Tips for Staying Safe

General Safety

- Report any suspicious activity or people, safety hazards, unsafe lighting, defective equipment or any other concern to the Morton College Police Department.
- Be aware of your surroundings, know where you are and know where you are going.
- Avoid walking alone. Let someone know where you are going and when to expect you.
- Plan your walking trips. Choose a well-lighted, populated route.
- If you are uncomfortable after dark walking alone, walk with a friend or call for an after dark escort from a College police officer.

In Campus Buildings

Most crime is committed in response to an opportunity. The best prevention is to eliminate opportunities for a crime to be committed.

- Avoid working or studying alone in a building at night.
- Avoid stairs in remote sections of buildings.
- Keep purses and bags locked up in a drawer or cabinet instead of underneath or on top of your desk.
- Keep money, stamps and other valuables locked away.
- Keep personal belongings in sight or take them with you as you move around a building.
- Classroom and offices should remain locked at night or when the room is unoccupied. Never prop doors open, even for a short time.
- Be cautious of removing jewelry to wash hands. These items are easily lost or stolen.
- Bicycles should be secured with a sturdy lock to provided bike racks.
- Students and staff with motor vehicles park in the designated parking areas.
- Vehicles need to be locked at all times and any valuables should be locked into the trunk of the vehicle.

Financial Account Safety

- Keep ATM, debit and credit cards in a safe place. Never reveal a PIN number to anyone.
- Never loan your ATM card to anyone, no matter who they are.
- When possible, use ATM cards in daylight. If that is not possible, use an indoor ATM or one in an otherwise well-lit area.