

Residential Life Safety Briefing

Securing Your Property
Staying Safe Online
Avoid, Deny, Defend Response to Active Shooter
Interacting with Law Enforcement



Don't Be a Victim!

The vast majority of crimes on our campus are **CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY**. You can take steps to prevent yourself from being a victim.

**BE ALERT
DON'T
GET HURT**



Situational Awareness

<https://youtu.be/dDhzEPaKiew>



Personal Safety Tips

- **72% of crimes happen at night. Crimes are more likely to happen to those who appear hesitant, unsure of themselves, or unaware of their surroundings. Walk with confidence and maintain situational awareness of your surroundings.**
- **When walking to your dorm or car, have your keys and/or Eagle Card ready.**
- **If you are being harassed, loudly say, “Leave me alone!” If that doesn’t stop the harassment, continue to attract people’s attention and head towards a building where other people are around.**
- **If you see a suspicious person or vehicle, call University Police at 372-3234. Call immediately upon noticing suspicious behavior. Be prepared to describe the person, what about them was suspicious, and their last known location and/or the direction they were heading.**

APARTMENT/RESIDENCE HALL **SAFETY**

Keeping your residence hall/apartment safe from theft is an important part of maintaining student safety at Tennessee Tech. Here are a few tips to keep your residence safe whether you are on-campus or off.



DOORS AND WINDOWS

should be locked at all times



REPORT DEFECTIVE LOCKS

immediately to Residential
Life or landlords



AFTER LOSING A KEY

notify Hall staff or have
landlord change locks



DO NOT ALLOW STRANGERS

to follow you into residence
halls or apartments

REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO UNIVERSITY POLICE AT 931-372-3234

PROPERTY **THEFT PREVENTION**

Keeping your property safe from theft is a top goal for University Police at Tennessee Tech. Here are a few tips that could make all the difference.



KEEP

a record of serial numbers
of all your valuable
possessions



DON'T

leave important documents
such as bills or personal
info unattended



PROGRAM

your phone's speed dial to
include campus police

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BIKE THEFT PREVENTION

Keeping your bike safe from theft is an important part of biking at Tennessee Tech. Here are a few ways to help secure your bicycle on campus.



Lock up your bike properly



Use a case-hardened "U" Lock



Register your bike serial number with University Police



Lock your bike in a well-lit area

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VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION

Keeping your vehicle and its contents safe from theft is an important part of maintaining student safety at Tennessee Tech. Here are a few tips to help secure your vehicle whether you are on-campus or off.



LOCK

doors and roll up windows



PARK

in well-lit areas



STOW

away valuables



DO NOT

leave keys in your vehicle



NEVER

leave your vehicle while it's
running

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Staying Safe Online



Cyber Harassment

Cyber harassment involves using electronic communication to harass, stalk, or threaten someone.

It can include sending threatening or abusive messages, publishing compromising photos or private information about someone, or engaging in other online activities that make someone feel scared or threatened.



Examples of Cyber Harassment

- Sending threatening or abusive messages
- Publishing derogatory or private information about someone online
- Engaging in online activities that make someone feel scared or threatened
- Creating fake social media profiles or websites to humiliate or embarrass someone
- Sending spam or viruses to someone's computer
- Attempting to hack into someone's online accounts
- Posting offensive or derogatory comments on someone's social media pages
- Threatening to release compromising photos or videos of someone
- Cyberstalking someone by repeatedly sending them unwanted messages or making unwanted contact with them online or offline.



Protect Yourself!

- Limit the amount of personal information you post.
- Remember that the internet is a public resource. Only post information you are comfortable with **anyone** seeing.
- Be wary of strangers.
- Be skeptical. Don't believe everything you read online.
- Evaluate your settings. Take advantage of a site's privacy settings.
- Keep software, particularly your web browser, up-to-date.
- Use strong passwords.



