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first**

## SAFETY AWARENESS

As the first week of MBSYEP ends, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of safety awareness. Your safety and security are our top priority. The best way to ensure this is by you being aware of your surroundings and cooperating with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the Protective Services Division (PSD), and Metro Transit Police. The Department of Employment Services will continue working with our public safety partners to ensure we can best continue our critical work as Economic First Responders.

Interns, this summer, make sure that you learn everything that you can and remain vigilant.

Thank you,



**Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes**

Director, Department of Employment Services



## PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES

### PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS ON THE STREET

- Walk in groups whenever you can—there is always safety in numbers.
- Let a family member or friend know your destination and your estimated time of arrival or return.
- Stay in well-lit areas as much as possible. Avoid alleys, vacant lots, wooded areas, and other short-cuts or secluded areas.
- Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible. If you have to walk in the street, walk facing traffic.
- Walk confidently, directly, and at a steady pace.
- Always be aware of your surroundings. If you are wearing headphones, make sure you can hear outside noises.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Report any suspicious activity or person immediately to the Metropolitan Police Department at 9-1-1.

For more information on public safety, visit [mpdc.dc.gov](https://mpdc.dc.gov).

**TEXT THE POLICE AT 50411**

