

The purpose of this guide is to help prepare you to understand the rules of a new culture so that you can have a safe and enjoyable college experience.

Failure to obey the laws of the United States and the State of Ohio may have serious consequences such as large fines, or even jail time.

The University of Dayton wants you to have an excellent and safe learning experience. The Department of Public Safety is here to help keep you safe. If you have any questions, feel free to ask an officer for help.

## YOUR RIGHTS

- You have equal rights in the United States, regardless of your gender.
- You may express your own opinion.
- You may dress how you wish and go where you like without being harassed.
- You have the right to practice your religion and worship as you wish.



### Important Numbers

Public Safety	937-229-2121
Emergency (Campus Phone)	911
Parking Services	937-229-2128
Health Center	937-229-3131

*Tip: Save Public Safety's number into your cell phone!*

### The University of Dayton Department of Public Safety

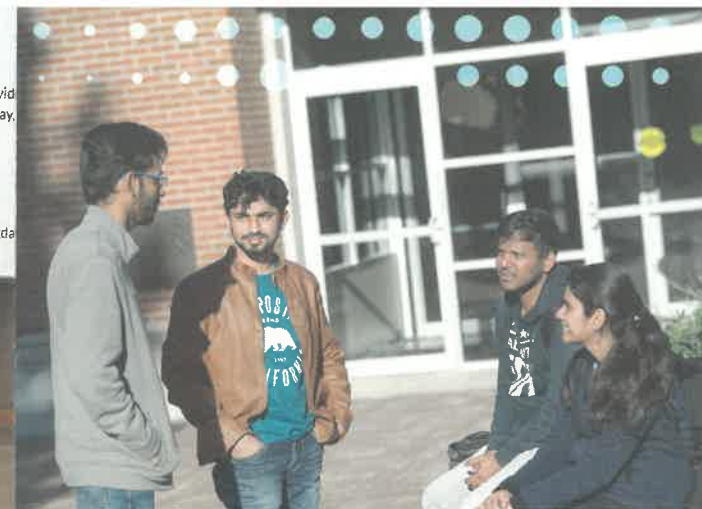
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# FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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- If you are stopped by a police officer, keep your hands in plain view and do not make any sudden movements.
- Sudden movements could be interpreted as trying to reach for a weapon or hide something.
- Do **not** exit your vehicle *unless* told by the officer to do so.
- Wait for the officer to approach you and ask for your driver's license.
- Do not run from police officers or be aggressive towards them.
- Do not try to bribe the police officer or try to pay your fine on the spot.
- Do not be afraid to look someone in the eyes, it is not disrespectful to do so in the U.S.

*Call the Department of Public Safety if you are the victim of a crime. Our phone number is 937-229-2121.*

*If you have a cell phone, save our number to help you dial it easily in case of emergency.*



## OPERATING A VEHICLE

- You must be licensed to drive a car or any other motor vehicle.
- You must have a valid driver's license issued by the State of Ohio.
- The driver and front seat passenger are required to wear a seat belt.
- All persons under the age of 18 are required to wear a seat belt in a vehicle regardless of where they are sitting.
- Children under four years of age or weighing less than 40 lbs must be secured in a child restraint device (car seat).
- A vehicle must display valid license plates that are issued to the vehicle they are on.
- All motor vehicles must be insured and you must have the insurance card with you (proof of insurance).
- A motorcycle driver must obtain a special license in order to drive a motorcycle.
- New motorcycle drivers and passengers must wear an approved helmet.
- Failure to have a valid driver's license and/or vehicle registration for the vehicle may result in you being taken to jail. It could cost you hundreds of dollars to correct this error.

## ALCOHOL / TOBACCO

- It is against the law for anyone under 21 to purchase, possess, or consumes alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor).
- Even if you can consume alcohol in your home country under the age of 21, you cannot do so here.
- It is illegal for *anyone*, regardless of age, to possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage in public, or inside a motor vehicle.
- It is illegal for *anyone* under the age of 21 to purchase cigarettes, vapes, cigars and chewing tobacco.

## THINK SAFETY

### We can help!

Remember, any crime is a traumatic experience. The Department of Public Safety is willing to aid, support and advise you in any manner necessary.

It's better to call when in doubt, than to ignore a potentially dangerous situation.

Our officers can provide you or your group with more information about these, or other safety related topics. For more information, please call Public Safety at 229-2121.