

GUIDELINES FOR CAMPUS SAFETY

UMMC Campus Police Department is responsible for preserving the public peace and maintenance of order, prevent crimes, protection of life and property, lending aid and assistance to patients, visitors, students, and staff. Personnel are tasked with enforcement of all the rules and regulations of the Medical Center, statutes of the State of Mississippi, and The United States of America within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Medical Center pursuant to Section 37-101-15 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated.

When Dialing From a Campus Phone:

EMERGENCY.....911 Campus Phone
NON-EMERGENCY4-1360
DISPATCH 5-3072
LOST AND FOUND. 4-1360

When Dialing From a Cellular Phone:

Emergency601-815-7777
Non-Emergency..... 601-984-1360

Report Suspicious Behavior Promptly to Campus Police

All reports of criminal activity will be handled and investigated in an appropriate and professional manner. In addition to crime prevention, the department carries out a number of programs and services promoting safety and security. They include:

Escort Service Escorts are available at night and on weekends. To request the service, call Campus Police at ext. 41360 or contact one of the Campus Police officers on duty.

Public Information UMMC Campus Police Department reports crimes statistics for offenses occurring on the Campus of UMMC. Pursuant to the Jeanne Cleary Act, the department publishes a monthly summary of criminal offenses which can be viewed at the Campus Police Headquarters or by visiting the Campus Police website at police.umc.edu

Crime Prevention Classes Upon request, Campus Police will provide crime prevention education on many security-related topics.

Lost & Found Campus Police maintains the lost and found property. Property may be claimed or turned in by contacting Campus Police at 4-1360 or stopping by the Campus Police Headquarters during normal business hours.

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Safety Pointers/Recommendations while on Campus, at Home, or Daily Activities

- Park in a well-lighted area.
- Lock your vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- When returning to your car after dark, check under your car and in the backseat before entering the car.
- Drive with a partner, let someone know where you are going, and vary your route.
- Tuck jewelry that might attract attention inside your clothes.
- Make a list of all credit cards and account numbers. Report the loss or theft of your credit cards or identification card to police immediately.
- Keep a personal inventory or photograph of your valuables.
- Lock your doors at all times, even if you are leaving for a short period of time.
- Don't advertise that you aren't home by letting mail or newspapers accumulate on your doorstep or recording a revealing message on your answering machine.
- Do not hide a spare key outside your door.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Theft College campuses and surrounding areas are frequent targets of thieves. This is largely because so many students and employees carelessly leave doors unlocked and valuables unprotected. Theft, as with crimes against the person, your best defense against thieves is vigilance. Recognize that danger exists and take precautions. Here are a few suggestions:

- Keep your doors and windows locked.
- Do not leave valuables unattended.
- Do not keep large amounts of money in a purse or office.
- Keep your checkbook, jewelry and cash in a locked drawer.
- Do not prop any doors open.
- Report any suspicious individuals or behavior to police
- Make your property difficult to steal.

Assaults Muggings, robberies and other violent crimes may occur at any time. Your best defense is to remain alert at all times and aware of the possibility that a crime could occur. If you are attacked, notify police at once. Here are some suggestions to minimize chances of being a victim:

- Never walk or jog alone, especially during the evening and early morning hours.
- Even if you are just walking a short distance, call a friend to accompany you.
- When you walk at night, select well-lighted areas where other people are present.
- Avoid alleys and back streets. Do not walk next to dense shrubbery or in other places where an attacker could hide.
- Never hitchhike.
- Always have your keys in hand as you approach your front door or car. You will be less vulnerable because you can get inside quicker.
- Carry a whistle to summon help.
- Before you go anywhere, let your friends and family know when you will return.
- Work out a system so that friends will notify the police if you do not return within a specified time.
- Stay with your group at parties. Many attacks have occurred after friends were persuaded to leave because the victim said, "Go on without me, I'll be fine."
- Keep windows, screens and doors locked at all times.
- Report any suspicious individuals to the police.

Other Disasters / Drills UMMC students and employees are expected to know and follow the institution's drill procedures which can be found by visiting the Emergency Resources site on the UMMC Intranet.