

Your Safety at UNK



LAPTOP THEFT

In the blink of any eye, your laptop disappeared when you went to the restroom or got a snack! Lock your room, never leave your laptop unattended in a public place, it WILL be stolen!

CYBERSPACE

Cyberspace may seem anonymous however many technology-based threats are present in student's lives.

Identity Theft

UNK does not use your social security number for identification. Protect that number cautiously. Memorize your student identification and always carry your identification on campus. Report lost /stolen identification including driver's licenses, Student Visa's, Passports and other documentation immediately. Stolen Debit and Credit Cards can leave you penniless fast. These along with your identification can ruin your credit for years!

My Space and Facebook

These fast growing web sites are available to anyone. Putting personal information on your personal site can lead to predators at the door, unwanted phone calls as well as lost jobs by employer browsing. Use caution when posting photos. The UNK student listing is easily accessible and most people know how to search by area. Posting your classes online may lead to someone waiting for you outside the building.



Online Relationships

Swapping stories online with someone in a chat room doesn't mean you know who they are. The anonymity of cyberspace allows anyone to "play" whoever and whatever they want to be. Never provide your phone or room number to anyone online. If you do choose to meet someone, arrange a public place like the Nebraskan Student Union. Have a friend go with you. Never be alone with someone you don't know!

Cyberstalking

If someone is sending threatening e-mails, making inappropriate comments or watching you, report it right away! Keep track of the messages, save them, print them out and turn them over to Police Services. Don't take chances that this is "just harmless computer play." Cyberstalking is never a game.

Illegal File Sharing

Engaging in this risky practice puts you and UNK in a compromising position. Students are being charged for downloading material stolen off the internet. Are you willing to throw away your future for a song?!?

Passwords

Your UNK e-mail password is generic and should be changed the first time you log in. Report illegal e-mail activity immediately!

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YOUR GUIDE TO A SAFE EXPERIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY



Police and Parking Services

Our Mission

To enhance the opportunity of all individuals to participate in quality education, research and service by partnering with students, faculty, staff and visitors to provide a safe, protected and orderly environment.



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Community Concerns

The University of Nebraska at Kearney would like you to see our campus as your community, requiring all of us to keep it safe. This guide will help you play a part in that community effort.

Propped Doors

Tragedies—from rapes to thefts to murders—have occurred when the wrong person slipped through a propped door. Close propped doors right away and report repeat problems!

Strangers

Report the presence of strangers — whether they've gained access, are hanging around or are exhibiting questionable behavior — to teachers — residence hall staff—and or Police Services. Don't let strangers into your building, even if they tell you they are visiting a friend. Offer to call their friend for them instead.

“Little Things”

Keeping in mind little things could be a danger to others, report community problems such as:

- Slippery floors
- Broken doors/furniture/elevators
- Missing window screens
- Burned out lights or bulbs removed
- Water leaks
- Broken glass
- Compromised emergency equipment
- Key fob equipment working improperly

Report It! The who, what, when, where, how and why of the matter!

Incident: stay objective, keep things in chronological order, tell listeners where you were and what you saw.

Persons: notice their hair, height, build, race and then their clothes, tattoos, birthmarks or special features.

Vehicles or Objects: Jot down plate numbers or take note of the make of the car, color, how many doors. Describe objects by size, shape and color.



Hate/Bias-Related Incidents

If someone threatens you or someone else based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or other characteristics, get help right away. **No one** should have to put up with this type of fear, discomfort or intimidation.

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Natural Disasters

Nebraska has severe weather from snow emergencies to tornadoes. Take these warnings seriously. Be prepared to take shelter and know where shelter is. Work with trained staff to get yourself and others to safety.



Go to <http://www.buffalogov.org/> to download the alert system to your computer and keep up to date on local weather and other alerts.

Help Others

You may encounter a crisis situation during your time at UNK. Follow the tips below to be prepared.

- Get help immediately if a friend seems sick, intoxicated or drugged. Their safety and well being is most important, not whether they will “get in trouble.”
- Stay as calm as possible. Quick, clear-headed thinking can make all the difference.
- Help with crowd control if need be and let the medical or emergency personnel do their job.
- Playing the hero in volatile situations may escalate things and you and others may get hurt. Step away and call for help or signal to someone else to make that call.
- Be alert to potential fights, loud voices, items thrown, clenched fists. Get yourself safe and then call for help.
- Transporting an injured person to the hospital may do more harm than good. Good Samaritan Hospital provides quick and efficient ambulance service with trained personnel.
- Go to trainings provided by your Residential Advisors so you can be prepared.
- Be a leader, sometimes someone saying or doing the right thing can prevent the wrong thing from happening.

