CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

It takes eight seconds for a thief to enter your room and leave with your valuables!
Over 90% of room and office thefts involve occupants who were "just gone for a few moments."

REMEMBER:

- Be alert to strangers; don't open doors to unknown callers, EVER.
- Keep doors and windows locked, especially at night. Most "hot prowls" occur through unlocked doors and windows.
- Keep drapes drawn when undressing or retiring for the night.
- Be careful about postings on social networks, especially advertising when you are out of town.
- Close and LOCK your door every time you leave, even for a "moment." Keep your curtains drawn - if people don't know what you have, they are less tempted to break in.
- Maintain a bathroom light all night; it indicates someone is awake.
- Keep a radio playing softly during your absence.
- Do not leave notes indicating you're away.
- Never leave valuables easily visible from the outside; lock them up safely and securely.
- Leave a key with a trusted friend; don't attempt to hide it outside.
- Do not prop doors open.
- Never admit a stranger into the lobby when entering your residence hall.
- Avoid being alone on an elevator with a stranger; stand by the emergency button.
- Do not furnish personal information by phone or through the internet with strangers.
- Do not enter if door is ajar or if you suspect intrusion, call University Police.
- If confronted inside, escape at the first opportunity. If you can't, throw an object through a window, scream, anything you can do to draw attention.
- Hang up on obscene or threatening phone calls and immediately report to University Police.
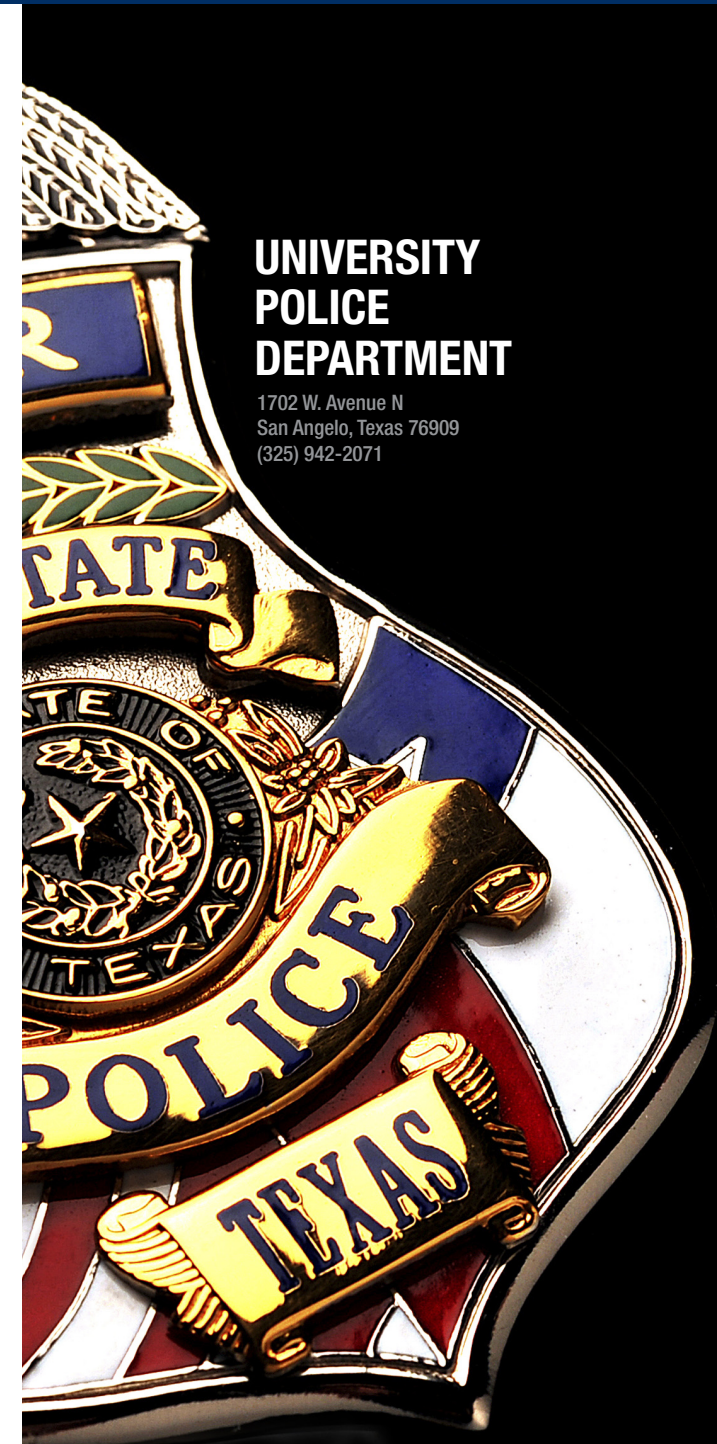
FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Should you discover **SMOKE** or **FIRE** or hear the fire alarm:

