

*University of Louisiana
at Lafayette*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

**CAMPUS CRIME
PREVENTION GUIDE**

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The safety and well-being of the students, faculty, staff, and visitors are a priority here at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Through the assistance of several other University departments, every effort is made to better serve the University community and provide a safe environment in which the mission of the University may be attained. However, a truly safe campus can only be achieved through the cooperation of all students, faculty, and staff. This guide is a part of our effort to ensure this collaborative endeavor is successful. We hope you will read it carefully and use this information to help foster a safe environment for yourself and others on the University campus.

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Chief*

UL LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reporting Crimes or Emergencies

The UL Lafayette Police Department is a team of professionals working to provide a safe environment in which the educational mission of the University can be fully realized. The UL Lafayette Police Department is service-oriented and tailored to meet the needs of a large progressive institution. The department provides police services such as police patrol, taking of crime/offense reports, criminal investigations, traffic supervision, emergency first aid, the maintenance of public order, and other related services. The department's ability to function as an independent law enforcement agency enables it to provide assistance while still maintaining the autonomy of the University.

The UL Lafayette Police Department provides a 24-hour-a-day patrol protection to the campus and its satellite facilities. Officers are vested with full law enforcement powers and responsibilities of any law enforcement officer of the state on property owned or operated by the University, including adjacent streets. Title 17 Section 1805 (A) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes grants police powers to university officers. In addition, this law grants officers the authorization to carry concealed weapons, powers of arrest on and off campus, jurisdictional boundaries, and authorization for the investigation of crimes occurring within ones jurisdiction to include the entire state. Officers must successfully complete a minimum of 320 hours of basic law enforcement training at a Louisiana Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) approved academy. In addition, officers also receive advanced training in areas of criminal investigation, firearms, OWI detection, defense tactics, legal updates, narcotics, forensics, etc.

The UL Lafayette Police Department has an excellent working relationship with all local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The department is part of a parish-wide emergency preparedness response team and responds when requested by other agencies.

The UL Lafayette Police Department is located in Bittle Hall on the UL Lafayette Campus, 210 Hebrard Boulevard. The department is open 24 hours a day and is staffed by commissioned police officers. Students have 24 hour access to emergency phone lines to UL Lafayette Police Department as well as 911. **If you are the victim of a crime, involved in an emergency, a witness to an incident, and/or in need of assistance, contact the UL Lafayette Police Department on an on-campus phone by dialing 2-6447. To contact the UL Lafayette Police Department on an off-campus line dial 482-6447 (long distance code is "337").**

Safety Programs

The UL Lafayette Police Department provides various programs and systems designed to enhance the safety and well-being of the University community.

Code Blue Emergency Call System

The UL Lafayette Police Department operates six emergency telephones installed at various locations throughout the campus. Three of the emergency telephones, referred to as Code Blue Stations, are located on the main campus, two are located at Cajun Field near the commuter parking area, and one is located at Sorority Row. The Code Blue Stations are easily recognizable by a tall blue pole with a light at the top. When the user pushes the easily accessible emergency button, the phone automatically dials the number and direct contact is made with the UL Lafayette Police Department. A blue strobe light is activated and an officer is dispatched to the location.

The Code Blue System provides the opportunity for immediate contact with police officers. Our hope is that the system provides a feeling of security to all who walk the University campus.

Crime Prevention Programs

The UL Lafayette Police Department works in conjunction with Freshman Orientation to disseminate information about the duties and responsibilities of the UL Lafayette Police as well as security and safety tips. Each semester, the UL Lafayette Police Department, the Department of Student Personnel, and the Housing Department present crime prevention and awareness programs. In addition, crime prevention and alert programs are presented to different departments on a continual basis. The Student Government Association and the Residence Hall Association present guest lectures and demonstrations on current topics and trends relevant to crime prevention for students and employees. The Married Housing Association has also set up and organized a Neighborhood Watch Program as well as worked in conjunction with the UL Lafayette Police in conducting programs on crime prevention, security and safety tips, and bicycle safety for their residents on a regular basis. In addition, the department also offers a women's hands on self-defense class.

Police Bike Patrol

UL Lafayette Police Department utilizes a Bike Patrol to supplement vehicle and foot patrol as part of its overall effort to make the campus safe. The Bike Patrol enables officers to cover more of an area and at the same time allows for quick response should the need arise. Officers are also better able to converse with students, faculty, and staff when utilizing bike patrol.

