CRIME PREVENTION

The University of Arizona Police Department is committed to providing a safe and secure environment to the university community.

The University of Arizona has a daily population of approximately 50,000 and it is not isolated from crime.

Crime Prevention means being aware of your environment and remaining alert to the situations that could make you vulnerable to crime. We cannot list specific measures that will protect you from every threatening situation which may arise.

Instead, we hope to teach you how to think "crime prevention" in day-to-day living. The suggestions presented should not be thought of as a list of crime prevention measures, but as examples of common-sense behavior that will help you make life safer and more secure.

PREVENTION IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

By adopting an attitude of individual responsibility, you will enhance the quality of life on this campus. The Department of Residence Life and the Dean of Students strongly encourage the implementation of these practices for your benefit and that of the University community.

It should be stressed that the guidelines which follow are not guaranteed to protect you in all situations. However, by following these guidelines, you will increase your ability to handle unforeseen problems and circumstances appropriately. An involved and caring citizenry, one in which each individual assumes responsibility for his/her own safety and contributes to the community’s well being, is the best assurance of a safe and secure environment.

Crime prevention is a constant effort for this department. In order to keep the public informed and involved the Crime Prevention Unit conducts security surveys, crime prevention seminars and presentations on safety and security. In addition to these services, we also provide personal safety and awareness programs to new student orientation.

UAPD is committed to meeting the needs of the community by presenting these programs, literally, around the clock.

To schedule a crime prevention program contact Crime Prevention at 520-621-4219.

AT NIGHT, travel in well lighted areas. Avoid "shortcuts" through dark or deserted areas. Use the buddy system and travel in groups.

CALL ASUA SAFE RIDE This is a safe and free way to travel between UA buildings and parking lots during the evening hours. Hours are Sunday-Thursday from 6:30 pm to 1 am and Friday from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Contact Safe Ride at: 520-621-SAFE (7235).

UTILIZE NIGHT CAT Night Cat operates Monday-Friday from 6:00 pm to 12:30 am. The Night Cat travels a full circuit around the UA campus every 30 minutes. For further information on Night Cat, contact Parking and Transportation at: 520-626-PARK

IF YOU FEEL THREATENED or suspect that you are being followed, walk toward lighted areas where there are people. Look over your shoulder frequently - this lets the follower know that you are aware of both his presence and your surroundings.

EMERGENCY BLUE LIGHT PHONES give you direct access to UAPD. Blue lights mark their locations. Use these telephones to contact the police department for any reason. If in an emergency you are unable to talk to the dispatcher, just push the button. A police officer will respond to that location.

WHEN RIDING IN A CAR, keep the doors locked. Park in the most lighted area you can find. Upon returning to your car, have your keys ready as you approach your vehicle. Before you get in to your vehicle, check the back and front seats to ensure that the car is empty.

THE OASIS PROGRAM against Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence offers services to those impacted by sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. Self-defense courses are also offered free of charge. Contact the Oasis Program at 520-626-2051 for further information.

REPORT ANY UNUSUAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY BY DIALING 9-1-1.