May’s Safety Tip: Metacom Avenue Safety

Metacom Avenue serves as the main access to the University’s North and Main campus entrances, as well as the main travel route to the Bridgehouse, Baypoint, and Aquidneck Island. Many University community members also run, walk, or bike along Metacom. Please be aware of the following Metacom Avenue related safety items and help keep all University community members safe.

Crosswalk Safety
Pedestrians should only cross Metacom Avenue in the crosswalk at the Old Ferry Road/Metacom intersection. Wait for the “walk” signal before stepping onto the crosswalk. Be aware of vehicles turning right onto Metacom from Old Ferry Road as well as vehicles turning left from Metacom onto Old Ferry.

RIPTA Safety
Wait for the RIPTA bus at the designated bus shelters. Use designated sidewalks and crosswalks to access the campus (do not cut across Metacom or the grass). Be aware of your surroundings when it’s dark outside. The closest blue light is located at the entrance to Stonewall I.

Old Ferry Road Entrance Driving Safety
Be aware of pedestrians crossing Metacom Avenue, especially those who are crossing from the main campus over to the Bridgehouse. Allow them to cross before turning right onto Metacom or left on to Old Ferry. Pay extra attention when it is dark outside or there is bad weather.

North and Main Entrances Driving Safety
Follow all posted speed limits and be aware of the many cars entering and exiting at these locations. Watch for North entrance traffic turning left into Parking Lot F, as well as pedestrians crossing at the Lot F and North Campus crosswalks.

Safe Running and Biking
Wear bright/reflective clothing so you are easily visible to traffic. Stay on the shoulder of the road and run or ride in single file. Be aware of your surroundings – avoid headphone use, especially when crossing the road. See the previously distributed “Running Safety” tip for additional information.