PERSONAL SAFETY MEASURES

The most effective safety and security measure is you! Here are things that all students can and should do to keep themselves and the campus safe.

Campus Emergency Notification System

The University utilizes Omnilert to send emergency communications to the campus community. All Bay Path University students, faculty and staff can register, self-manage their accounts, deactivate service, update phone numbers and email addresses, etc. To learn more how to get started, log on to the Department of Public Safety Portal page. (https://one.baypath.edu/pages/department-of-public-safety)

All students should check each semester that your accounts with these emergency alert systems are still active to ensure you receive these critical notifications.

Recommendations for Personal Safety

Students should be mindful of the following recommendations from our security staff in order to be safe both on and off campus:

- Do not walk alone after dark in unfamiliar areas.
    - Students on the Bay Path Longmeadow Campus can request a safety escort by calling Public Safety at 413-565-1225 (x1225) or at 413-313-4139.
- Keep identification on your person at all times.
- Park your car in well-lit areas.
- Know the location of emergency campus phones, if available.
- Stay Alert. Avoid using electronic devices when walking alone.
- Secure personal property and avoid displaying valuables.
- Alert someone you know and trust if your daily schedule will be different from usual.
- Report all suspicious activity to the campus security office.
- If you live off-campus: know the neighbors, leave outside lights on, keep front and back doors locked and close your curtains.

Web and Technology Safety

The following are general guidelines about maintaining safety and security in the use of technology and online environments. As a reminder, representatives of the University will never ask you to submit sensitive information, such as your email address, password, or banking information, by website or by text message. Questions can be referred to the Information Technology department (techsupport@baypath.edu).

- Review the security settings on your browser and use commercially available virus protection and software firewalls.
- Do not click on attachments from unknown individuals or sources.
- Familiarize yourself with current scams, phishing attempts, or malicious software. The IT helpdesk has guidance on frequently attempted scams here (https://kb.baypath.edu/tech-support/phishing).
- Avoid posting personal information on any website or social media; never reveal or post your social security number, phone number, address, or date of birth.
- Do not leave laptops, tablets, phones, or computers unattended, even for a short period.
- Password-protect devices to secure personal information in the event of loss or theft.
- Obtain or enable tracking software to help recover stolen or missing phones or other devices or to remotely delete personal information.

ID Cards

All students planning to be on campus are required to have and carry a photo ID card issued by the University. These cards are electronically coded to provide you with exclusive access to a variety of services including building entry, meals in campus dining services and printing. It is the primary means of student identification. The student ID is issued free of charge; however, there is a charge to replace lost ID cards. Online students wishing to use campus facilities are also required to have student IDs. Your ID is good for the duration of your time at the university. Any lost or stolen IDs should be reported to Campus Public Safety immediately.

Longmeadow and East Longmeadow Campuses

New students and/or online students who would like IDs should upload photos at https://wildcat.baypath.edu/. Additional requirements for these pictures as well as information about ID distribution can be found here (https://one.baypath.edu/pages/university-ids).

Alumni are eligible to get IDs that will provide access to the Breck Fitness Center and Hatch Learning Commons. Alumni can get IDs by uploading a recent picture at https://wildcat.baypath.edu/ and contacting Victoria Braim in Campus Public Safety (vbraim@baypath.edu) to arrange for pick up. IDs are not mailed for security reasons.

Boston Campus

Students at the Boston Campus do not currently require physical ID cards.

Puerto Rico Campus

Students at the Puerto Rico Campus should contact the Front Desk Security for more information on receiving ID cards.

Emergency Phones

Emergency phones for students in need of immediate assistance are located in the foyer of the main entrance of each Longmeadow Campus residence hall (Theinert, Wright, and Bollum). These phones are located at accessible heights and automatically connect to CPS when the receivers are lifted, no dialing required.

Additionally, two emergency call boxes are located at:

- Parking Lot A: North side exterior of Blake Student Commons
- Catok Center for Student Success & Advising: To the right of the front door