

A GUIDE TO CAMPUS SECURITY

SAFETY

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UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND
THE FOUNDING CAMPUS



The Department of Public Safety welcomes you to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB).

Baltimore is a dynamic and vibrant city with a patchwork of neighborhoods that are as varied as anywhere in the country. The safety of areas can also vary widely and change within a block or two.

Public Safety staff members have made your safety their mission, and will assist in any way possible. Please detach the insert card and keep it with you. It lists important phone numbers that you may need to make your stay at the University safer and more rewarding.

If you have questions about our law enforcement responsibilities, or would just like to say hello, please stop by the University police headquarters in the Pine Street Police Station, 214 N. Pine St., or call us at 6-6882 (if on campus) or 410-706-6882.



TO REPORT A CRIME, EMERGENCY, OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY,
use any campus telephone to

DIAL 711

or dial 410-706-3333 on an off-campus telephone.

THE UNIVERSITY POLICE FORCE

The Department of Public Safety supports the University's mission by developing and enforcing security measures for the campus community that provide for the safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors, and that minimize loss of personal and University property.

Commissioned Police Officers

A bona fide police force vested with full authority (under the Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Section 13-601) is visible throughout the campus community. University police actively patrol — on foot, on bicycle, and in marked police vehicles — all areas of the University, around the clock.

The UMB Police Force has concurrent jurisdiction and enforcement authority with the Baltimore Police Department on all city streets within campus boundaries. By mutual agreement, the University police receive investigative and technical assistance from the Baltimore Police Department during the investigation of criminal activity occurring on campus. As a state agency, the UMB Police Force follows the policies and procedures of the Maryland State Police, who also provide investigative and technical assistance.

University police officers are trained according to guidelines established by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions. Officers immediately respond to, document, and investigate reports of any crime on

campus. University police detectives conduct follow-up investigations whenever necessary. Crime statistics are submitted to the Maryland State Police on a monthly basis for incorporation into the national crime statistics report prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Security Officers

In addition to the commissioned police officers, the UMB Police Force uses nonsworn security officers. These officers are stationed inside most campus buildings at fixed posts that allow open access during the day and evening. Their duties include screening for appropriate identification of anyone who enters the buildings and reporting any suspicious activity to the University police. Security officers monitor people leaving the buildings, particularly those carrying parcels.

At night, building security is maintained by random police and security officer patrols and a card-access system. All student residences are secured 24 hours per day, seven days per week with a card-access system.

CRIME ALERTS

On occasion, you will see crime alert fliers describing recent crime trends or dangerous incidents. The crime alert fliers are distributed to Safety Awareness Committee members, placed at security officers' desks, and posted on bulletin boards.

WALK AND TRAVEL SAFELY

Know the reputation of the neighborhood through which you are walking. Although Baltimore is undergoing urban revitalization, some neighborhoods are less safe than others. Consider avoiding the public housing projects bordering the campus.

- Walk with confidence. Look like you know where you are going, even if you do not.
- Avoid wearing obvious valuables.
- Try not to carry more money than needed.
- Keep your purse tucked securely under your arm — close to your body.
- Walk near the curb.
- Keep your hands free.
- Wear comfortable shoes should you need to run.

More Pedestrian Safety Tips:

- Cross only at designated crosswalks.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Always walk facing oncoming traffic.
- Wear reflective material at night.
- Always pay attention to and obey traffic signals.

Driving Safety Tips:

- Wear your seat belt at all times.
- Do not talk or text while driving.
- Always use your turn signals.
- Slow down and be safe when driving in hazardous conditions.
- Maintain a safe distance behind the car in front of you.
- Lock your vehicle whenever it is unoccupied.

Traveling by car, using public transportation, walking, and even parking your car can be unsafe if the correct precautions are not taken. The following tips can help ensure the safety of both you and others around you.

Public Transportation Safety Tips:

- Stand in a well-lighted area while waiting for your transportation.
- Refrain from listening to music or wearing headphones.
- Keep your phone in your pocket, purse, or backpack.
- Have the correct amount of money in hand. Do not take out your wallet.
- Do not doze off or get distracted. Lack of attention makes you an easy target.
- Keep your purse or backpack in your lap or at your feet.
- During off hours, sit near the train operator or bus driver.
- Don't engage in unnecessary conversation with strangers.

Parking Safety Tips:

- Make sure your doors are locked and windows are closed.
- Do not leave packages and valuables visible in the car.
- Make a note of where you parked.
- Do not park in isolated locations.
- Be alert to strangers hanging around the parking area.
- Check your car before getting inside.

UM SHUTTLE

The UM shuttle provides UMB students, faculty, and staff and University of Maryland Medical Center employees with fare-free bus service to the University of Maryland BioPark and the neighborhoods of Federal Hill and Mount Vernon. The UM shuttle is an alternate form of public transportation for those who feel more comfortable traveling via University transportation.

