

UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

A campaign for a safer Aggieland



Texas A&M University is one of the safest campuses in the country, and we want to keep it that way. Our safety-first commitment extends to everyone on our campus — students, faculty, staff and visitors — as well as to our community partners. But we need something from you in return. Please pay close attention to your personal safety and the security of your personal property. You are encouraged to report any suspicious or criminal activity to law enforcement officials. Join me, Ags, in helping make Aggieland as safe as possible.

*J. Michael Ragan '82,
Texas A&M University Chief of Police*



PROTECT YOURSELF

College students must be aware that criminal acts can and do occur on a college campus. Students should be mindful of their personal safety. Never walk alone if you have concerns regarding your safety. All students are encouraged to utilize the “Corps of Cadets Escort Service,” shuttle buses or friends to avoid walking alone.

The Corps of Cadets Escort Service phone number can be found on the back of your student ID.



KEEP IN MIND SOME RULES OF PERSONAL SAFETY

- Be aware of your surroundings! Look to see who's in front of you and behind you. If you're concerned about crime, ask a friend to accompany you.
- Communicate the message that you're calm, confident and know where you're going! Stand tall, walk with purpose, and make eye contact with people around you.
- Trust your instincts! If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, simply leave.

WHAT TO DO IF CONFRONTED BY AN AGITATED OR AGGRESSIVE PERSON

Confrontations can occur without provocation, through no fault of your own. When such confrontations do occur, there are some actions you can take:

- Remain as calm as possible. This will not be easy if you are confronted, but it is your first step toward an escape. Attempt to remove yourself from the confrontation. Your own initiative and clear thinking are your best defenses.
- Report the incident. Call the police immediately, and report what has happened.
- If you are calling from an on-campus telephone, dial 911.
- If you are calling from an off-campus telephone or cellphone, dial 911.

PROTECT YOUR HOME, VEHICLE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Students should also be mindful of the security of their personal property. Doors and windows to residence halls and private residences should be kept secure at all times.

- Personal property should never be left unattended in a public place.
- Personal property such as bicycles, computers, tablets or iPads and other valuable electronic equipment should be engraved or marked with the student's driver's license state abbreviation letters followed by the driver's license number. Serial numbers should be recorded and kept in a safe place.

One of the most common crimes occurring in Bryan/College Station is vehicle burglary. Listed below are some suggestions for the citizens of this community to use in an effort to reduce these offenses:

- Never leave the keys in the vehicle.
- Always lock the doors even when you are away from the vehicle for a short time.
- Remove items (backpacks, purses, CDs, books, etc.) from the vehicle when possible or place them out of view.
- Remove faceplates of “pull-out” style stereos.
- Park in garages, on driveways or near your residence so the vehicle can be viewed periodically.

HELP THE POLICE HELP YOU

No police department can function effectively without the assistance of concerned, responsible citizens. They are depending on you to call whenever you observe suspicious persons or actions.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- Call the police immediately. Don't worry about “bothering” them; they are here to help.
- Think about what could happen if you don't act. Don't worry about being embarrassed if your suspicion is unfounded.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Important Numbers On Campus

Fire/Medical Emergency
911

University Police Non-emergency
(979) 845-2345

Student Counseling Service HelpLine
(979) 845-2700

Corps of Cadets Escort Service
(979) 845-6789

Important Numbers Off Campus

Emergencies
911

Bryan Police and Fire Dept.
(979) 361-3888

College Station Police and Fire Dept.
(979) 764-3600

Brazos County Sheriff's Office
(979) 361-4980

Texas Dept. of Public Safety
(979) 776-3101

For additional information visit the following websites:

upd.tamu.edu
reslife.tamu.edu/living/safety/cops
cstx.gov/police
bryantx.gov/police
dps.texas.gov
tam.u.edu/emergency

TEXTING 9-1-1*

Text to 9-1-1 allows you to send a text message directly to 9-1-1 for help in an emergency. Texting 9-1-1 is no different than sending a normal text message. Just enter 911 into the recipient field, compose your message, and press send. Visit bc911.org/text.html.

**May not be available with all phone carriers.*

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION DURING AN EMERGENCY

To learn what you should do in case of an emergency, visit tamu.edu/emergency. In an emergency, Texas A&M will post additional emergency updates and announcements at emergency.tamu.edu when they become available.

Visit codemaroon.tamu.edu/notificationmethods.html to learn about the various notification methods. Notification methods include:

- SMS text message;
- Texas A&M Email;
- KAMU-FM Radio;
- Campus Cable Television;
- Emergency Alert System radios;
- computer alerts;
- classroom speakers;
- Twitter; and,
- RSS feed.

CODE MAROON

Code Maroon is Texas A&M University's emergency notification system that gives the University the ability to communicate health and emergency information.

Texas A&M students, faculty and staff can sign up to receive alerts via text message at codemaroon.tamu.edu.



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PUBLIC ACCESS

Texas A&M University will send emergency alerts through Code Maroon's RSS feed and Twitter account. Anyone can receive alerts by subscribing to the RSS feed or following "TAMUCodeMaroon" on Twitter; however, delivery by Twitter cannot be guaranteed since Code Maroon does not manage this notification outlet.

PRIMARY INFORMATION TO REPORT TO THE POLICE

- What happened?
- When?
- Where?
- Is anyone injured?
- Your name and phone number
- Direction of travel of suspect
- Description of people: notice age, race, sex, clothing description, height and weight. Use your height and weight to compare to the suspect; and note anything else unique.
- Description of vehicle: license plate number, color, number of doors, window stickers, dents and anything else unusual

Campus Crime Report

Location of Incident: Southside Parking

Date of Incident: Sat, May 4 Time of Incident: 1:00

Description of Incident: I was walking to the library when a man walked up to me and threatened me with a knife. He was wearing a grey sweatshirt and he had a black baseball cap. He told me to give him



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