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## SAFETY AT LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

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At Liberty University, the safety and welfare of our students, faculty, staff and visitors is of primary concern to us. With the support of local police, fire and rescue agencies, we have many highly trained people working hard to provide a safe and secure campus. However, a truly safe campus can only be achieved through active participation of all persons who reside, work, study and visit our campus on a regular basis. This brochure is prepared and published annually as a small part of our effort to inform and educate our campus family and guests to their personal responsibility involved in their own personal protection. We hope that you will join our community effort by carefully regarding this information as helpful to you in fostering a safe environment for yourself and others here at Liberty University. Remember that **safety is a community responsibility**.

Colonel Richard D. Hinkley, Chief  
University Police

### The University Police

Liberty University Police Department (L.U.P.D.), located in the Southwest corner of the Campus North building, provides 24-hours-a-day patrol protection of police, security and emergency medical services to the campus, parking lots, residence halls and other properties owned or controlled by the University. LU Police Officers are duly sworn with full law enforcement powers and responsibilities, identical to the local police or sheriff's department from your local community. The officers are trained at Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy and receive additional in-service and specialized training in first aid, firearms, defensive tactics, legal updates, human relations, sensitivity issues and criminal investigations.

University Police share concurrent jurisdiction with the Lynchburg Police Department for properties owned or controlled by Liberty University and other properties agreed upon. University Police offer assistance to the city Police when requested according to an established mutual aid agreement. University Police Officers are responsible for a full range of public safety services, including all crime reports, investigations, medical emergencies, traffic accidents, enforcement of laws regulating underage drinking, the use of controlled substances, firearms and other weapons and all other incidents requiring police assistance. In an effort to assist in combating crime, University Police share information on arrests and serious crimes with all surrounding police agencies.

Any student, employee or visitor can report any potential criminal actions or other emergencies directly to the University Police by telephone (**582-3911 or 592-3911**) or in person or to the Lynchburg Police Department by calling **911**. University Police will assist in making contact with Lynchburg Police if desired.

### Public Safety Services

The University Police Department provides several service-oriented functions to the University community consisting of more than 10,000 students, faculty, staff and visitors on campus during any given day. Officers are equipped with two-way radios as they patrol campus in marked and unmarked vehicles. University Police responsibilities range from responding to medical and fire emergencies, criminal investigations to providing an on-campus escort service.

In conjunction with Student Affairs the University Police will help you engrave an identification number on personal property items kept on campus, such as bikes, computers, radios, and stereo systems. **Operation Identification** is a nationally recognized identification system, which has been shown to facilitate the recovery of stolen items. The department also recommends keeping a record of serial numbers or other identifying marks of valuable items kept on campus to aid identification and recovery in case of theft.

The University Police, upon appointment, also provide **Fingerprinting Services** for Liberty University students, employees and their families for a small fee.

**Trespass warnings** can be issued to suspicious persons, as well as those who violate laws or University policies. Anyone returning to campus or University properties after being issued a trespass warning is subject to arrest.

Extensive efforts are made to create a campus environment that fosters personal safety, property security and learning for all members of the University community. All criminal actions or suspicious behavior should be reported immediately so University Police can take prompt action.

## Victim and Witness Services

The University Police assists students, employees and visitors to the campus who become victims of crime. This help includes assisting victims and witnesses who need to report crimes testify against accused persons, regain property used as evidence during a trial, and get compensation for losses. The University Police work closely with the Virginia Victim and Witness Services through the local Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Also available are references for on- and off-campus legal, financial, medical, and psychological assistance.

## Safety and Security Awareness Notification

A properly educated and informed campus community can significantly reduce the occurrence of crime on campus. Security procedures, crime prevention, substance use and abuse, fire safety and sexual assault are topics covered during new student orientation and in other programs throughout the academic year. Members of the University community are notified about potential security problems in a timely manner through campus mailings, announcements posted on bulletin boards, the student newspaper, postings on the University's internet Splash page, email, and in Convocation.

## Substance Abuse

Liberty University seeks to provide an environment free of alcohol, tobacco and any illegal drugs or controlled substances. Therefore, Liberty University prohibits the possession, use, manufacture or distribution of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and any illegal drugs or controlled substances by its students, employees, and visitors. The University is in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.

## Firearms and Weapons

The unauthorized possession, storage, display, or use of any kind of ammunition, firearms, fireworks, explosives, air rifles, air pistols, or other lethal instruments is prohibited on University property. Any questions regarding this regulation should be directed to the University Police Department, (434) 592-7641. All other replicas, water pistols, paint-ball guns etc., are prohibited and may be permanently confiscated by University Police if found to be used to cause fear, nuisance or damage to the University community.

## Safety and Security Tips

The University's safety and security measures are designed to address every area of campus life. Yet a safe university environment depends upon the awareness and cooperation of individual members of the community. We encourage all students, employees, and visitors to take an active role in their own safety and security while on campus. Here are some common sense steps you can take for personal safety and loss prevention.

