**What’s the deal with…**

**MISUSE OF GWORLD CARDS?**

The GWorld Card is the official identification card of the George Washington University. Students, faculty, and staff must carry their GWorld Cards at all times. Additionally, members of the GW community must display or surrender their GWorld Cards upon request to any University official, including GWU Police officers. GWorld Cards are non-transferable, and may not be sold or otherwise distributed to anyone else.

**But what does that mean?**

The University takes **campus security and safety** seriously, and the GWorld program is one way GW accomplishes this goal. Students use a GWorld Card to gain **access** to University residence halls, as well as purchase food and other items with **Colonial Cash**. Maintaining possession of their GWorld Card is one of the easiest ways students can help keep themselves **safe** and their Colonial Cash **secure**.

**How does that affect life at GW?**

Without the cooperation of the GW community campus security could be put at **risk**. Below are a few examples of how students have misused their GWorld Cards and some reasons why this behavior is **unacceptable**. This list, while taken from actual cases, is not exhaustive.

- **Using Another Students’ GWorld** - If you use another student’s GWorld card to gain entry access to a residence hall or to make purchases, it is considered **theft**. If you find a GWorld card return the card to the GWorld Office on the ground floor of the Marvin Center or the GWU Police Department in the Academic Center.

- **Giving Your GWorld Card to Someone Else** - GWorld Cards are non-transferable, which means they are issued to **specific users** and cannot be given to anyone else. Remember members of the GW community may be asked to present their GWorld card to University officials at any time.

- **Duplicating or Altering a GWorld Card** - Duplicating or altering a GWorld Card also **compromises** campus security. As with other instances of GWorld Card **misuse**, someone else may be able to drain your Colonial Cash account. Attempts to **duplicate and/or alter** GWorld Cards are taken seriously by the University.

**What if I misuse my GWorld Card?**

For a minor first offense (e.g. allowing someone to **borrow** your card), you may receive a **warning letter**. But repeated or serious offenses, like **duplicating** GWorld Cards, can result in disciplinary probation, loss of University housing, suspension or expulsion. The best way to avoid GWorld problems is to keep the card with you at all times, and don’t let anyone else use – or misuse – it.