

# SAFER LIVING GUIDE

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# UNIVERSITY POLICE

**WELCOME** to The University of Alabama. One of our highest priorities is the safety and well-being of all members of our community- students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The University of Alabama takes a comprehensive approach to safety employing a three pronged approach of education, environment, and enforcement. To achieve this goal, we invest significant resources in a variety of activities and initiatives designed to increase the security of our community members and to increase our students' ability to make responsible decisions that enhance their well-being. Creating this positive environment on our campus and the surrounding business and residential neighborhoods takes a team approach involving all University community members.

At The University of Alabama, the employees within the area of Public Safety work to help you maintain your personal safety by providing law enforcement, environmental safety, security, emergency preparedness, and educational programming services. The areas within Public Safety include the University Police (UAPD), Environmental Health and Safety (EHS), Security Resources (SR), Access Control, and Emergency Preparedness. All of these areas share information you can use to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of a crime or an accident.

The University of Alabama Police Department (UAPD) is a nationally accredited law enforcement agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). UAPD is comprised of sworn police officers with arrest powers. The State of Alabama through the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (APOSTC) certifies that each UAPD officer meets established standards. The University of Alabama Police Department always has police officers on duty and can respond to calls for service any time of day or night. UAPD also provides the array of services outlined in this publication, including educational programs about personal safety and crime prevention.

Environmental Health and Safety focuses on fire and environmental safety at the University through educational programs and frequent inspections of UA buildings and facilities. With its staff of security assistants, Security Resources concentrates on the physical security of UA buildings. Access Control includes a staff of locksmiths and security alarm technicians as well as Crimson Choice, UA's preferred residential rental educational program. Crimson Choice staff helps UA parents, students, and property owners make informed decisions about physical security and safety concerning off-campus housing options. Emergency Preparedness works with all the divisions of the University concentrating on the planning process so that the University may maintain a continuity of operation during a crisis or emergency. This area of responsibility addresses the emergency management phases of prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

**Personal safety starts with you.** Protect yourself by becoming informed and using good judgment. Take the first step toward protecting yourself by familiarizing yourself with safety procedures and services detailed in this guide. Remember: Always use good sense, and don't hesitate to contact the University of Alabama Police Department, Environmental Health and Safety, Security Resources, or Access Control when you need help or more information about our services.

Sincerely,



Steve Tucker

Assistant Vice President for Public Safety  
The University of Alabama

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**WELCOME** to the University of Alabama. The University of Alabama Police Department seeks to partner with community members to promote a safe environment in which to live, learn, and work. The men and women of the University of Alabama Police Department strive each day to provide the highest quality law enforcement services to the students, faculty, staff and visitors that comprise the University of Alabama family. We proactively seek to reduce the opportunity for crime to occur by emphasizing community education, utilizing advanced technologies to promote safety and deliver relevant safety information, maintaining a highly visible, responsive patrol presence, and by actively pursuing justice when criminal incidents do occur. We believe that a three-tiered approach of education, environment, and enforcement is instrumental to the positive influence of safety within our community.

University of Alabama police officers are always working and available to assist you. The department provides a comprehensive array of law enforcement services twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year through a dedicated staff of sixty-six sworn, state commissioned police officers and sixteen full-time support personnel. All UA police officers are certified by the Alabama Peace Officers Minimum Standards Commission and have the same authorities and must meet the same expectations as law enforcement officers in any community. Additionally, the UAPD is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, an international organization that certifies an agency's compliance with a comprehensive body of modern professional law enforcement and management standards. The UAPD is one of only five departments in the State of Alabama, and one of less than fifty campus law enforcement agencies in the United States, that holds CALEA-accreditation.

While the UAPD works diligently to promote a safe environment, personal safety starts with you. You can enhance your safety by becoming informed and by using good judgment. Take the initiative to familiarize yourself with the safety information and services offered by the University of Alabama. An excellent place to start is the *Safer Living Guide*, the University's publication that outlines safety procedures and services, and by watching the *Safe@UA* video, an interactive guide to student safety. Both of these resources can be accessed through the police department's website. Don't stop there, however. Follow-up by attending one of the many educational programs provided by our community police officers or community services staff. Sign up for the free services the University provides to promote safety, such as **UA Alerts**, your link to vital emergency communications, and **GUARDIAN**, a service that works through your cell phone to provide instant access to the police department, as well as allowing you to set up your own personal virtual escort service. Finally, get involved! There are a number of organizations and community groups that take an active role in promoting quality of life and safety on the University and within the surrounding community. By educating yourself and taking part, you can positively influence your community and take away valuable safety skills that will benefit you wherever the road may lead you beyond the University of Alabama.

I hope your time here at the University of Alabama proves to be among the most treasured in your life. If you should ever need the assistance of the UAPD, please do not hesitate to call us – we are here to help you!

Sincerely,



Timothy Summerlin  
Interim Chief of Police

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

The University of Alabama has a comprehensive emergency plan in place to deal with any crisis that may occur on campus. The University of Alabama Police Department (UAPD) is a fully accredited law enforcement agency with highly trained professional officers who are prepared to respond to emergencies of all types, including gunmen or shootings. All UAPD officers have gone through specific training regarding emergency situations and regularly participate in training exercises. In addition, UAPD has a mutual aid agreement with the Tuscaloosa Police Department, the Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue, and the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office and can draw upon their resources if needed.

In a crisis or emergency, the **primary focus** of UAPD will be to locate and confront the threat immediately.

### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

The University is fully prepared to notify the University community of emergencies through a variety of methods:

- Phone
- Email
- Web sites
- Broadcast media
- P/A system
- UA Alerts

Community members should tune to local radio and television stations for additional information that would assist them.

### PERSONAL SAFETY IN CRITICAL SITUATIONS

When there are incidents of violence in a school setting, initial reactions by those affected are critical. Any violent act is tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving. Preparedness and response for unpredictable incidents may vary with each situation. Each individual must evaluate the specific situation and make the best decision(s) regarding their own safety. Immediate and accurate information from witnesses will be instrumental to the mitigation of the incident.

At the onset of a critical situation, the following steps should be followed:

- Seek a safe location.
- Immediately notify UAPD at (205) 348-5454 (or 911 from a 347 or 348 phone).
- When you call UAPD, remain calm and provide your present building location and specific room number.
- Provide a complete description of the suspect(s) including any observed weapons and suspect(s) last know location.
- Provide the location of any injured victims.
- Stay on the phone with the UAPD communications operator until the operator advises that you are no longer needed.
- Once law enforcement officers are on the scene, they will move through the area/building to assist you.
- Follow all directions from law enforcement officers immediately.

