

Campus Safety

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Oregon State University community and the city of Corvallis are considered friendly and relatively safe communities, though neither is immune to the realities of the world. A safe and secure environment is made possible through each member of the Oregon State University community's involvement in crime prevention. Here are a few ways your student can be proactive about their safety on OSU's campus and in the Corvallis community:

Register Bikes with Public Safety:

Students can register their bicycle at the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in Cascade Hall. Registering discourages theft and aids in identification in the event of a theft. It is encouraged that your student attend a Bike Safety/Registration Workshop or come to the DPS office in Cascade Hall prepared to provide the following information:

- Name
- ID Number
- Email Address
- Campus Phone
- Home Phone
- Bicycle Description Information
- Brand-Model (Mt. Bike, Road Bike, etc.)
- Est. Value
- Serial Number
- Frame Type (Men's/ Women's)
- Speeds/Gears
- Wheel Size
- Color
- Owner Applied #
- Driver's License # in the following format: OR1234567DL

Sign up for the OSU Alert System:

This system allows University officials to send emergency alerts and timely warnings to the campus community. It will be used only when a significant emergency, dangerous situation or sudden campus closure/delay occurs on a university campus. In the event of an alert, an email will be sent to everyone in the campus community with an OSU email account. Students may cell phone numbers in order to receive text messages by editing their information in the alert portal:

<http://main.oregonstate.edu/alerts/osu-alert-portal>

The program is fully funded by Oregon State University and is offered at no cost to those who participate. Individual telephone data plan may incur costs for text messages. For parent and family members wishing to sign up, the OSU Alert System recommends students utilize the secondary email address or alternate home phone number options in the website's portal.

Plan Out Night Time Travel:

Whether it's from evening classes, work, events, or club/organization meetings, it is likely that at some point during your student's college career they will find themselves walking in the evenings. Therefore, it is important to know what do to in the event of an emergency after dark, when visibility may be low.

Public Safety encourages students to be aware of where the Blue Light Emergency Phones are located on campus. In the event of an emergency, pressing the large button on the light pole alerts

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DPS and sends officers to the location for immediate assistance. Links to both a map of campus Blue Light Emergency Phones as well as a map of campus walking routes with well-lit paths can be found on this website: <http://fa.oregonstate.edu/publicsafety/campus-safety-information/campus-night>

Though not directly affiliated with the Department of Public Safety, the Associated Student of Oregon State University (ASOSU) offer an additional late night transportation option called [SafeRide](http://asosu.oregonstate.edu/saferide). Open seven days a week from 7:00pm to 2:30am, students use the SafeRide app to secure rides back to their residence halls/living spaces from campus or various locations throughout the Corvallis and Philomath communities. It is open to all OSU students on the Corvallis campus. For more information, visit: <http://asosu.oregonstate.edu/saferide>

Additionally, we find that students need to be reminded pretty regularly about some basics to staying safe on campus. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Locking your residence hall room door. While students may know all the residents they are living around, they may not always know the visitors that their friends bring into the hallways.
- Not letting students they don't know into their residence hall. The front doors of residence halls are locked 24/7, and only students in that hall can use their OSU ID to access, so we encourage students not to just let anybody in behind them.
- Do not leave items laying around public spaces. Whether it be the Library, Memorial Union, or favorite study nook in a classroom building, do not leave your items unattended.
- Tell people where you are going and when you expect to return. It can be their roommate, suitemate, or friend down the hall, and especially if one is expecting to be out late.
- Write down (somewhere safe) serial numbers of all valuable items (TVs, Computer, phones, cameras, etc.) and if possible take a picture. If a theft does occur chances of recovery are better with these documented.

Oregon State University, in compliance with the Clery Act, must make public their crime statistics and fire safety reports. You can find the most recent report (along with historical) data at: <http://hr.oregonstate.edu/clery>.