

# Safety on Campus

Safety is of paramount importance. Please do not hesitate to call for police assistance or to report suspicious activity. Call 292-2121 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergency service.

For more information about safety on campus, please visit [www.ps.ohio-state.edu](http://www.ps.ohio-state.edu).

## Emergency Telephones

There are more than 100 emergency telephones located around campus to provide direct access to the University Police Communications Center. These phones are clearly visible by the bright blue light atop the black phone pole labeled:

### **Emergency / Police / Medical / Fire**

In the event of any emergency, push the button to activate the phone and speak directly with a police dispatcher. Use these phones in the event of a fire, medical or other emergency, or to report suspicious activity.

## Escorts to, from and around Campus

The Student Safety and Escort Service is provided to enhance the safety of students, faculty, and staff within the campus area. Student Escort personnel carry radios for direct contact with University Police and will provide a walking team or a van to assist you in traveling to and from campus destinations. Because of limited resources, this service does not provide assistance for travel between off-campus locations nor is it a taxi service. Call **292-3322** to request an escort.

### **Hours of Service for the Student Safety and Escort Service (seven days a week):**

Spring/Summer/Fall Quarters: 7:30 p.m. - 2:40 a.m.  
Winter Quarter: 6:30 p.m. - 2:40 a.m.

***The Escort Service is not available when classes are not in session.***

## Parking Safety Tips

The West Campus overnight parking lot, WC5, is restricted to students living in the dorms. This lot is under surveillance. Transportation & Parking Services and OSU Police regularly patrol WC5 and all lots on campus.

To help secure your vehicle and your belongings, Transportation & Parking Services encourages you to do the following:

1. Lock your vehicle every time you leave it.
2. Discourage theft by parking in well-lit spaces and high pedestrian traffic areas.
3. Report suspicious people to security or booth attendants; include as much information about the person, location, and/or type of car involved.
4. Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Look inside your vehicle prior to entering it.
5. Do not leave tempting valuables or property visible inside the car. Lock these items in the trunk.
6. Keep your parking ticket with you when in a parking garage. The absence of a parking ticket will impede auto theft if someone tries to exit the garage with your vehicle. You can write the level and row where you parked on your ticket for easy reference.
7. Avoid walking alone at night unless absolutely necessary.
8. Walk purposefully, know where you are going, project a no-nonsense image.
9. Call the OSU Student Safety and Escort Service at 292-3322 to be escorted to your on-campus destination.

## Preventing Thefts From Auto

Criminals often roam parking lots and streets looking to steal items from vehicles. They utilize the "smash and grab" technique: smashing a window and grabbing the items of value from the car. This process takes no more than a matter of seconds. When possible, take your valuables with you. Laptop computers, purses, briefcases, cell phones and other small electronics are easy and popular targets for thieves. If you must leave valuables in your car, secure them out of sight in a locked compartment or trunk.

### Did You Know...

You can add valuable property to a database called The Registry. The Registry is a database used to record the valuable property of students, faculty and staff at The Ohio State University and is used to aid in record keeping and promote recovery of property should it be lost or stolen. For more information on The Registry or about safety on campus, please visit [www.ps.ohio-state.edu](http://www.ps.ohio-state.edu).