

The University of Arizona Police Department is committed to providing a safe and secure environment to the university community.

Crime prevention is a constant pursuit for this department. In order To keep the public informed and involved the Crime Prevention Unit conducts security surveys, crime prevention seminars and presentations on safety and security. In addition to these services, we also provide personal safety and awareness programs and new student orientation.

“Bear Down” against crime on the University of Arizona Campus

The University of Arizona has a daily population of approximately 50,000. It is not isolated from crime.

Students, Faculty and Staff are expected to obey the laws of the State of Arizona and the rules and regulations of the University while taking personal responsibility for their conduct. These suggestions are intended to increase your awareness of your responsibility and to give you information on how to respond to situations you may face.

Residence Halls and Greek housing can contribute greatly to their own safety, to the safety of others and to the protection of university and personal property.

By adopting an attitude of individual responsibility, you will enhance the quality of life on this campus. The Department of Residence Life and the Dean of Students strongly encourage the implementation of these practices for your benefit and that of the University community.

It should be stressed that the guidelines which follow are not guaranteed to protect you in all situations. However, following these guidelines, you will increase your ability to appropriately handle unforeseen problems and circumstances. An involved and caring citizenry, one in which each individual assumes responsibility for his/her own safety and contributes to the community's well being, is the best assurance of a safe and secure environment.

CRIME PREVENTION

Crime Prevention means being aware of your environment and remaining alert to the situations that could make you vulnerable to crime. We cannot list specific measures that will protect you from every threatening situation which may arise.

Instead, we hope to teach you how to think “crime prevention” in day-to-day living. The suggestions presented should not be thought of as a list of crime prevention measures, but as examples of common-sense behavior that will help you make life safer and more secure.

Throughout the year, UAPD gives a number of crime prevention programs to a wide variety of groups, both on and off campus. Topics range from personal safety and sexual assault prevention to safety and security when spending time in Mexico.

UAPD is committed to meeting the needs of the community by presenting these programs, literally, around the clock.

To inquire or ask about a crime prevention program contact, Officer Frank Romero or Andrew Valenzuela, Crime Prevention Specialists at 520-621-4219.

PROTECT YOURSELF

LOCK THE DOOR to your apartment or residence hall when you are alone, asleep, or out of the room. You need the extra protection a locked door affords.

DO NOT OPEN your door to strangers. If your door has a peep hole, use it to identify visitors before allowing access. Report any problems with your door's security devices immediately to your Hall Director or to your apartment manager.

DO NOT GIVE YOUR NAME, address, or phone number to strangers. If you have your name published in the local telephone directory, use only initials and do not list your address.

WHEN GOING OUT, tell your roommate or a friend or a staff member where you are going, with whom, and when you expect to return. If you choose to stay out, call that person and let him/her know.

AT NIGHT, travel in well lighted areas. Avoid “shortcuts” through dark alleyways or deserted areas.

UTILIZE ASUA SAFERIDE This is a safe and free way to travel between UA buildings and parking lots during the evening hours. **520-621-SAFE.** (7233)

WALK FACING TRAFFIC whenever possible. This increases awareness of potential traffic hazards and also reduces the possibility of being followed by someone in a vehicle. Avoid walking by the curb or near buildings or shrubbery. Walk in the middle of the sidewalk with confidence.

IF YOU FEEL THREATENED or suspect that you are being followed, walk toward lighted areas where there are people. Look over your shoulder frequently - this lets the follower know that you are aware of both his presence and your surroundings.

EMERGENCY BLUE LIGHT PHONES give you direct access to UAPD. Blue lights mark their locations. Use these telephones to contact the police department for any reason. If in an emergency you are unable to talk to the dispatcher, just knock the receiver off the cradle or push the button. A police officer will respond to that location.

WHEN RIDING IN A CAR, keep the doors locked. Park in the most lighted area you can find. Upon returning to your car, have your keys ready as you approach your vehicle. Before you get in to your vehicle, check the back and front seats to ensure that the car is empty.

DO NOT PICK UP HITCHHIKERS and do not hitchhike.

IF SOMETHING MAKES YOU LOOK TWICE OR FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE, CALL THE POLICE. REPORT ANY UNUSUAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY BY DIALING 9-1-1.

USE THE TELEPHONE ON YOUR TERMS, not the caller's. Do not talk to someone unless you want to. If the caller makes an obscene or improperly suggestive remark, HANGUP. Contact police should if the telephone calls continue.

The **OASIS Program** for Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence at Campus Health offers counseling as well as self-defense courses for women through the RAD program. Contact Tina Tarin at 520-626-6265.