

Dear SAIC Community,

On Saturday, we notified you of a shooting that took place near the corner of Monroe Street and Wabash Avenue. This incident did not involve any members of our SAIC community, and we have offered our assistance to the Chicago Police Department.

The safety of our students, faculty, and staff is paramount, and as the executive director of campus security, keeping our community safe is my job. I want to reaffirm our commitment to fostering a safe environment and remind you of the resources available as you make your way to and from our campus buildings. Students, faculty, and staff have access to our Safe Ride Service, which operates every day during the fall and spring terms between 9:00 p.m.–6:00 a.m. Additionally, walking escorts are available all day, every day throughout the year. Please request Safe Ride Service or a walking escort at a security desk in any of our buildings.

There are security personnel stationed in all of our campus buildings, and we encourage you to report any suspicious activity—even if it does not take place on our campus—to Campus Security in person or by calling [312.899.1230](tel:312.899.1230).

Please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Avoid secluded, dark areas or shortcuts, especially alleys. Stay on busy, well-lit, and heavily populated streets.
- Always try to walk, jog, or ride your bike with a partner.
- Walk with energy, confidence, and purpose. Hold your head up, be alert, and check your surroundings.
- Be wary of your surroundings and observe the behavior of those around you.
- When you are alone, avoid wearing headphones, try not to be engrossed in reading, and avoid talking on your phone for long periods of time.
- Carry wallets in a coat or front pants pocket.

- Adopt a frame of mind that will allow you to recognize and avoid potential threats on the street.
- Follow your instincts. If you think you are being followed and you don't feel safe, cross the street, change your route, and prepare to run for help. Be aware of open businesses and public areas where you can go if you need help.
- If someone tries to rob you, give up your property—don't give up yourself. Don't struggle with an offender unless it's absolutely necessary.
- Don't try and apprehend a thief. Leave that to the police.

If you have questions, please email or call me at jpack@saic.edu or [312.899.7442](tel:312.899.7442).

Thank you,

John Pack

Executive Director, Campus Security

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