

**JCSU
ALERT**



CRIME PREVENTION: ROBBERY

Don't be a victim!

Preventing crime is critical to having a safe environment for teaching, learning and living. The main goal of crime prevention is to reduce the risk of being a victim, which is best achieved by removing and avoiding opportunities for a criminal to take advantage of you or your property. You can take several steps to avoid becoming a victim, including taking the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes through the JCSU Campus Police Department. Robbery is a crime that is often avoidable. The more you know about robbery and heed the prevention tips, the safer you will be both on and off campus.

Prevention Tips

The crime of robbery is mainly a nighttime crime, increasing after 8 p.m. and subsiding after 3 a.m. in most areas. Robberies often increase during the winter months because of extended periods of darkness. Dozens of robbery studies have indicated that robbers like isolation, prefer lone victims, good escape routes, and few witnesses, in addition to a good cash score.

Please follow these tips:

- **Do not walk alone at night from the main campus to Mosaic Village or from Mosaic Village to the main campus.**
- **Walk in groups or utilize the escort service at night. An escort can and will be provided for you upon request from the JCSU Campus Police Department.**
- **Do not have electronics, jewelry, cash, credit cards or other valuable items in view inside your room, in class, inside buildings or when you are walking.**
- **Lock the door to rooms in residence halls, offices, classrooms, laboratories and other areas when you exit and the rooms are not in use.**

What is Robbery?

Most people think of robberies as those committed against banks or at late-night retail establishments like gas stations or convenience stores where a gun is used to force the cashier to hand over the money. However, most robberies occur on the street, directly against a person and are called a strong-arm robbery. When someone uses force or fear against you to steal your car, it's called carjacking. When someone robs you in your home, it's called home invasion robbery. A shoplifter can also commit the crime of robbery if he or she fights with store personnel who try to stop them.



2.1%

Bank Robberies



8.3%

Gas Stations/Convenience Stores



14.3%

Home Invasions



44.5%

Street (Strong-arm robberies)



You may contact the JCSU Campus Police Department to report any suspicious activity. The emergency number is **704.378.1003** or **1004**. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's emergency number is **911**.

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