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Staying Safe on a College Campus

As graduation nears for the Class of 2019 and their college career begins, it is important to look at the precautions' students should take to stay safe and out of trouble this school year. This article will highlight eight important tips that a student should take into consideration to remain safe.

Tip Number one: Familiarize yourself with the safety office at your school.

Tip Number Two: Keep a watchful eye out at night and take extra precautions like using the buddy system at night.

Tip Number 3: Always lock the door. Never leave your dorm, apartment, or car without locking them. This will prevent theft and will keep you protected.

Tip Number Four: When using social media be cautious as to who you have as friends and what you post.

Tip Number Five: Take the extra step and look in your backseat when entering your car, as a predator may be hiding.

Tip Number Six: Have a map pulled

up so you know where your destination is. It is also important to have a minimum number of distractions and to focus on your destination.

Tip Number Seven: Be able to defend yourself by taking a few self defense classes.

Tip Number Eight: Obtain some self-defense tools such as pepper spray or a whistle to alert people you're in trouble. There are also mobile apps to assist with defense tools as well..

For more information and tips visit:
<https://www.safewise.com/blog/9-easy-ways-to-stay-safe-on-your-college-campus/>

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Department of Motor Vehicles argues for licensed drivers to pay court debt or get licenses suspended.

With a 23-page decision, a federal judge in the U.S District Court for the Western District of Virginia justified a preliminary injunction to prevent the DMV from suspending individuals' licenses due to unpaid court debts and fees. According to a spokeswoman for the Virginia DMV, 626, 537 drivers' licenses have been suspended for failure to pay court debts. Angela Ciolfi, an executive director of Legal Aid Justice Center, stated "Today's ruling is a victory for the Constitution and for common sense. The court stated unequivocally that Virginia's driver's license suspension statute likely violates procedural due process rights." The judge believed that 5 plaintiffs had a strong chance of winning with the argument that the DMV policies violate due process rights. There are two types of due process: procedural and substantive. Procedural is primarily focused on the concept of fundamental fairness and requires that individuals must be notified of the charges against them and have an adequate opportunity to respond. Substantive relates to the content of the law and will protect certain rights that are unrelated to the legal procedure. The DMV is accused of violating the procedural due process laws, as individuals are unable to provide for their children when their licenses are suspended along with the burden of overdue court fines. According to the Daily Progress newsletter, Adrainne Johnson, a Charlottesville mother of three children, testified that because of her license suspension, she is unable to drive her daughter to her medical appointments as well as attend her son's athletic events. On top of all that, she is also having difficulty finding a job. Another victim, Melissa Adams cannot drive to Chemotherapy appointments, go to and from work, and drive to her son to see medical specialists. Ultimately, with the DMV violating these due process rights, individuals still have the hope of the court ruling on their side. As of July 1, 2019 DMV, can no longer suspend your license for non-payment of court fines and cost. Contact your local DMV for more information.

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