Know What to Do

Be alert to your surroundings so you can respond quickly and appropriately in a crisis situation.

- Have the number 308-627-4811 programmed into your phone to reach Police Services quickly. Or, dial 911 and let dispatch get help quickly.
- Know where the UNK Emergency Phones are located on campus. In an emergency, just push the button and communicate your emergency.
- All UNK employees will listen to your concerns. If you aren't sure about a situation, ask, someone will help you.
- Be familiar with all exits in your classes as well as your residence.
- Practice in your mind what you would do “if” and where you would be safe.
- Talk to your Instructors about the emergency plan for that particular building.
- Police Services' Officers are trained, certified Police Officers, on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All concerns should be reported and can be done so anonymously at <http://www.unk.edu/offices/police.aspx?ekfrm=41744&ekmense=c57dfa7b721722417442>
- Don't be the one to say, “I knew about that but I didn't know it was that serious.”

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Be Preventative and Be Prepared; Plan for the “What if’s”

Preparing for natural disasters as well as fires, bomb threats and active shooters may sound unrealistic but it definitely can't hurt to plan your path to surviving in crisis mode!



Fire Facts

Fires do not discriminate, they happen both on and off campus. Know the facts to keep yourself safe and secure.

- Know exactly where your emergency exits are located so you can go on “automatic pilot” if there’s a fire.
- Evacuate the building when the fire alarm sounds, assuming it is just a drill could put your life and your rescuer’s life in danger.
- Residence Halls do not allow candles, incense and other illegal appliances.
- Smoking is not allowed in buildings on the University of Nebraska at Kearney. You must be 10 feet from the entrance of any building and cigarettes should be extinguished properly to avoid grass and or receptacle fires.
- Fabrics and scarves should not be draped over lamps as they can cause fires.
- If you suspect fire in your hallway, feel the door and if it is hot, stuff towels or sheets under your door so less smoke can enter. Stay close to the ground where the air isn’t as smoky.
- Don’t tamper with fire equipment such as extinguishers, hoses and alarm boxes. Malfunctioning equipment can be a matter of life and death in a real fire situation.

Pulling alarms as a hoax is a crime!



Bomb/Terror Threats

These types of dangers come in many shapes and forms, from a gunman on campus to an attack on your school. To keep yourself and others safe:

- Listen carefully when staff and Police Services tell you what to do. They’ve been trained to lead you to safety.
- Try not to panic or assume the worst. Your immediate concern should be to get to a safe location.
- Take drills seriously and encourage others to do the same, practice will help you and others be prepared and help you stay calm in a real situation.
- Have a healthy suspicion. When something just doesn’t seem right or people appear out of place, report it. Disasters can be averted when students take the time and care to report odd behavior.
- Making threats as a “joke” can cause panic, waste valuable resources and may get you suspended from school and/or arrested.

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Home Safety

Whether you live on or off campus there are simple things you can do to stay safe in your own space.

Your Room

- Always lock your door, especially when you are inside sleeping or when you leave your room.
- Don’t let strangers into your room. Look through the peephole, ask for ID or meet them in the hallway.
- Don’t post notes on your memo board or voicemail saying where you are or providing personal information.
- Don’t keep valuables in plain sight.
- Don’t loan out your room key or Fob.



Report Lost/Stolen Room Keys and Fobs

Report a lost or stolen room key or building Fob to appropriate staff immediately! Someone may use it to gain entry to your room, apartment or car and hurt you, your roommate or belongings.



Your Apartment

- Follow the room tips
- Use your last name only on the mailbox
- Keep entryways lit
- Report security issues and concerns to your landlord.

Parking Lots

- Have your key in hand, ready to put in the lock as you walk toward your car.
- Look around your car and in the backseat to make sure no one is in or around your vehicle. Use the panic button on your electronic door lock if a suspicious person is in the area.
- Call 224-0853 for an escort to or from your car within two blocks of campus.
- Use the buddy system at night. Have someone you know and trust walk with you when it is dark.
- Always keep your car locked, when you are in it as well as when you are not.
- Park in areas that are well lit and as close to your destination as possible.

