



Oct. 8, 2019

Information on assault

The University of Missouri Police Department is aware of a report of an assault of a male victim around 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, near Hitt Street and Hamilton Way. Because of the off-campus location, the Columbia Police Department is investigating the incident, which involved several male subjects of unknown race.

Anyone with information about the incident can contact CPD at 573-874-7652 or MUPD at 573-882-7201 or CrimeStoppers at 573-875-8477 (TIPS) to remain anonymous.

Anyone can become a victim of a crime at any time, but there are steps you can take to protect yourself. We encourage every student to remember these practical precautions to help ensure your personal safety on and off campus:

- Be alert to your surroundings and the people around you, especially if you are alone or it is dark.
- Whenever possible, travel with a friend.
- Stay in well-lit areas as much as possible.
- Avoid doorways, bushes and alleys where someone could hide.
- Walk confidently at a steady pace.
- Make eye contact with people when walking.
- Do not respond to conversation from strangers on the street — continue walking.
- If you carry a purse or other bag, keep it securely between your arm and your body. Although a purse-snatcher's intent is to steal the bag, your personal safety may depend on not clinging to it.
- Do not use or wear anything that will impede your vision or hearing (e.g., headphones/earbuds).
- Consider taking a [R.A.D. Basic Self Defense](#) class through MUPD.
- Other crime prevention tips can be found on the [MUPD crime prevention resources](#).

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