergency phone and consider carrying a cellular telephone for emergencies.

Using headphones may increase your vulnerability.

Consider carrying a whistle in your hand so that it is ready to use.*

Keep your Keys/card accessible and ready to use when you approach your building or vehicle.

Accept rides only from people you know and trust. If harassed from a car, walk swiftly or run in the opposite direction to safety. If you're really frightened, scream for help.

While You're Driving

Lock all doors and close all windows when leaving your car, whether it's for a few minutes or several hours.

Park in well lighted areas and try not to walk alone in parking areas at night.


Have keys ready when you approach your car. Check car for intruders before entering and lock door immediately after getting into your car.

Store valuables out of sight and lock them in the trunk when the car is parked.

If your car breaks down in an isolated area, raise the hood. Stay in the locked car. Ask whoever stops to call the police. Sound the horn if threatened.

Always keep your gas tank at least half full.

Organize a safety kit for the trunk of your car. Flares, flashlight, warm clothes and a flashing triangle reflector.

 **Members of the Wellesley College community are encouraged to program their cellular telephones with the campus police 24 hour emergency telephone number.**

**Whistles are provided through campus police*

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



**WELLESLEY COLLEGE POLICE
EMERGENCY
☎283-5555**

**Wellesley College Police
Non-Emergency
☎283-2121**

**Health Services
☎283-2851**

**Stone Center Counseling
☎283-2839**

**Office of Religious Services and Spiritual
Services
☎283-2685**

**Boston Area Rape Crisis Center 24-hrs
Hotline
☎1-617-492-RAPE**

**24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline
☎1-800-992-2600**

**G&W Transportation
☎341-4120**

**Veterans Taxi
☎235-1600**

**U.S. Shuttle
☎1-800-449-4240**

**The Airporter
☎1-877-899-6161**

**MBTA Commuter Rail
☎1-617-222-3200**

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*Preventing Crime through
Collaboration and
Cooperation*