If during a crisis, you have decided that your safest strategy is for you to stay in an office or classroom, it is suggested that you:

- Close and secure the door. If the door has a window, stay out of sight.
- Seek shelter under/behind heavy furniture that might hide your presence.
- Quietly call UAPD and provide the same information listed above.

If during a crisis, you are on the perimeter of an incident, it is suggested that you:

- Stay out of the area in a safe location.
- Please do not add to the confusion by becoming a curious bystander.
- Follow any directives given by law enforcement officers.

### SUMMARY

The University of Alabama is prepared to handle all aspects of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. You should give thought and consideration to what you would do in an emergency. Familiarizing yourself with the information in this guide will help you and others in a time of crisis.

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## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

If someone on campus needs emergency medical care, call 911. The call will reach the University Police. Usually, a police officer will be the first emergency official to arrive. In addition to police, a local ambulance service and paramedics from the Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue Service will respond. When you call 911, remember:

- The victim should not be moved, except to be removed from life-threatening conditions.
- Someone should stay with the victim until help arrives.
- Give complete directions to the victim's location.
- Accurately describe what happened.
- Stay on the line until the Police Communications Operator tells you to hang up.
- Guide emergency officials to the victim.
- Stay out of the way, and keep others out of the way of emergency officials. Before you leave the scene, check with a police officer to see if further information is needed.

## FIRE EMERGENCIES

In the event of a fire on or off campus, sound the nearest fire alarm in the building. Exit the building, then call 911. Tell the Police Communications Operator your name and address, and the location and extent of the fire. If you know of any people with disabilities in the building, tell the Police Communications Operator about them. Assign an escort to each person with a disability. If you think it's possible, confine the fire by closing nearby windows and doors, but never linger in a building in which smoke or fumes threaten to overcome you. Exit the building quickly and calmly. Do not use elevators, but follow the lighted exit signs to the closest fire exit. When possible, follow the posted evacuation route.

Meet emergency officials outside the building and inform them of the location of the fire.

Remain outside at a safe distance, and keep others away from the building and from emergency vehicles. In all cases, follow the instructions of fire and police personnel on the scene. Fire prevention tips are available from Environmental Health and Safety by calling (205) 348-5905.

## HOMELAND SECURITY

If you receive a threat, or know of a threat, that could affect the well-being or safety of the University community, contact University Police immediately at 911 or (205) 348-5454. Provide as much information about the situation as possible. University Police will respond to, analyze, and evaluate the situation to determine the next course of action.

## PERSONAL SAFETY ON CAMPUS SECURITY AND ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

Academic and administrative facilities are locked after their business hours. Students and staff with access to buildings for after-hours work must lock doors behind them after they enter and are encouraged to follow all personal safety precautions. If you are alone at night in a campus building, be sure a friend knows where you are and when you'll return home. (If you don't leave on schedule, remember to let your friend know.) Never prop open a secured door to a building or residence hall. If you see a propped door, close it. In the residence halls, don't permit anyone other than your guest to enter the building. If you see an unescorted male in a women's residence hall, tell the RA or notify University Police immediately.

## THE GUARDIAN PROGRAM

We recognize that there are times when a student may want to take advantage of additional personal safety options. Students who sign up for the GUARDIAN program can use their cell phones to notify UAPD at the touch of a single button if they need emergency assistance

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or to set a passive timer based on their expected arrival time at a destination on campus or in the Tuscaloosa area. If a student initiates an emergency call or if the notification timer is not deactivated, GUARDIAN software provides UAPD with critical profile information and, in most cases, GPS information to help contact and locate the student if necessary. If the student deactivates the notification timer when he/she reaches the destination, no information is forwarded to UAPD. To sign-up for the GUARDIAN program, students should go to <http://mybama.ua.edu> and select the GUARDIAN link. There is no charge to sign-up for or use the program.

## EMERGENCY PHONES

Learn the locations of the bright blue emergency phones around campus. Each phone is clearly marked, and each is a direct line to the University Police Communications Operator. No dialing is necessary. In an emergency, all you need to do is push the red button. Refer to the “Walk on the Bright Side Map” for blue phone locations. Most passenger elevators on campus have emergency lines that operate the same way as the emergency phones. Push the red button marked “Emergency” a University Police Communications Operator will answer.

## CELLULAR PHONES

Enter the numbers of all local law enforcement agencies at the top of your cell phone directory. (For a listing, see this guide’s back cover.) Place the University Police number, (205) 348-5454, on your speed dial. Remember, dialing 911 from your cellular phone will connect you to the local 911 center. If you need the assistance of UAPD, the operator will transfer your call to UAPD dispatch. UAPD offers free stickers to go on your cell phone that lists the phone numbers for the four metro police agencies.

## LIGHTING

The University works to ensure that indoor and outdoor lighting on campus contributes to safety. If you see an outdoor light that isn’t working, call University Facilities at (205) 348-6001 and give the information to the work-order clerk or voicemail. Each fall and spring, the Campus Safety and Security Committee holds a lighting tour to review that current equipment is adequate and maintained. You’re invited to join the tour and comment on lighting. Call University Police at (205) 348-5454 for details. Refer to the “Walk on the Bright Side Map” for enhanced lighting paths on campus.

## ADVISORIES

When we become aware of a situation that poses an imminent, ongoing threat to the University community, UAPD releases information in the form of an advisory, also known as timely warnings. These advisories are posted on our web page at [police.ua.edu](http://police.ua.edu).

## WEAPONS POLICY ON CAMPUS

Illegal or unauthorized possession of firearms, ammunition, explosives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals by students on University property is not allowed as indicated in the UA Student Code of Conduct. However, students who have sporting, hunting, recreational or target weapons for off campus use may bring the items to UAPD for registration and free storage. Students are asked to bring proper identification, pistol permit (if applicable), the unloaded weapon and ammunition in a secure storage container. The check-in service is available 24 hours a day.

## STALKING

The Alabama criminal code defines stalking as “a person who intentionally and repeatedly follows or harasses another person and who makes a credible threat, either expressed or implied, with the intent to place that person in

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reasonable fear of death or serious bodily harm.” If you believe you are a victim of stalking, contact University Police.

## HARASSMENT

The University of Alabama is committed to providing a working and learning environment that is free from illegal harassment based on race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status. Students, employees, and campus visitors are encouraged to review the University’s on-line training tutorial on harassment (<http://training.newmedialearning.com/psh/ua/>) so that they can understand what is inappropriate behavior that should be reported. Details about to whom an individual should report harassment are found in the policy located at: <http://eop.ua.edu/harrasment.html>.