- Avoid working or studying alone in any building at night.
- When traversing the campus at night, stay within well-lit walkways. Do not take shortcuts through wooded areas.
- If you cannot avoid walking alone at night, call for an escort.
- If your purse or wallet is snatched, don't fight back. Give it up rather than risk personal injury, and report the incident to University Police immediately.
- Do not put an ID tag with your name, address, or license number on your key-chain; if lost, they could lead to theft.
- Carry only the cash and credit cards you need.
- Carry a whistle or other means of making a loud noise.
- Keep car doors and windows locked.
- Keep the door and windows to your residence locked, even if you will be gone only a short time.
- Use Operation Identification to engrave your portable valuables, and do not keep them in clear view next to windows that could be easily broken.
- Keep your bike locked in a bike rack or in storage when not being used.
- Do not prop open locked exterior doors to any campus building.
- Become familiar with emergency exits and locations of fire alarm pull stations and fire extinguishers in University buildings.
- Immediately call University Police to report any criminal incidents, suspicious persons or medical emergencies.

Further information about campus safety can be obtained from the University Police Department at (434) 592-7641.

## Facilities Access Control

All Residence hall doors are locked 24 hours a day. Access to halls by University employees is on an "as needed" basis and incorporates strict key control procedures. All University Field Operations personnel must be in uniform to allow for easy identification by residents.

Resident Assistants are assigned on each hall as a part of the Student Affairs staff, are on call 24 hours a day, and receive training in enforcing residence hall security procedures.

## Sexual Misconduct

Liberty University recognizes the seriousness of inappropriate sexual behavior. Incidents of sexual misconduct include rape, acquaintance rape, sexual battery and other forcible and non-forcible sex offenses. Programs on sexual misconduct occur at least once each semester in all residence halls.

If a sexual offense should occur, the victim should take the following precautions:

- ✓ Go to a safe place
- ✓ Call the University Police if the incident occurred on campus; call the local police if it occurred off campus. The police will then contact the Student Care Office.
- ✓ Contact a friend or family member.
- ✓ Do not bathe or douche.

582-7641 or 592-7641 University Police

Non-Emergency and Escort Service

Please report any incident requiring police, fire or emergency medical response on campus to the University Police Department.

**592-3911**

**Emergency Services**

(Police, Fire, EMS)

Students off campus need only call 911.

- ✓ Do not urinate, if possible.
- ✓ Do not eat, drink liquids, smoke or brush teeth if oral contact took place.
- ✓ Keep the clothes worn during the offense. If clothes are changed, place clothes in a paper bag (evidence deteriorates in plastic).
- ✓ Get prompt medical attention.
- ✓ Do not destroy the physical evidence that may be found in the vicinity of the crime. If the crime occurred in the victim's home, do not clean or straighten until the police have had an opportunity to collect evidence.
- ✓ Tell someone all details remembered about the assault.
- ✓ Write down all details remembered as soon as possible.

Victims of offenses are strongly encouraged to report the incident to University or local police. This action does not obligate prosecution, but it does make legal action possible if the decision to prosecute is made at a later date. The earlier an incident is reported, the easier it is to collect valuable evidence.

Any person wishing to report a possible violation may contact University Police, the Office of Student Conduct, the office of Student Leadership, Light Medical/Counseling, Lynchburg Police Department, or the Rape Companion Program. Statistics from these groups are included in the Crime Statistics in this brochure.

Options available to victims of sexual assault include University judicial action, criminal prosecution, or civil suit. Contacting the Office of Student Conduct or Office of Student Leadership starts University judicial action. During campus judicial proceedings, both the victim and the accused may be present and may have a counselor, attorney and/or advisor present to provide support and advice. Both victim and accused will be informed of the results of the proceeding. Sanctions for sexual assault may range up to and include suspension or expulsion

from Liberty University. The Student Care office will also assist the victim, if requested, in making any necessary changes in academic program or living situation.

Information on Registered Sex offenders living in the Lynchburg area may be obtained from the Virginia State Police on the web at <http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/>.

## Emergency Phone Numbers

The following numbers are on-campus extensions. The area code for all the numbers is 434.

• Emergency	592-3911
• Non-Emergency	592-7641
• Residence Life	592-4139
• Student Conduct	582-2320
• Campus Pastor	582-2651
• Light Medical	582-2514
• Light Counseling Associates	384-1594
• Sexual Assault Response Program	947-7273

After business hours Office of Student Leadership and Office of Student Care can be reached through the University Police non-emergency number.

## Further Information

Further information regarding safety and security issues, student awareness programs, University regulations and policies, code of conduct, and disciplinary actions can be found in the student handbook – “The Liberty Way”.

Liberty University  
 Police Department  
 1971 University Blvd.  
 Lynchburg, VA 24502

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Crime Statistics  Activity or Category	2008				2007				2006			
	On-campus	On-campus Residential	Non-campus <sup>1</sup>	Public Property	On-campus	On-campus Residential	Non-campus <sup>1</sup>	Public Property	On-campus	On-campus Residential	Non-campus <sup>1</sup>	Public Property
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses <i>Forcible</i>	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	2	0	2
Sex Offenses <i>Non-forcible</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	14	7	1	0	6	5	1	0	6	1	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
<b>Arrests</b>												
Liquor Law Arrests	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1
Drug-related Arrests	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Weapons Possession Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Referred for Campus Discipline</b>												
Liquor Law Violations	20	19	4	0	21	15	3	0	58	56	0	25
Drug-related Violations	10	10	0	0	20	18	0	0	24	17	0	8
Weapons Possession	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes</b>												
Race	0							0				
Gender	0							0				
Religion	0							0				
Sexual Orientation	0							0				
Ethnicity/National Origin	0							0				
Disability	0							0				

\*\*Crimes reported in the On-Campus Residential column are included in the On-Campus column as well.

1 **Non-campus** property is any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization recognized by the institution or controlled by the institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.