Campus Safety @ S&T

The safety and well-being of the Missouri S&T campus rests with each and every individual of the community. As members of this community we have a duty to ourselves and each other to protect our campus community. Each of us should remain cautious and aware of our surroundings at all times and report suspicious persons and incidents immediately.

Without the right information and prevention, today's college students are increasingly at risk in a world where violent crime, school shootings, cyber-crime, online stalking, identity theft and more are on the rise. Below is a listing of useful, practical resource information and advice for situations you and/or your peers face every day.

**Emergency Notification**

Missouri S&T has taken steps to help protect our community by preventing or quickly responding to incidents that may threaten the safety of the campus. A mass notification system has been implemented, In Case of Emergency (ICE) to provide timely updates on high-level emergencies, such as a natural disaster; a power outage or when lives are in danger. In addition, the Emergency Alert System provides emergency news and updates regardless of where you are on or off campus.

Students may sign up to receive Emergency Alerts (text/voice messages) through JoeSS by selecting the opt-in option and providing contact information. If you’ve already opted in, you don’t need to resubmit your information.

**Police Assistance**

Missouri S & T Police Department has an authorized strength of 21 full-time employees, including 12 state-commissioned police officers, 9 security guard/dispatchers, 2 parking control officers and 2 administrative staff members. All Missouri S & T officers possess Rolla City Police commissions as well, and are all instructors in various law enforcement related training areas. The University Police Department has a mutual aid agreement with the Rolla police department and the Phelps County Sheriff’s Department. These police agencies are willing to provide assistance to the University when needed.

**Additional Resources**

The University relies on additional resources as well. Video cameras have been installed in various locations throughout the campus. Emergency phones are strategically located across campus. A push of the button on the call boxes activates flashing blue lights and places the caller in direct contact with a 911 emergency dispatcher.

**Residence hall access** is restricted and students need keys to access their complexes. All Residential Complex front desks and duty staff in will be operating continuously throughout the weekend. More stringent guest policies and procedures will be implemented. For more details on these additional precautions, please refer to the departmental newsletter.

**Counseling, Disability Support, & Student Wellness** maintains a professionally staffed Counseling Center available to all students, faculty, and staff facing life’s challenges or wanting to explore healthy, grounded choices.

The **Critical Incident Task Force (CITF)** is comprised of staff from various campus departments and is designed to review procedures relating to problematic student behavior. CITF may be contacted for consultation, training and resources at citf@mst.edu, 107 Norwood Hall, 573.341.4292.
What you can do to keep yourself and the campus safe:

**Tips for Avoiding Risky Situations**

While you can never completely protect yourself from dangerous situations, there are some things you can do to help reduce your risk. Making these tips part of your daily routine will reduce the probability of being involved in an adverse situation—make your personal safety a habit!

**Awareness**

Stay aware of your surroundings. Offenders choose their victims based on their vulnerability. Some assume talking on a cellular phone is a better deterrent, but actually it is a highly visible sign that you are distracted.

**Traveling in Groups Is Ideal When Possible**

Travel in groups whenever possible. Offenders look for individuals who are easy targets, in areas where they can hide. Simply one other person can take away the criminal's opportunity. Other tips to consider when traveling:

- **Try to avoid isolated areas.** It is more difficult to get help if no one is around.
- **Walk with purpose.** Even if you don’t know where you are going, act like you do. Project a strong image by standing tall and walking confidently swinging your arms slightly; this can help prevent you from being perceived as weak.
- **Try not to load yourself down** with packages or bags as this can make you appear more vulnerable.
- **Make sure your cell phone is with you** and charged.
- **Don't allow yourself to be isolated** with someone you don’t trust or someone you don’t know.
- **Avoid putting music headphones in both ears** so that you can be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone.

Information from RAINN (Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network), [http://www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

**Utilize Lighting**

If possible; always use well-lit areas at night. Never take shortcuts through isolated areas. Utilize the blue lights around campus which are indicated as **emergency** phones. For your SAFETY, you should be familiar with the locations of these phones and use them in emergencies.

**Alcohol**

Take additional precautions when consuming alcohol. Know your safe zone and limitations. Always have a good friend accompany you wherever you go, especially when you have been consuming. Remember, Most Miners (72.2%) make sure that they go home with a friend. ([S&T MoCHB Survey 2010](http://www.rainn.org))

Never let your drink out of your sight and don’t consume “mixed” concoctions. Refrain from playing drinking games where the amount you consume lies with the luck of the draw as opposed to your own logical reasoning. Students are encouraged to educate themselves about drinking responsibly through our [Community Standards and Student Conduct](http://www.rainn.org) resources and [Student Wellness Programs](http://www.rainn.org) or enroll in the [Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students](http://www.rainn.org) (BASICS) program today.
Trust Your Instincts
If something doesn't look right to you, it probably isn't. If someone or something appears out of place in your building, contact your RA or the police immediately.

Use A Safe Ride
Don't walk alone on campus at night. Contact 4300 if you need an escort to or from a campus building while on-campus property.

Know How to Defend Yourself
Enroll in a Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) class today. For more information contact Missouri S&T Police Department, 341-4300.

See Sally Kick Ass: A Woman’s Guide to Personal Safety provides valuable information written by Fred K. Vogt II, (BS ChE 1966, UMR; MS Engineering Administration 1968, UMR; Professional Degree ChE 1992, UMR) on women's personal safety and self-defense and includes over 650 safety tips and self-defense techniques.

Always Lock Your Door
A variety of negative events can be prevented simply by locking the door.

Close Propped Doors
Take the initiative to close common access doors that are open in your living environment.

Neighborhood Watch
Turn your building or residence hall floor into a community by ensuring all are watching out for each other. Report any suspicious individuals or circumstances immediately.

Program your cell phone for an ICE (In Case of Emergency) number. This is the phone number of someone you would want notified in case you are involved in an emergency situation.

Keychain Safety
Never attach you name, address, or student ID to your keychain. If lost or stolen, someone potentially knows who you are, what you look like, and has the key to where you sleep.

Have your keys in hand when walking to your car or residence; keys should be ready to insert into the door lock. Fumbling or digging for keys in a handbag can increase vulnerability.

Peephole
If you have a peephole, use it.

Engaging With a New Acquaintance
If you are engaging with someone you recently became acquainted with, plan to engage in public places such as restaurants, coffee shops, shopping venues, or a sporting arena. Tell someone who you will be with, where you are going, and what time you expect to return. Bring a cell phone or taxi money so you can call for a ride home if things aren’t going well. Keeping alcohol consumption to a minimum is a positive way to further ensure that you are getting a clear perspective on any new relationship.
Student Resource Information:

Community Standards & Student Conduct
107 Norwood Hall
320 W. 12th St.
Rolla, MO 65409
(573) 341-4292
values@mst.edu
http://communitystandards.mst.edu/

Counseling, Disability Support, and Student Wellness
204 Norwood Hall
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(573) 341-4211
Fax: (573) 341-6179
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Critical Incident Task Force
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Student Advocacy Services
107 Norwood Hall
320 W. 12th St.
Rolla, MO 65409
(573) 341-4292
advocacy@mst.edu
http://studentadvocacy.mst.edu/

Student Health Services
Student Health Complex
910 W. 10th St.
Rolla MO 65409
Phone: (573) 341-4284
Fax: (573) 341-6967
mstshs@mst.edu
http://studenthealth.mst.edu/
University Police Department
1201 N. State St.
G10 Campus Support Facility
Rolla, MO 65409-0470
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Campus Safety Online, Inc.

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Confidential Hotline: (573) 364-0111
http://www.rollacity.org/police/police.shtml

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