## DATING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence can exist in several forms: emotional, physical, and sexual. If you are involved in an abusive relationship, remember that no one deserves to be abused or threatened and, in time, the violence may get worse. If you are involved in a violent relationship, call University Police or one of the resources listed on page 22 of this guide.

## ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

It is illegal for any person under the age of 21 to consume or be in possession of any type of alcoholic beverage. Even if you’re just holding the alcoholic drink for a friend and you’re under 21 you may get a citation or be arrested. University Police maintain a strong enforcement position in the area of underage drinking. If you choose to drink alcohol, drink responsibly. Avoid consuming alcohol to the point where you are a danger to yourself or others and can’t make good decisions about your safety. Increased alcohol consumption has been linked to sexually transmitted disease, unwanted pregnancy, and sexual assault.

Combining drugs, including alcohol and prescription drugs, can be very dangerous. Breathing can stop, the heart can stop, and death can occur. Students are increasingly taking prescription stimulants to heighten concentration during study sessions. You risk serious, possibly long-term side effects if you do this. Possession of prescription medication, without a prescription, is a felony.

## DEPRESSION

The stress of classes, moving away from home, forming new relationships, and worrying about the future can lead you to feel like you just can’t cope any longer. Sometimes, these feelings of being overwhelmed disappear after a few days. If they don’t, it may be time to seek professional help. If you or someone you know is experiencing symptoms of depression, contact the UA Counseling Center at (205) 348-3863.

## GAMBLING

The University of Alabama has developed a Financial Health, Debt Management, and Gambling Strategic Health Team. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, the UA Counseling Center provides a completely confidential process of assisting you. You can contact the UA Counseling Center at (205) 348-3863.

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Many times police officers respond to conflicts between individuals or groups. When these situations result in physical injury to one or more parties, a close review of the situation has shown that the original disagreement, in most cases, could have been avoided if one or more of the parties had used better judgment along with suggested resolution techniques. By identifying the reason a person is upset, many times the situation can be resolved prior to it escalating to violence. Alcohol consumption has been shown to play a major role in the probability of any situation turning more adversarial. Remember these important tips:

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- At the first opportunity, call University Police at (205) 348-5454.
- Project calmness: move and speak slowly, quietly, and confidently.
- Be an empathetic listener: encourage the other party to tell you what they believe the problem is and listen patiently.
- If unreasonable behavior persists, calmly describe the consequences of violent behavior.
- At the first opportunity, disengage from the situation and wait for the police.

Once property is damaged or someone is hurt, it's too late to wish you had done the right thing. **THINK BEFORE YOU ACT!**

(Material sources for conflict resolution: *Verbal Judo* by George Thompson, Ph.D. and *How to Deal with Upset People* by Pennie Myers and Don Nance)

## SAFETY ON THE ROAD AND IN PUBLIC PLACES

- Upon parking your car, lock it with the windows up. At night, park as close as possible to lights and activity. When returning to your car, get a friend to go with you if possible. Always check the back seat (including the floor) before entering your vehicle.
- When driving, don't stop for hitchhikers or broken-down vehicles. To help a stranded driver, use a phone and notify police. If you think you are being followed by a person in another vehicle, or being watched, drive to a well-lit, busy public place and call the police. When you arrive home, have your keys in hand as you leave the car.
- Make sure your car stays in good running condition, and you have enough gas. If you have car trouble, raise the hood or tie a handkerchief to the door handle to signal for help. Stay in the locked car, keeping the windows up. If someone stops to help, lower the window one inch and ask the person to call the police or an auto club.
- If your car has a vanity license plate, be sure it doesn't give a criminal useful information about you, such as your name or nickname.

## SAFETY AT HOME

Assaults can occur at your residence. Practice prevention whether you live on campus or off.

- When you enter your residence, close and lock the door immediately. Use dead bolts and keep windows locked when not in use.
- Be smart about keys. Don't leave them outside or in hiding places. Don't lend them to anyone. If you lose your keys, change your locks. Have locks changed before you move in to a new residence.
- Get to know your neighbors and which ones you can trust in an emergency.
- Never open your door to strangers; install and use peep holes. Require proper identification from utility and repair people. If a stranger asks to use your phone, keep your door locked and offer to place the call yourself. If the situation seems suspicious, **CALL POLICE IMMEDIATELY**. Be able to describe the person when you report the incident to police.
- Women who live alone or with other women should use unlisted phone numbers and not list their addresses in the phone book. Don't reveal to a caller that you are alone, and don't give your phone number to a wrong-number caller. Don't leave your name on your answering machine message. Agree with your roommates that none of you will give the following information to an unknown caller:
  - Who is home
  - Who is out
  - When someone will return
- In residence halls, follow all security regulations and tell your RA about unauthorized or suspicious persons.
- Make sure all entrances are well lit.
- If you use a coin-operated laundry, beware of isolated conditions. Go with a friend.

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- When walking, avoid alleys, vacant lots, and shortcuts. Listen for footsteps and voices. Notice cars that pass you more than once or pull up beside you. If someone follows you, go to a public building. If someone follows you on campus, use an emergency blue phone or call University Police, and describe the vehicle and person to the Police Communications Operator.

### PREVENTING ASSAULTS REDUCING YOUR RISK OF ACQUAINTANCE SEXUAL ASSAULTS

Sexual assault is an act of violence. Many believe that sexual assault is a crime committed by strangers in dark alleys, but most sexual assaults are committed by acquaintances or dates. While it is never your fault if you are assaulted, there are measures you can take to decrease your chances of becoming a victim:

- Never accept a date from someone you don't know, especially one that would involve being alone with the person.
- Avoid going to unfamiliar surroundings with someone you don't know very well.

Never be overconfident when it comes to your safety. Removing the opportunity for sexual assault is a big part of protecting yourself. Staying sober is one of your best defenses.

### WHEN ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ARE INVOLVED, YOUR CHANCES OF BEING SEXUALLY ASSAULTED GREATLY INCREASE.

Men should clarify sexual expectations ahead of time. Remember that you are responsible for your actions at all times and being intoxicated is not a legal defense for any sexual assault. Don't make assumptions when it comes to sexual contact. Communicate clearly and always get consent. A person has the right to say "no" at any point and to have that choice be respected.



### REDUCING YOUR RISK OF DRUG-INDUCED SEXUAL ASSAULTS

Unfortunately, university students nationwide have become victims of drug-induced sexual assaults. A person who has been drugged with flunitrazepam (Rohypnol), gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), or scopolamine may experience drowsiness, dizziness, and disorientation. Speech and motor skills may also be affected, with the drugged individual being unable to remember periods of time as long as 10 hours. To protect yourself from drug-induced sexual assaults:

- Never leave your drink unattended.
- Only drink from cans/bottles you open.
- Only consume drinks you have prepared yourself.
- Avoid group drinks (e.g., punch).

