

SAFETY TIPS FOR SCHOOL BREAK

SECURE YOUR PROPERTY

- Take anything of value, especially small items, home with you. (i.e. iPods, laptops, jewelry, etc.)
- Lock your dorm room or apartment when you leave for break.
- Lock windows and sliding glass doors. Place wooden dowel in sliding glass door track. (You can purchase wooden dowels at your local hardware store.)
- If you leave your vehicle in a campus parking lot or at your apartment complex, place all valuables out of site, secure them in the trunk and lock your doors. Try to leave vehicle parked under a streetlight.
- If you have a bicycle, check with your hall staff to see if it is okay to leave your bicycle in your room over break. If you cannot leave it in your room, secure it to a bike rack.
- If you live off-campus, secure your bicycle in your apartment.
- Write down all your serial numbers for your valuables, take pictures of them and store in a safe place.

NOTIFY FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Your intended travel plans – your time of departure and estimated time of arrival.
- Give them of the phone number and address of where you'll be staying (if not going home) and/or who you are traveling with.
- Fully charge your cell phone for your trip.
- Notify family or friends if you are delayed because of car trouble or traffic problems along your route.

THE 511 SYSTEM

- **What is the 511 system?**
 - The 511 system is a one-stop resource for all the information you need for making your travel plans. The 511 system has real-time traffic conditions, route planning and information about alternative ways to travel without a car.
- You can access the 511 system from any phone (dial 511) or computer (www.511virginia.org).
- Before leaving for break, check your travel route @ 511virginia.org for any delays or major road construction projects.
- If you are delayed, call 511 to get an alternate travel route.
- To see if your home state is part of the 511 System, go to <http://deploy511.org>.

PUT TOGETHER A TRAVEL SAFETY KIT FOR YOUR VEHICLE

(The kit should include)

- Cellular phone fully charged. Cell phone car charger.
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Map of travel routes
- Basic tool kit
- Set of jumper cables
- Blanket & warm clothes

BEFORE STARTING YOUR TRIP

- Top off vehicle gas tanks
- Have vehicle serviced on a regular basis
- Check the air in your tires