

Campus Safety



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 Student Affairs, work together to promote a safe educational environment. UT's 110-acre campus is patrolled 24/7 by Campus Safety staff.

The cooperation of all University community members is necessary to support these efforts. It is important that everyone assume responsibility for their personal safety by being alert and immediately reporting suspicious activity on or near campus.

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

This brochure highlights the essentials of campus safety at UT. The primary and most extensive resource for campus safety information is ut.edu/safety.

DEPARTMENT OF CAMPUS SAFETY

The University's Department of Campus Safety is on the first floor of the Daly Innovation and Collaboration Building, located at 820 W. North A St. The University employs 42 full-time Campus Safety staff members, with officers on duty 24/7. Florida's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services licenses all officers. Most UT safety personnel have law enforcement or military experience and all 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. UT officers communicate directly with local, county and state entities (police, fire, rescue) in an emergency.

ANNUAL SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY 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 ut.edu/safety. Paper copies are available upon request.

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. Most residential doors are controlled through a card access system and staffed in the evening by Campus Safety security assistants.

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-site residence hall, the Barrymore Hotel, 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.

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 includes representatives from all areas of the University, and meets regularly to review the University's safety policies, materials and educational programs.

SAFE ESCORT ON CAMPUS

A safety escort service is offered by the LASER (Law Abiding Students Ever Ready) Team during fall and spring semesters for University community members. This service provides transport assistance for general safety, or due to injury, disability or adverse weather.

For a safe escort, call (813) 257-4515 during the team's hours of operation:

Monday through Wednesday: 9 a.m.–1 a.m.

Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m.–2 a.m.

Saturday: 6 p.m.–2 a.m.

Sunday: 6 p.m.–1 a.m.

Hours are subject to change based on driver availability and University holidays and breaks. Campus Safety officers are also available to assist disabled or injured students.

PARKING GARAGE SECURITY

The Thomas, Delaware and West parking garages are well-lit, equipped with surveillance cameras on each level and patrolled by Campus Safety officers.

The Thomas Parking Garage is adjacent to the Campus Safety office, the Delaware Parking Garage is located near the Naimoli Family Athletic and Intramural Complex and the West Parking Garage is next to the Martinez Athletics Center.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Beginning with orientation and throughout the school year, various educational programs on safety and security are provided for students. Topics include anti-theft strategies, bystander intervention programs, residence hall and room safety, alcohol emergencies, prescription and other drug use, sexual assault and interpersonal violence, robbery prevention, fire safety, drinking and driving, self-defense and general 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 are available from departments including Campus Safety, Student Affairs, Residence Life, the Dickey Health and Wellness Center, the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement and the Baccalaureate Experience.

Visit ut.edu/safety/personal to review tips about:

- Personal safety
- Vehicle theft prevention
- Protecting your personal property
- Things to remember when out at night
- Cybersafety

SPARTAN SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Spartan Support Program identifies and addresses students who may be struggling in ways that interfere with learning, development, success and community welfare. Student support is accomplished through campus and community collaboration, which may include assessment, triage, recommendation and utilization of resources, and individual planning and monitoring. To submit a Spartan Support report go to ut.edu/spartansupport.

SILENT WITNESS PROGRAM

Information about a safety issue, incident or crime can be reported anonymously using UT's online Silent Witness form at ut.edu/silentwitness. Information can also be reported to silentwitness@ut.edu. All information is strictly confidential.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND VICTIM ADVOCACY

The University has a designated victim 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. More information is available at ut.edu/victimadvocacy.

Contact a victim advocate directly at (813) 257-3900, via your Residence Life staff member or through Campus Safety at (813) 257-7777. You may also contact the program through victimadvocacy@ut.edu.



EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The University offers a free emergency text messaging service, SMART (Spartan Mobile AleRT) to students, faculty and staff. This service is used only in potential or developing emergency circumstances. In the event of an emergency, students, faculty and staff 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, 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, selected UT communication systems will be maintained at remote locations. For updated information during emergencies, visit ut.edu or call UT's toll-free number at (888) 646-2738.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

The Emergency Operations Team reviews and updates the University Emergency Operations Plan biennially and stands ready to implement the plan when there is a disruption of routine institutional operations or a potential danger to the UT 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).
- 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.

A STORMREADY COMMUNITY

The National Weather Service has recognized the University as a StormReady community, prepared to react to severe weather such as hurricanes, tornadoes 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 and website updates.





IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Campus Safety

Daly Innovation and Collaboration Building (first floor)
820 W. North A St.
(813) 257-7777
CampusSafety@ut.edu

Safe Escort (LASER Team)

(813) 257-4515

Emergencies Only

911

Tampa Fire Department (813) 232-6800

Tampa General Hospital (813) 844-7000

Tampa Police Department (813) 231-6130

Emergency Campus Information
(closings, evacuation) (888) 646-2738

Vice President for Student Affairs/
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

Spartan Support Program (813) 257-3901

Silent Witness email address silentwitness@ut.edu

AEDs (automated external defibrillators) are available throughout campus and locations may be found on the campus map.



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