Safety Awareness

Staying safe

Introduction

Bandar Sungai Long is a main township in Kajang, Selangor, Malaysia. It is currently under the administration of local council Majlis Perbandaran Kajang (MPKj). The Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) operates a campus in Bandar Sungai Long. The Sungai Long Golf & Country Club is situated in this township. Bandar Sungai Long was designed for a population of 10,000 residents. It was built around the "leisure" living theme with residential homes surrounding an 18 hole golf course. High end detached houses were built around the golf course with semi-detached and terraced residential dwellings alongside condominiums, commercial properties and low cost low rise apartments on the outer edges of the development. The majority population in this township are Chinese with small group of Indians living in this township. A weekly pasar malam (night market) is held here every Tuesday.

Like all towns in Malaysia, Sungai Long has its fair share of crime. Students own more expensive consumer goods per head than the rest of the population, each having their own laptop and mobile phone.

Following these simple tips will make you feel more secure….and could just make all the difference.

Street Safety

Never take personal safety for granted. Use your instincts—if you don’t feel safe, take action. When going out follow the PLAN & PREPARE:
Think ‘How do I get there?’ and ‘How do I get back?’ before you go. Tell someone where you are going, who with, and when you’ll be back. Think when you drink. Everyone is more vulnerable to crime when they’ve been drinking. If you’re planning a big night out, arrange beforehand to go home with friends, or in a taxi.

LOOK CONFIDENT: Wear comfortable clothes and shoes that let you move easily. Remember your body language—stand tall and look like you know where you’re going. Don’t look like a victim. Carry a personal attack alarm (and know how to use it), emergency phone numbers (including the number to cancel your credit cards), some loose change (cash) and your keys in a safe pocket.

AVOID RISKS AND BE AWARE: Be aware—keep looking at and listening to what’s happening around you. Keep one hand free—not both hands in your pockets or holding many shopping bags. Avoid showing valuable items in public places.

Try not to use your mobile phone in the street. If you have to make a call, keep an eye on who’s around. If your phone is stolen, immobilise it (call your own network – for eg Maxis, Digi, Celcom, U-Mobile to cancel your data).

Watch It - Use ATM machines wisely, in groups, and during the day if possible. Please do not disclose your PIN number to anyone and do not write it in your diary. Do not use your birth-date or your MyKad No as your password/ pin no. Put your card and cash away quickly and be aware of who’s around you. Keep your belongings with you at all times. Wear your bag across your body.
NEVER TAKE YOUR SAFETY FOR GRANTED: Never say to yourself “It only happens to other people”.”It’s only a short journey”.”They look honest”. Avoid short-cuts

Note: The above points are a guide only. Trust your instincts—if you feel something is wrong, it makes sense to take action to avoid danger.

Safety at home

KNOW THE RISK: Twice as many robberies happen in private homes or apartments/flats. Make sure all the doors and windows have good locks before you move in.

LOCK IT UP: Half of all robberies happen on the spur of the moment through unlocked doors or windows. Always lock your door.

DON’T SHOW IT OFF: Make sure your TV, DVD, computer and other valuables can’t be seen from the window, and never leave cash lying around.
KEYS: Don’t leave spare keys outside in a flower pot or under the mat outside the front door. Keep house and car keys out of sight in the house.

INSURANCE: The average cost of a house robbery is RM5000. Insurance is cheaper! At least get covered for your most valuable items like your computer, TV, stereo and bicycle etc. Keep lists of the brand, model and serial numbers of your electronic items to help police track them down if they are stolen.

PERMANENT MARKERS: Use a permanent marker pen to mark your items with your university name and student ID number. They’re very cheap and easily available.

HOLIDAYS: If you can’t take your valuables with you during the trimester breaks, arrange for them to be held in a secure storage or leave it with a friend.

SAFETY FIRST: If you see signs of a house break-in—like smashed windows or open doors—don’t go in. Go to a friend or neighbour’s house and call the police.

Department of Student Affairs

The following personal safety tips are designed to help you to be more aware of your surroundings, and to help protect yourself by taking step towards crime prevention.
**Surroundings**
Be aware of your surroundings. If you feel uncomfortable with a person or situation, or if you see something suspicious, do not hesitate to call the police. Walk with a friend to campus is better than walking alone. If you walk alone make sure you look at the surroundings and always be on the alert. Do not use shortcuts.

**Vehicle Safety**
Make sure you have your keys ready when approaching your car. Look under and around as you approach your car. Look inside your car before getting in, carefully checking the back seat area. Immediately lock your doors once you are inside the vehicle. Do not place your valuables items on the front passenger seat. Always keep your car locked.

**Home Safety**
Always lock the doors and windows of your house. Close curtains at night. When someone knocks on your door, check first before opening the door. Open the door only if you know the person. If the person claims to be contractor/utility staff and you were not expecting that person, open the door only after verifying (with your landlord or the company the person works for) the reason for the visit. If you come home and find a door or window open unexpectedly, you are advised not to enter your house and immediately call the police. If you notice a suspicious person/s near your residence, do not hesitate to call the police.

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