SAFETY

Although Hawaii is generally considered a paradise by those who live or visit here, there are some things you should be careful about if you want to have a safe and enjoyable stay: Thank you to the E.C.P. Advanced Fluency class of Term 90 for compiling this list of safety rules for N.I.C.E. students!

ON CAMPUS
1. DON’T leave your belongings unattended.
2. DON’T walk alone on campus after dark. Call 956-8211 for escort service.
3. DON’T bring valuables to school.
4. DON’T withdraw a lot of money from the ATM (Automatic Teller Machine) or carry a lot of money with you to school.
5. KNOW the locations of the EMERGENCY PHONES.
6. CALL 66911 for campus SECURITY if calling from an office phone.

AT HOME
7. DON’T leave a spare key outside your apartment (such as in the mailbox, under the doormat, etc.) If you are locked out, call the building manager.
8. DON’T open the door to strangers. KNOW who is at the door before opening it.
9. DON’T leave cash, jewelry, or other valuables out where people can see them.
10. PUT valuables in a closed container and in a safe place.
11. KEEP your apartment door locked at all times.
12. CHOOSE an apartment building with a good security system.
13. MAKE SURE you understand your lease agreement before signing it.
14. BE CAREFUL with whom you ride the elevator.
15. CALL building security or the building manager if you have any problems within the building.
16. CALL 911 for emergencies (police, fire, or ambulance).
17. BE CAREFUL when selecting a roommate. MAKE SURE you can trust him/her.
18. PAY your rent by check or money order - NOT CASH!

AROUND TOWN
19. DON’T walk alone after dark.
20. DON’T carry a lot of money with you.
21. DON’T carry a purse hanging loosely from your shoulder. Women should hold their purses tightly; men should carry their wallets in their front pockets, not in rear or jacket pockets.
22. IGNORE strangers who ask you for money.
24. DON’T go to dangerous places at night (such as downtown, Waipahu, Waianae, dark side streets of Waikiki).
25. DON’T accept rides from OR go anywhere with strangers.
26. DON’T ride the bus late at night, especially alone.
27. DON’T make friends carelessly.
28. BE CAUTIOUS when accepting an invitation.
29. BE INFORMED of the dangers of engaging in intimate relationships (AIDS, venereal disease, broken hearts!)
30. DON'T lend money to new friends that you meet, even though they promise to pay you back.

IF ASSAULTED
31. DON'T resist an armed robber - hand over your wallet or purse quickly and quietly. Loud screams or flight may protect you from a strong-arm robber, but REMEMBER, if he weren't pretty sure he could "take you", he wouldn't have tried.
32. CALL 911 as soon as possible to report an attack, robbery, or any kind of emergency.

   NOTE: You do NOT need to put money in a public telephone to reach 911.

DRIVERS
33. DON'T drive if you have been drinking.
34. DON'T pick up hitchhikers.
35. DON'T admit your fault in an accident.
36. LOCK your car doors.
37. CLOSE your car windows.
38. SET the car alarm.
39. PARK near the entrance in the parking structure.
40. PUT valuables in the trunk.
41. HAVE your key ready before going to the parking area.
42. CHECK your car before entering.

BEACHES AND SWIMMING
43. DON'T go to the beach after dark.
44. DON'T swim alone. Always go with a friend.
45. DON'T go into the water if you have been drinking.
46. DON'T bring alcoholic beverages to the beach or any other public place. (This is illegal in Hawaii.)
47. DON'T go into the water if there is high surf unless you are sure of your swimming or surfing abilities.
48. CHECK what kind of beach it is. Observe other beach-goers.
49. CHECK for warning signs.
50. MAKE SURE the water doesn't look murky. If the water is murky there may be sharks around.
51. CHECK if there is a lifeguard on duty.
52. FACE towards the ocean when you are standing on the reef or rocks by the ocean. Big waves could knock you off.
53. USE sunscreen and don't stay in the sun too long.

HIKING
54. DON'T go hiking alone. Always go with a friend or group.
55. MAKE SURE someone know your hiking plans: your route, where you will start and finish, what time you expect to return.
56. GO hiking only during the daytime.
57. CHECK the weather forecast. For Oahu, call 836-0121.
58. STAY on the trail. Do not try to take short cuts.
59. TAKE a jacket and flashlight with you.
60. STAY where you are if you get lost. Do not try to walk in a mist or in the dark.