Hey Parents!!  
(This article is for parents only.  Students: Do Not Read!!)
Concerned about your student’s safety?  We get that!

Here are a few helpful tips:

It’s good idea to review the University of Michigan-Flint Department of Public Safety (DPS) website at http://www.umflint.edu/safety/department-public-safety where you will find resources such as the DPS Annual Security and Fire Safety Report.  Check out the Clery crime page in the report and compare our crime stats to almost any other public university or college in the nation. It will give you comfort to know just how safe our campus community is and with the help of our community members, it will stay that way.
Check out the Connecting with U web page. Just click on the Connecting with U link at the bottom of the DPS webpage. We offer self-defense classes and other educational opportunities for you and your student.  That’s right! If you would like to take a RAD class with your student – you can and you pay what your student pays...zero. RAD classes are free for you and your student. Encourage your student to sign-up and take a self-defense class. Yes, in addition to the traditional law enforcement services that are provided in your community, DPS is dedicated to providing a wide variety of community services. Our Community Engagement Programs are designed to build and maintain partnerships, trust, and respect, create a dialogue with our community, provide educational resources and programs, and assist our community in reducing the opportunity for crime.

Encourage your student to register their bikes and sign-up for the emergency alert notification to receive information about campus emergencies and cancellations.

Living on campus?  Review all appropriate housing policies with your student.

Follow the DPS on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/UMFDPS?ref=hl)

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Sign up for the Spring RAD Classes today!

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Spring Break Safety Tips

Number #1 rule...Never! No matter what leave your wing...

Never leave a party/bar with someone you don’t know! Never! There are people who are smooth talkers that target students on spring break. Do not risk injury or worse! Never leave with someone you don’t know! Make this agreement with your friends before going out to the party. When you are with friends, arrive together and leave together!

Code “creeper” is not advised. But we do recommend creating a code word.

Create a secret signal or code word to let your friends know when you are uncomfortable and need them to intervene. Establish a place to meet in advance if you get separated.

We always like to remind our students...don’t drink alcohol, but if you do: Never leave your drink unattended. If you lose sight of it, order a new one. Don’t accept drinks from people you don’t know or trust.

Rip tide is not only the name of a non-alcoholic drink...Swim safely.

Rip tides are common in the ocean. These strong currents can quickly carry you out to sea. Talk to a lifeguard about swimming conditions before getting in the water. Ask about shark attacks before swimming too far out into the ocean.

Don’t post your vacation location.

Sharing too much information on your location on Facebook or Twitter may endanger your safety. Adjust your privacy settings and use your best judgment when checking in on Facebook. Be cautious about revealing personal information and location through status updates or tweets with Twitter trends.

Hot Slash!

Alcohol can dilate blood vessels and lower blood pressure to dangerous levels. The effects of drinking are felt faster and stronger if you’re sitting in a hot tub. Avoid drinking in a hot tub!

Copy this...

There is no worse way to end a vacation than to discover that your passport has been stolen or lost. Take a copy with you and keep it in a safe place.

Okay, we live in Michigan and it’s been a long winter so....

The risk of skin cancer is too great to spend time in the sun without the proper lotion. Cover your entire body that is going to be exposed to the sun. Sunburn can ruin a great vacation fast! Check this article for additional information about lotions

http://www.womenshealthmag.com/health/sunscreens

Phone numbers and cash.

Carry only the cash you will need and emergency cash hidden in a shoe, etc. Keep the phone number and address of your hotel and trusted friends with you at all times.

Consider an alternative spring break.

UM-Flint offers alternative spring break options that include networking and community service trips.

Crime Alert

Safety is a top priority at the University of Michigan–Flint.

Students, faculty and staff may have noticed email notifications from the Department of Public Safety regarding crimes that have occurred in our community. The reasoning behind these notifications is three-fold:

These emails ensure our compliance with federal legislation that mandates notification to the community when certain crimes that meet specific requirements occur on our campus.

Secondly, these emails often assist in locating perpetrators since they contain information about the crimes that the community should be aware of. DPS is committed to keeping students, faculty and staff informed and aware of what is occurring in and around our community so that we are all equipped to be safe and responsible.

