



Stanford University
Department of Public Safety



PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

- Carry a loud whistle and use it if threatened or assaulted in an attempt to either scare away the attacker, provide a distraction as an opportunity to escape, or to attract the attention of passersby.
- Keep your cell phone fully charged, turned on, and readily available during your travels.
- Always walk, jog, or run on lighted paths or walkways and be aware of your location and surroundings for any hazards or potential threats. Avoid shortcuts through dark areas! Please refer to the Suggested Travel Routes map which includes the locations of the blue 911 Emergency Telephone Towers:

[Suggested Travel Routes Map](#)

- Do not cover your ears with ear buds or a headset while on foot or on a bicycle. Always “listen” as well as look for any potential hazards or threats within your surroundings.
- Use the “buddy” system (pair up) when walking to/from your vehicle, dormitory, workplace, or classes at night.
- For a FREE escort by cart or vehicle to most locations on campus after hours, you can call 5-SURE or (650)725-SURE (Students United for Risk Elimination). The days and hours of operation are Monday through Sunday from 9:00PM to 1:45AM. The service is not available during the summer.
- When approaching your vehicle or bicycle, especially at night, check your surroundings for any suspicious activity such as someone loitering nearby. Before unlocking and entering your vehicle, look inside for anyone who might be concealed.
- If you are confronted by a hostile or aggressive person and fear for your safety or the safety of others, you should try and move to a safe location and immediately dial **9-1-1** or activate the nearest blue 911 Emergency Telephone Tower.

- Most importantly, ALWAYS BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND LOCATION!

TO REPORT A CRIME IN PROGRESS OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

- Move to a safe location (e.g., inside a building, store or business, or where others are present)
- When safe to do so, call **9-1-1 (9-9-1-1 from a campus phone) or activate the closest blue 911 Emergency Telephone Tower (aka, Blue Tower)**. Calmly and clearly report:
 - ❖ the exact location
 - ❖ what is occurring or occurred
 - ❖ description of the suspect(s) (gender, race, age, height, weight or build, clothing, and any accessories)
 - ❖ if any weapons are involved (gun, knife, etc.)
 - ❖ vehicle or bicycle description (vehicle year, make, model, color, license plate and state)
 - ❖ last direction of travel
- The 24/7 non-emergency dispatch number is **(650)329-2413**.
- If you are a witness, remain at the scene until law enforcement arrives and provide him/her with your contact information and a statement which may be critical for a quick apprehension and successful prosecution.
- For your own safety, never attempt to stop or restrain a fleeing suspect or vehicle.
- Do NOT touch, handle, move, or remove any potential evidence of a crime which could compromise the investigation and prosecution.

If any questions or concerns, please contact:

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