

Darlington Arms Condominiums Newsletter

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Was it you?

Vagrant was allowed into our building!

There was a disgusting mess to clean up in our building this past Sunday morning after someone allowed a young woman vagrant into our building at about 1:30 a.m. If you're a mid-20s to mid-30s male resident, and perhaps use the stairs to come and go, YOU may have allowed this person in as you left the building.

The security of everyone living here is at risk whenever an uninvited person enters. Never allow someone in or helpfully hold the door for them, unless you personally know that they live here. Your visitors have similar responsibility, so remind them not to let others in when they arrive, AND when they leave.

Our video camera and recording system are now operating, so we will be able to document any future incident. The condo corporation has authority to fine owners of suites whose residents (even if they're renting) allow unauthorized people into our building.

For the security of every resident, please don't allow anyone into the building...ever. If they're welcome here, they have a key, or a resident will buzz them in.

Further security measures pending

*A small TV will be mounted in a vandal-proof box on the ledge in our entryway, showing people at the door and the intercom that they're being watched.

*In coming weeks our elevator will have a button-key control installed, so the elevator will only move after activation similar to the "buzzer" at the front door. For safety, the elevator will not require a key to move from any floor to the lobby.

*Our front door will also have a magnetic lock installed in addition to the current latch. As the latch is subject to tampering, the "maglock" will be a backup lock. It will release along with the latch when the door is "buzzed", and there will be an exit button to release it on our way out. Neither lock does any good, of course, if we allow others to walk through the door when we're coming or going. Oh, and the "buzz" timer on the door will be shortened and made silent.

***Done:** All stairwell doors have been made locking. Both storage area doors and frames are steel, soon to be painted. The outside garbage access doors can no longer be left unlocked by our refuse collectors. *The bike room door has been strengthened.