

Call Security if you suspect a crime is being or has been committed. Call if you suspect a burglary, an unfamiliar person inside or outside your dorm, a theft of a bike– Security needs and wants your assistance. Never hesitate to seek help if you have been a victim of crime. Your call for help may aid in preventing someone else from being victimized. If Security does not know, changes can not be made to prevent incidents from taking place in the future.



If you see an incident taking place and would like to report it anonymous, go to Security's web page and click on the **Anonymous Reporting Form**. All the information that you provide will be kept strictly confidential. Just answer the questions that appear in the form.

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**Preventing
Campus
Crime**

**Crimes against
students are
not uncommon.**



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Factors to Campus Crime

Demographic Characteristics

- * The college population is youthful.
- 62% are between 18 to 24 years old.
- Have the highest violent victimization rates compared with other age groups.
- 16 to 19 year olds, 2nd highest theft rate.

Attractive Target

- The number of college student and property that is brought to campus provide an ample supply for criminals.
- The number of victims change every term, especially in the fall.

Lacking Guardianship

- Students are often poor guardians of themselves and their property.
- The campus setting and calendar do not provide guardianship at all times.
- Campuses are accessible during all hours.
- Many campuses are park-like settings.

Recreational Use of Alcohol and Drugs

- Binge drinking has a large effect on criminal activity.
- Most offenders of crimes were perceived to have been drinking, taking drugs, or both.
- Leads to crimes ranging from vandalism to assault and sexual assault.
- Students who had committed multiple crimes, reported using drugs and alcohol at the time of committing the crime.



Proximity to The Perpetrator

- 80% of victimizations committed against students were by fellow students.
- Proximity to the offender raises concerns with physical and sexual assaults, vandalism, and threatening and harassing behavior.

Ways to Prevent Crime on Campus

Take the time for the members of the campus community. Being an active part of a supportive network can help prevent crime, contribute to the community and build community safety. Taking action in the campus community is extremely important. By getting involved and participating in crime prevention programs helps build healthy communities; people can feel less vulnerable.

Reduce the opportunities for crime. People have a lot more power to prevent crime than they think. Be good guardians of yourself, your property and the community. Limit your consumption of alcohol, keep your room door locked at all times and remember prop doors lead to criminal activity inside residents halls. Practice risk reduction to prevent the opportunity of crime from taking place.

