CAMPUS SAFETY
for international students and scholars
Who we are

The University of Illinois Police Department works to further the university’s academic mission by providing a safe place where our students, faculty and staff can excel academically and professionally.

- 24-hour police force with 65 sworn officers
- Full arrest authority, investigations bureau, two K9 teams, bomb squad, SWAT, community officers, crime prevention, Student Patrol, emergency management
- Just like any other police department, but services are specific to campus
Preventing crime

How can you identify a police officer?

• It is a crime to pretend to be a police officer in the United States.

• If someone tells you they are a police officer or other government official, you have the right to ask them to prove their identity to you.

• If you have concerns, you may also call that person’s police department to confirm their identity.

• No legitimate police officer or government official would discourage you from confirming their identity.
Who we are

Contacting the Police

911 (From any cell phone, campus phone/Residence Hall)

Emergency phones (go.illinois.edu/ephones)
Direct phone line with the University Police Department

• Kiosks with blue lights
• Bus Shelters
• Elevators
• Parking Lots/Decks
Who we are

When should you call 911?

• Worried about your own or someone else’s safety or well-being.

• If you are experiencing any kind of emergency or you have just witnessed a crime.

• Don’t hesitate calling thinking you might be bothering the police. It’s important to call if you have any concerns.

• If in the event, the circumstances dictate the need for a Campus Safety Notice, your identity (victim) would not be included in that notice.
What to expect when calling 911

• You will be asked a series of questions about what kind of help you need, where you are and what you saw.

• It helps if you are able to provide specific details (i.e. description of the offender, what they are wearing or license plate of cars that may be involved.

• While helpful, this information is not necessary to call 911. We will help you regardless of how much information you may or may not have.
Who we are

We provide a number of services to keep students safe:

Student Patrol/SafeWalks (217-333-1216 or download the app)

- Our trained Student Patrol provides free SafeWalks and an extra set of eyes and ears for police:
- Walking in groups is one of the best deterrents to criminals.

SafeRides (217-265-7433)

- Sponsored by MTD - 7pm (5 pm during DLS) to 6 am; more info - www.cumtd.com
Who we are

Our security network includes 1,800 cameras and counting:

• Cameras enhance environmental security to deter criminals.

• Extremely useful in identifying and catching offenders:
Crime on campus

For a full list of statistics, broken down by school, please visit:

police.illinois.edu/CleryStats

For a crime map of the Champaign/Urbana area

www.crimereports.com
Champaign-Urbana is directly served by four fully-staffed police departments:

• University of Illinois Police, Champaign Police, Urbana Police, Champaign County Sheriff’s Department, and sometimes Illinois State Police

• This makes our campus the most heavily-patrolled area in the entire region.
Preventing crime

Basic campus safety guidelines:

- Always lock doors, windows, etc.
- Do not walk alone at night. Walk with a friend, or call SafeWalks (217)333-1216 or SafeRides (217) 265-7433.
- Use well-lit, high-traffic areas.
- Consume alcohol responsibly if you choose to do so.
- Trust your instincts. Call 911 if something doesn’t feel right.
Preventing crime

Still, our best defense against crime is our community members:

• Be vigilant and report. We cannot fix what we do not know about. Call police when something is wrong.

• Medical amnesty: You can’t get in trouble for underage drinking if you call 911 to help yourself or someone else.

• We can’t do it alone! Need the active participation of students to look out for each other and let us know when something’s wrong.
Don’t Fall For Scams

- When selling something, be aware of anyone trying to give you more money than you are asking.
- If you are using internet to sell items, ensure you meet at a safe/secure location (i.e. police department parking lot)
- Be aware of anyone trying to get money from you by threatening to sue you or take away your Visa/Passport status.
- IRS does not call you demanding payment with threats.
- Sextortion scam
- If you are unsure, **ASK** someone in **AUTHORITY!!**
- Video on Scams: [https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/scams-affect-all-us?utm_source=govdelivery](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/scams-affect-all-us?utm_source=govdelivery)
Getting around campus

Our campus experiences very high amounts of vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic, making it very important that students remain aware of their surroundings:

• Speed limit is generally 25 mph and strictly enforced
• Pedestrians must obey all traffic laws or be ticketed
• If a bicyclist is in the roadway, he or she must obey all traffic laws. On the sidewalk, must obey pedestrian laws.
• Strict enforcement is for everyone’s safety.
Getting around campus

Signs & Signals

Walk – you may cross the roadway but should still be aware of traffic

Don’t Walk- you may not cross the roadway
Violation: $120.00 fine
Getting around campus

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Diagonal Crossing
(only where marked)

Do Not “Jay Walk”
Run>Hide>Fight

Emergencies can happen anywhere, anytime. It’s important that we take time to prepare for a situation in which our safety could depend on our ability to react quickly.

http://police.illinois.edu/safe
There are multiple ways you can stay informed of campus safety issues:

• Follow us on social media:
  • fb.com/UIpolice
  • @UIPD on Twitter

• Sign up for Campus Safety Notices (police.illinois.edu/informed)

• Subscribe to news updates (police.illinois.edu/UIPDnews)

• Register for Illini-Alert (emergency.illinois.edu)