If you think you may have been drugged and sexually assaulted, seek medical treatment as outlined in the following "Reporting Sexual Assaults" section.

### REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULTS

If you have been sexually assaulted on campus, report the crime to University Police. If the assault happened off campus, call the Tuscaloosa Police Department (TPD). (University Police can assist you in notifying other law enforcement agencies.) Reporting doesn't mean you must take legal action (that's a choice you can make later),

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but by reporting the crime, you may help to stop the perpetrator from committing more assaults.

If you are sexually assaulted, preserve physical evidence that could be useful in an investigation. **Do not** change clothes, bathe, douche, or use the toilet. **Do** seek medical care immediately, whether or not you report the crime. In addition to taking care of obvious injuries, you need medical care to protect you from sexually transmitted diseases. A physician can also counsel you about the possibility of pregnancy. The Women's Resource Center offers care and counseling free of charge to University students. The center may be contacted at (205) 348-5040 or through University Police.

If you have been sexually assaulted and might consider taking legal action against the assailant, you need to receive medical care at DCH Regional Medical Center, adjacent to the campus, or at Northport Medical Center—DCH. The DCH emergency-room doctors are the only area physicians who give medical exams in which evidence of rape can be obtained and preserved for legal action. Without this evidence, chances for successful prosecution are drastically reduced. The exam should occur as soon as possible after an assault. Bring a change of clothes with you as clothes worn during the assault will be secured as evidence. If you've already changed clothes, bring along any articles that may have blood or semen on them.

## **Reporting an assault doesn't mean you must take legal action but reporting may help stop the criminal.**

**Transportation:** If you need transportation to the Student Health Center, DCH Regional Medical Center, or Northport Medical Center—DCH, contact University Police at (205) 348-5454.

**Confidential Reporting:** Even if you are entirely certain you won't take legal action, we encourage you to contact the Student Health Center at (205) 348-6262 for medical care and the WRC at (205) 348-5040 for counseling. Local news media receive notice of assaults reported to the University Police so that others are alerted; names of victims are not released and their privacy is stringently protected at all times by the University. No one will pressure you to report the attack if you choose not to, and your parents will not be notified (Currently, during fall and spring semesters, the Student Health Center is open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday; and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The SHC is closed on weekends in the summer, and on game days).

**Confidential Counseling:** Student victims of sexual assault or relationship violence can seek confidential counseling services through the Women's Resource Center (WRC) or the UA Counseling Center. The WRC offers a Victim Advocacy Program for victims of dating/domestic violence or sexual assault. The program provides confidential counseling and advocacy for victims (including individual and group counseling), accompaniment to a hospital immediately after an assault, information and referral for campus or community resources, and assistance with making changes in the academic or living environment. Information and support are also available for family and friends of victims. Contact the WRC victim advocate by calling (205) 348-5040, or by calling University Police (205) 348-5454 after regular business hours.

## **ON-CAMPUS LIVING DRIVING ON CAMPUS**

University Police and other local police agencies enforce all state laws governing the operation of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. Be sure to obey traffic regulations at all times; you may be cited or jailed, depending on the severity of the traffic violation or condition of the driver.

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## PARKING ON CAMPUS

Parking Services is responsible for all functions relating to the management, maintenance, and planning of campus parking lots and parking garages, the issuance of parking permits, the collection of enforcement charges for parking and traffic violations, the acceptance of appeals from such violations, parking information services, and the administration of athletic and special event parking. Parking Services is a division of Transportation Services and is located in the Student Services Building; you may contact them at (205) 348-5471.

## MOTORIST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP).

If you ever have car trouble on campus, you do have a friend in MAP, the University's Motorist Assistance Program. MAP employees offer free assistance 24 hours a day with vehicle problems. When you need motorist assistance, call (205) 348-0121 and give your name, location, and information on the problem. A UA MAP employee, in a distinctly marked vehicle, will be sent to assist you.

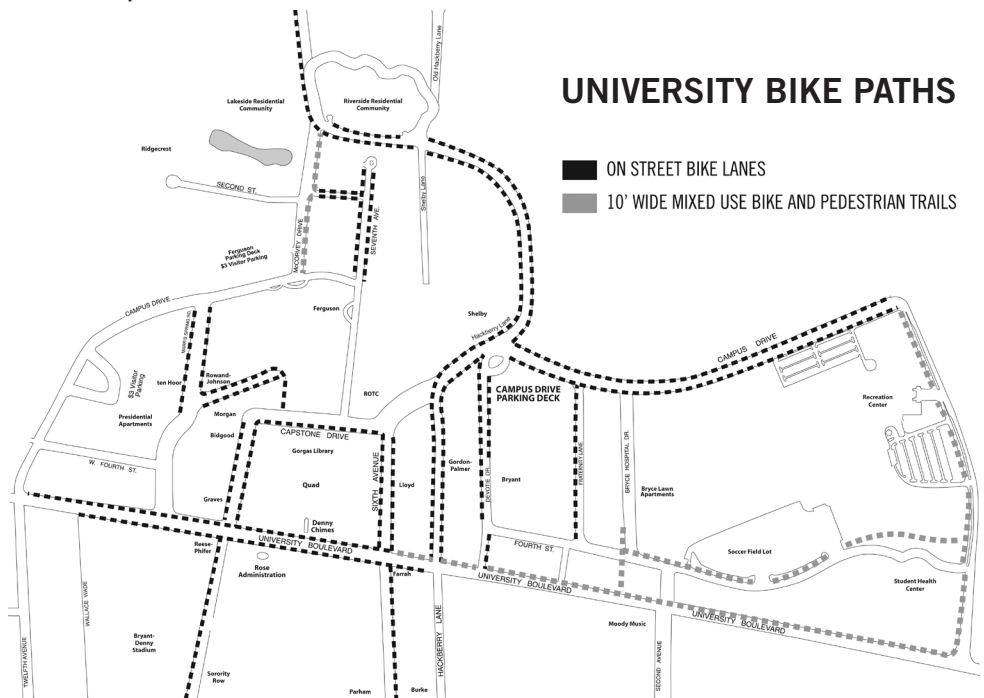
## BICYCLE SAFETY

Bicycle-vehicle and bicycle-pedestrian accidents are becoming more common at UA, often because the cyclist or pedestrian is not obeying these state laws:

- A bicycle is recognized as a vehicle by all 50 states and The University of Alabama. Bicycles have the same rights and duties as motor vehicles: all traffic signs and signals apply equally to cars, bikes and pedestrians.
- Bicyclists must ride to the right side of the road, as far right as you safely can and in the same direction as the traffic around you.
- When riding at night, make sure your bicycle is equipped with a white headlight attached to the front, and a clearly visible red reflector at the rear.

