

The University of Texas at Dallas Campus Crime Reporting Report

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Enforcement Authority / Other Police Agencies

University Police Officers are vested with full law enforcement and arrest powers under Section 51.203, Texas Education Code. Officers must meet training requirements mandated by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education, as well as training designed to meet the needs of the university community. As University Police Officers, their police authority extends throughout Dallas and Collin Counties.

All criminal incidents are investigated by UTD police officers. Local municipal police agencies and county sheriff’s departments as well as the Texas Department of Public Safety maintains a cooperative relationship. This cooperation includes training programs, special events, coordination and investigation of serious incidents. Cases are filed with both the Dallas County and Collin County District Attorney offices, depending on the violation location. Information may also be given to the Dean of Students for action involving students.

The University requests that all crimes or suspected crimes occurring on campus be reported to the University Police Department as soon as possible.

Reporting Crimes or Other Emergencies

Criminal activity and other emergencies occurring on campus should be reported immediately to the UTD Police by telephone, blue-light phone, or in person at the police department, via the Silent Witness (anonymous) link on the police website (www.utdallas.edu/police) or by contacting a police officer on patrol. This will enable us to provide the best possible assistance to you and to make a **timely warning** to the UTD community when needed.

EMERGENCY . POLICE / FIRE* / MEDICAL* 24.HOUR

- 911
- For TDD Service: (800) 735.2989

NON.EMERGENCY

- Dispatch 883.2331
- Criminal Investigations 883.2572
- Crime Prevention 883.4322
- Callier Police 214.905.3020
- Dean of Students & Residential Life 883.6391

*The Richardson Fire Department provides emergency fire and medical services to the campus.

Reporting Crimes to Other University Officials or Counselors

UTD students may elect to report criminal activity to other staff, faculty or professional counselors and mental health staff employed by the university. All university officials are required to report these contacts to the university police department for statistical purposes only. The police department recognizes that some victims of crime do not want to make a formal criminal complaint. In these cases, criminal investigations will not be initiated, however, the incident will be recorded for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics.

Reporting Crimes Outside of the UTD Jurisdiction

The UTD Police Department makes a good faith effort to stay informed of all criminal activity involving students at off-campus locations. Surrounding municipal agencies, state law enforcement agencies such as the TABC, and Federal agencies routinely inform campus police about incidents where their officers contact UTD students.

Violent and Serious Crimes

In the event a violent or serious crime is committed on campus, the following procedures will be used to provide timely notice and warning to the UTD community: 1) **CAMPUS ALERT** bulletins will be posted around campus. These alert bulletins will be displayed at the Waterview Park and all campus buildings. Announcements will also be published in The Mercury student newspaper as well as the UTD Police web page. Bulk email messages will also be sent by the Police Department.

Release of the Annual Security Report and Crime Statistics

UTD has an ongoing commitment to provide information that students, faculty, and staff may need to help make their campus safe, and to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

Monitoring and Recording Criminal Activity

The UTD Police Department tracks and records index crimes occurring on **ALL** UTD campuses and in those areas contiguous to the main campus where many students live and frequently access.

Non-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by student organizations that are recognized by the university. Non-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the university that are used in direct support of, or in relation to, the University's educational purposes, are frequently used by students, and are not in the same reasonable contiguous geographic area of the University; and

Public property including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities that are within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The primary jurisdiction of the UTD Police Department does not extend to public property contiguous to the campus, therefore the department has a limited role in investigating criminal activity at these locations. The department's role is limited to information sharing, cooperation, and coordination with the investigating local law enforcement agency.

** Callier Center for Communications Disorders (Callier South)
is a branch of UT Dallas off of the main campus.

Definitions:

Murder – Non-negligent Manslaughter

The killing of another person intentionally and with premeditation.

Negligent Manslaughter

The killing of one human being by another through gross negligence.

Robbery

Taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault

An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. (It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used which could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime were successfully completed.)

Burglary

The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes: unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Motor Vehicle Theft

The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access; even though the vehicles are later abandoned including joyriding.)

Weapon Law Violations

The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Drug Abuse Violations

Violations of State and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, and codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, Methadone), and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (GHB, Rohypnol, and Exctasy).

