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CAMPUS SECURITY & SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU!

Although the UT Health Science Center Police provides important services to the community, nothing we do will replace your involvement in the security and safety of the campus.

Take time to learn about crime prevention and safety on campus. Information and awareness are your best weapons against crime. Students, staff and faculty, may request Crime Prevention Presentations on a variety of subjects such as theft prevention, self defense or safety on campus.

Information about the crimes occurring on campus can be found on the UT Police Department web site: <http://utpolice.uthscsa.edu/>. This website contains crime alerts, the Daily Crime Log, crime prevention information, as well as other information about UT Police services. In the event of a serious crime or incident on campus that may pose a threat, alerts are sent to the university community via the HSC Alert system. Faculty and staff register through the inside.uthscsa.edu, students use the student administration system.

At [HSC True Crimes](#) you will find detailed information about crimes occurring on campus. Register at [HSC True Crimes](#). After your e-mail address is submitted, you will receive an e-mail asking you to confirm the registration, then you will receive a confirmation message. The HSC True Crimes is published each month.

Everyone is encouraged to review this information and share it with others in an effort to minimize opportunities for crime.

Being Crime Wise

- Stay alert. Be aware of your surroundings, who's in front of you and who's behind you. Don't get distracted. If you're worried about becoming a victim of crime, ask a friend to accompany you when you go out.
- Be confident and know where you're going. Stand tall, walk purposefully, and make quick eye contact with people around you.

Trust your instincts! If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situations, leave.

Safewalk Program

When you are walking on campus after dark, call (210) 567-2800 for an escort. An officer will meet you and walk with you to or from any point on campus.

Walking

- Emergency Intercoms are located in peripheral parts of campus and adjacent to late entry card readers. These intercoms should be used to report suspicious activity or crimes or to ask for a service.
- Plan the safest route to your destination and use it. Choose well-lit busy pathways.
- Get to know the campus. Find out which buildings are open late (or early) and where you can go to summon help if needed.
- Carry your purse close to your body and keep a firm grip on it.
- Don't flaunt expensive jewelry, clothing, or "flash" cash.

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Special Note:

Some of you have not been able to fill in our forms or click on some of our links in the Newsletter. This is because of Adobe Reader and a default setting. PDF documents that are fill-able and some with Text Links with hidden URLs do not work unless a setting in the reader's preferences is changed one time. This is the PDF/A View Mode setting. It needs to be changed to 'Never'.

- Open your Adobe Reader
- Click on Edit
- Click on Preferences
- Click on Documents
- Change PDF/A to 'Never'
- Click OK



BICYCLE SECURITY

Making your bicycle 100% theft proof is impossible. However, there are some simple steps you can take to decrease the risk of your bicycle or bicycle parts being stolen:

- Lock your bike to bike racks on campus. Bikes are not allowed in the buildings.
- Use a case-hardened "U" lock. Cable locks are easily cut.
- Position your bicycle frame and wheels so that you fill up the opening in the "U" portion of the lock
- Always secure your components and accessories, especially those which can easily be removed (quick release wheels or seats, etc.).
- To view the proper way to lock your bike, view this video <http://youtu.be/2ZDq1vkiZwA>



RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE (RAD)



This program consists of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. RAD is specifically designed for women and teaches awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance. The program progresses to the basics of hands-on self-defense. If you have questions regarding when RAD classes will be held, please contact Sergeant Karen Tucker-Engel, at 562-9095 or tucker-erk@uthscsa.edu.

Classes Scheduled This Year:

October 17, 20, & 24, 2011

March 12, 19, & 26, 2012

July 9, 12, & 19, 2012

Class conducted 5:30-9:00 pm.

You **MUST** attend all 3 nights.

Cost:\$10/person

Join us!

Send your wife, your mother, daughter (13 yrs +) or a friend.



From L to R: Sr. PSO J. Oyerbides, Sr. PSO L. Rodriguez, PCO M. Esquivel, Lt. R. Wilson, Chief M. Parks, Ms. E. Rios, PCO A. Shearer, Capt. M. Bleier, Sr. PSO S. Bernstein, and Sr. PSO J. Hunt.