Other important guidelines for cyclists to follow for the prevention of accidents and injuries:

- *Wear a helmet.* It might prevent a serious head injury in the event of a fall or collision.



## UNIVERSITY BIKE PATHS

- ON STREET BIKE LANES
- ▬ 10' WIDE MIXED USE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS

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- *Keep off the sidewalk.* Sidewalks are for pedestrians, so avoid riding your bike anywhere but on the road. Occasionally, you may see University Police officers riding on the sidewalk responding to an emergency or checking buildings.
- *Beware of parked cars.* A door might open suddenly, or a car might pull out into traffic right in front of you. Be prepared at all times to stop or move without swerving into traffic.
- *Be aware.* When entering traffic or pulling out of driveways or alleys, watch for cars and pedestrians.
- *Think ahead.* Anticipate others' mistakes and leave room and time for defensive action. For example, cars or trucks making right turns might not see you, so leave room to react safely.
- *Yield to cars.* Even if you think you have the right of way, remember that a car is much bigger, faster, heavier, and harder to maneuver than a bike.
- *Check the weather.* Rain, fog, and snow make cycling especially dangerous, so it's best not to bicycle in bad weather. Similarly, try to avoid riding at night; it's harder for motorists to see you, and harder for you to see potential hazards. If you must ride at night, use the required lighting and reflective equipment and wear reflective and/or light-colored clothing.

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

While UA has made progress in providing adequate parking, many UA faculty, staff, and students choose to park their cars at one location and walk across campus for the remainder of the day. Walking can help reduce traffic congestion. When walking or driving, remember:

- Pedestrians must obey all traffic signs, signals, lights, and regulations and must use sidewalks when provided.
- Pedestrians do have the right of way in crosswalks, but not when crossing the street at other points. When crossing at a point not in a marked crosswalk, pedestrians must yield to car and bike traffic.
- Pedestrians must not cross a roadway between intersections at which traffic lights are used, except at crosswalks.

## ABANDONED BICYCLES

Each spring after commencement and at the request of Housing and Residential Communities, University Police will remove any abandoned bicycles left on the dormitory bike racks. This process allows for bike racks to be available for students the following school year and for the servicing of the bike racks. Your area COP is involved in this process, as well as your community director and RA. If you have

## COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING (COP)

University Police currently provide officers and a supervisor to the Community Oriented Policing (COP) program. COP is a philosophy of full-service, personalized policing where the same officer is assigned to a specific geographical area on a regular basis, working in a proactive partnership with citizens to identify and solve problems. The focus of COP is not simply on responding to crime, but on preventing crime and resolving problems. The philosophy rests on the belief that the police and the community must work together as partners to solve the challenges faced in today's society.

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any questions regarding your bicycle while it is on campus, please contact your area COP. If you discover your bike missing from a bike rack, contact UAPD to determine if it has been impounded or stolen.

### MOPEDS

A moped (motorized pedicycle) is a two-wheeled cycle with functioning pedals and a 55-cc or smaller engine. Mopeds, like bicycles, are considered vehicles. All traffic laws and guidelines apply to mopeds. Mopeds that are parked in bicycle racks must be walked from the roadway to the rack.

### SKATING

In-line skating and skateboarding can be fun, but rules apply here, too. We discourage skating on steps because of the enormous potential for injuring yourself. Other skating activities carry additional risks: waxing steps for skating and moving bike racks increase the potential for injury to other people, and are punishable as defacement of University property.

### WITNESSING A CRIME

If you witness a crime or are the victim of a crime on campus, obtain descriptions, and call University Police at (205) 348-5454. Be prepared to give a description of the offender, including clothing. If a vehicle is involved, get a description and the license plate number if possible. Remember which direction the vehicle travelled. UAPD encourages you to report crime, suspicious activity or safety concerns you may have to the University Police.

### OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

If you live off campus, you need to be even more aware of your surroundings in order to stay safe and within the law. Some activities, such as how loud you play your music and how long you leave your garbage cart by the curb, are matters about which there are laws that you must obey or risk paying a fine.

### CRIMSON CHOICE

Crimson Choice, UA's preferred residential rental education program, is an important part of The University's comprehensive approach to student well-being. Created around the three "Es" of *Environment, Education, and Enforcement*, Crimson Choice is intended to help UA parents and students make more educated decisions when selecting off-campus housing.

Here is how it works:

Each year, Crimson Choice personnel will review the rental property of owners who volunteer for the program. Using over 60 criteria, inspectors physically review the property on such things as the quality of the exterior doors, locks, and windows. They also look at fire safety, lighting, and how well the grounds are maintained. If enrolled, these properties become Crimson Choice properties and are awarded the Crimson Choice designation.

While UA can never guarantee that accidents and criminal activity will not occur, Crimson Choice is an important step for the security and well-being of our students. You will find Crimson Choice properties on our Web site, [www.crimsonchoice.ua.edu](http://www.crimsonchoice.ua.edu). Also, look for the UA Crimson Choice designation on properties you visit:



Here are some of the over 60 criteria we look for in a Crimson Choice property:

Exterior doors—

- Is the door metal or solid core construction?
- Door has 180-degree or wide-angle peephole at appropriate height.
- No glass panels in door unless double pane glass.

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- Door appears to have a securely installed, key-operated dead bolt.
- Hinge pins are non-removable or are located inside the residence.
- Doorjamb/doorframes appear securely fastened.
- Strike plates appear secured into the door-jamb.
- Locks appear in good working order and complex states that it will re-key at resident's request. (Resident may incur expense.)
- Is the door entrance sufficiently lit?
- Is there good visibility with little shrubbery to allow concealment?
- Sliding glass doors appear to have strong working locks.

## Windows—

- Double hung windows appear securely pinned or appear to have working locks.
- Window locks cannot be readily unlocked from the exterior.

## Interior—

- Smoke detectors near bedrooms and kitchen.
- Handrails appear sturdy and secure.
- Bathtubs and showers have safety strips or non-slip surface.
- Electrical system appears in working order, checked several plugs.
- Emergency exit reasonably available from each bedroom.
- Passage locks appear to work on bedroom doors.