1. Dial 9-911.
2. Pull the fire alarm, if not already sounding.
3. Notify other persons on your way out.

IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE BUILDING BY MEANS OF NEAREST AVAILABLE EXIT

1. **BEFORE** opening a door, see if it is hot by placing the palm of your hand against it.
   - If hot, **remain** in the room.
   - If you are on the ground floor level, **CAREFULLY** exit through a window, if possible.
   - If on an upper floor, call 9-911 and notify dispatcher of your room number and location.
   - **Block** the door entrance of smoke and heat by stuffing towels or blankets around the door.
   - **Stay low** near the floor to avoid smoke and heat. Open a window, if possible. **DO NOT** exit onto ledges.
   - **REMAIN CALM**. Firefighters will get to you as soon as possible.
2. If the door is cool to the touch, open slightly and check for smoke in the corridor.
   - If clear, proceed to nearest available exit (exterior door or stairwell)
   - Stay low near floor to avoid smoke and heat.
   - Close doors on your way out.
3. If the corridor is too smoky to reach a stairway or exit, remain in the room.
4. Follow Instructions in item 1, above.
5. When leaving the building, get well clear of the entire area and follow instructions given by emergency personnel on scene.

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CAMPUS WATCH PROGRAM

Campus Watch is a campaign designed to enlist total campus participation and involvement in a self-help cooperative defense against crime. Through your voluntary participation, you will learn personal protection strategies, safeguards for your own property against theft and ways to assist your fellow students when their rooms are unoccupied or otherwise susceptible to intruders. Campus Watch encourages you to contact the police on any occasion when you observe suspicious activities.

Emphasis is placed upon mutual reliance for observing and reporting of unusual activities. The greatest challenge to Campus Watch is simply overcoming campus apathy.

The most effective crime prevention device ever invented is your phone. USE IT! Call the University Police at (325) 942-2071 to report criminal or suspicious activity.

Our crime prevention division can provide numerous workshops and publications to help educate you to potential crimes on and off campus. Being informed helps you take proactive steps to help reduce crime in our community.

Some of the crime prevention programs available include:

- Free engraving on personal items
- Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training
- "SILENT STORM" (Dating Violence)
- "FLASH POINT" (Workplace Violence)
- "SHOTS FIRED" (Active Shooter Preparedness)
- Crime Prevention and Personal Safety
- "Drunk Busters" (Alcohol Awareness)
- Operation I.D.
- "SAFE PASSAGE" (Travel Safety)

ASUALERT

CAMPUS COMMUNICATIONS

ASUAlert is the campus emergency notification system that allows the university to send out time-sensitive emergency notifications to students, faculty and staff via voice messages, text messages and ASU e-mail. The system is used for major campus emergencies such as: campus closings, building emergencies, severe weather and other potentially life-threatening incidents.

Participation in ASUAlert is fast and easy. Simply submit your ASUAlert contact information in RamPort by going to the Self Service channel in the Student Services tab and clicking "Edit ASUAlert Contacts". University Police also have a presence on social networks such as Facebook and Twitter. Police use these resources to communicate events and news related to the police department and the campus. Other information is posted on these sites which may be of importance but do not meet the criteria for activating ASUAlert.

USE THE PHONE

Angelo State maintains a network of 14 emergency call phones strategically located across campus. By the simple push of a button, the caller is connected directly to the ASU Police Communications Center. Even without any voice communication, dispatchers will know the location of the activated telephone, and officers will respond. To view the location of campus emergency phones, visit our web page.

It is paramount that crimes or any suspicious person(s) or activity be immediately reported to the University Police Department by calling 942-2071. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may call our tip line by dialing 942-ACTT.

Report anything "out of the ordinary" and watch for the most obvious things to report such as:

- A stranger loitering in or around the premises.
- Someone 'testing' doorknobs as they walk down a hallway.
- People carrying property out of a building, especially at unusual hours.
- A person screaming or calling for help.
- Unusual sounds; glass breaking, loud explosion, gunshots, etc.
- Anyone peering into cars, cruising the lots, tampering with cars.
- Burnt out lights, ineffective locks and security devices or safety hazards.

TIPS WHEN ON THE PHONE

Dial 942-2071 for any emergency on campus.

- Remain calm, be observant, call quickly and remain on the line until told otherwise.
- Relate what happened, where, when and if injuries are involved.
- Get a description of suspects from head to toe; write it down.
- Get vehicle description, license number, direction of travel or escape.

REPORTING CRIMES AND EMERGENCIES

- Call 9-1-1 for emergency Police, Fire, or EMS services from the City of San Angelo.
- Call (325) 942-2071 for emergency service from the University Police Department (on campus dial 2071).

Crimes and emergencies may be reported:

- By phone to one of the above numbers
- In person at the University Police Department
- In person to any officer on patrol
- By designated emergency call phones located across campus.

CRIME LOG

University Police maintain a daily crime log that is open to public for inspection. The log includes all crimes reported to the ASU Police, not just Clery Act crimes. To view our activity blotter, visit our web page at asupd.angelo.edu.