

School Safety Tips for Parents and Students

As we kick-off the New Year, we've added helpful hints on what parents and students should know and can do to assist in the safety of our Enloe community. As parents, we want to utilize every resource we have to prevent unsafe situations and help to resolve them if they occur. What can you do as a parent? Here are some helpful suggestions.

DO's

Do Know your child's schedule. Where they are supposed to be and when they are supposed to be there.

Do Encourage your students to leave their valuables at home or at least out of sight. Fancy cell phones, iPods, PDAs can be attractive nuisances and be a magnet for unwanted attention. They also serve as distractions to potential victims who may not pay as much attention to their surroundings when they are in use.

Do Remind your students to walk with a buddy whenever it is dark or they are leaving the campus to get to a parked car.

Do Have your driving students move their vehicles closer to the school building after school hours when reserved parking is no longer in affect.

Do Encourage your children to take notice of suspicious behavior and report it to a security officer or administrator.

Do Report any crime or act of violence as soon as possible after it occurs. Call 911. Give as much detail as possible to the authorities.

Do Use The North Carolina Safe Schools Tip Line that provides students with a quick and confidential way to report concerns. Tips can be reported anonymously to: WCPSS—North Carolina Safe Schools Tip Line 1-888-960-9600

Do Know that any incident reported to school officials is taken very seriously and incidents of theft and/or violence are reported promptly to Wake County School security staff and police.

Do Know that Enloe security hours have been extended with particular attention to the school perimeter and parking lots.

Do Know that our principal has requested Raleigh police to increase patrols near campus during the morning arrival and afternoon departure of students.

Do Lobby Raleigh Police Department to further increase their patrols in the area around Enloe, particularly during early morning and after school hours. An increased presence can help to deter crime.

Do Contact Raleigh police, when it is appropriate, to check on the status of a crime. Raleigh police are the authority for situations that occur off of Enloe's campus. They may also be brought in to situations that occur on campus, when needed

Do Know that administrators have enlisted the support of our Enloe neighbors for their assistance in being attuned to and reporting disturbances in the neighborhood.

DONT's

Don't Let bad deeds go unreported. The Enloe community belongs to all of us and we must all take ownership in keeping our community safe.

Don't Forget. Our administrators are exercising all the resources they have at their disposal, including cameras, security patrols and Raleigh Police to address these situations.

Don't Be naïve in thinking that it can't happen on our campus or to your child. Crime happens in cities and towns, all over the country. No one is immune. We must all be positive and proactive to minimize the likelihood of occurrences in our community.

If you have additional TIPS on safety that have worked for you, please share them by emailing your constructive suggestions to our eNews editor at enloemoderator@yahoo.com.