

# Crime Prevention and Awareness Programming

During each on-ground and online orientation, new students, faculty, and staff are informed of services offered by ETSU Public Safety. Crime prevention and sexual assault prevention programs are offered on a continual basis during the academic year by Housing and Residence Life, the Counseling Center, and Public Safety in conjunction with other University organizations and departments. These awareness sessions also include sexual assault, theft, and vandalism prevention. In addition to one on one programming, information is disseminated to students and employees through flyers, posters, displays, videos, as well as articles and advertisements in the student newspaper.

A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others and to report any concerns or suspicious behavior. Program presentations may be requested by utilizing the [Program Request Form](#) found on the Public Safety website.

## *Programs are available for the following topics:*

**Alcohol/Drug Awareness:** Alcohol and drugs are often prevalent on college campuses. This program is intended to discuss the dangers of use and the consequences associated with alcohol and drugs. Assistance information provided and discussed.

**DUI (Drunk Goggle Simulations):** Alcohol use and abuse is discussed along with the consequences of being charged with a DUI. Simulations are provided when available to show the distortions of vision and judgement while simulating intoxication at different levels.

**Personal Safety:** This program provides safety tips for personal safety on and off of campus. It includes alcohol and drug, sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, and general safety such as walking alone, parties, exercising, emergency phones, and details about safe voyage.

**Theft Prevention:** Theft is our campus's number one crime; it is a crime of opportunity. This program provides tips on how to keep your items safe on campus. There are two services that the police department offers to help in reducing thefts on campus and the recovery of items, the GOTCHA cards and Operation ID (Op ID). Op ID is a national theft prevention program offered free of charge by the ETSU Police Department. This program involves keeping records of your personal properties serial number and a detailed description of the item, which can aid in recovery and return of lost or stolen items. After registering an item participants may come to the Campus Police and ask for a special marking. Officers on patrol who discover unattended valuables will place "GOTCHA" cards on them to make the owners aware of the need for crime prevention. Cards will also be placed in unattended and unlocked offices. The goal is to make people aware of their role and responsibility in preventing crime. Public Safety coordinates with Office of Housing and Residence life on this program.

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**Residence Hall Safety:** This program provides an overview of personal safety as well as residential safety such as locking doors, piggy backing, being aware of safety concerns inside and outside of residence halls. Information on contacting emergency personal is also presented.

**Sexual Assault:** College female freshman are four times more likely to be a victim of a sexual assault. This session provides students with the awareness and understanding of actions that could decrease their risk of being targeted. Information for students who may have been a victim or knows someone who has been a victim is also covered, and includes topics such as counseling and criminal prosecution.

**Greek Safety:** This fraternity- and sorority-centered program discusses the dangers and consequences of alcohol and drug abuse. Assistance information is provided and discussed. Simulations with “drunk goggles” are provided to show the distortions of vision and judgement while simulating intoxication at different levels. Personal safety and sexual assault information is also provided.

**Social Networking Safety:** Technology has grown at a tremendous rate, an increase in internet use and the growing numbers of social media sites have created a need for extra attention. This program discusses the importance of privacy settings and overall internet surfing safety.

**Work Place Violence:** There has been an increase in workplace violence over the last decade. It is important to have a survival mind set. The goal of this program is to increase awareness of violence, discuss how to recognize the warning signs, and learn what actions to take to prevent or minimize the violence. Awareness, rehearsal, and prevention skills are key factors. Learn who could be a victim and who could be an offender in workplace violence situations. Learn when and who to call for assistance. Learn the different forms of violence. Understand the differences between disruptive individuals, hostage takers, and active shooters. Learn personal safety tips to use from the parking lot to your office.

**Active Shooter:** Campus Police aims to enhance knowledge and understanding on issues such as active shooter. There is often no pattern or method to the selection of victims by an active shooter, and these situations are by their very nature unpredictable and evolve quickly. This program will discuss what you can do to prepare for such an incident and options of responding to an active shooter. There key words to remember are run, hide, and fight. This program will also discuss response of law enforcement and how to respond to them. While these incidents are unpredictable there are often signs of potential violence, this program discusses what these signs may be and what options you have when you recognize them.