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# Safety and Security



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## Office of Campus Safety

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

SYMBOL OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

**The University of Tampa** considers the safety and security of all University community members integral to its educational mission. Many departments, including Campus Safety, Facilities Management, Residence Life and the Dean of Students work together to promote a safe educational environment.

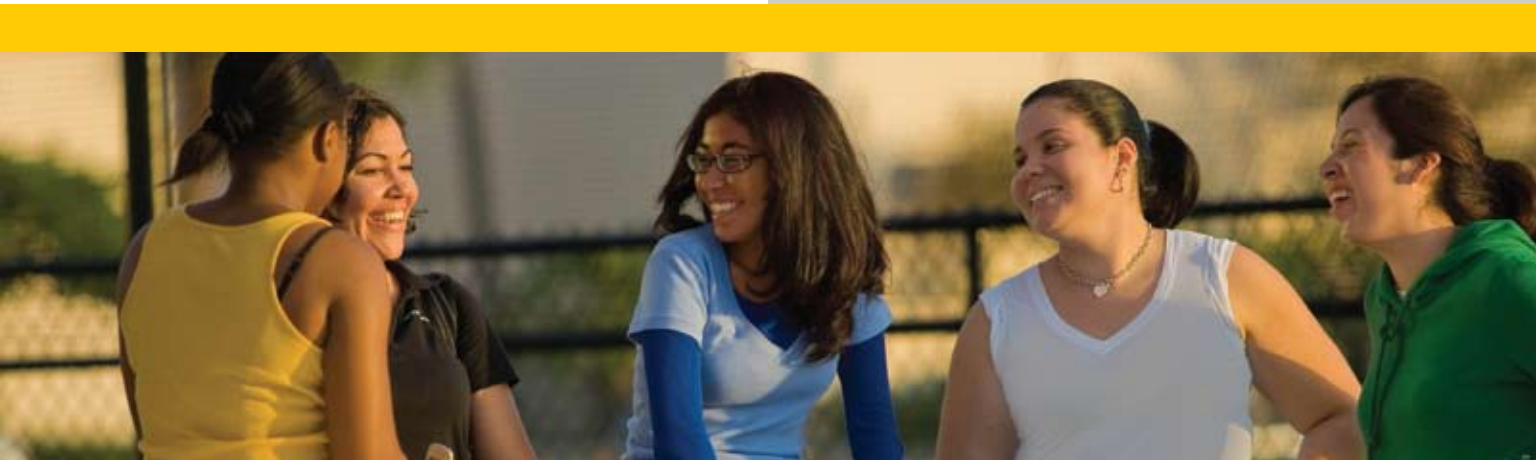
The cooperation of all University community members is necessary to support these efforts. It is important that everyone assume responsibility for his or her personal safety by being alert and immediately reporting suspicious activity on or near campus. Security and courtesy telephones are located throughout campus.

- ▶ **In case of a medical or police emergency, call Campus Safety at (813) 257-7777 (campus ext. 7777).**
- ▶ **If the emergency is life threatening, call 911 first, then contact Campus Safety.**

**AEDs** (automated external defibrillators) are available throughout campus.

### **UT's Annual Security Report**

The University of Tampa's Annual Security Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the University, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, alcohol and drugs, sexual assault, and educational programs and services available to students. Visit [www.ut.edu/safety](http://www.ut.edu/safety). Paper copies are available upon request.



# Security Essentials

This brochure highlights the essentials of campus safety and security. The primary and most extensive resource for campus safety information is [www.ut.edu/safety](http://www.ut.edu/safety).



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## UT's Campus Safety Office

The University's Department of Campus Safety is at 720 B Street in the ResCom Clubhouse, next to the Thomas Parking Garage.

**The University employs 34 security personnel. Officers are on duty 24/7 every day of the year.**

The Florida Department of State licenses all officers. Most UT security personnel have law enforcement or military experience and are trained to handle any type of safety and security situation.

Campus Safety maintains a close working relationship with the Tampa Police Department and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Both agencies routinely provide backup and support on campus. State-of-the-art equipment allows UT officers to communicate directly with local, county and state entities (police, fire, rescue) in an emergency.

## Residence Hall Safeguards

Residence halls are locked and monitored 24/7. Access is limited to residents, escorted guests and UT staff. There are also security cameras in public areas, including elevators, and door-prop alarms.

Residence hall professionals live on campus, providing 24-hour coverage. Student resident assistants also live on each floor and are on duty every evening. All Residence Life staff members undergo training on prevention of and response to safety and security issues. Off-campus halls receive the same level of attention to security, including regular officer patrols, shuttle service to/from campus and RAs on every floor.

