



# Safety Information

## Cough, Cold & Flu Season

- Flu shots are available through Student Health Services (Petro Hall) for only \$20 starting mid-October (SHS is open Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm)
- Be proactive and self isolate yourself if you start feeling sick...Your professors will understand and your neighbors will thank you.
  - For those students who can't make it down to the dining hall call 406-657-2382 and have a friend grab your food for you.
- What You Can Do: Reminders
  - Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
  - Throw that tissue in the trash right away
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing
  - Use alcohol-based hand cleaners
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, since germs spread this way
  - Try to avoid close contact with sick people

## Personal Safety

- Always lock your room door, even when you are only leaving for a few minutes
- Do not leave cash, credit cards, U-Cards, purses, or wallets in plain view.
- For immediate police assistance during an emergency call -2222 from any campus phone.
- If you are coming back to campus and need an escort from your card, there are several options.
  - Contact University Police (406-657-2147)
  - Contact the Petro Night Watchperson and give your location (406-657-2586)
  - Contact a friend and have them meet you by your vehicle
- Do not give your personal information on the phone, email, or on social networking websites
- Do not let others trail into the hall behind you, if you don't know them. Politely ask them to use the hand reader or contact the front desk.
- Think about walking with a buddy around campus in the evening hours.

## Residence Hall Vandalism

Living on campus will bring you into contact with people from other cities, other states, and other parts of the world. It will provide you with new experiences in living with others in a community and living on your own. With this responsibility for community living comes the expectation to treat your community with respect and encourage others to do the same. Residence hall vandalism will not be tolerated and is in direct violation of the MSUB Student Code of Conduct. Those caught vandalizing university property will be documented and may be subject to educational sanctions or termination of their housing contract.

Take responsibility for your community and report any vandalism to your Resident Assistant or Hall Director immediately.

## Fire Safety & Evacuation

- Stay with your food if you are cooking in the kitchen and make sure the stove is turned OFF when you are finished.
- Please adhere to the strict NO smoking, candles, or incense burning policy in the residence halls.
- Treat every FIRE ALARM AS IF IT WERE REAL. Immediately evacuate the building through the closest usable exit, if it is safe to do so.
  - If safe to do so, take your keys and lock your door. Each room is checked by residence hall staff during a fire alarm.
  - Once outside, go through the parking lot to the far side of the lot and gather with your floor RA who will be identified with an orange vest and a flag noting your floor.
  - You may not re-enter the building until you have been notified by the proper personnel to do so.

## Emergency Alert Notification Systems

**Phones:** University issued phones can relay an audible message that will notify students during an emergency. Phone installed on the residence hall common areas are for emergencies only and should not be used for personal calls.

This is a free emergency text messaging service. In the event of an emergency or severe weather conditions, a text message will be sent to the mobile number and/or your email address that you specify.

For more information and to sign up visit: [www.msubillings.edu/security](http://www.msubillings.edu/security)

## Winter Safety and Driving Tips

The National Weather Service has a great website that offers winter safety driving tips, winter safety precautions, local weather conditions, and more. Consider adding this link to your favorite's page as the winter weather approaches.

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/byz/>

## Vehicle Safety Tips

Please take caution when leaving your car in the parking lot or parking garage, as theft can occur at any time. To better protect yourself and your belongings, consider the following tips:

- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle
  - CDs, GPS units, Satellite Radio, books, sporting equipment, clothing, etc.
- Always lock your doors and ensure your windows are rolled up
- Keep your vehicle tidy
  - Almost any worthless item in your car can be perceived by a thief of having value. Keep your car clean and prevent the perception that you have valuables inside
- Record your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) in your personal records in the event your car is stolen.

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