



Safety in the Residence Halls

Here are some ways you can enhance your own safety and the safety of others:

- Be **alert** to your surroundings, **aware** of potential dangers, and **avoid** these dangers
- Please notify LSUPD or a residence hall staff member if you witness any suspicious activities or people.
- Remember to lock your doors and take your ID with you at all times.
- Do not let strangers in to your residence hall.
- Visitors should use the call boxes to gain entry to the buildings
- Never prop an outside entrance to your building
- When walking on campus, go with a group

Residence Hall Safety Measures

Card Access System

Access to all residence halls is controlled by a security system in which students swipe their ID cards through readers adjacent to the entry doors. Exterior doors which are not normal entry doors have panic doors for emergency exit but have alarms that sound at the door and at central monitoring points. The residents of East Campus Apartments, West Campus Apartments, Edward Gay, and Nicholson Apartments each have a key to the entrance of the building or apartment. Activities such as opening emergency doors, propping doors open, or allowing other people to tailgate behind you when using your ID card to enter a building simply puts your own safety at risk. Use the link above to learn more about the card access system, how to use it, and how to report problems.

Front desks

Each residence hall or group of residence halls has a 24 hour information desk located at the front entrance. These desks can be used to assist in identifying university staff that should be on your floor and to connect with other University safety measures (police, campus transit, RA on duty, etc...)

Emergency telephones

To provide security around the residence halls and nearby parking lots, yellow speakerphones are mounted adjacent to the entrances of the halls. The phones are identified by a blue and white sign and blue light at night. These phones double for both courtesy and emergency purposes. Pressing the **BLACK button** produces a regular dial tone, and you can then use the keypad to dial a resident's room to let him/her know that you are there. Since they are intended for short communications with residents and need to be kept free for emergencies, they will not allow off-campus calls and will disconnect after two minutes. If you wish to end a call before the two minutes is up, just press the black button again. Pressing the **RED button** connects you directly to the LSU Police switchboard for emergency purposes only. Once the red button has been pushed, the call can be disconnected only by the LSU Police. In many pedestrian traffic areas of the campus, similar yellow speakerphones are mounted on posts. These phones have only a red button which connects directly to LSU Police.

Lighting Audit

Each month Residential Life staff performs a lighting audit of the public areas outside the halls. We have made significant progress in providing a more open and well-lit area outside of our residence halls as a result of these audits.

Police Patrols

2 police officers are hired on overtime to patrol each side of campus in the evening (7pm – 3am) in addition to the already significant presence provided by the LSU police department. We have experienced excellent response times to situations as a result of the strategic location of these officers.

Security rounds

Residential Life staff performs security rounds of the buildings three times each evening and staff is on call to respond to emergencies 24 hours a day.

Visitation

In the residence halls, members of the opposite gender may visit you during the following hours: 10 a.m.–1 a.m. on nights before class days and 10 a.m.–3 a.m. on nights before non-class days. Specific registration procedures for each building may vary, depending on location and security needs. All guests of the opposite gender are required to adhere to visitation hours and be escorted by their resident host/hostess at all times while in the residence halls. Guests must use the rest room designated for the gender of the particular guest. Furthermore, your guests should not be left in the building, residence hall, or apartment rooms when you are not present. In all residential areas you are responsible for the conduct of your guests.

Weapons

Possession of firearms (including but not limited to air pistols, BB guns, and paint guns), ammunition, explosives, fireworks, knives (other than kitchen utensils), or dangerous weapons is prohibited in the residence halls and apartments. Possession of weapons may result in immediate termination of your residence hall contract

LSU Police

The LSU Police Department has a well-trained staff of law enforcement officers commissioned by the Louisiana State Police. They are committed to your safety and provide the primary law enforcement services for the University 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, via both uniformed and plain-clothes officers in cars, on motorcycles, bicycles, and on foot. In addition to offering many programs of its own to help ensure the safety of all whom come to the campus, LSU Police also works closely with Residential Life to protect residents living on campus.

Campus Transit

To increase safety in traveling across the campus at night, the University maintains a Campus Transit service. Vans circulate among the residence halls, apartments, library, LSU Union, and main academic buildings to provide transportation. The vehicles are radio dispatched from the LSU Public Safety building and anyone on campus can call 8-5555 to be picked up within a few minutes.