## Exterior—

- Shrubs are reasonably cut below window level.
- Tree limbs are reasonably cut above window level.
- Residence number is visible from the street (day or night).
- All walkways appear reasonably lit.
- The entire building exterior is reasonably lit.
- There is sufficient, reasonably lit parking for each resident.

- Mailboxes do not display names and appear secured.
- Stairways appear to be sturdy and free of obstruction at time of inspection.
- Balconies, if present, appear structurally sound at time of inspection.

## Overall Appearance—

- Roof appears in good condition, no visible leaks detected.
- Foundation appears in good condition with no visible large gaps or cracks.
- Exterior wall treatment (bricks, siding) appear in good condition with no visible missing pieces, no loose siding.
- Drainage appears well maintained and no standing water present.
- Sidewalk appears level and in good condition.
- Parking area appears in good repair.
- Facility appears neat and in order.

(For a complete listing of criteria, please go to [www.crimsonchoice.ua.edu](http://www.crimsonchoice.ua.edu).)

## UAPD FRINGE PATROL

University Police work closely with members of the Tuscaloosa Police Department to provide additional law enforcement presence in the business and residential areas surrounding the University.

UAPD assigns police officers to work in the area commonly known as the Strip and also in the surrounding neighborhoods of the UA campus. The geographical boundaries are: Jack Warner Parkway to the north, Queen City Avenue to the west, 15th Street to the south, and Hackberry Lane to the east. Fringe officers work evening and nighttime hours, Sunday through Saturday, through the fall and spring semester. The number of officers scheduled for these areas is increased on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings/nights. These officers may perform their law enforcement tasks in marked patrol units, unmarked vehicles, police

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bicycles, foot patrol, or a combination of all of these methods. The officers may be in police patrol uniform or in plain clothes depending on the mission of the assignment and the needs of the community. The highest priorities of these officers are to assist UA students in becoming familiar with crime prevention measures that reduce their chance of becoming a victim and to deter street crime.

If you are the victim of a crime off campus and need police services, contact the agency that has jurisdiction: the Tuscaloosa Police Department at (205) 349-2121, the Northport Police Department at (205) 339-6600, the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Department at (205) 752-0616, or the Alabama State Troopers at (205) 553-5531. University Police

and other local police agencies exchange information regularly and work together during sporting and other special events. University Police officers participate in the West Alabama Narcotics Task Force, which enforces all narcotics violations in Tuscaloosa County, and in the Tuscaloosa County Violent Crimes Task Force (Homicide Unit), which is responsible for investigating all serious crimes against persons in the county. These cooperative efforts enable the University Police to work with and for UA students and employees in situations that occur off campus.

Living off campus doesn't mean freedom from rules. With a little effort, you can stay out of trouble and make your off-campus experience a positive one.

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There's a lot to be said for living in peace and harmony with your surroundings. For one thing, it's cheaper and a lot less hassle than the alternative. For another, your behavior says a lot about you and the University—so let it say good things. You and your neighbors will be happier if you follow these simple guidelines:

- Get to know your neighbors. If you know each other, you're likely to be more considerate of each other's privacy, property, and peace.
- Make an effort to find out how things are done in your neighborhood or apartment complex. Some questions to ask your real estate agent, landlord, or neighbors: Where is it okay to place my garbage? Where can I dispose of large items? Where can I safely and legally park my car? What are the traffic laws on my street? Whose responsibility is the yard?
- Be responsible. If you have a party, don't let it get so large that you can't keep an eye on your guests. Be sure you know all your guests, and ask them in advance to respect your neighbors' property. Keep the noise down and ask your guests to cooperate. As always, remember applicable alcohol laws and the consequences of breaking them.
- Obey the traffic laws in your neighborhood. There are other people's children and pets to think of, not to mention your driving record.
- Park only where it is legal, safe, and considerate—don't park on your own or anyone else's lawn or block anyone's driveway.
- Be aware that not all of your neighbors are students. Their attitudes toward their property, their privacy, and neighborhood peace and quiet may differ from yours.
- Keep up appearances. Don't move furniture to your yard or front porch, and don't leave your garbage cans or carts at the curb—move them to your driveway or close to the house between pickup days.
- Remember that although your schedule may permit week-night parties, your neighbors may have any number of reasons—jobs, children, illness—for needing a good night's sleep.

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Following is a list of 15 offenses for which UA students are most frequently cited or arrested, along with the typical fine or sentence for a first offense. Subsequent offenses, can cost much more, including jail time or probation. For most of these offenses you may not be arrested, although the officer may always choose to arrest uncooperative or disorderly people, but a citation will be issued. A citation works like a traffic ticket: there's a fine to pay, and a court appearance may be required.

1. **DUI.** The cost of a single DUI offense can run between \$600–\$2,100, just if you get pulled over. If there's an accident, it can be much worse. There is a required sobriety hold with this arrest. DUI facts you should know:
  - You don't have to be driving to be convicted of DUI—being in physical control of the vehicle (sitting in the driver's seat with the keys in the ignition) is enough.
  - Even on a first DUI offense, jail time may be given, especially when there's an accident or a high blood-alcohol level.
  - For ages 18 - 20, the legal blood-alcohol level is .02 percent.
2. **PUBLIC INTOXICATION.** Arrest is automatic for this offense, which covers any behavior in a public place that indicates intoxication, either alcohol- or drug-induced. The cost of a public-intoxication arrest is \$346. Offenders must also attend a drug- or alcohol-abuse program and pay the program cost. There is a required sobriety hold with this arrest.
3. **OPEN BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.** It is illegal in Tuscaloosa to carry an open alcoholic beverage in public, or to drive a car in which there is an open alcoholic beverage. This ordinance includes cups, bottles, and cans, and applies equally to party goers and patrons of bars. A violation could cost \$246.
4. **IMPROPER IDENTIFICATION BY A MINOR (FAKE IDS).** Improperly identifying yourself can cost you \$346 and possible suspension of your license for 90 days.
5. **MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL (MIP).** If you're under 21 and you've got alcohol, it could cost you at least \$346. If you're over 21, read items 6 and 7 below.
6. **SALE OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS.** A first offense can cost \$696; a second offense could include jail time plus a fine.
7. **ADULT ALLOWING MINORS TO CONSUME OR POSSESS ALCOHOL AT AN OPEN HOUSE PARTY.** If cited for this offense, you must appear in court and can be fined up to \$671.
8. **LITTERING.** "Litter" in this case includes cigarettes, cups, beer cans and bottles, as well as anything else you might toss aside. If you are caught littering, you could pay up to \$296 plus a fine set by the judge. You can be fined \$400 for littering from a car.
9. **MOW YOUR GRASS.** A Tuscaloosa city ordinance makes it unlawful for any person owning, residing in or on, or having charge or control of any premises within the city to allow weeds and grass to exceed 12 inches in height. Violators could be fined \$296.
10. **NOISE ORDINANCE VIOLATION.** If your neighbors can hear your TV, music, or voice, they can call the police. A citation could cost you a minimum of \$296.
11. **PARKING.** You can't just park anywhere—especially on your own or anyone else's lawn, in front of a neighbor's driveway, too far away from the curb, or in a no-parking zone. Obtain any permits you need, both on and off campus, as early as possible. Tuscaloosa parking fines run from \$25 to \$100.

