

# THE GIGGING MUSICIANS' GUIDE TO GETTING HOME SAFELY



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## ARRANGE HOW YOU'RE GETTING HOME BEFORE YOU GO

- Don't wait and see if you can hitch a ride home; get in touch with the people you know who will be there and figure out a car pool! Don't be shy; getting to know your fellow musicians may even turn out to be a great networking opportunity to line up future gigs!
- If you need to walk or take transportation after all, map out a route along the busiest streets where you are least likely to be alone.

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## ON YOUR WAY HOME: STAY ALERT

- Know what is going on around you, even in unfamiliar situations.
- If you're walking or taking public transportation:
  - Stay awake
  - Avoid wearing headphones
  - Don't let yourself get lost in your phone or a book
- If your surroundings become unsafe, you need to be able to react

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## “KEEP YOUR CARDS CLOSE”!

- Keep your phone, wallet, laptop and any other valuables out of sight
- Take off any valuable jewelry before you leave and put them out of sight
- Wear instrument cases and other bags strapped as closely as possible to you
- If anyone asks you any questions, be polite but don't give them any information that makes you look vulnerable and just keep walking or otherwise move away, for example:
  - “Where are you headed so quickly?”
  - “What do you have in that big bag? Is that an instrument?”
  - “My friends are expecting me; have a good night!”
  - “Too much stuff! Have a good night!”

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## PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- Contact **Buddies on Call** to accompany you home after rehearsals, concerts and other evening events Thursday – Sunday: **(434) 260-0545**
- Contact **Campus Police** for safe rides home: **(434) 242-1122**