Residents should keep their rooms locked at all times, even when occupied. Lost keys should be reported immediately so the lock can be changed.



## Parking Garage Security

The Thomas and West Parking garages are well-lit, equipped with emergency security phones and surveillance cameras on each level and are patrolled by Campus Safety officers.

The Thomas Parking Garage (810 North B Street) is immediately adjacent to the Campus Safety office.

The West Parking Garage (514 North Boulevard), next to the Martinez Sports Center, is also equipped with card-access vehicle and pedestrian gates and an on-site Campus Safety officer 24/7 while school is in session.

## Review these tips at

[www.ut.edu/safety](http://www.ut.edu/safety)

- ▶ Personal Safety
- ▶ Vehicle Theft Prevention
- ▶ Protecting Your Personal Property
- ▶ Things to Remember When Out at Night

## Safe Escort on Campus

Student Government's LASER Team (Law Abiding Students Ever Ready) provides safe escort by golf card for anyone walking on campus after 7 p.m.

**For a safe escort to on-campus destinations at night, call ext. 4515 or (813) 257-4515 from your cell phone.**

This service is available during the fall and spring terms, until 1 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday and until 2 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. Campus Safety officers are also available to assist.



## Educational Programs

From the first day of orientation and throughout the year, various educational programs on safety and security are provided for students. Topics include electronic engraver, anti-theft, residence hall and room safety, alcohol emergencies, prescription and other drug use, sexual assault, robbery prevention, fire safety, drinking and driving, self-defense and campus safety.

Focusing on personal safety, the goal of these programs is to make the University environment as safe as possible by raising awareness and emphasizing the importance of individual responsibility in reducing opportunities for crime.

Safety education resources for the University community are available from several departments: Campus Safety, Dean of Students, Residence Life, Health and Counseling Center, Office of Student Leadership and Engagement and the Baccalaureate Experience.



## Silent Witness Program

Information about a safety issue, incident or crime can be reported anonymously using UT's online Silent Witness form at [www.ut.edu/safety](http://www.ut.edu/safety).

Information can also be reported to [silentwitness@ut.edu](mailto:silentwitness@ut.edu). All information is strictly confidential.

## Students of Concern

The goal of the Students of Concern program is to identify students in our community who appear to be troubled or troubling and to intervene before the student reaches a crisis level.

The support and participation of students, staff, faculty and parents is needed to report information to the Dean of Students Office. The Students of Concern committee, which includes, as needed, members of the Baccalaureate Experience, International Programs, Health and Counseling Center, Campus Safety, Residence Life, and the Dean of Students Office, evaluates the information and decides how to proceed in working with the reported student.

To submit a Student of Concern report go to [www.ut.edu/deanofstudents](http://www.ut.edu/deanofstudents).



## Sexual Assault/University Advocate

The University has a designated victim's advocate to assist victims of sexual assault/misconduct. The advocate will help victims examine options and make personal choices.

This may include reporting to campus and local authorities, gaining medical attention, receiving emotional support through counseling referrals or on-campus providers, or filing a report with the Office of Student Conduct. The University will change a victim's academic and living situations after an alleged sex offense, if requested and reasonably available.

Contact a victim's advocate directly at (813) 257-3900, via your Residence Life staff member, or through Campus Safety at ext. 7777 or (813) 257-7777.



## Emergency Operations

The Emergency Operations Team reviews and updates the University Emergency Operations Plan annually and stands ready to implement the plan when there is a disruption of routine institutional operations or a potential danger to the University community. The University president and team members assess the severity of the situation and decide if a state of emergency may be declared when:



University community members may be in danger (e.g., flooding, fire).



A potentially threatening situation is developing (e.g., hurricane is forming).



Routine institutional operations may be disrupted (e.g., loss of life).



Damage has occurred in areas adjacent to the campus (e.g., explosion, tornado).



Governmental/emergency agencies request it (e.g., toxic fumes, bomb threat).



Deemed appropriate due to any unusual or threatening circumstances.



## Emergency Communications

The University offers a **free emergency text messaging service, SMART (Spartan Mobile AleRT)** to students, faculty and staff. This opt-in service will be used only in potential or developing emergency circumstances. In the event of an emergency, subscribers will receive a UT text alert advising them of the situation and how to get additional information. UT SMART service cell phone numbers are not shared or sold to vendors or outside parties. Log on to SpartanWeb and click on the Spartan Mobile AleRT link on the left to sign up.

