

- Where to go for help if you need it:
 1. Call the UConn Police Department
 2. When speaking to law enforcement, be calm and know your facts - who, what, when, where, and, if possible, why. Be sure to keep it concise as well
 3. In addition, try these online resources:
 - WHOA (Working to Halt Online Abuse): www.haltabuse.org
 - WHOA-KTD (Kids/Teen Division): www.haltabusektd.org
 - Cyberangels: www.cyberangels.org

Threats to Personal Safety and/or Community Safety

These types of threats come in many shapes and forms. To help keep yourself and others safe, please do the following:

- Listen carefully when university personnel give you instructions. They've been trained to lead you safely.
- Try not to panic or assume the worst. Just take care of the immediate concern of getting to safety!
- Take drills in the residence halls and other buildings seriously and encourage others to do the same.
- Do not ever make a threat or cause a false alarm as a "joke." Doing so will likely cause panic, waste resources, and be cause for possible disciplinary action.
- Check the UConn website and your Husky e-mail account for instructions and updates during a crisis/emergency situation about school closings, building closings, delays, evacuations, etc.
- Have a healthy suspicion that causes you to alert staff when someone you don't recognize is in a place s/he should not be or when something doesn't seem right. Many incidents are prevented because students take time and care to report something out of the ordinary. You can report a crime or suspicion by:
 - Going to the UConn Police Department at 126 North Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06269
 - Calling the UConn Police Department at 911 or (860) 486-4800
 - E-mailing a tip at CrimeAlerts@uconn.edu. **NOTE:** This e-mail address has been designated solely to receive information from the community about criminal activity visit <http://www.police.uconn.edu/crimetip.html>

Emergency Communication System

- The University of Connecticut has created a text message alert notification system as one method to contact members of the UConn community in the event of an emergency. Please [register](http://alert.uconn.edu) your cell phone today at <http://alert.uconn.edu>.

Natural Disasters

Natural disasters consist of tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, blizzards, etc. Please take natural disaster response seriously by:

- Following evacuation procedures quickly and completely.
- Complying with university personnel. Refusing to follow orders, complaining, or arguing makes their job and ensuring your safety more difficult. It also puts others in possible danger as dealing with an individual who fails to comply becomes a deterrent to the real problem.
- Being proactive and learning what to do in an emergency beforehand so that you are not scrambling when an incident occurs.
- Helping to keep your fellow students calm so they can get to safety too.
- Checking the UConn website and your Husky e-mail for instructions and updates during a natural disaster about school closings, building closings, delays, evacuations, etc.

Important Numbers

UConn Police Department	(860) 486.4800 (from on-campus phone, dial 6-4800)
Dean of Students	(860) 486-3428
UConn Fire Department	(860) 486.4925 (from on-campus phone, dial 6-4925)
Husky Watch Escort Service	(860) 486-4809
Department of Residential Life	(860) 486-3430
Residence Education Holcomb Office	(860) 486-0353
Health Services	(860) 486-4700
UConn Women's Center	(860) 486-4738
Sexual Assault Crisis Center of E. Conn	(860) 456-2789

*All residents should memorize the number to the Community Assistant Office within their residence hall.

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Creating and maintaining a safe living environment is a shared responsibility. This document highlights steps all students should take to help ensure their individual safety. The Residence Halls are locked 24 hours a day and are accessible by key or card access.



Residence Hall Safety

- Do not prop exterior/foyer doors! Doors which have been propped open are a breach of security and put all occupants of a building at risk. Propped doors also allow animals or insects to enter the building. Close doors if you see them propped open. If a particular door is frequently propped open, report it to a Residential Life staff member.
- Protect yourself and your belongings! Always lock your room door, even when you leave for a short period of time (i.e. going to the bathroom, visiting a friend/floormate) and especially when sleeping.
- Do not let anyone you don't know into the building! Never hold the door for someone you don't know, even if s/he tells you s/he lives there or is visiting a friend. Instead, offer to call his/her roommate(s) or friend.
- Be cautious of who you invite to your room! Occupants assume total responsibility of their rooms, and for the behavior and activities which occur within them as well as in all shared living areas.
- Report lost or stolen room keys and ID cards immediately! Lost or stolen keys should be reported to the Complex Office. Lost or stolen ID cards should be reported to the One Card Office. If these items have been stolen, a report should also be filed with the UConn Police Department.
- Report suspicious behavior and/or activities! Immediately notify UCPD or a Residential Life staff member if you suspect a crime has been committed or is in progress, or if you observe suspicious activity, individual(s), or behavior.

