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The Virginia State University (VSU) Police Department and I would like to welcome you to the 2019 VSU Homecoming. We know you are looking forward to a fun-filled time. To help make sure that happens, I would like to provide you with some important information.

VSU Police is working with our local, state and federal partners in maintaining a high level of police/security needs and awareness. I remind you, if you **SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!** In the event of an emergency, call **VSU Police at 804.524.5411 (on campus) or dial 911.** You may also contact police via the many call boxes located throughout campus.

NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED! (Including concealed weapons permits)

Below are a few rules/regulations and safety tips:

Have a Plan!

- Select your events and purchase tickets in advance
- Designate drivers for each activity
- Park in well-lit parking areas and write down where you parked
- Stick together. Never travel alone. Leave with the group you came with
- Make sure you have the telephone numbers for the group

Be Responsible!

- Do not consume alcohol if you are less than 21 years of age.
- If you are of legal age to consume alcohol, drink responsibly
- Remember illegal drugs of any kind, including marijuana, are prohibited.
- Do not accept open container drinks from strangers.
- Designate drivers who have agreed not to consume any alcohol or call a friend.
- Be mindful of police checkpoints and plan accordingly.
- If you violate the law or disregard any rules, you may be prosecuted and/or removed from campus.
- Remember, the Commonwealth of Virginia prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while drinking alcoholic beverages.

Be Aware of Your Surroundings!

- Be aware of what's going on around you at all times.
- Take notice of street names, parking signs and landmarks.
- If you suspect you are being followed, cross the street, change direction or go to a place where others are standing.
- Remember that people use high traffic/crowded events as a time to commit crimes.
- If you are confronted by someone trying to victimize you, don't be a hero. Get a good description and call the police.
- Avoid any and all confrontations.

Protect Your Valuables!

- Keep personal identification on you at all times.
- Limit the amount of cash and credit cards you carry with you.
- Secure cell phones and electronic devices properly when not in use.
- Keep handbags close when not accessing contents.
- Secure all valuable items in the trunk of your vehicle. Do not leave valuables visible in your car.

Don't Get Caught Off Guard!

- Be mindful. Do not let the festive atmosphere catch you off guard.
- Avoid displaying large sums of money.
- Keep your room and vehicle doors locked at all times.
- Avoid dangerous incidents and people.
- Having fun is a must during Homecoming, but safety should always be first!

Again, **CALL VSU POLICE for any suspicious or criminal activity!** VSU Police emergency number is 804.524.5411 or dial 911. Remember, safety and security is everyone's responsibility!