The UT Web site, [www.ut.edu](http://www.ut.edu), is the most important resource for current emergency information. The University also uses global e-mails, Blackboard, voicemail, flyers, local media and other tools as needed to announce closings and other weather-related communications.

In case of an evacuation, the UT phone message system and Web site will be maintained at remote locations. For more information, visit [www.ut.edu](http://www.ut.edu) or call UT's toll-free number (888)-646-2738. Please use these important resources for updated information during emergencies.

## A StormReady Community

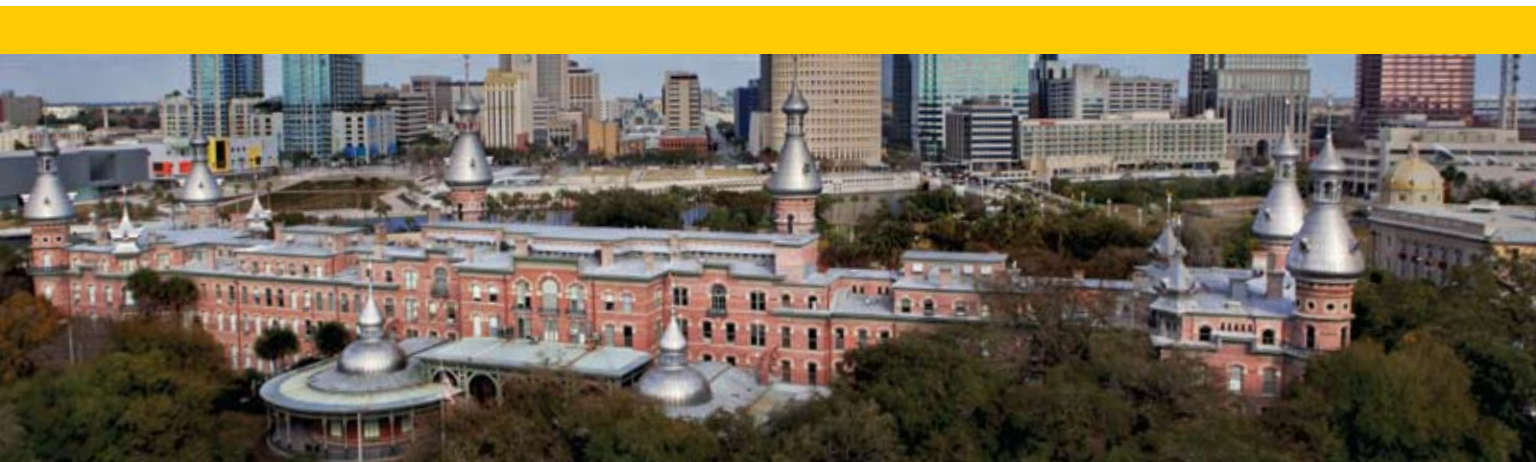
In 2009 the National Weather Service recognized the University as a StormReady



community, prepared to react to severe weather such as hurricanes, tornados and storms. In the event of inclement weather, UT, which has its own online weather station, will use a number of communication vehicles, such as the SMART text messaging service, global e-mail, desktop alerts, Web site updates and instant messaging with National Weather Service meteorologists.

## Campus Safety Committee

The University has a standing committee responsible for addressing campus-wide safety issues, including UT's compliance with Clery Act requirements. The committee is comprised of representatives from the offices of Student Leadership and Engagement, Residence Life, Campus Safety and other administrators. It meets regularly to review the University's safety policies, materials and educational programs.



# Important Contact Information

## Campus Safety

ResCom Clubhouse • 720 W. North B St. (between ResCom and Thomas Parking Garage)

From on campus ..... ext. 7777

From off campus or cell phones..... (813) 257-7777

E-mail ..... CampusSafety@ut.edu

## Emergencies Only

From on campus ..... 9-911

From off campus or cell phones (then call Campus Safety).....911

Tampa Fire Department ..... (813) 223-4211

Tampa General Hospital..... (813) 251-7000

Tampa Police Department ..... (813) 231-6130

Emergency Campus Info (closings, evacuation)..... (888) 646-2738

Dean of Students Office..... (813) 253-6204

Office of Residence Life..... (813) 253-6239

Health and Wellness Center, Stephen F. and Marsha Dickey ..... (813) 253-6250

Facilities Management..... (813) 253-6227

Students of Concern Report ..... (813) 253-6204 or 257-3757

Silent Witness e-mail address .....silentwitness@ut.edu

## Safe Escort (LASER Team)

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