482-2TIP: Crime Stoppers Tips Line

The UL Lafayette Police Department operates an anonymous Crime Stoppers Tips Line to assist the department and the community in the prevention and solving of crime. Members of the community are encouraged to report any information regarding crimes that may or have occurred by dialing **482-2TIP or 2-2TIP** and follow the instructions given. All callers will remain anonymous.

On-Call Response Team

In addition to on-duty police officers, the University has an on-call response team consisting of the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dean of Students, Chief of Police, Student Personnel staff, Counseling and Testing staff, and additional police personnel. In most cases, this team can be assembled from initial contact. In cases of physical plant problems, there are standby personnel available for call-out by the UL Lafayette Police Department.

Crime Statistics

The UL Lafayette Police Department makes every effort to inform the University community of crimes and issues of security and safety. **All campus crimes are reported weekly to the department web page**, as well as issues relevant to the campus community. Additionally, the UL Lafayette Police Department reports its monthly crime statistics to the University of Louisiana System and the FBI Uniform Crime Report. **The publication of these reported crimes allow for all students and others in the University community to be a better informed community. By making everyone more aware of crimes, it is believed that each person can help prevent and /or avoid the incidence of crime on campus.**

Formal press releases are issued often to address serious incidents or to educate the University community concerning relevant issues. **Statistics of crimes reported to the UL Lafayette Police Department are cited at the end of this guide by category and year.** In order to obtain an updated crime report, one may contact the UL Lafayette Police Department at 337-482-6447 or write to: UL Lafayette Police Department, P.O. Box 40794, Lafayette, LA 70504-0794 or web page address www.louisiana.edu/student/police.

Off-Campus Organizations & Functions

Any time any law enforcement agency has to respond to an off-campus student organization, the UL Lafayette Police Department is contacted. This is a result of a mutual agreement between those agencies and the University.

On-Campus Student Housing

The University's on-campus student housing program is designed to promote a safe and secure environment for all residents. Full-time Area Coordinators oversee all residence halls and provide professional assistance and guidance. The Area Coordinators reside in various halls for direct interaction with the students and staff. All University residence halls are staffed with Hall Directors and student residence hall counselors to assist students and maintain order.

During the daytime hours, the lobbies of the residence halls are open for general student use. In the evenings, residence hall staff oversee activities in the residence halls.

For added safety and security, all doors to the female residence halls are locked from 11PM to 8AM and an assigned night hostess monitors the residence hall during these hours. Males are only allowed in the lobby areas of female residence halls except during Open House Hours. During Open House hours, male visitors are allowed in female residence halls and female visitors are allowed in male residence halls and are required to sign in.

UL Lafayette Police officers routinely walk all residence hall areas in late evenings and night hours to prevent loitering and noise. Foot patrol is added to the female residence halls during specific evening hours.

During the evening hours until 12 midnight, students have access to a shuttle service which is sponsored in part by the Student Government Association. This shuttle service offers transportation from designated pick-up stations to areas of campus such as the library, computer center, art building, and residence hall areas.

Anyone witnessing or having knowledge of a crime in or around the residence hall(s) is encouraged to report this information to the UL Lafayette Police Department.

Illegal Drugs & Weapons Policy

The entire campus is considered a “Drug Free Zone” and a “Gun Free Zone” as outlined in Title 40 Section 981.3 and Title 14 Section 95.2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

The University does not condone the possession, use, and/or distribution of marijuana, LSD, or other hallucinogenic substances, narcotics, or drug paraphernalia by anyone. Any individual known to be in possession, using, or distributing such drugs is subject to University disciplinary action, arrest, imprisonment, or fine according to state law.

The University prohibits the use or possession of firearms while on campus. Anyone in violation is subject to disciplinary action and/or arrest according to state law.

Alcoholic Beverages Drug & Alcohol Abuse Policy/Programs

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette seeks to encourage and sustain an academic environment that both respects individual freedom and promotes the health, safety, and welfare of all members of the community. In keeping with these objectives, the University has established a policy and guidelines governing the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the University campus, and conforming to the laws of Louisiana. A copy of this policy may be obtained by writing to: UL Lafayette Counseling and Testing Center, P.O. Box 44010, Lafayette, LA 70504.

Policy On Sexual Assault

Introduction: Colleges and universities play an important educational and administrative roles in addressing the nation-wide problem of sexual offenses. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette has consistently followed its Code of Student Conduct and official University policies including state law in responding to such violations. In compliance with federal and state regulations of 1993, the University now extends this formal policy regarding sexual offenses. This policy also outlines the University’s services and programs offering education and treatment with regard to sexual offenses.