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Don't be a victim

Keep yourself safe by considering the following:

Stalkers—If someone is stalking you, report it to Police Services immediately. Protection can be given in the form of restraining orders, bans and other actions to keep you safe.

Obscene Calls—Do not engage in conversation with an unknown caller, safeguarding any personal information. Report the number and any information about the call to Police Services. Your voicemail message should be short without giving your last name to protect your identity.

Walking Around—Call 308-224-0853 for a personal escort on campus. Avoid walking alone at night. Stay in well-lit areas and walk with a friend.

Stay Alert! - Wearing headphones or talking on the phone makes it easier for someone to take you by surprise. When walking, jogging or studying alone, make sure you can hear what's going on around you.

Being Followed—Get toward crowds, lights or buildings if you are being followed. If walking to your car, hit the panic button, contact Police Services immediately, you may be preventing someone else from getting hurt as well as yourself.

Keep Your Stuff Safe

Protect your personal property:

- Keep your backpack or purse with you. When at the gym, use a locker and LOCK IT UP!
- Be sure to lock your bike and your car. Never put your combination number on your bike.
- Valuables such as a purse, wallet, i-pod etc... should be locked in the trunk of the car or out of plain sight. Never walk away from your items to use the restroom or get a snack. Someone may be watching for just that opportunity.
- Cash is almost impossible to get back when it is stolen. Large amounts should never be kept in your room.
- Discuss these issues with your roommate. Their friends may not be yours!
- Use UNK Police and Parking Services' engraver to mark your property. Write down the serial numbers and brands of all your electronics and put them in a safe place.
- School books are often stolen and thieves attempt to sell them back to the bookstore or online for money. Put your pet's name on the same page of each of your books for later identification by bookstore personnel or Police Services.



Common Areas

Tell someone where you're going if you have to work in an isolated lab, practice room or study lounge. Or, even better, take someone with you. Your safety can be seriously compromised in these isolated spaces. Call 308-224-0853 for a walk to your car or if someone causes you to be concerned for your safety call 911 or Police Services at 308-627-4811.

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UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Alcohol and Other Drugs

The majority of safety related incidents from assaults to vandalism occur when students are under the influence. Unwise risks are taken when your judgment is impaired.

Impaired Driving

Nebraska has a zero tolerance for minors driving under the influence of alcohol. Impaired driving just isn't worth it. Never get into a car with an impaired driver. It may be the last ride you take!



Call Kearney Cab at 308-234-6725 for a **free** ride back to campus. (Thursday—Saturday 11:00 p.m.—2:00 a.m.)

Sexual Assault

Both female and male college students are victims of rape or attempted rape. A large percentage know their attacker.

- ⊗ Don't be alone with someone you just met.
- ⊗ Clearly communicate your intentions—say "NO" and mean it.
- ⊗ Alcohol will compromise your safety, clouding your judgment. Keep a level head.
- ⊗ Account for everyone you arrived with before leaving. Help keep your friends safe as well.
- ⊗ Trust your instincts.
- ⊗ Call 308-627-4811 to sign up for a RAD class for women and RAPE class for men. These sexual assault awareness classes will help you prevent becoming a victim.

Date Rape Drugs

Drugs such as GHB, Rohypnol (roofies) and Ketamine (Special K) are odorless and tasteless, making it easy for someone to slip them into your drink. For 4—6 hours you succumb to drowsiness, slur your speech and forget what happens as well as lose inhibitions.

- ⊗ Never leave a drink unattended, especially at a bar or party.
- ⊗ Never drink from a common source, like punch bowls, Jell-O shots or drinks already poured.
- ⊗ Never, ever accept a drink from a stranger.
- ⊗ Get to a safe place if you feel you may have been drugged. Tell a trusted friend and have them contact Police.

Prescription Meds

Medications react differently for each person and may have an adverse affect when taken in quantities not prescribed or in combination with other drugs or alcohol. Death can result. Do not give or sell your medications to anyone, it is a crime.



Street Drugs

All drugs not prescribed to an individual are illegal on UNK campus, including the use of marijuana.

"Club Drugs" such as Ecstasy, GHB, Special K, LSD, Meth and more are dangerous and can wreak havoc on your body and your brain. Success at UNK is not possible when these are involved in your life.

