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enhance the security of all facilities before contractors begin working. The University Police Department also conducts physical security surveys of campus facilities that may be vulnerable to criminal intrusion. Specific recommendations are made regarding security hardware, alarms or procedures that will serve to reduce the opportunities for crime to occur in or around campus buildings.

Local Law Enforcement Jurisdiction

At the Tampa campus, many of our students live in privately owned fraternity houses or apartments located near the campus. The local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction is the local City Police Department.

University of South Florida Security

The University of South Florida is a public institution and, with the exception of residence halls, is open to the public during the day and evening hours when classes are in session. After these hours, University buildings are generally locked and only faculty, staff and some students with proper identification are admitted. University Police provide regular patrol of University buildings as well as parking lots.

Resident students are issued a key at check-in so they may have access to their living unit. Students are encouraged to safeguard keys in order to enhance their personal safety and the safety of others. An effective residence hall security system program depends upon resident cooperation, staff supervision and University Police assistance. The best security system is one in which every member of the community takes personal responsibility for self-protection and the protection of their property.

University Police (UP) officers regularly patrol the residence halls and are readily available to assist on a 24-hour basis. The University Police Department also has a satellite office in the residential area with officers assigned to the residential facilities to specifically deal with the needs of residential students. A Resident Assistant or Night Clerk is on duty in residence hall complexes every night for security purposes. These security measures and personnel are representative of our concern for the protection of your person and property. Maintenance personnel make security inspections and corrections as needed. Students are encouraged to call the housing office or the police department to promptly report security deficiencies.

The Physical Plant Division maintains University buildings and grounds with a concern for the safety and security of all persons and property. Inspections are routinely conducted and repairs are promptly made to ensure that appropriate safety and security standards are maintained. The University Police Department assists Physical Plant personnel by reporting potential safety and security hazards which include conducting campus lighting surveys and reporting outages. Students, faculty and staff are also encouraged to call Physical Plant to report any safety or security hazards.

A representative of the University Police department is involved in the review of architectural plans for new facilities or major renovations to existing buildings. Specific recommendations are made to

The crimes reported on each chart are separated by crimes reported directly to USF Police Department in Tampa and crimes reported by University Officials or by other local law enforcement agencies in Tampa. The locations are identified as: on-campus, either in the residential area (Res) or other areas of the campus (Othr); non-campus buildings or property, which are the buildings owned or controlled by the University or a student organization recognized by the University and used by students but not in the geographic area of the campus; public property, which is property contiguous to the University.

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The University of South Florida has established standards of conduct concerning the possession, sale, serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages and drugs on the University of South Florida campus. These policies and rules reflect a concern for the health and safety of the campus community and apply to University faculty, students, staff, visitors and guests.

- First-year students: The first 6 weeks of enrollment are critical to first-year student success. Because many students initiate heavy drinking during these early days of college, the potential exists for excessive alcohol consumption to interfere with successful adaption to campus life. The transition to college is often so difficult to negotiate that about one-third of first-year students fail to enroll for their second year.

- State of Florida statutes dictate that it is unlawful for a person under 21 years of age to possess or consum alcoholic beverages. Consequently, anyone under the legal drinking age may not consume, distribute or possess alcohol on University properties or as part of any University Activity.

It is unlawful to sell, give, serve or permit alcoholic beverages to be served to anyone under 21 years of age.

Furthermore, servers can be held civilly liable for damage caused by underage drinkers to whom they provided alcoholic beverages.

- It is unlawful to be under the influence of, use, possess, distribute, sell or agree to sell, or represent to sell narcotics, hallucinogens, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances, except as where permitted by prescriptions or law.
- Violations of these laws are dealt with in both criminal prosecution and with administrative sanctions, including permanent expulsion from the University of South Florida.

(K I qb7 The Student Handbook should be consulted for further information.)

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J^hb VI ropbic Sfpf_ib @ Kfdeq Ofafkd * Nearly 60% of all adult fatal bicycle accidents in Florida occur during twilight and nighttime hours even though only 3% of bicycle usage takes place during that time period. While riding between sunset and sunrise the law requires the use of a lamp on the front of the bicycle exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of 500ft and a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 600 ft to the rear.

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- ◆ No bicycle may be used to carry more than one person at a time than the number for which the bicycle is designed or equipped.
- ◆ Any person operating a bicycle shall keep at least one hand upon the handlebars.
- ◆ No person shall operate a bicycle while wearing a headset or other listening device other than a hearing aid.

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- ◆ While biking at USF, play it safe.
- ◆ USF sees a higher percentage of crashes at the beginning of semesters.
- ◆ Most of USF's crashes occur between noon and 6:00 pm.
- ◆ Over 50% of USF bike crashes were during transition from sidewalk to crosswalk.
- ◆ You must yield, not into traffic.
- ◆ Never ride against traffic.
- ◆ Bicyclists who ride against traffic on the wrong side of the road remove themselves from the normal scanning patterns of other vehicle operators.
- ◆ Bicyclists are found at fault in half of crashes at USF.
- ◆ 70% of the time bicyclists require medical assistance.

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- ◆ Any area within 6 feet in front and to the side of any entrance to or exit from a building.
- ◆ Within any sidewalk, access or egress ramp, steps or stairs and corridors.
- ◆ In motor vehicle parking spaces.
- ◆ Bicycles attached to handrails on handicap access ramps will be impounded, as well as those parked as to present a hazard to general pedestrian traffic. Owners will be fined upon reclaiming impounded bicycles.

When jogging be aware of people around you, and

- ◆ Try to avoid running alone, even in daylight.
- ◆ Stay on well-lighted paths in open areas. Vary your route.
- ◆ Be suspicious of people who pass in many times. Don't wear ear phones.

When you are in your car.

- ◆ Park in a well-lighted area at night. Pay for parking. Check the street before leaving the car.
- ◆ Walk to your car with keys ready.
- ◆ Check the back seat before entering. Someone could be hiding there.
- ◆ While driving, keep the doors locked so no one can jump in at a red light.
- ◆ Keep enough gas in your tank for emergencies.
- ◆ If you are followed by another car, drive to a police station or business with lights and people. Do not go home with someone following you.
- ◆ If your car breaks down, lift the hood, put on the flashers and wait inside for help.