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12. **FALSE OR NUISANCE FIRE ALARMS.** False reports can result in community service hours and/or fines up to \$500 plus restitution.
13. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE III.** Including members of the same household or a dating relationship, this offense typically results in the arrest of one or both of the parties involved and requires a mandatory court appearance and a mandatory 12 hour jail hold.
14. **TRESPASSING.** Some parks have specific opening and closing hours, and time spent in the park outside those hours is trespassing. Pay attention to warning signs at spillways and dams, too. Any trespassing offense could cost \$296 or more.
15. **FAILURE TO REMOVE GARBAGE CARTS FROM CURB.** If you leave your garbage cart on the street for more than 24 hours after your regular pickup day, you may throw away \$221.

Along with fines and incarceration you may be issued a Student Non-Academic Misconduct citation (SNAM) for violation(s) of the UA Student Code of Conduct.

You may be asked to appear before a UA judicial body to explain your misconduct, even though it did not occur on campus. Possible sanctions include: a warning, probation, loss of privileges, fines, discretionary sanctions, residential housing suspension or expulsion, or University suspension or expulsion.

## PREVENTING THEFT

### **RULE #1—Always lock up.**

A majority of the crime on campus is theft of unattended property. Lock your dorm or apartment door, even when you're home. Lock your car. Lock your bike. Use a locker and lock

at the Rec Center. If you work in a University office, lock your purse and other valuables in a cabinet or drawer. It takes no time to lock up, even if you're just leaving for a moment.

University Police recommend that you not bring fine jewelry, heirlooms, or expensive clothing to school. During school breaks take laptops and other valuables home with you. You probably have some notion of how a typical thief looks and acts. Abandon that notion immediately. At best, most of the people in your building will be your acquaintances. Until you know each other well enough to be friends, don't take chances.

### **BOOKBAG AND TEXTBOOK THEFTS**

Theft of backpacks and textbooks is surprisingly common due to textbooks resale value. Never leave your property unattended in a library, dining hall, classroom, recreation facility, or rest room. Take your things with you or have a friend watch them. Make sure that you have clearly marked your property so that you can identify it as being yours. (See, **Operation ID**).

### **ACTION CARD**

Action Card thefts are becoming more prevalent. Protect your Action Card like you would protect one of your credit cards. Don't carry a lot of credit cards in your wallet or purse. Carry just one or two and leave the others in a secure place at home. If your credit cards are stolen, know what cards you had, and the phone numbers to call to immediately cancel the cards and report them as stolen. Usually a thief will use your stolen credit cards in less than an hour. Don't forget to check your statement every month to make sure there have not been any unauthorized charges.

### **OPERATION ID**

Marking valuables brings the best chance for recovering them, and it's a proven way to discourage theft. **Operation ID** makes it easy. Through this University Police program, easy-

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to-use electric engravers are loaned to students. Engrave an identifier on all items that might interest a thief such as a stereo, bike, laptop, iPod, PDA, cellphone, refrigerator, etc. Engravers may be checked out at the University Police Department between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The loan period is 24 hours. You will need your Action Card. For more information, call UAPD Community Services Division at (205) 348-8361. With a permanent marker, put your name and address on the inside cover of your textbooks, and put your initials (or other marks you'd recognize) on one or more of the pages. University Police provide a property registration sheet on their website for you to record the manufacturer, model number, and serial number of each item. Keep this form in a safe place away from your valuables.

## BICYCLE THEFT

Bicycles are stolen each year in Tuscaloosa and around the UA campus, and most are never recovered.

Measures to protect your bicycle:

- Secure your bike properly. Thieves don't merely steal whole bikes, often, they'll take a front tire from one bike and the rest from another.
- Place your front tire over the top rail of the rack, letting the body of the bicycle rest on top.
- Secure your front tire and frame to the rack.
- Lock your rear tire to the bike frame with another locking device.
- If it's easily removable, take your seat with you.
- Engrave all parts of your bike—handlebars, seat, both wheels, frame—with identifying letters/numbers. (See **Operation ID**)

## IDENTITY THEFT

Thefts of documents can be the first step in an identity theft crime. Keep documents with personal information secured at all times.

Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet; keep it in a safe place. When discarding unwanted mail, shred sensitive or personal information with a shredder or by hand. Adopt a "need to know" attitude about personal data. Your credit card company may need to know your mother's maiden name, so that it can verify your identity when you call to inquire about your account. A person who calls you and says he's from your bank or credit card company, doesn't need to know that information if it's already on file with your bank. Make callers give you what information THEY have on file. If you still don't feel comfortable, get the caller's name and return the call to a phone number you know is associated with the valid company. The more information printed on your personal bank checks, such as your Social Security number or driver's license number, the more personal data you are routinely handing out. Check your monthly financial statements carefully to find out if someone has made unauthorized debits or charges against your accounts. Periodically ask for a copy of your credit report. Make sure all active accounts were actually opened by you. E-mail schemes, called "phishing," attempt to trick you into disclosing sensitive information. The e-mail appears to come from companies with whom you may regularly do business (e.g., AOL, Paypal, eBay, financial institution, or a credit card company). Many of these e-mail schemes contain links to look-a-like websites loaded with actual trademarked images. The sender asks you to confirm your personal information for some made-up reason: your account is about to be closed, or your information has been lost because of a computer problem. The sender instructs you to "re-enter" credit card numbers, Social Security numbers, bank PINs, or other personal information. If you actually provide the information requested, the data goes to scammers. This data is often used to order goods or services or to obtain a credit card in your name.

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## ONLINE COMMUNITIES AND SOCIAL NETWORKS

Online communities can be great tools to express yourself and learn about others around you, but keep in mind both the benefits and the risks. Bad things that happen in actual relationships, such as harassment and stalking, also occur online. It is not a good idea to put your date of birth or your Social Security number on these sites for everyone to see. Never disclose when you will be away from your residence. Be careful and use good judgment.

