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WELCOME BACK

The Babson Public Safety Department would like to welcome you back. We hope you had a safe and restful break.

It's snowing... Do we have class today?

It's that time of year again when snow flakes fly. The weather in New England changes rapidly and it is difficult for us to know if there will be classes, unless we are notified by College officials. Many calls flood the Public Safety lines with questions about class cancellations. Due to the weather factor, our emergency lines should be kept open for emergencies only. The best way to find out if classes are to be held is to dial the info line at extension 4636 (INFO).

Getting around safely during winter calls for a little common sense

Pedestrian traffic increases significantly after a snow or ice storm. "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" can create pedestrian safety problems that are often ignored or overlooked. Snowdrifts can cover signs and landmarks, block corners, crosswalks and handicap access ramps. Walkways may not be cleared, forcing pedestrians to walk in the street. The snow and ice can turn familiar territory into an alien landscape for pedestrians and motorists.

Everyone is a pedestrian and there are things you can do to be a smart pedestrian - especially during the winter months. Before you take one step onto that slippery sidewalk, consider the following safety tips.

1. If the sidewalks and walkways are impassable and you have to walk or run in the street, do it against traffic and as close to the curb as you can.
2. Proper gear is a must, but wearing dark "winter" colors can make it hard for motorists to see you, especially if they aren't expecting you. Consider wearing a brightly-colored scarf or hat, or reflective gear, especially if you have to walk or run in the street. Don't forget gloves, shoes or boots with non-slip soles.
3. Because of road conditions, motorists may not be able to stop at traffic signals or slow down for pedestrians. Before you step off of the curb into the street, make sure that any approaching vehicles have come to a complete stop. If you are an athlete consider an alternate to jogging

or running outside in inclement weather. The Webster Center has numerous treadmills and other machines that can not only keep you safe, but add some variety to a workout.

Also, walking to and from parking lots and between buildings during the winter requires special attention to avoid slipping and falling. We often forget how dangerous slipping and falling can be. The National Safety Council estimates that occupational falls cause more than 1,500 deaths per year, along with approximately 300,000 injuries. No matter how well the snow and ice is removed from streets and sidewalks, pedestrians will encounter some slippery surfaces when walking outdoors in the winter. Each year numerous people are injured from slips and falls. It's important to be continually aware of the dangers and to walk safely on ice and slippery surfaces. If you notice any slippery areas that require attention, please call Facilities at extension 4444.

PARKING DECAL REMINDER

Students who bring a vehicle on campus must obtain a parking decal from the Department of Public Safety. The Public Safety office is located next to Forest Hall. We are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You may also request a decal on-line at:

http://www3.babson.edu/offices/public_safety/forms_regulations/decals.cfm.

Additionally, any student driving a vehicle displaying out of state registration plates must obtain a nonresident decal as required by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. This decal can be obtained at no cost by filling out the Nonresident Student Vehicle Information Form available at the Office of Public Safety. Due to the fact that this form is generated by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, it is not available on the Public Safety website. Failure to obtain this decal is a violation of Massachusetts Law.

Any questions should be directed to Jean Drapeau at extension 5598

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency:	5555	Police/Fire/Ambulance
Health Center:	4257	
Facilities Services:	4444	



Preventing Laptop Computer Theft

There are many locations on campus where you will be using your laptop computer- the library, Reynolds Campus Center, residence hall rooms, classrooms, labs, and outside.

Theft is the most common crime on college campuses. Most items are stolen from vehicles and unlocked or unattended rooms.

Lock your doors whenever you are out of your room. If this has not been your habit in the past, it is one you should adopt.

If you have a roommate, keep in mind that even if you trust your roommate, do not trust your roommate's visitors that come into your room when you might not be there.

Do not leave your laptop unattended in a public setting. Even if it just for a minute, a minute is all it takes for someone to walk by and pick it up without anyone else noticing.

Remember, for your own personal safety as well as security of your property, lock your room door when you go to sleep at night.

If your laptop computer is stolen or lost you must file a police report.

File a report with Babson Public Safety if the incident occurs on the Babson campus. After filing the report with Public Safety, you must also report the incident to the ITSD Laptop services office. Lost/stolen laptops are covered under an insurance policy that includes a \$500.00 deductible that is assessed to the student's tuition account. This insurance policy is in place to protect the students from alternative replacement cost, which would be the full value of the laptop. If the Laptop is stolen off the Babson College campus, you must file a report with the police department in the city or town which the laptop was lost or stolen.

For example: If a laptop is stolen or lost in the Town of Needham, Massachusetts, contact the Needham Police Department. You must get a copy of the police report.

If the agency having jurisdiction will not take a report contact the Babson Public Safety Department at 781-239-5555 as soon as possible. Students are responsible for contacting ITSD to get a replacement laptop.

ITSD will require a copy of the police report before issuing another laptop

TIPS FOR AVOIDING BEING THE VICTIM OF A STREET CRIME

Understand what criminals look for in their potential victims:

1) Lack of awareness.

Be Aware - Know where you are, where you're going and what is going on around you. This includes people, events and potential exit routes.

2) Non-Aggressive body language.

Act Confident - Stand or walk confidently by keeping your head up standing straight and a purposeful stride. Always scan your immediate surroundings. In addition, take command of your space, by keeping your distance when walking past strangers on the street or in dark areas.

