The University of Tampa does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status.
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.

**Annual Security Report**

The University of Tampa’s Annual Security and Fire Safety 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.
Campus Safety Office

The University’s Department of Campus Safety is at 720 W. North B St. in the ResCom Clubhouse, next to the Thomas Parking Garage.

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

Florida’s Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services licenses all officers. Most UT safety 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. UT’s off-campus hall receives the same level of attention to security, including 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.
Safe Escort on Campus

Student Government’s LASER Team (Law Abiding Students Ever Ready) provides safe escort by golf cart for anyone walking on campus.

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

Days
Monday–Thursday........9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Friday.............................11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Nights
Sunday–Wednesday ...7 p.m.–1 a.m.
Thursday–Saturday .....7 p.m.–2 a.m.

This service is available during the fall and spring terms. Campus Safety officers are also available to assist.

Parking Garage Security

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

The Thomas Parking Garage (710 W. North B St.) is immediately adjacent to the Campus Safety office.

The West Parking Garage (314 North Boulevard), next to the Martinez Athletics Center, is also equipped with card-access vehicle and pedestrian gates and is monitored by Campus Safety.

Review these tips at

www.ut.edu/safety/personal

- Personal Safety
- Vehicle Theft Prevention
- Protecting Your Personal Property
- Things to Remember When Out at Night
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, Dickey Health and Wellness 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/silentwitness.

Information can also be reported to 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 and to intervene before the student reaches a crisis level.

The support and participation of the 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, Dickey Health and Wellness 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.
Sexual Assault/Victim’s 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, and filing a report with the Office of Student Conduct. The University can 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 service will be used only in potential or developing emergency circumstances. In the event of an emergency, students, faculty and staff will receive a UT text alert advising them of the situation and how to get additional information. Cell phone numbers utilized by the UT SMART service are not shared or sold to vendors or outside parties.

The UT website, www.ut.edu, is the most important resource for current emergency information. The University also uses global emails, 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 website will be maintained at remote locations. For more information, visit www.ut.edu or call UT’s toll-free number at (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. UT has its own online weather station and THOR Guard lightning warning system. In the event of inclement weather, a number of communication methods are used, including the SMART text messaging service, global email, desktop alerts, website 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
Email ........................................................................................................................................ CampusSafety@ut.edu

Emergencies Only
From on campus ................................................................................................................................. 911 or 9-911
From off campus or cell phones (then call Campus Safety) ......................................................... 911
Tampa Fire Department .................................................................................................................... (813) 232-6800
Tampa General Hospital .................................................................................................................. (813) 844-7000
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
Dickey Health and Wellness Center ............................................................................................ (813) 253-6250
Facilities Management ................................................................................................................. (813) 253-6227
Students of Concern Program .................................................................................................... (813) 257-3757
Silent Witness email address ........................................................................................................ silentwitness@ut.edu

Safe Escort (LASER Team)
From on campus ................................................................................................................................. ext. 4515
From off campus or cell phones ..................................................................................................... (813) 257-4515

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