

## Driving

- ◆ If you are being followed, don't drive home.
- ◆ Go to the nearest police or fire station and honk your horn.
- ◆ If that is not possible, drive to an open gas station or other business where you can safely call the police.
- ◆ Don't leave your car unless you are certain you can get inside the building safely.
- ◆ Try to obtain the license plate number and description of the car following you.

## Elevators

- ◆ Familiarize yourself with elevators and floors.
- ◆ Look inside elevator before entering.
- ◆ Trust your intuition. If you feel uncomfortable, you do not have to get on or off.
- ◆ Stand near the controls. If necessary you can push the buttons for all of the floors or use the emergency alarm.
- ◆ Get off if someone suspicious enters.
- ◆ **Do not push the STOP button!**



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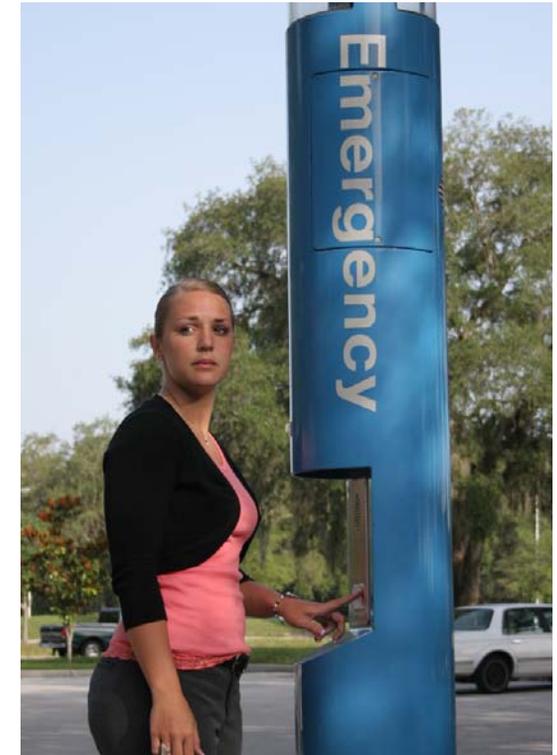
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**Emergency: 9-1-1**



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## On-Campus Safety

- ◆ University Police patrol campus 24/7
- ◆ For emergencies dial “9-1-1”
- ◆ Use the buddy system when crossing campus at night.
- ◆ If you need to cross campus alone at night, call the “SAFE TEAM” free escort service at 974-SAFE.
- ◆ Use the “Bull Runner” shuttle service to safely transport you to campus locations and certain off-campus locations.
- ◆ If you are going out, tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- ◆ Always lock your door and don’t loan the key.
- ◆ Never prop Residence Hall doors for someone to enter later. This leaves the Residence Hall open to anyone walking by.
- ◆ Never leave valuables visible from the window.
- ◆ Never carry large sums of money.



## Home or Residence Hall

- ◆ Make sure all windows and doors can be locked securely, particularly sliding glass doors. Use the locks. Keep entrances well-lit.
- ◆ Use a peephole with a 180 degree viewing angle.

- ◆ Check the ID of any sales or service persons before letting them in. All USF maintenance and contract workers should display ID when working in your building.
- ◆ Do not let any stranger into your home when you are alone – no matter what the reason or how dire the emergency is said to be. Offer to make an emergency phone call while the person waits outside.
- ◆ Never give the impression that you are home alone if strangers telephone or come to the door.
- ◆ If you live alone, use only your last name and initials for mail boxes and phone directories.
- ◆ Get to know your neighbors-people you can turn to if you are worried.
- ◆ If you live in an apartment, avoid being in the laundry room or garage by yourself, especially at night.
- ◆ If you come home and find a door or window open or signs of a forced entry, **do not** go in. Go to the nearest place of safety and call “9-1-1”.

## Walking or Jogging

- ◆ Always be alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- ◆ Try to stay in well-lit areas.
- ◆ Walk confidently at a steady pace on the side of the street facing traffic.
- ◆ Walk close to the curb. Avoid doorways, bushes, and alleys.
- ◆ Wear clothes and shoes that give you freedom of movement.
- ◆ Don’t walk alone at night and always avoid areas where there are few people.
- ◆ Be careful when people stop you for directions. Always reply from a distance, and never get too close to the car.
- ◆ If you are in trouble, attract help any way



you can. Yell in a loud, commanding voice.

- ◆ If you feel you are being followed, walk to a well-populated area.



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- ◆ Keep your car in good working order and the gas tank at least half full.
- ◆ Park in well-lit areas and lock the doors, even if you will only be gone a short time.
- ◆ When you return to your car, have the key ready and check the front and rear seats and floor before getting in.
- ◆ Drive with all the doors locked.
- ◆ If you get a flat tire, drive carefully on it until you reach a safe, well-lit and well-traveled area.
- ◆ If your car breaks down, put the hood up and the hazard lights on. Stay inside the car, with the doors locked and the windows up, when you can. If someone stops to help, don’t get out of the car; roll down the window slightly and ask the person to call the police or tow service for you.
- ◆ Don’t stop to assist a stranger whose car has broken down. Instead, help by driving to the nearest phone and calling police to help.
- ◆ Exercise extra caution when using underground and enclosed parking areas. Try not to enter alone.
- ◆ If possible, have a cellular phone in your car for use in emergencies.