THE GIGGING MUSICIANS’ GUIDE TO GETTING HOME SAFELY

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.

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

“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!”

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