Liquor Law Violations

The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting: manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing or consuming of intoxicating beverages by a minor; driving under

the influence as a minor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. ("Public Intoxication" and "Driving While Intoxicated" are Penal Code violations and are not included in this definition.)

Sex Offenses Definitions From the National Incident-Based Reporting System Edition of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program

Sex Offenses-Forcible:

Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Forcible Rape-The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (or because of his/her youth).

Forcible Sodomy-Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly against the persons will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Sexual Assault With An Object-The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will; where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Forcible Fondling-The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or, not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Sex Offenses-Non-forcible:

Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

Incest-Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Statutory Rape-Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Arson - Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Access to Campus Facilities

Most campus buildings and facilities are accessible to members of the campus community and their guests and visitors during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, and for limited hours on the weekends (this excludes most holidays). Students have access to the buildings during all scheduled class sessions including laboratory, library study and research periods. Some of the buildings are equipped with the electronic card access system for both exterior and interior doors.

After normal business hours, including weekends and holidays, all campus buildings are considered closed and secured. Faculty and Staff needing entry must present their UTD ID to the officer prior to gaining access to a building. Students desiring to enter a building after hours must have **prior written approval** by the Department Head. On doors that are equipped with the electronic card access system, any employee or students requiring after-hours entry on a regular basis, should fill out a Building Access Authorization form on the UTD electronic forms website <http://www.utdallas.edu/ir/tcs/eforms/> Any malfunctions should be reported immediately to the Police Dept (883.2331) or the Physical Plant (883.2141)

Security Awareness and Crime Prevention

Security awareness and crime prevention programs are based upon a dual concept of eliminating or minimizing criminal opportunities whenever possible and encouraging students, faculty and staff to share the responsibility for their own safety and for others. Below is a list of the current Crime Prevention and Security Awareness projects:

1. Crime Awareness programs, including personal and property safety topics, are presented by the police department every semester. Programs are often a team effort between the police and various departments within Student Affairs. Organizations can request programs to be presented to their organization.
2. Crime prevention brochures and other printed materials are presented during each registration period.
3. An electronic security alarm system located at the University Police Department Communications Center monitors a comprehensive network of intrusion detection and duress alarm systems.
4. Crime awareness and crime prevention articles and crime statistics are distributed monthly to the campus community through the campus. Similar information is printed in the campus newspaper, The Mercury.
5. Operation identification . the engraving of serial numbers or owner recognized numbers on items of value and the cataloging of items. Tools are available for checkout at the Police Department, Communications Center.
6. Security surveys . Ongoing comprehensive security surveys of exterior lighting, exterior doors and grounds are conducted by physical plant and police employees.
7. Facilities surveys . An ongoing program known as "directed patrol" is made at least two times each eight-hour shift. "Directed patrol" is a walk through all buildings where officers or guards look for, or are alerted to suspicious activities. All walk throughs are documented in the Communications Center.
8. There are nine emergency telephones located in parking lots and on sidewalks around the campus, which are hooked directly on the Police Dispatch. These telephones are identified by blue strobe lights and are in operation 24 hours a day. Pressing the large button and speaking into the microphone actuates telephones.

Drug and Alcohol Policy

The University of Texas at Dallas complies with the Federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 and the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988. The statement provided below represents the U.T. Dallas policy with regard to the abuse and/or distribution of alcohol, drugs and chemicals by students, faculty and staff.

1. The illegal possession or use of alcohol, drugs or chemicals on any property under the control of U.T. Dallas is expressly prohibited.
2. Alcoholic beverages on U.T. Dallas property are permissible only with prior written Presidential approval for specific events.
3. These standards of conduct apply to all students, faculty and staff of U.T. Dallas.

In addition to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions under University policies and/or procedures, including the suspension or separation from the University for such acts, students, faculty and staff may face prosecution under Federal or State Law.

Texas State Law

All members of the university community should at all times be cognizant of and comply with state and laws.

Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places or common areas on campus is prohibited. The definition of public places or common areas includes, but is not limited to, any outdoor area, cafeteria, lobby, hallway, lounge, study area, or restroom of on-campus buildings, Greek housing, and university properties. The university prohibits the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus, with the exception of individual residential rooms. Functions sponsored by University Departments will continue to operate under special policies.

