

Off-Campus Safety

Stay Safe & Stay Connected

- Remember to practice good personal safety habits
- Avoid walking or running alone, particularly after dark.
- If going to a party or a bar, go with friends and come home with friends.
- Lock your door and windows when you are asleep or when you go out, and leave an outside light on from dusk until dawn.
- Secure window air conditioners so they cannot be pushed in from outside, allowing someone access to break in.
- Don't let strangers into your home. Have utility repair people, meter readers, etc. show you their company ID.
- Get to know your neighbors and have them watch your house if you go out of town.
- If you are going away, let a friend or family member know how long you will be gone.
- Check the batteries in your smoke detectors at the start of each semester.
- If you don't have a smoke detector in each bedroom, ask your landlord to put them in. NY State law requires this!
- Don't use an attic or basement as a sleeping space unless there are two clear exits and unless there is a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector.
- Join your neighborhood watch group.
- Don't smoke in your bedroom.
- Don't sleep with candles lit.
- Don't overload electrical outlets.
- Stay connected with BSC. You are part of our community. Be sure to stay involved and know what's going on.
- List a parent or other relative in your cell phone under emergency contact.
- More safety tips are available at the University Police website;
<http://police.buffalostate.edu>

You're in charge of your own safety.

- About 80% of student fire fatalities occur in off-campus student housing. Know the location of smoke alarms and fire extinguishers, and how to maintain them. Do not rent any apartment that is not equipped with smoke detectors in each bedroom
- Know who to call in an emergency, call 911 off campus and 716-878-6333 on campus.
- Most importantly, report any crime by calling the Buffalo Police at 911.

Insurance is cheap.

If your belongings are stolen or destroyed in a fire, your landlord isn't responsible for replacing them. Renters insurance could save you thousands of dollars. Contact various insurance agents for the best pricing on renters insurance.

Important Telephone Numbers

Buffalo Police/Buffalo Fire/Medical Emergencies – Dial 911

Neighborhood & Community Services

	Phone Number	Description
Crisis Services 2969 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14214	834-3131	24-hour hotline for people in crisis, including victims of rape and/or domestic violence, and mental health issues.
Erie County Health Department	858-7690	Children and women's health services; immunizations, nutrition, family planning, allergies, infectious disease free HIV counseling.

Services (municipal)

Buffalo Public Services
Citizen Services, Garbage Pick-Up, Snow Removal, Animal Control

Website / Phone Number

www.ci.buffalo.ny.us / 716-851-4890

Utilities

National Grid
National Fuel Gas
Verizon
Time Warner

Website

www.nationalgridus.com
www.nationalfuelgas.com
www.verizon.com
www.timewarner.com