The following policy on sexual offenses is directed to all levels of the University’s community, including students, faculty, administrators, and all other staff members. The University believes that sexual offenses of any nature must be addressed fairly, systematically, and within due process of the law.

This policy outlines the University’s response to sexual offenses from philosophy, to education, prevention, treatment and sanctions.

Philosophy: Every student at the University deserves the best possible opportunity to achieve academic excellence and enjoy a quality campus environment in which to develop and mature. In addition, every reasonable effort must be made to assure the safety and welfare of all members of the campus community. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette promotes a safe and healthy environment, provides to all campus members the opportunity to make significant contributions in life, educates the community with regard to sexual offenses, and promotes the concept of individual responsibility for such offenses. The University sets its goals in response to the realization that sexual assault and sexual offenses are a threat to the mission of an institution of higher education.

Definitions

Sexual Assault: *attempted or actual unwanted sexual activity.*

Sexual Offense: *any sexual act directly against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will, or any sexual act not forcibly or against the person's will but where the victim is incapable of giving consent.*

Programs and Services

Education, Prevention, and Treatment: The University of Louisiana at Lafayette recognizes its responsibility to educate the campus community about the problems associated with sexual offenses. The University offers various educational programs in a range of settings on a regularly scheduled basis. The Counseling and Testing Center and the UL Lafayette Police Department provide instructional group programs dealing with the issues of sexual assault. Student Health Services also extends such programs, both for group and individual education. Residence hall staff members, under the supervision of the Department of Student Personnel, educate through both group programs and one-on-one interaction in the residence halls.

The UL Lafayette Police Department maintains a 24-hour safety watch on campus. Along with periodic bike patrol and foot patrol of all areas of the campus including the female residence hall areas; every attempt is made toward crime prevention. In addition to those services, the UL Lafayette Police Department provides a Shuttle Service around campus to enhance security. With the addition of the Code Blue System, a campus-wide emergency call box system that allows students to make direct contact with the UL Lafayette Police Department from numerous locations, the University commits itself to the prevention of sexual offense crimes.

Procedures: Rape is a serious crime, a felony offense under Section 14:42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. When an alleged rape or sexual offense occurs on campus, the University urges students to contact UL Lafayette Police Department to report the incident to either a police officer or the Student Personnel Dean on Call. If the offense occurs off campus, students may still contact a Personnel Dean who will assist in contacting the appropriate outside agencies. The University Personnel Dean, when contacted, will assist the victim throughout the entire process, offering support and providing any help related to the victim's recovery and any administrative aid in relation to class attendance or withdrawal from the University and changes in academic and living situations if reasonably possible.

The University's first concern is for the victim to receive proper medical attention. It is important that the victim not bathe, shower, douche, or change clothes before seeking medical attention. The treatment for rape may require an examination at a designated hospital, testing for any sexually transmitted diseases, medication to prevent pregnancy, and documenting evidence so the student can decide whether or not to pursue prosecution.

It is a personal decision whether the victim chooses to pursue criminal charges for rape or sexual assault, but the University strongly encourages victims to do so. If students decide not to report a sexual offense crime, they are encouraged to call or have a friend call the police, the Sexual Abuse Response Center, or the Dean of Students Office and report the crime anonymously. Whether the offense is reported or prosecution is pursued, the victim should consult a trained counselor for help in dealing with the emotional aftermath of a rape. Counselors are available at the Counseling and Testing Center on campus. Student Health Services and the Sexual Abuse Response Center also offer counseling assistance. Talking with a counselor or psychologist in no way compels a victim to take any further action.

Sanctions: Sanctions for students will be imposed under the guidance of the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and in accordance with the University Code of Student Conduct and Appeals Procedures. Sanctions applying to faculty and staff will be in accordance with University policies and procedures for faculty and staff.

A victim may choose to pursue action through the University disciplinary system if the offense was committed by another student. The Office of the Dean of Students is available to advise victims of their rights under the Code of Student Conduct and Appeals Procedures. The University encourages students to report their experience to the Dean of Students Office, even if they choose not to pursue disciplinary action.

For more information or assistance, please contact:

UL Lafayette Police Department.....482-6447
Counseling & Testing.....482-6480
Student Personnel.....482-6373
Dean of Students Office.....482-6276
Sexual Abuse Response Center.....233-7273
Student Health Services.....482-6827