Parents' Guide to Student Safety

Parents play an important role in the lives of their students. You have been their advisors and advocates. We encourage you to have discussions with your student about personal safety in and around the campus community.

Resources

University of Washington Police
(206) 685-UWPD
www.washington.edu/admin/police

UWPD Crime Victim Advocate
(206) 543-9337
www.washington.edu/admin/police/crimevictimadvocacy

Sexual Assault & Relationship Violence Information Service (SARIS)
(206) 685-4357
www.washington.edu/students/saris

Seattle Police Department
(206) 625-5011
www.cityofseattle.net/Police/

Vice President and Vice Provost for Student Life
(206) 543-4972
www.washington.edu/provost/studentlife/

Community Standards and Student Conduct
(206) 685-6194
http://depts.washington.edu/cssc

Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life
(206) 543-1810
www.uwgreeks.com

Timely Warning Notifications

The University of Washington is required to send out timely warning notifications to students about crimes or potentially dangerous situations committed on or near campus. The intent of these emails is to inform students so that they can take appropriate precautions regarding their personal safety.
What to do if your student is the victim of a crime:

- Being the victim of crime can be a scary and traumatic experience. In the event that your student is the victim of a crime, their first impulse may be to contact you for advice. Have your son or daughter hang up and dial 911. Students can call 911 from their cell phones and will be connected directly to the Seattle Police Department. If the incident happened on campus have them ask to be connected to the UW Police Department.

- Both SPD and UWPD have Crime Victim Advocates who can assist your student. The UWPD Crime Victim Advocate is available to help victims, their families, and witnesses through the process of physical, emotional, and financial recovery. Many resources are available and are listed on the back of this brochure.

A Word about Cell Phones:

- Cell phones are your student’s greatest crime-fighting tool. Have them USE IT to report incidents or call 911 for help!

- Many students feel safer at night talking on their cell phones to friends or family while walking. Unfortunately while doing this, your student is not as aware of the surroundings and may actually become more of a target. Encourage your student to stay aware by getting off the phone, leaving the ear buds out and refraining from texting when walking in the University District.

Remind your student that staying alert is the best defense.

“The UW area’s beauty is *deceptive*. This is a city campus and street smarts are important at all times. The parents of off-campus and Fraternity & Sorority students should speak to their students about personal safety. Use the buddy system and be on *high alert*, especially at night.” - Jenny Selby, UW Parent