

Info Sheet – Safety

Germany and Aachen are considered to be very safe. You do not have to be afraid to walk through the city on your own. Nevertheless, we want to give you some advice:

- Please walk home in groups at night
- Please drink alcohol in moderation and do not take drugs
- Do not accept lifts home by strangers
- Do not give your address to strangers
- Do not give confidential data (passwords, bank pin etc.) to third parties and keep the passwords safe
- Please cover your bank pin as you are entering it (for example in the bank, in the supermarket, at the gas station)
- If your credit card or debit card gets stolen, please ask your bank to block the card immediately and report the theft at the police station
- Always take your passport with you so that you are able to identify yourself if necessary
- Avoid parks and dark places at night
- Do not leave your luggage unattended and carry valuable objects directly on your person
- Do not carry too much cash with you – only what you actually need
- If you feel that somebody is getting physically too close during a conversation reject the person firmly. You are allowed to say “No” and express that you feel uneasy. Non-reaction, silence and smiling often stop people from realizing that you are feeling uncomfortable
- There are night busses and taxis that can bring you home at night
- Lock all the windows and the front door of your apartment before leaving
- Pay attention to your drinks in clubs to prevent anyone slipping in drugs or ko-drops unnoticed
- If you feel like somebody is following you cross the road and try to get in contact with other people around or directly ask for help
- If you feel sexually harassed or otherwise discriminated please contact Dr Brands (Equal Opportunities Officer of the RWTH Aachen) or Ms Graetz (lawyer of the RWTH). They offer consultation hours for advice and protect your privacy.
- If you feel threatened or you had an accident on your bike or on foot please call the police. In Germany we say: The police are your friends and helpers.

In an emergency please contact the following people:

- [Advice and assistance](#) at RWTH Aachen
- Police **110**
- Emergency services number (Fire brigade/ambulance service/police) **112**
- Card blocking emergency number (cards & electronic eligibility) **116 116**

Further information and downloads can be found on the following websites:

- <http://www.zuhause-sicher.de/service/links-und-downloads/>
- <http://www.polizei-beratung.de/medienangebot.html>