Finally, and most importantly, they are for your safety. Providing you with information about safety related issues empowers you to make choices about your personal safety.
**No Means NO!!**

**Safety** is a top priority at the University of Michigan–Flint and we want everyone to know about the Sexual Assault Policy of the University.

**Sexual Assault Policy**

This student policy has been written to ensure compliance with the Higher Education Reauthorization Act of 1992, Sexual Assault Victim’s Bill of Rights.) The University of Michigan-Flint is committed to creating a community free from violence. Sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic violence and stalking as defined by State and Federal laws, will not be tolerated at the University of Michigan-Flint. The University recognizes the necessity of a community which is open and intellectually stimulating, where diversity of ideas is valued and every person’s safety, dignity and autonomy is respected whether they are students, faculty or staff, and regardless of race, ethnicity, age, religion, class, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

**Reporting Options and Procedures/Rights of Survivor**

Medical Services

Support and Counseling Services

University Disciplinary Process

Criminal/Legal Options

Statistical Reporting

**Reporting Options and Procedures/Rights of Survivor**

The Criminal Sexual Conduct Statutes of Michigan define sexual assault as a crime involving forced or coerced “sexual penetration” (first and third degree) or “sexual contact” (second and fourth degree). The University encourages the reporting of sexual assaults to the appropriate University officials, as reporting is the only way the University can take action against the accused assailant. Survivors may report sexual assaults to:

- The Department of Public Safety at (810) 762-3335 or 911 from any campus phone. The exception is if you are calling from your cell phone or a pay phone on campus, 911 will connect you with the City of Flint Police, Fire and emergency response departments.

Survivors who report the assault to the University will be fully informed in a timely manner of all of their rights and options, including the necessary steps and potential consequences of each option.

**Medical Services**

A survivor who seeks medical assistance has the right to have the Hospital use equipment and methods commonly used to preserve and maintain the integrity of evidence of sexual assault.

**Support and Counseling Services**

There are several departments available to survivors who are seeking support, information, and counseling:

- UM-Flint Women’s Educational Center (WEC) – (810)237-6648. The WEC staff serves as an advocate for a survivor of sexual assault. Staff members are trained to provide information to survivors about reporting options, medical exams, available resources, and survivor’s rights. The WEC works closely with the YWCA of Greater Flint and will refer survivors to one of the YWCA’s sexual assault counselors. WEC personnel are also available to accompany survivors and provide support during hospital or medical exams, contact with law enforcement personnel, during campus judicial hearings, and for local court proceedings.

- The YWCA of Greater Flint Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program - (810) 238-SAFE

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC) on the Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint campuses. 1-734-998-9368 The University of Michigan-Flint insures survivors confidentiality as per Mich. Comp. Laws § 600.2157a (1985).

For additional information, please check out the web page below:

http://www.umflint.edu/safety/personalsafety/assault_policy
Possession of Weapons on Campus

Students: Use, possession, or storage of any weapon on University premises or at University-sponsored activities and events (unless approved by the Department of Public Safety; such approval will be given only in extraordinary circumstances) is prohibited. Students must also be familiar with Regent Ordinance Article X (Weapons) that also applies to possession of weapons on campus. The University of Michigan Standard Practice Guide Section 201.94 was issued on 3/12/01 to address the subject of weapon possession on campus. This policy states in part; Except as otherwise provided below, employees are prohibited at any time while on any property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the University, or elsewhere in the course of their employment with the University, from possessing or discharging any firearm; possessing or using any explosive or any knife, sword or machete having a blade longer than four (4) inches or, in the case of a knife with a mechanism to lock the blade in place when open, longer than three (3) inches; or possessing, discharging or using any other dangerous weapon. Employees are also prohibited at any time while on any property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the University, or elsewhere in the course of employment, from possessing any chemical or any other dangerous substance or compound with the intent of causing injury to another. The prohibitions in this Standard Practice Guide apply regardless of whether the employee has a concealed weapon permit or is otherwise authorized by law to possess, discharge or use any such device.

Employees who violate this policy may be subject to discipline, up to and including discharge. Faculty/Staff should also be familiar with Regent Ordinance Article X (Weapons) that also applies to possession of weapons on campus. A person who violates this Article X is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, punishable by imprisonment for not less than ten (10) days and no more than sixty (60) days, or by fine of not more than fifty dollars ($50.00) or both.