UTD is located within the City of Richardson, Texas, which is a "dry" city. By statute, dry area means it is illegal to sell alcoholic beverages in Richardson. In addition, transportation and/or possession of more than 24 12-ounce bottles of beer or more than one quart of hard liquor, is considered prima facie evidence of intent to sell and/or distribute and, therefore, evidence that the law has been violated. Alcoholic beverages that are transported into a dry area may not be transported back out of the dry area.

Sexual Assault Policy

It is the policy of the university to strive to maintain an environment that is free from intimidation and inappropriate sexual conduct. In particular, the university will not tolerate any form of sexual assault, including, but not limited to, acquaintance rape, date rape, sodomy, and sexual assault with an object, fondling or any other form of non-consensual sexual activity.

A student who individually, or in concert with others, participates or attempts to participate in a sexual offense, regardless of whether it takes place on or off campus, is subject to disciplinary action, not withstanding any action that may or may not be taken by the police.

How to file a Sexual Assault Complaint

The university encourages any person who is the victim of a forcible or non-forcible sexual offense to immediately report the incident to campus authority (university police, office of the Dean of Students, university residence life personnel and Deans, Directors, Department Heads, except those with significant counseling responsibilities). Other university personnel, which may be contacted, are Student Health Services and the Women's Center. Additional resources outside the university are available. There is no requirement to notify law enforcement authorities of a sexual offense; however, the university encourages all victims to do so university personnel will assist in notifying the university police to report a sexual offense. University police should be notified as soon as possible (the preservation of evidence is crucial in a sexual offense case). Do not bathe, shower, douche or change clothing. If needed, contact one of the above mentioned resources, or a support person for assistance. University police will handle all cases that occur on campus. If transportation is needed to obtain a medical examination, the university police department will arrange for transportation to the hospital. For the protection of the victim, a pseudonym can be used in the report process.

When a student reports that the campus regulation prohibiting sexual assault have been violated, informal procedures that provide for the protection of the emotional health and physical safety of the complainant may be invoked. For example, a student who lives on campus may be moved to another campus living environment if he or she chooses and if accommodations are reasonably available. Similarly, a complainant may be allowed to make changes in his or her class schedule. Such arrangements will be made through the Office of the Dean of Students. If the complainant provides credible evidence that the accused student has engaged in prohibited sexual assault, the dean may take interim disciplinary action against the accused student as appropriate.

A student who wishes to file a complaint to be addressed by the University disciplinary system should contact the dean at 972.883.6391. A student may choose to file a complaint with the dean whether or not the student chooses to press criminal charges. A student who wishes to file a complaint against a faculty or staff member may contact the dean as well. Procedures for discipline and dismissal of staff and faculty are outlined in the university Handbook of Operating Procedures.

Not withstanding, the rights of the accused student, faculty or staff member, a complainant under this policy is entitled to the following rights:

- (1) The right to present his/her testimony during the disciplinary hearing.
- (2) The right to have a support person present. This person is not entitled to represent the complainant not to assist the complainant with his or her testimony. If the support person is to act as a witness, the hearing officer may require him or her to testify prior to the hearing.
- (3) The right not to have evidence of his or her past sexual history with third parties admitted as evidence.
- (4) The right to have the hearing closed to spectators.
- (5) The right to know the outcome of the hearing to the extent permitted by federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act The "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" (also known as the Wetterling Act) is a federal law enacted on October 28, 2000 that provides for the tracking of convicted, registered sex offenders enrolled as students at institutions of higher education, or working or volunteering on campus.

This act amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to clarify that nothing in that Act may be construed to prohibit an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution concerning registered sex offenders and requires the Secretary of Education to take appropriate steps to notify educational institutions that disclosure of this information is permitted.

Information about registered sex offenders may be found on:

Texas Department of Public Safety web page at: <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/soSearch/default.cfm>

City of Richardson web page at: <http://198.17.195.4/public/rpdoffen.nsf>

Useful Resources

The below resources are available to provide support services for anyone affected by any form of sexual assault. Students who may have been assaulted by someone who is not affiliated with the university may also contact any of the available university support services. Educational and preventative programs that address the issue of sexual assault are available along with brochures & other materials.