Personal Safety

- Be aware of your surroundings! Know where you are, where you're going and what is going on around you; this includes people, events, and potential exit routes.
- Travel in groups or with a friend. When going out with friends, ensure everyone is accounted for at all times. Draw up a plan in advance for keeping an eye out for each other and make sure that everyone leaves together.
- Carry your ID and keys at all times! Residents and guests are expected to provide proper identification when requested by a Residential Life staff member or other University official and comply with his/her directions in the performance of his/her official duties.
- Carry a cell phone at all times. It's not just a phone line, it's a life line.
- Inform someone of your whereabouts at all times. Tell someone where you're going if you plan on going to an isolated location such as a lab, practice room, or study lounge.
- Avoid being alone in isolated locations such as the laundry room, deserted study labs, etc.
- Don't walk/jog alone, especially after dark! Call the campus Husky Watch Escort Service or use the buddy system.
- Be aware of the blue light emergency phones on campus! If you are in danger or there is an emergency, these phones may be used to get help immediately.
- Watch what you post on the internet! Social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace allow users to provide personal information. Anyone can access these sites and you never know who could be looking at your information.
- Protect yourself from identity theft! Simple information you post online can be used to steal your identity and cause financial harm. Guard your identity: shred financial documents and credit card offers, keep your Social Security Number, account numbers and passwords secret, and obtain a free copy of your credit report.

Walkers/Runners

- When walking/running, stay on populated, well-lit paths, and try to find a partner to accompany you.
- Avoid walking /running alone at night.
- Inform someone of your walking/running route.

- Do not use headphones.
- Wear reflective clothing.
- Do not wear jewelry while walking/running.
- Face traffic when walking/jogging.
- Carry your identification card with you.

Fire Safety

- Your building has an evacuation plan. Learn it and participate in all fire drills! In the event of a fire, remember that time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Evacuation plans help you get out of the building quickly. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for a building to fill with thick black smoke and become engulfed in flames.
- Know exactly where the exits are located! Make sure that you know two ways to evacuate the building. Locate the two exits nearest your room. Walk to each exit to help you remember its location. In addition, count the doors between your room and the exit. This will especially help if you have to find an exit in smoke or in the dark.
- Always heed the fire alarm and evacuate the building immediately! Assuming that it is a false alarm could put your life and others' (who may need to re-enter a fire to rescue you) in jeopardy.
- Stay clear of all emergency vehicles and report to the designated assembly area! Do not stand in the roadway/walkway and block emergency vehicles from getting through. Assembly areas have been established for all residence halls. In the event of an alarm, exit the building, and proceed to the appropriate assembly area to check in with a Residential Life staff member(s).
- Do not tamper with fire equipment! Extinguishers, hoses, and alarm boxes must remain in functioning condition. Faulty equipment can risk the safety of others in a real fire situation.
- Do not hang items from the ceiling, sprinkler pipes, sprinkler heads, or conduits.
- Do not use unapproved appliances, candles or incense in the residence halls.
- Use the stairs when the fire alarm is sounding. Never use the elevators.
- Do not block the exits.
- Do not smoke in the building! Smoking materials (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, etc.) are the leading cause of fire deaths and the third leading cause of fire injuries in the United States.
- Do not overload electrical outlets! Overloaded electrical circuits significantly increase the risk of fires.
- Do not use extension cords! The use of extension cords or multi-receptacle outlets with the exception of UL listed power strips with surge protectors is prohibited in the residence halls.
- Cook only in designated areas! Cooking is the leading cause of fire injuries on college campuses.
- Consider unplugging electric appliances when not in use. In an effort to conserve energy, we ask that you make a conscious effort to get into the habit of doing this – especially curling irons and hair dryers. When you turn off an appliance, it may continue to consume electricity if not unplugged.
- In the event of a fire, test doorknobs and spaces around the door with the back of your hand. If the door is warm, try another evacuation route. Even if the door feels cool, open it carefully. Brace your shoulder against the door and open it slowly. If heat and smoke come in, slam the door and make sure it is securely closed, then use your alternate evacuation route.
- When the fire alarm goes off, call the UConn Fire Department (911) once you are outside the building! Don't assume that a staff member is around to call or that the fire department is aware that the alarm is going off. In addition, if you know why the fire alarm is going off (i.e. you burnt popcorn in your room) please inform a Residential Life staff member or a fireman immediately.
- Do not reenter to the building until you are told to do so! A member of the UConn Fire Department or a Residential Life staff member will notify residents when they may return to the building.

