American University Safety & Security

Department of Public Safety

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AU Public Safety Goals

Provide a high level of safety and security to students, staff, faculty and visitors to American University

Create an environment conducive to learning

Provide programs which support the academic mission of the University and promote excitement about the AU Experience
University Police Officers

44 Sworn police officers commissioned through the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department

Attend Police Academy with the University Consortium (10 Weeks)

Armed with less than lethal weapons

Full arrest powers on University property

Authority to place University student conduct charges both on and off campus

Patrol and respond to calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Foot beat, vehicle, and bicycle patrols
The Public Safety Team

Police Operations
Emergency Incident Response and Notifications
Special Events Services
Access Control Services
Parking Services
Specialized Training
Police Communications
Video Surveillance
University Police Dispatch Center

Answer the AU Emergency Line
- 202-885-3636
- On campus extension 3636

Answer the AU Non Emergency Line
- 202-885-2527
- On campus extension 2527

Control state of the art equipment
- Cameras
- Monitor Access Control
- Radio Transmissions
- Fire and Intruder Alarm monitoring
- Emergency Notification System

Respond to service and dispatch officers
Notify DCEMS for Emergency Medical Calls
AU Campus Security Features

Extensive camera network throughout campus

Residence halls
- Locked 24 hours
- Require valid ID cards to enter
- Service Desk staff check IDs

Academic and administrative buildings
- Locked based on academic schedule
- Require valid ID cards after hours
Additional Public Safety Services

Safe Ride Back to Campus Program

Walking escorts

Emergency Blue Phones located throughout Campus

Cab vouchers to Sibley Hospital

Public Safety Website

- Daily crime and incident log
- Annual security report
- Fully Clery Act compliant
- Exciting news about Public Safety initiatives
- Bike Registration (Coming this fall)
Additional Public Safety Services

Self-Defense Programs

• Self-defense program designed for men and women of all ages.
• Participants in the program will learn a wide range of tactics, including verbal techniques, ground defense options, escaping from bear hugs and choke holds, and many more.
• The program is taught by certified instructors.
• Provided by semester
Threat Assessment and Management

- The American University Behavioral Threat Management Team is committed to the safety and well-being of the University community through education, communication, planning, assessment, and management toward the goal of mitigating behavioral threats. (Internal and External)
- Dean of Students Office (CareNetwork)
- Personal Services Contract with a Psychologist
- AU Counseling Services
- SIGMA (Threat Management Associates)
- WRTAC (Washington Regional Threat Analysis Center)

Goal
- Assess, Refer, Support, and Monitor
- Law Enforcement Intervention (Judicial System Support through U.S. Attorney’s Office)
Emergency Preparedness

Website: prepared.american.edu

- Campus emergency plan
  - Resource Information on what to do in an emergency
  - External emergency resource information
- Joint training and exercises with Metropolitan Police Department
- Campus controlled emergency notification system
  - AU Alerts
  - AlertUs beacons
  - Workstation alerts
  - 4 Winds
- Regularly scheduled fire drills (Residence Halls and Academic Buildings)
AU Emergency Notifications

Students receive critical campus alerts on cell phone and University email
- Emergency situations
- Weather delays
- School closing

Students, staff and faculty are automatically entered to receive email alert

Students can edit and monitor their Alert account (after receiving the initial alert welcome email)
- Can add multiple phone numbers and email accounts
- Make sure to have your student verify their cell phone and contact information in the alert system
AU Emergency Notifications
Rave Guardian Application

• **With this app you can:**
  • Set a Safety Timer – Notify people you trust to check in on you if you are alone or in an unfamiliar place.
  • Manage & Message Your Guardians – Invite family, friends, or others to be your Guardian, and communicate with them within the app as needed.
  • Easy Emergency Communication – Call safety officials directly for help if you are in trouble and send text tips – including photos – if you see something suspicious.

![Call Campus Police](image1)

![Call 9-1-1](image2)

**Icons: Safety Timer, Guardians, Emergencies**
Contact Us

Emergency Number: 202-885-3636

Non Emergency Number: 202-885-2527

In every classroom there is a wall mounted phone:
Call extension 3636 for emergencies
Call extension 2527 for non emergencies

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