STUDENT COUNSELING CENTER **972.883.2575**

<http://www.utdallas.edu/student/slife/counseling/>

Individual and group counseling
Educational Programs

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER **972.883.2747**

<http://www.utdallas.edu/student/slife/health.html>

Educational & prevention information; Presentations upon request
Testing for sexually transmitted diseases after an assault

UNIVERSITY POLICE **972.883.2331**

<http://www.utdallas.edu/police>

Crime prevention presentations related to sexual assault
Escort service
Crime statistics information

RESIDENTIAL LIFE/HOUSING **972.883.6391**

<http://www.utdallas.edu/student/slife/>

Peer Advisor training on issues related to sexual assault
On.site educational programs
Individual and group support and follow.up

COLLIN COUNTY RAPE CRISIS CENTER **972.985.0951**

<http://www.rcccc.org/>

DALLAS COUNTY RAPE CRISIS CENER **214.590.0430**

General Safety Tips

- Avoid walking alone, particularly after dark. Contact UTD Police for a safety escort whenever possible. If walking alone is unavoidable, be aware of your surroundings and let someone know when to expect you.
- Avoid shortcuts. The shortest route is not always the safest route. Walk along the midpoint between curbs and buildings and away from alleys and bushes.
- Dress for mobility, particularly after dark.
- Avoid deserted areas, poorly lit streets, alleys, and pathways.
- Never jog alone.
- When walking or jogging, go against the flow of traffic; that makes it harder for motorists to bother you. (If harassed from a car, walk or run in the opposite direction. Scream if you are truly frightened.)
- Do not jog while wearing stereo headphones. It's important to be alert to what's happening around you.
- Carry your personal belongings in a backpack or similar container that will enable your arms and hands to be free at all times.
- Avoid approaching your car with bundles that restrict use of your arms. If you've been shopping, ask the store for assistance.
- Always have your keys ready to unlock the door to your car or residence and enter without delay. Lock the doors after you get inside.
- Before entering your car, look in the back seat and on the floorboard.
- Always lock car doors and windows when you leave or enter your car.
- Never leave belongings in plain view in your car. Lock them in the trunk.
- If someone in a vehicle attempts to stop you - even to ask for directions - do not get close to the vehicle.
- Register, engrave, mark, and/or photograph all your valuables including bicycles, stereos, jewelry, vehicles, computers, etc.
- Never get on an elevator with someone who looks suspicious. If someone who looks suspicious gets on, get off immediately.
- Avoid using ATMs in dark, isolated areas; it's best to use machines that are highly visible in public areas such as supermarkets.
- Never flash your cash. Always have "emergency" change for a phone call.
- Be responsible with alcohol. If you are intoxicated, you are less alert and an easier target for robbers and attackers.

Security in Waterview Park Apartments

- Never leave your door open, even if you will be gone for only a few minutes; especially, never prop any door open. Always lock doors, screens, and windows to prevent uninvited access to your room.
- Don't mark your apartment/room key or key chain with your name, address, or telephone number.
- Do not give anyone a key to your apartment/room.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight.
- Never let strangers into your apartments. This puts you and others at risk.
- Be aware of suspicious persons and activities. If you observe someone or something suspicious, notify the hall staff and the UTD Police Department, 972.883.2331.

Emergency Management Planning

The University has developed a plan that addresses the emergency management system for extraordinary situations that are likely to have a catastrophic effect on the normal functioning of the University and the surrounding area. The Emergency Operation Plan has been developed to respond to the needs of the University during a disaster and will be placed into operation by the President of UTD when an incident reaches proportions beyond the capacity of routine procedures.

This plan establishes policies, procedures, and an organizational structure that will guide the campus in any emergency situation. Further, as appropriate, building managers must formulate their own action plans and disaster operations checklists that will be used to complement the Emergency Operation Plan.

An “Emergency and Disaster” pamphlet is provided for all members of the community. This pamphlet outlines procedures that should be followed during emergencies including, but not limited to tornado warnings, bomb threats, floods, and terrorist attacks. This pamphlet is available by contacting the UTD Police Department.