If It Happens To You

- **Stop** all communication with the harasser(s). It's important to not respond.
- Harassers are looking for a reaction. **Block** the person from your phone, email and/or social media accounts.
- Save and print screenshots, emails and text messages as **evidence**.
- **File** a police report.
- **Report** the behavior, with the details, to the website or platform where the harassment took place.



File With FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center

Report cybercrimes to law enforcement and the platform on which it occurred.

You should also file a report with the **FBI's IC3 website** so the incident is reported at the federal level of law enforcement at www.ic3.gov.



INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER
www.ic3.gov





DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, over 847,000 complaints and \$6.9 billion dollars were filed because of threat/extortion scams.

PROTECT YOURSELF

Watch out for red flags such as:

- The message is full of threats and ultimatums
- It includes grammatical and spelling errors
- You are given a short amount of time to comply to their demands

IF IT HAPPENS TO YOU

If you find yourself a victim of this type of scam:

- Keep all documentation related to the scam, including any emails, messages, or receipts
- File a police report with you local law enforcement agency

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

FIGHTCYBERCRIME.ORG



IS THAT TEXT MESSAGE REAL OR FAKE?

Cybercriminals send text messages posing as somebody you trust, such as government officials, friends, family, and others, with the goal to steal your money or personal information.

STEP 1

Determine if it is a reasonable request.

Do you live in the state they are referring to? Would the government contact you via text message? Were you expecting this message? If not, the text is likely fake.

STEP 2

Identify the sender.

Search for the sender's phone number on Google.

Identify where the sender seems to be located and if any of the results suggest the number is involved in scams. Make sure to NOT click on any search results!

STEP 3

Expand the URL.

Type the URL (don't click on it) into a tool like www.expandurl.net. This will let you see the actual website the link leads to without clicking on it. If the link doesn't go to the DMV or a government site, that's a warning sign!

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Response to Active Shooter



Avoid. Deny. Defend.

<https://youtu.be/j0It68YxLQQ>

What You Do Matters



Avoid

AVOID starts with your state of mind.

- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Have an exit plan.
- Move away from the source of the threat as quickly as possible.
- The more distance and barriers between you and the threat, the better.



Deny

DENY when getting away is difficult or may be impossible.

- Keep distance between you and the threat.
- Create barriers to prevent or slow down the threat from getting to you.
- Turn the lights off.
- Remain out of sight and quiet by hiding behind large objects and silence your phone.



Defend

DEFEND because you have the right to protect yourself.

- If you cannot Avoid or Deny, be prepared to defend yourself.
- Be aggressive and committed to your actions.
- Do not fight fairly.

THIS IS ABOUT SURVIVAL.



Interactions With Law Enforcement



Working in Law Enforcement

All of our current police officers worked in municipal or county agencies. These agencies tend to have a much higher crime rate than working on a college campus. The officers still carry their training from working in their former agencies. Many of our officers are also military veterans and remember prior training and experiences from active deployments.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Visually scanning an individual for potential concealed weapons.

Scanning parking lots closely for vehicles that look out of place or are suspiciously parked.

Looking at every license plate on vehicles they encounter.

Not allowing people to get behind them when they are walking.

Scanning rooms for exits and cover/concealment.

Police officers are trained to be exceptionally observant and aware of what is around them. If they aren't paying attention, they can get hurt or killed. This training remains with them their entire life and is present 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



Interacting with University Police

- ✓ Remain calm.
- ✓ Keep your hands visible at all times.
- ✓ Follow all directions. This ensures your safety as well as the officer's safety.
- ✓ Report misconduct later and don't argue. You can file a complaint with the Chief of Police or with Student Affairs if you feel that the officer has acted inappropriately.

University police officers have discretion to turn over minor criminal matters to the Dean of Students rather than writing citations or sending people to court. Cooperation between law enforcement and the public results in more positive outcomes for everyone involved.



Questions?



Brief Survey



It will take less than 3 minutes to provide feedback on this session. Thank you for attending and filling out the survey!