## VEHICLE CRIMES

Each year thieves break into vehicles and steal purses, sports equipment, clothing, CDs, stereo equipment, etc.

### To reduce risk of theft from your vehicle:

- Keep valuable items out of sight.
- Engrave your name on all items that might interest a thief. (See **Operation ID**)
- Check the area for any suspicious activity (e.g., someone loitering nearby), and report any such activity to the police.
- If you have an item with a serial number, record and keep the number in a safe place.
- Remove your stereo faceplate if it is made to do so.
- Lock your doors and roll up your windows.
- Never leave your vehicle running while unattended.

## WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME OR MY PROPERTY?

Despite everyone's best efforts, people will be victimized. If that happens to you, the University Police will provide you with as much help and information as possible. When you call University Police to report an incident or offense, a police report may be filed. A police officer will respond to where you are and take the report after gathering all available facts. The completed report is then forwarded to an investigator, who may contact the victim for an interview or to gather additional information. If



### REMOVE VALUABLES FROM SIGHT

When a suspect is developed in the case, the victim will have a few choices to make: prosecute through the Tuscaloosa criminal court system (have the subject arrested), issue a student non-academic misconduct citation (University judicial system), or do nothing to the suspect (no prosecution). After this decision, the next step will vary depending on court appearances and testifying. The University Police investigation division is here to help every victim; if criminal prosecution is chosen, the investigator will more than likely be in court with you to testify on the investigation findings. If within 60 days you are not notified of an arrest in your case, you may call the telephone number of the law enforcement agency to check the case status. You can contact UAPD investigators at (205) 348-2006. Be prepared to give your name, the date of the crime or a case number to the investigator who answers your call.

### PLAYING IT SAFE AT THE REC CENTER

Next time you go to the Student Recreation Center, don't forget to store your belongings in a locker and lock it! Theft of unattended property makes up a majority of campus crime. Do your part to prevent crime!

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## LOST AND FOUND

The main desk of University Police can assist you with property that is lost or found on campus. Items turned in are held for at least six months. If the rightful owner does not claim an item in that period, the item can be turned over to the finder. You can locate the main desk of UAPD at (205) 348-5454.

## UA SEVERE WEATHER GUIDELINES

One of the guiding principles at The University of Alabama is to promote the personal safety of our students, faculty and staff during severe weather events. It is impossible to develop policies which anticipate every weather-related emergency. These guidelines are intended to provide additional assistance for responding to severe weather on campus. UA is a residential campus with many students living on or near campus. In general, classes will remain in session until the National Weather Service issues safety warnings for the City of Tuscaloosa. Some students and faculty commute from adjacent counties. These counties may experience weather related problems not encountered in Tuscaloosa. Individuals should follow the advice of the National Weather Service for that area taking the necessary precautions to ensure personal safety. Whenever the National Weather Service and the Emergency Management Agency issue a warning, people in the path of the storm (tornado or severe thunderstorm) should take immediate life saving actions.

When west Alabama is under a severe weather advisory, conditions can change rapidly. It is imperative to go to where you can receive information from the National Weather Service and to follow the instructions provided. Personal safety should dictate the actions that faculty, staff, and students take.

University Relations will disseminate the latest information regarding conditions on campus in the following ways:

1. Weather advisory posted on the UA homepage
2. Weather advisory broadcast over WVUA at 90.7 FM
3. Weather advisory broadcast over Alabama Public Radio (WUAL) at 91.5 FM
4. Weather advisory broadcast over station WVUA 7. WVUA 7 Storm Watch provides a free service you can subscribe to that lets you receive weather warnings for Tuscaloosa via e-mail, pager or cell phone. Check <http://www.wvua7.com/stormwatch.html> for details.

In the case of a tornado warning (tornado has been sighted or detected by radar; sirens activated), all university activities are automatically suspended, including all classes and laboratories. If you are in a building, please move immediately to the lowest level and toward the center of the building away from windows (interior classrooms, offices, or corridors) and remain there until the tornado warning has expired. Classes in session when the tornado warning is issued can resume immediately after the warning has expired at the discretion of the instructor. Classes that have not yet begun will resume 30 minutes after the tornado warning has expired provided at least half of the class period remains. For more information on weather related emergencies, go to [www.beready.ua.edu](http://www.beready.ua.edu).

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## WEATHER ALERTS

### When bad weather enters the Tuscaloosa area:

- Remain alert to rapidly changing weather conditions—stay tuned to local radio or television stations for weather updates and advisories.
- A tornado watch means tornadoes may develop. A tornado warning means a funnel cloud or tornado has actually been sighted or indicated on weather radar. The university has a weather siren on campus.
- When severe weather strikes and the warning sirens sound:
  - Move into the nearest shelter;
  - Go to the lowest floor available, in the center of the building, away from windows;
  - Stay tuned to radio or television stations for further weather statements.

**An area siren test is held the first Wednesday of each month at noon, weather permitting. In the event of local severe weather, the University places weather information online at <http://uanews.ua.edu/severeweather.htm>.**

## CAMPUS SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY REPORT

Each year, The University of Alabama publishes the UA Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report. It contains crime statistics for the three most recent calendar years. It also details UA security policies and procedures. The report is provided in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and can be found online at [safety.ua.edu](http://safety.ua.edu). The Alabama Department of Public Safety, a state agency, also provides an online listing of sex offenders currently registered with the state. This listing is

available on the Alabama Department of Public Safety website at [www.dps.state.al.us](http://www.dps.state.al.us) (click on the “Sex Offenders” link). For information regarding the enrollment or employment of registered sex offenders at The University of Alabama, or to request a printed copy of the Campus Security and Fire Safety Report, write University Police, Attention: Community Services Division, Box 870180, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0180.

For more information on any safety topic, or to schedule a safety program, contact Community Services at University Police, (205) 348-8361.

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Reporting officer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigating officer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department phone number: (205) 348-5454 24 Hrs.

Your Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The following resources are available to you:

University Police	(205) 348-5454
Student Judicial Affairs	(205) 348-8234
Counseling Center	(205) 348-3863
Women's Resource Center	(205) 348-5040
Turning Point	(205) 758-0808
Campus Ministries	(205) 758-5672
Office of Student Affairs (Ferguson Center)	(205) 348-6114
Tuscaloosa County District Attorney's Office	(205) 349-1252
Victim Services Office	(205) 349-1252

Questions concerning the availability of victim's compensation benefits can be answered by a Victim Services officer or:

Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission  
P.O. Box 231267  
Montgomery, AL 36123  
Victims' Toll-Free Line 1-(800) 541-9388 or (334) 290-4420  
Fax: (334) 290-4455