SAVING MONEY IN VANCOUVER

• Shop with Your Friends. Buy in bulk size and divide the goods
• Buy Multiples when on sale
• Check out the Dollar Store for inexpensive options
• Buy No Name Brands (eg. Western Family)
• Collect points and get discounts from cashier
• Make your own snacks and treats
• Calculate if it is worth it to buy single size, pre-shredded, pre-sliced
• Form a Buying Club, share information, compare prices
• Purchase used goods (thrift store shop, used sporting goods)
• Be sustainable – take your own bags, use returnable container
STAYING SAFE

On Campus After Dark

• To stay safe when walking on campus after dark:
• Walk with a friend, fellow resident or classmate.
• Use your U-Pass to ride the Translink Community Shuttle.
• From 8 pm to 2 am use the AMS Safewalk program. Phone Safewalk and a co-ed team will accompany you to and from campus destinations after dark.
• After 2 am, Campus Security can accompany you across campus. Call 604-822-2222 for assistance.
• For more information about your safety on campus, visit UBC Campus Security.

Emergency Contacts

• Police/Fire/Ambulance: 9-1-1
• Campus Security: 604-822-2222
• Residence Front Desks

Residence Life support

• Your Residence Life Manager and Front Desk staff are additional resources in the community, should you notice something that needs attention (e.g., a broken lock or other safety concern), or if you need non-emergency assistance.
STAYING SAFE

• The most common type of crime is theft. Keep a close watch on your purse, backpack, cell phone or other property when you are in public places.
• Don't go out alone or accept rides with strangers
• If you feel you are being followed, change direction or go to the nearest store or restaurant
• Do not carry large amounts of cash, and do not show money in public – use credit or debit cards instead
• If you go to a bar, go with friends – you can still meet people, but you will have a group to help you if you have any problems
• Know your drinking limits – do not drink too much alcohol
• Do not accept drinks from strangers or leave your drink unattended
• Know your route and bus schedule before you leave, and choose busy, well-lit bus stops after dark
• Sit at the front of the bus near the driver
• After 9:00 p.m., you can ask the bus driver to stop at the street closest to your destination (between bus stops); you must exit from the front door (not available on express buses)
• When on the SkyTrain, sit in a car with lots of people; move to another seat if someone bothers you
• All SkyTrain platforms have a yellow safety area monitored by cameras
• If you are harassed, use the emergency phones on the SkyTrain platform or the emergency button on the train, or call 9-1-1; for non-emergency reporting, you can text 87.77.77
• Don't use personal information like your date of birth, driver's licence number, or your address as your PIN; if you lose your ID, these may be the first numbers a thief will try to access your bank account
• Be aware of any suspicious activity or overly friendly people hanging around ATM machines
THINK ABOUT IT

- Common Scams: Winning a lottery, skimming your debit card, tax collector, refund for something
- Accident victim, swap cash for credit card payment, re-sell used goods on-line,
- Re-sell concert tickets.
- Use local official ticket re-seller service (eg. stubhub.ca) **Every order is 100% guaranteed on StubHub.**
- Meeting to buy/sell goods on Facebook Marketplace or other platform - meet near police station
STAY ALERT

• We have heard several reports of scams targeting international students.
• It is especially important to continue to use critical thinking skills when interacting online, on the phone and in person.
• Watch out for:
  • Unsolicited calls, emails and texts requesting urgent action or payment and/or offering medical advice, financial relief, or government assistance and compensation.
  • If you didn't initiate contact, you don't know who you're communicating to.
  • Never respond or click on suspicious links and attachments.
  • Never give out your personal or financial details.