Sexual Assault Risk Reduction

- Do not listen to or tell rape jokes. They help perpetuate attitudes that make acceptance and tolerance of rape easier.
- Never insist on having sex, even if you think an individual is "leading you on," dresses provocatively, or if you have had sex with him/her before.
- Trust your intuition.
- If you are getting mixed signals from an individual, stop and ask him/her directly what s/he wants.

- Remember that "no" means "NO." If you do not accept an individual's refusal to give consent, you run the risk of raping him/her.
- Remember, silence is NOT consent.
- Be assertive. State clearly what you want and do not want. Do not be shy about setting your limits. It is potentially dangerous to think it cannot and will not happen to you.
- Be aware of your surroundings, and ask yourself who else is around the immediate area.
- Use alcohol responsibly. Alcohol and/or drugs are involved in 80%-90% of acquaintance rapes. These drugs cloud your judgment, numb your reflexes, and make it difficult to anticipate a situation in which sexual assault might occur.
- Beware of individuals who are angry or hostile if you say "no," threaten, bully, or try to control you, have been violent with previous partners, engage in sexual harassment or tell sexist jokes, try to make you feel guilty, or accuse you of being uptight if you say "no."

The University of Connecticut strives to maintain a safe and welcoming environment free from acts of sexual misconduct and relationship violence. It is the intent of the University to provide safety, privacy and support to victims of sexual misconduct and relationship violence.

Definition of Consent: Consent must be informed, freely and actively given, and an understandable exchange of affirmative words or actions, which indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. It is the responsibility of the initiator to obtain clear and affirmative responses at each stage of sexual involvement. The lack of a negative response is not consent. Consent may not be given by any individual who is intoxicated or incapacitated by drug and/or alcohol both voluntarily or involuntarily. Past consent of sexual activities does not imply ongoing future consent http://www.dosa.uconn.edu/standards_sexual_misconduct.html

Alcohol

- Do not drink and drive!
- Do not get into a vehicle with someone who has been drinking! One ride with an impaired driver can alter your life forever. Say "no" and don't feel bullied into accepting a ride with someone who doesn't have your best interest in mind.
- Secure a designated driver before you go out.
- Do not argue with intoxicated or drugged individuals or try to reason with them. If someone is irrational and angry, it's best to keep your voice calm and save rational conversations for later.
- Refuse to accept drinks from anyone you don't know, never leave your drink unattended, and never drink from common sources, like punch bowls. Drugs such as GHB, Rohypnol (roofies) and Ketamine (Special K) are odorless and tasteless, making it easy for someone to slip them into your drink.

Cyber Safety

- Use a **gender-neutral** username and/or e-mail address.
- Use a **free e-mail** account such as Hotmail (www.hotmail.com) or YAHOO! (www.yahoo.com) for newsgroups/ mailing lists, chat rooms, IMs, e-mails from strangers, message boards, filling out forms and other online activities.
- Do not give your primary e-mail address to anyone you do not know or trust.
- Do not put too much information in your profile, especially on sites such as myspace.com and be careful what you post on your blog! Remember, the default is that everyone online can view your MySpace profile unless you mark it private.
- "Lurk" on newsgroups, message boards/forums and chat rooms before "speaking" or posting messages.
- When you do participate online, be careful. Only type what you would say to someone's face.
- Do not be so trusting online. Don't reveal personal things about yourself until you really and truly know the other person.
- Your first instinct may be to defend yourself - DON'T - this is how most online harassment situations begin.
- Do not fall for phishing e-mails that claim your account has been suspended or needs to be updated. It's a scam!
- If it looks too good to be true, it probably is!
- Keep everything! Don't delete messages, chat logs, etc. Place them in a separate folder on your hard drive or diskette/zip disk, CD, DVD etc. and print out a hard copy.