

Housing and Residence Life Safety Programs and Services

It is the goal of the Department of Housing and Residence Life to partner with our residents and other campus officials to provide a safe and secure environment in which our students can live and learn. The most effective strategies for ensuring a safe campus are education and prevention. It is the responsibility of all residents to do their part by utilizing safety services and programs, taking appropriate safety measures, and reporting any suspicious activities. Safety programs, services, and measures that are in place for our on campus residents include the following:

- The residence halls/apartments are managed with live-in staff, such as Resident Advisors, Assistant Resident Directors, Resident Directors, and full-time Area Coordinators who are on-duty/call 24/7, including breaks and holidays. All staff are trained in the response protocol for emergencies, such as fire, tornado, pandemic, and crisis.
- Crime prevention programs are conducted in all residence halls each semester; and tables, booths, flyers, bulletin boards, and the Residence Life Channel are utilized throughout the year to remind residents of the importance of being alert, cautious, and to report any type of suspicious behavior. Residents are informed of policies and procedures and are held accountable through the judicial system for any action that breaches the health, safety, and security of others.
- The entrance to all residence halls are locked 24/7, except at selected times, such as move-in, move-out, Open House, Orientations, and other special occasions. Residents can access the hall and designated student rooms via their ID card.
- Housing and Residence Life partners with Public Safety and Student Affairs to provide a Night Patrol service during late night hours. Trained security staff patrol around and in the residence halls and parking lots, checking lights and doors. The Night Patrol service can also provide a safe walking escort to on campus destinations.
- State-of-the-art Code Blue emergency/courtesy phones are located near the entrance of the residence halls.
- A system of e-watch cameras has been installed in the interior and exterior of many of the housing facilities. The cameras provide access to recordings of designated areas if suspicious activities are reported.
- The housing facilities are equipped with fire safety systems, and residents are educated as to proper procedures in case of emergencies. Regular inspections and drills are conducted for staff and residents.

If you have questions regarding these safety initiatives, please contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life at 423-439-4446.