



Office of Homewood Public Safety
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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY

To keep you informed:

Public Safety was recently notified of three (3) residential burglaries that occurred near the Homewood campus. The residences were all unoccupied during the incidents. We want to take this opportunity to remind everyone to remain vigilant about home security. Please take the necessary precautions to secure your residence and safeguard your property.

- **Always Secure Entry Points:** Ensure all exterior doors and windows are closed and locked, even if you are leaving for a short time.
- **Reinforce Locks:** Engage deadbolt locks on exterior doors, if applicable. Ensure sliding glass doors and windows have secondary locking devices like a metal bar or pin in the track.
- **Never Hide Keys Outside:** Burglars know all the common "secret" hiding spots, such as under doormats, in mailboxes, or in planters.
- **Verify Adequate Lighting:** Well-lit residences are less likely to be targeted. Use light-timing devices and ensure exterior lighting is functioning properly.
- **Avoid Advertising Absence:** Never leave messages on your door indicating you are away from home. Do not post travel plans or real-time vacation photos on social media.
- **Know Your Neighbors:** Strong neighbors who look out for one another can be a powerful deterrent.
- **Inventory Valuables:** Keep a detailed, separate inventory of your valuable possessions, including serial numbers and photos. Store this information in a safe or secure location away from home.

If you notice any unusual activity around your residence, report it immediately to Public Safety. Awareness from the community can deter criminal activity. Our department is increasing patrols in the areas of the burglaries and main thoroughfares around campus.

For further information and tips, please visit the JHU Public Safety website at <https://publicsafety.jhu.edu/resources-services/crime-prevention-tips/>. When observing suspicious activity, everyone is reminded to contact JHU Public Safety at (410-516-7777) or Baltimore Police (911) immediately.

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