

Safety and Security

Purpose:

The purpose of this Policy is to provide information and resources regarding the security and safety of students, faculty, and staff at the Duquesne University COM.

Scope:

This Policy shall apply to all current COM students, faculty, and staff.

Responsibility:

The responsibility to review and revise this Policy is established by COM leadership and approved by the COM Dean and Duquesne University Provost. It is effective as of the date noted and shall remain effective until amended or terminated by the COM Dean or University Provost.

Policy:

There are a number of resources and measures on campus and at clinical locations, as applicable, related to safety and security for students, faculty, and staff, including those identified below.

1. University Safety Resources

The following is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather is intended to provide a reference for COM students, faculty, and staff related to certain University safety resources:

- a. The Duquesne University Public Safety Department is available to students, faculty, and staff. COM faculty, staff, and students can contact security using the numbers listed below.
 - i. Emergencies -- Call Campus Police at 412.396.2677
 - ii. Non-emergencies -- Call Campus Police at 412.396.6002

The COM encourages students, faculty, and staff to report all crimes to Public Safety. Reporters and victims of such crimes will have access to University and COM psychological and pastoral support and counseling as needed.

- b. Duquesne University TAP No. [36](#), entitled College and University Security Information Act, provides information about on-campus law enforcement, guidance on reporting criminal actions or other emergencies, a statement on sexual assault and abuse, programs to promote campus safety, reporting and dissemination of information, and a statement on individual responsibility.
- c. Duquesne University TAP No. [48](#), entitled Weapons and Violence – Campus and Workplace, identifies prohibited behaviors and outlines reporting expectations workplace violence, with respect to the prohibition of weapons on campus.
- d. The Duquesne University's Emergency Management Team meets regularly to identify and prepare for a variety of possible emergency incidents. More information is available on the Emergency Management Team's [website](#), and the University's Emergency Operations Plan can be found on DORI.

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- e. The Campus Community Risk Team (CCRT), comprised of members representing various departments from the University, evaluates safety risks posed by students to members the campus community. More information is available on the CCRT's [website](#).
- f. The University's [Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#) provides information related to matters including crime statistics, crime reporting, and policy information.
- g. The University's fire safety [website](#) provides information regarding fire hazards and safety.

2. University Safety Measures

The following is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather is intended to provide a reference for COM students, faculty, and staff related to certain University safety resources:

- a. Code Blue Telephones - There are eight [Code Blue telephones](#) on campus located at various locations outside of buildings to gain direct access to Public Safety.
- b. Duress Alarms - Duress Alarms are for any situation where an individual feels uncomfortable or threatened; or for any medical emergency. The University has installed over 300 duress alarms around campus. When activated, all of these alarms connect directly to Public Safety and will result in a response of the Campus Police within minutes. These alarms can be found in study rooms in the Gumberg Library, locker rooms at the Power Center, and in various other strategic areas around campus.
- c. Escort Service - The [Escort Service](#) allows faculty, staff, and students to request security accompaniment from a building to their vehicle.
- d. DU Alert - Current students and employees can sign up for [DU Alert](#), an automated message notification system for emergencies or major disruptions to campus services. Text and voice messages are sent directly to faculty, staff, and students to notify them of any emergency.
- e. Campus Phone Line – Recorded messages regarding cancellations, delays, or campus matters are available by calling 412-396-1700.

3. COM Orientation

- a. New students, faculty, and staff receive information and education about safety on campus at new student orientation and employee orientation, respectively.

4. Safety and Security at Off-Campus Training Locations

COM students are required to complete orientation regarding the safety and security policies of each off-campus training location, and comply with these policies throughout the duration of their clinical rotations.

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