

REMINDER TO THE DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Please take the time to consider the following safety tips when coming to and from campus:

- **Parking lots-** When walking to your vehicle, have your keys ready in your hands. This will reduce time searching your pockets and purses at your vehicle. Report all suspicious activity when safe to do so.
- **Digital devices-** Avoid use of cell phones and headphones while walking. These devices are distracting, and often decrease your awareness of your surroundings. If you must use headphones, try using only one earpiece instead of both.
- **Use the buddy system-** Whenever possible, walk with a classmate, co-worker, or group when possible. The saying “there’s safety in numbers” is particularly applicable walking in the parking lots, pathways, and trail systems.
- **Have a plan-** Just because you feel safe since you’ve walked the same route dozens or even hundreds of times, doesn’t mean you should let your guard down. Never place yourself in a position where you have no escape route. If you feel unsafe, head towards populated areas and be prepared to yell out for help to get attention. There’s a difference between feeling safe and being safe. Having a plan helps you be safe!
- **Trust your instincts- If you sense that something is not right, report it. Report suspicious activities to District Police Services while at work,** and to local authorities when elsewhere. Don’t be a victim! Help others avoid being victimized by encouraging them to report suspicious behavior.
- **Weather changes:** With the changes in weather, comes slippery walkways, roads and poor visibility. Take a little more time, in getting from place to place as the weather conditions, around you may create unsafe environments.

Following these tips can help you stay safe. Use them as a guide of just a few of the many things you can do to take more personal responsibility for your safety while on campus.