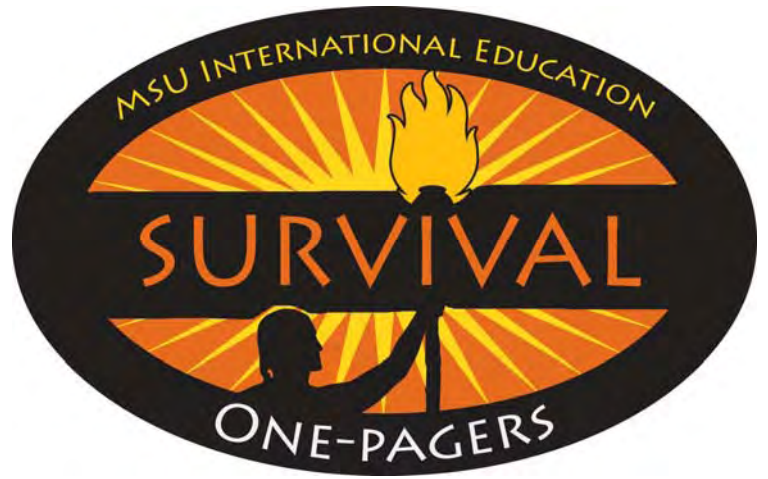


# Staying Safe

Want some safety tips? Have questions about safety issues? Check out the information below to help ensure that you have a wonderful, safe experience in the United States!



## ***“What is a Maroon Alert, and how do I sign up?”***

Maroon Alerts are emergency notifications sent out by the university through text messaging, email, instant messaging, radio, and Facebook. Sign up to receive Maroon Alerts at <http://maroonalert.msstate.edu/>

## ***“Why should I care about the Cleary Act?”***

The Cleary Act requires U.S. universities to post their annual crime reports. You may check the MSU campus crime report at <http://police.msstate.edu/>

## ***“What are those blue emergency phones around campus?”***

Those emergency phones go directly to the MSU 911 emergency system. If you pick up a phone, then the emergency campus police will automatically be notified.  
If you cannot speak, the police will come to your location.

## ***“If I am afraid to walk alone at night, what should I do?”***

Call the MSU campus police (662-325-2121), and they will send a free police office escort. At the library, go the front desk and request a free safety escort to your car or residence hall.

## ***“Is it ever safe to hitchhike in the United States or accept rides from strangers?”***

No! Never hitchhike or accept a ride from someone you don't know well.

## ***“In social situations, how can I protect myself?”***

Good question! Never accept drinks from strangers or leave your drink unattended at a club or party. If you are sexually active, visit the student health center for free condoms and information about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Remember that condoms may not protect you from all STDs.

## ***“What is the most important safety tip to remember?”***

Trust your gut! If you think that you may be in a dangerous situation, RUN and YELL FOR HELP!  
Make as much noise as possible.

## ***“Whom should I call if I am in an unsafe situation?”***

In an emergency, call 911 or the MSU police at 662-325-2121.  
Then call Molly (662-312-3772) and next Alexis (662-617-3970).

### ***Need more information?***

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