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Starting university is an exciting milestone. For many students, it is their first time living away from home, managing their own schedules, and navigating a busy city like Johannesburg.

While university life offers incredible opportunities for growth, independence, and new experiences, it's important to make safety a priority from day one.

At Jezreel Student Accommodation, we believe that creating a safe and supportive environment helps students focus on what matters most — their studies and future success.

Here are some practical safety tips every student should know.

1. STAY AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

One of the simplest ways to stay safe is to remain aware of what's happening around you.

Try to:

- Walk confidently and purposefully.
- Avoid distractions such as looking at your phone while walking.
- Stay in well-lit and busy areas.

- Trust your instincts if something feels wrong.

Being alert can help you avoid potentially risky situations before they develop.

2. KEEP YOUR PHONE OUT OF SIGHT

Mobile phones are often targeted by opportunistic criminals.

To reduce your risk:

- Avoid using your phone while walking in public.
- Keep your device secured when not in use.
- Avoid displaying expensive phones unnecessarily.
- Enable security features such as screen locks and device tracking.

Remember, no message or social media notification is worth compromising your safety.

3. PROTECT YOUR LAPTOP AND STUDY EQUIPMENT

Laptops are essential for university students but can also be attractive targets.

Protect your belongings by:

- Using a secure laptop bag.
- Keeping your laptop with you at all times.
- Avoiding leaving devices unattended in libraries, lecture halls, or coffee shops.
- Backing up important academic work regularly.

A few precautions can save you from costly replacements and lost coursework.

4. ALWAYS LOCK YOUR ROOM

Many incidents occur simply because doors are left unlocked.

Even if you're leaving for only a few minutes:

- Lock your room when you leave.
- Lock doors and windows before going to sleep.
- Never assume someone else will secure the property.

Making this a habit provides an extra layer of protection for both you and your belongings.

5. KEEP VALUABLES AWAY FROM WINDOWS

Visible valuables can attract unwanted attention.

Avoid placing:

- Laptops
- Cell phones
- Tablets
- Gaming equipment
- Handbags

near windows where they can easily be seen from outside.

Keeping valuables out of sight helps reduce temptation and improves security.

6. NEVER OPEN THE DOOR FOR STRANGERS

Your safety should always come before being polite.

Before allowing anyone access:

- Verify visitors through accommodation management.
- Confirm maintenance appointments beforehand.
- Never allow unknown individuals to follow you into secured areas.

If you are unsure, contact your accommodation manager first.

7. BE CAREFUL WITH VISITORS

Visitors should always follow accommodation rules and procedures.

Students should:

- Register visitors where required.
- Ensure guests understand property rules.
- Never give out access codes, gate remotes, or room keys.

Security systems only work when everyone follows the rules.

8. TRAVEL SMART

Whether you're travelling to campus, the shops, or visiting friends:

- Travel with friends whenever possible.
- Use trusted transport providers.
- Share your location with family or friends.
- Avoid isolated areas, especially after dark.

Planning ahead can significantly improve your safety.

9. BE CAUTIOUS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Many students unintentionally share too much information online.

Avoid:

- Posting your live location.
- Advertising expensive purchases.
- Sharing accommodation access information.
- Publicly announcing when you're away from your room.

It's often safer to share photos and updates after you've left a location.

10. REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS

If you notice unusual activity:

- Inform accommodation management immediately.
- Notify campus security where appropriate.
- Contact emergency services if necessary.

It's always better to report something that turns out to be nothing than to ignore a genuine concern.

IMPORTANT EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Keep these numbers saved on your phone:

- SAPS Emergency
- Ambulance
- Campus Security
- Accommodation Management Office
- Family Emergency Contacts

Quick access to important numbers can save valuable time during an emergency.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Johannesburg is a vibrant city filled with opportunities for students. By staying aware, protecting your belongings, following accommodation rules, and making smart decisions, you can enjoy a safe and successful university experience.

At Jezreel Student Accommodation, student safety remains one of our highest priorities. We are committed to providing professionally managed accommodation environments where students can focus on their studies, build friendships, and achieve their goals.

Stay safe. Stay smart. Stay focused.



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