Have a discussion with your landlord about the safety conditions of the unit. This brochure includes questions, checklists, and tips for a safer living experience.

Be sure to get all of the security improvements in writing before you sign the lease.

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Make Sure Your Apartment Has

- Keyed entry lock, locked at all times
- Sturdy deadbolt lock in the doorframe
- Accessible wide-angle peep holes
- Reinforced glass panels if present
- Doors that are solid hardwood or metal-clad
- Glass doors that are secured with a pin to prevent removing the door from its tracks
- Spare keys that are kept with a trusted neighbor or friend, not under a doormat or on a ledge

Windows

- Keyed lock or securely pinned
- AC units installed securely

Outdoor Security

- Shrubbery is trimmed
- No dark areas around the house, garage, or yard at night
- Illuminated entryways
- House number is clearly displayed in case of emergencies
- A motion-sensitive lighting system should be installed.

Security While Away from Home

TIP: At least two light timers should be set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence

TIP: The motion detector/other alarm system should be activated at night or when the house is empty.

TIP: For Extended Leave
- Mail deliveries should be stopped
- A neighbor should tend the yard and watch the home

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

TIP: Gates, garages, sheds should be locked with padlocks. Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage/shed or are hidden from view and locked securely.

TIP: Valuable items such as TVs, stereos, and computers should be inscribed with identifying numbers approved by the local police with an up-to-date home inventory which includes pictures.

Apartment Maintenance

- Does the landlord securely control all keys?
- Is there any control over who enters and leaves the building?
- Will the landlord change the locks if keys are lost/stolen?
- Are walkways, entrances, parking areas, hallways, stairways, and laundry rooms well lit 24hr/day?
- Are fire stairs locked from the stairwell side above the ground floor so no one can enter?
- Are mailboxes in a well traveled area and do they have good locks?
- Are burnt-out lights replaced promptly, shrubs trimmed, and trash and snow removed quickly?

Home Security Inspections

JHU Security provides walk-throughs of your off-campus residence free of charge. They will assess whether there is adequate lighting and check the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Throughout the process, the Security Officer will make recommendations to improve the safety of your residence. You are responsible for making any changes to security or negotiating with your landlord to do so. To schedule, please visit: [http://security.jhu.edu/services-for-you/home-security-inspection/](http://security.jhu.edu/services-for-you/home-security-inspection/)

A Safer Commute

Students living off campus can use the Blue Jay Shuttle and Night Ride services to travel between their residences and campus. The Blue Jay Shuttle runs from 5:50 PM to 11:30 PM, stopping at many off-campus housing locations. The Night Ride service allows students to call a van to take them to a location within a mile or two of campus between 5:30 PM and 3:45 AM. Students can use the TransLoc Rider app to track the Blue Jay Shuttle and call a Night Ride.

LiveSafe App

Send text, picture & video to JHU Security

Access emergency phone numbers

Virtually walk with friends, or request an escort

Access important resources and receive security alerts

How To:

1. Download “LiveSafe” to your iPhone/Android
2. Connect with “Hopkins-Homewood”
3. Fill out your profile