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Tips to stay safe on public WiFi

Staying safe on public WiFi

BY: WINTEK

Whether you're taking the first steps of your Purdue experience or nearing what's next in life, Wintek hopes you have a great year at Purdue University!

These early days of the fall semester can feel pretty hectic. But whenever you get the chance to enjoy downtown Lafayette, you can also connect to the city's free public WiFi — powered by Wintek's blazing-fast fiber-optic connection.

When you're visiting an old favorite or discovering a cool new place, public WiFi is a great way to stay up to speed on class announcements, updates from friends or your favorite Netflix binge. But you'll want to use caution whenever you connect to any public WiFi network.

The following tips can help ensure your safe use of public WiFi networks, wherever your

journeys take you:

- Use care when visiting websites that require a password or personal information, including social networking sites, online banking services or websites that store your credit card information.
- If you need to access these sites, consider using a VPN to do so for an extra layer of protection.
- If you're using a laptop, make sure your anti-virus software is up to date.
- If you have a firewall, keep it enabled.
- Make sure the sites you visit only use HTTPS rather than an unencrypted HTTP connection.

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Woah – watch out!

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Campus is buzzing with pedestrians, scooters, hoverboards, skateboards and cars. Here are some healthy reminders from Purdue Police.

Pedestrians

- Use common sense and obey signs and signals at intersections and crosswalks.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. Do not walk in the roadway if possible.
- If there is no sidewalk, use multi-use paths where available.
- Do not be distracted by electronic devices.
- Look for vehicles in all directions, even on one way streets.

Bicycles, skateboards and electric or motor powered vehicles (EMPVs)

- Wear a safety helmet.
- Wear bright-colored clothing or reflective gear.
- Use the roadways according to Indiana state law, West Lafayette city ordinances and the Purdue University parking and traffic regulations. Use bike lanes or multi-use paths whenever possible.
- Do not use cellphones or other mobile devices while



biking or riding.

- Equip your transportation with working headlights, taillights and reflectors.

Motor vehicles

- Look for pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders and EMPV operators. They may be in unexpected areas or may be hard to see, especially at night in poorly lit areas or in bad weather.
- Be ready to yield. Know the state laws pertaining to interactions with pedestrians,

bicyclists, skateboarders and EMPV operators at intersections and mid-block crossings.

- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk or mid-block crossing.
- Stay alert where children may be present, especially in school zones, around apartment complexes, neighborhoods, parks and recreational areas.
- Slow down, particularly in areas where pedestrians are present, and obey the posted speed limits.

Protect Purdue details university response to COVID-19

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The public may find useful information and updates about COVID-19 as it relates to campus, online at protectpurdue.edu. As of Aug. 23, 43,130 students, faculty and staff – 79% of the West Lafayette campus – were fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Remember to

wash your hands, wear masks indoors and distance when you can!

According to the Protect Purdue site online, it is critically important that all students, faculty and staff monitor for and report any COVID-19-related symptoms to the Protect Purdue Health Center 24/7 by calling 765-496-INFO (4636) or toll-free

at 833-571-1043.

The face mask policy as of Aug. 24 on the Protect Purdue site states that face masks are not required outdoors on campus. However, face masks are required in all indoor spaces for everyone on the Purdue University campus, including students, employees and visitors, regardless of

vaccination status. Masks may be removed in private offices, but should be worn anytime another person is in the room.

Vaccination is strongly recommended for anyone who is medically able to have one.



Purdue Police offer suggestions, safe programs

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When you think about it, it's not just a new semester. A population the size of an entire mid-sized city surges into West Lafayette each fall. Many of these individuals are experiencing home away from home for the first time, and are bound to explore their limits or need some help. The overall message from Purdue Police: it's still possible to be safe and have fun, and we're here for you. "My message to students is to find a good work-life balance and enjoy their time at Purdue," Purdue Police Chief John Cox said. "Take this opportunity to meet new people and get involved in clubs or other activities. Understand that our environment here may be very different from the environment you are coming to us from so think about personal safety as you go about your day."

Cox encourages students to sign up for Purdue Alert, the university's official emergency notification system. The system allows students to opt in to receive text messages or emails to their [purdue.edu](https://www.purdue.edu/securepurdue) addresses about emergencies such as shelter in place situations (tornadoes, shootings, etc.) or fires. Info can be found at <http://www.purdue.edu/securepurdue>.

"PUPD is available 24/7 and students should never hesitate to call us when they need assistance. Prompt reporting of suspicious or criminal activity helps us keep our campus safe," Cox said.

Purdue Police offers a number of programs and training opportunities for the Purdue community that go beyond the normal alcohol and drug programs. These include but are not limited to verbal de-escalation training, self defense awareness (SAFE) for women, programming that teaches people about consent in relationships called Candy Bars and Consent and K-9 demonstrations.



For more information about programming and training opportunities through the PUPD visit <https://www.purdue.edu/ehps/police/community-services/outreach-programs/index.php>

It's interesting to learn how Purdue Police prepares for the massive surge of students and faculty, and the ongoing ebb and flow of populations on campus, including visitors.

It's a monumental but attainable task of meeting everyone's safety needs while also being proactive.

"Our department actively works to train our officers to work with students in crisis using a national model known as Crisis Intervention Team training or CIT," Cox said. "PUPD engages with the National Alliance on Mental Health Inc or NAMI to accomplish this.

CIT training gives our officers additional information and tools to assist students that

are struggling for a variety of reasons."

CIT trained officers build working relationships with students in need of services and actively look for ways to connect students with mental health providers both on and off campus.

"We are very proud of the fact that we have had a number of students over the years that repeatedly call PUPD for a CIT trained officer because they have had positive interactions with us before" he said.

PUPD CIT officers work closely with Purdue's CAPS and University Residence Hall system.

For more information on CIT and how officers are trained please visit [https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/Crisis-Intervention/Crisis-Intervention-Team-\(CIT\)-Programs](https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/Crisis-Intervention/Crisis-Intervention-Team-(CIT)-Programs). As they continue to be part of the supportive fabric that holds up the collective Purdue community, Purdue Police remains

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accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

"Being accredited assures our community that we are using the best policing practices and have a set of transparent general orders that our department follows," Cox said.