WALKING, JOGGING OR RUNNING SAFETY

Safety Tips

- Be familiar with the area that you are exercising in.
- Let someone know where you are going and about how long you will be gone.
- Go with an exercise buddy.
- Carry your identification.
- Carry your cell phone.
- Take your key with you. Don't leave your car or home unlocked.
- Avoid secluded or dimly lit areas.
- Avoid going after dark. If you go in the hours of darkness, wear reflective gear.
- Don't wear jewelry or carry cash with you.
- If you are on the road, always face traffic.
- Vary your routes and schedule.
- Avoid bushes where a person can hide.
- Do not use headphones or iPods. You can't hear someone approach you from behind.
- If you are being followed, cross the street or change directions. Keep looking back to get a good description.
- If they continue to follow you, call the police and go to the nearest home or business.

If You are Attacked

- Be realistic about your ability to fight someone off. Go with your instincts. You may be able to scream and run. However if you decide to respond, be sure you do so with **full commitment** of your effort.
- Your goal is to escape and survive. You should cooperate if you think that resisting may lead to further harm. Never enter a vehicle with the perpetrator. Your chances of survival are reduced once you are inside.
- If a weapon is displayed, don't resist. Give up your property and save your life.
- Do what you are told and don't make any sudden moves.
- Try to remember as many details as possible including smell, and call the police as soon as possible.



- Remember every situation is different. You are the only one that can decide the appropriate course of action.



OCTOBER MARKS CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

In 1984, October was designated Crime Prevention month by the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC). The month long celebration recognizes successful crime prevention efforts at the local, state, and national levels. This is an effort to generate interest and enthusiasm for crime prevention. Our goal is to provide information that is useful to you, increasing our crime prevention efforts

The UTHSCSA Police Department strongly believes that community involvement in crime prevention can and will continue to play a vital role in helping our campus stay safe. **We must work together to reduce crime on our campus.** We challenge all Faculty, Staff and Students to take active roles in the prevention of crime on all UTHSCSA campuses by:

- Never leaving personal or state property unattended.
- Always **LOCKING** your door when you leave your office or lab, even for just a minute.
- Never leave anything of value in your vehicle.
- Engrave your drivers license number on all personal items of value.
- **Report** any and all suspicious activity to UT Police.

Most thefts that happen on campus involve items that have been left unattended and unsecured during normal working hours.

**FOR SAFETY AND
PEACE OF MIND**

If you wear a
Halloween costume you must display
your UTHSCSA ID card so that it can
be **seen**.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

Police Emergency	911
From Cell phone	210-567-8911
Non-Emergency	
San Antonio	210-567-2800
Harlingen	956-365-8900
Laredo	956-523-7414
Edinburg	956-316-7151
Behavior Concerns	210-567-Care (2273)

2011 Crime Statistics

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We are on the web...

<http://utpolice.uthscsa.edu>

[Annual Security Report](#)

“CRIME PREVENTION—A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY”

WORTH NOTING

UT System Rapid Response Team

This past summer a team was organized within the UT System Police – that team is called the UT System Rapid Response Team – “SRRT”. This Team is composed of four 5 officer squads (1 squad leader + 4 squad members). The Team will activate and deploy at the direction of the Office of Director of Police (ODOP) to provide the University of Texas System and its institutions with enhanced tactical capability and patrol surge capacity to protect the lives of students, faculty, staff and visitors in the anticipation or occurrence of border spillover violence, terrorist threats, serial felony criminal activity, natural disasters and catastrophic threats to property, or as otherwise required. The SRRT is trained and equipped to conduct specific tactical patrol missions.

SRRT San Antonio Squad is composed of five officers – three from the UT Health Science Center Police Department and two from UTSA Police Department. This Squad is led by Captain Alfredo Cooke, Support Division Commander.

HSC True Crimes

Burglary of Building: A HSC Locksmith contacted UT Police when he found a broken window in a door on the **lower level of the Nursing School**. Further investigation discovered that someone had broken into a construction area between 3:30 pm and 4:41 pm and stole 7 flat screen TV’s and tool bags.

Theft: An employee from **University Plaza** called UT Police stating that her wallet had been stolen out of her unsecured office and unlocked desk. A suspicious man had been seen in the building earlier in the day but no one reported him to UT Police.

Interested in what crimes are happening on campus? Sign up to HSC True Crimes listserv to find out. You may register at [HSC True Crimes](#). After your e-mail address is submitted, you will receive an e-mail back asking your to confirm the registration and then you will receive a confirmation message.

CRIME PREVENTION IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY!
Report Suspicious Persons when you see them, don’t delay.