3) Spending time idling in one location.

Be a Moving Target - Don't give them time to plan an attack. When going somewhere, keep moving. If you are in your car, think twice before sitting there with the car doors unlocked while you check a map, use your cell phone or fix your makeup. Too many women have been attacked in this situation. If you are in a parking lot that is potentially unsafe, get in your car, lock the doors and leave.

4) Easy access to valuables.

Hide Valuables - When walking at night, don't wear valuable jewelry. Also, keep your purse inside your coat or tucked close to your body. Do not carry a loose bag or backpack unless you are able keep a watchful eye on it.

5) Loose clothing or hair.

Prevent Handholds - Think about places where an attacker can grab and pull at you. Put your long hair up in a hat or tuck it inside your clothing. Remove loose scarves, belts and backpacks or place them inside your coat.

6) No threat of physical deterrent.

Be Intimidating - If a criminal doesn't view you as difficult or a physical threat, you could be a potential victim.

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS



Escorts

Public Safety provides medical and safety escorts to the Babson and Olin communities. Please call us at extension 5555 from any phone on campus to request an escort. Safety escorts may be walking escorts. We do provide medical escorts to local hospitals and for local doctor's appointments if you have no other means of transportation.

Ride Along Program

Have you ever wondered what a Public Safety Officer does? Public Safety Officers are out meeting with community members, securing buildings, assisting with lockouts and many other tasks that you may not think about. Now...Have you ever wanted to take a ride with a Public Safety Officer? Public Safety is taking applications for our Ride Along program. Interested applicants should come to Public Safety to apply. For more information contact us at extension 5555.

Operation ID

If your computer or other expensive items were stolen, would you be able to identify them if they were recovered? Contact the Public Safety Department for more information on how you can protect your belongings from theft. Learn how to label your property so a thief will think twice about taking what you have worked hard to earn. Call Public Safety for more information about Operation ID.

R.A.D.

Rape Aggression Defense

The Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) system is dedicated to teaching women defense concepts and techniques against various types of assaults. The course begins with a lecture on **Awareness, Prevention, Risk Reduction and Avoidance**. The class then continues with a hands on self-defense course of instruction, covering easily mastered techniques based on martial arts (but this is not a martial arts program) and personal safety skills taught

in a comfortable learning environment.

The course is taught by officers of the Babson Police who are certified by RAD Systems Inc. as instructors. All students are provided with a reference manual outlining the entire program at no cost. The RAD system is the only program of this nature to offer a free lifetime return and practice policy good anywhere in the USA and Canada. Please take advantage of this program!

Classes are taught at various times during the year and are open to all female members of the Babson and Olin communities. Upcoming classes will be posted on email and on the Public Safety website. For further information contact Officer Beth Adams at extension 5555.

Motorist Assist

Public Safety Officers will help you jump start your vehicle and, in some cases, even unlock your car. Some vehicles cannot be opened by Public Safety due to power locking mechanisms or side airbags. Attempting to open power locks with our tools could cause damage to your vehicle. Public Safety can provide the telephone number of local companies that have the correct tools and training to unlock your vehicle. Their service would require a fee to be determined by the individual company.

In the winter months if your car is plowed in with snow, you may come to Public Safety and we will loan you a shovel. We will require you to present your Babson OneCard.

Confidential Caller Line

The Babson College Department of Public Safety recognizes the need to have the Babson community's assistance to effectively perform our duties. In an effort to encourage calls from those members of the Babson community who would not normally contact Public Safety whenever they have complaints, concerns or information, we have installed a confidential caller telephone line.

Although we prefer to converse with individuals, we acknowledge the fact that some people wish to leave information anonymously. To protect the identity of callers, all calls will be directed to an answering machine that does not have caller ID. The telephone number is **781-237-8164**.

NEW FACES AT PUBLIC SAFETY

Officer Meghan Bourque



Meghan was raised and currently lives in Waltham, MA. She graduated from Westfield State College with a degree in Criminal Justice. She was a three year captain on their Equestrian team and set a record for High-point rider four years in a row. Meghan joined the Babson College Police Department in September of 2006.

Operations Coordinator Karen Lawn



Karen was born and raised in Boston, MA and graduated from Bridgewater State College in 1988 with a degree in Communications. Karen left her job in insurance after 13 years to care for her three small children. She is married and lives in Waltham. Karen joined the Department of Public Safety in September of 2006.

Vandalism on Campus

Student vandalism is a complex problem with no easy solution. But that's not to say that there are no solutions. The Babson community can play a very important roll in reporting and keeping watchful eyes on anyone vandalizing buildings or college property. The cost to students when their residential area has been damaged and not reported is substantial and affects all students living in that building. One of the solutions to this ever increasing problem is to be aware of your surroundings. If you hear unusual noises, such as breaking glass, report it immediately to Public Safety at extension 5555 and then try to get a description of the individual doing the damage. You can also call our confidential tip line at 781-237-8164. With your help we can stop vandalism on campus.

Club Drug Information Links

<http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/concern/clubdrugs.html> DEA website

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/researchers.html> (NIDA) National Institute on Drug Abuse

If you need information or have immediate concerns, please call extension **5555** from a Babson campus telephone.



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