ESCORT

If you need to get around campus at night, do not walk alone! The UMB Police Force offers a motor vehicle and a walking escort service for all University students, faculty, and staff (ID required).

The escort service is available upon request 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Call 6-6882 on a campus telephone or 410-706-6882 on a public telephone and a uniformed police officer will be sent to your location.

CRIME PREVENTION

To assist in the prevention of crime, the UMB Police Force provides the following:

- New employee and student safety orientations
- Crime alert fliers
- Campus Watch safety brochures
- RAD System Training for women, men, and children
- Advanced RAD System Training
- Victim/witness assistance program
- Operation Property Identification
- Crime occurrence personal safety phone line
- Juvenile outreach program

REPORT WHAT YOU SEE

If you observe an incident or something suspicious, immediately notify the University police or the Baltimore Police Department. Use any campus telephone to dial 711 (dial 410-706-3333 on an off-campus telephone.)



Raise Your Security Consciousness

Often faculty, staff, and students do not take security precautions. Taking the extra time for safety and raising your security consciousness can prevent crime and keep you and those around you secure.

STAY ALERT

The best advice for the prevention of violent crime is always to be alert. Keep an eye out for suspicious activities and people, and report them to the UMB Police Force. Remember, immediate reporting of a crime, emergency, or suspicious activity is vitally important.

RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

While rape and sexual assault are rare crimes in comparison with crimes against property, their extremely violent nature makes precaution of utmost importance. To be safe, follow these tips:

- Travel with a friend or in groups.
- Use the police escort whenever possible.
- Avoid areas that are not well-lit or well-traveled.
- Be cautious when walking alone at night and in stairwells, elevators, and parking garages.
- Avoid shortcuts through deserted areas.
- Trust your natural instincts.

Female students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to enroll in Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System Training, conducted by the University police in conjunction with University Recreation and Fitness. This course

teaches basic self-defense techniques and emphasizes common-sense approaches to safety on campus. For information about this training or other programs, call 6-1408 (if on campus) or 410-706-1408.

If you have been the victim of a sex offense, do the following:

- Go to the hospital immediately.
- Explain the emergency situation as well as you can.
- Do not remove any evidence until you get to the hospital.
- Ask the hospital for an exam or evidence collection.

Counseling and other services for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence are available by calling 410-828-6390 anytime. Information may also be accessed at www.turnaroundinc.org or by calling the UMB Police Force.

If You Are Attacked

If you are accosted, scream and make a scene to attract attention. Try not to panic. Observe all that you can about your assailant's appearance and try not to destroy evidence. Immediately contact the UMB Police Force or, if the crime did not occur on campus, the Baltimore Police Department.

PLAY IT SAFE AT HOME

When searching for a place to live off campus, look for:

- A well-lit neighborhood
- Well-lighted off-street parking
- Lights illuminating the entrance and exit doors
- A front door intercom system
- A sturdy front door with a peephole
- Deadbolt locks on the doors
- Security window locks

We recommend that you participate in Operation Property Identification, a program designed to deter theft and make it easier to recover stolen property. All you need to do is engrave small, portable valuables (stereos, televisions, cameras, personal computers) with your driver's license number. Electric engraving tools are available from the University police — call 6-1408 (if on campus) or 410-706-1408.

On campus, routine checks are performed to ensure that residences remain secure. Malfunctioning locks are repaired on a priority basis, and problems with lights and other safety items are repaired as soon as possible. Access to Pascault Row and University Suites at Fayette Square is limited to residents and guests. All apartment doors are controlled through a card-access system, and apartments are provided.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONES

Blue Light Emergency Telephones are stationed along each walking path on campus.

Just push the emergency button to be connected with the UMB police dispatcher if you feel threatened, see anything suspicious, or need immediate assistance. (See map on back cover for locations.)

Some garages have an emergency telephone on each level. In an emergency, lift the receiver or press a button and an officer will be dispatched to that area at once. Emergency telephones are also available in parking lots.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

UNIVERSITY POLICE

Emergency:	711 (campus phone) or 410-706-3333
Nonemergency Info or Escort:	410-706-6882
Anonymous Criminal Investigation Hotline:	410-706-4590

FIRE EMERGENCY **711** (campus phone) or **410-706-3333**

UNIVERSITY OPERATOR **0**

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency:	911
Nonemergency:	311

BALTIMORE CRISIS RESPONSE HOTLINE 410-433-5175

BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency:	911
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IMPOUNDED VEHICLES 410-396-9958 or 410-396-4613

MAYOR'S OFFICE 410-396-3835

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL CENTER

Patient Information and Page	410-328-8667
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SEXUAL ASSAULT/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

24-hour Hotline	410-828-6390
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HOUSE OF RUTH MARYLAND

24-hour Hotline for Battered Women and Children	410-889-RUTH
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