

UNIVERSITY POLICE

Florida Atlantic University Police Department provides a full range of public safety services 24-hours a day, seven days a week on the Boca Raton, MacArthur, and Treasure Coast campuses. Broward campuses safety services are provided by contracted security personnel and the assistance of Davie and Fort Lauderdale Police Department and the Broward Sheriff's Office.

Communications and coordination with all area law enforcement agencies are maintained on a 24-hour basis via computer networks operated by the Florida Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center..

Services provided by the University Police include vehicle patrol, bicycle patrol, criminal investigation, victim/witness services (297-0500) and crime prevention programs.

More information can be found at <http://www.fau.edu/police/>

SILENT WITNESS PROGRAM

The Silent Witness Program was established by University Police to encourage members of the university community to report crime information. This program, accessible through the University's web site, assures anonymity to those providing information about crime on campus.

The Silent Witness web site is: http://www.fau.edu/police/silent_witness.php.

VICTIM'S SERVICES

The Victim's Services Office was created to provide professional, caring service to crime victims in the community. Victim advocates are trained to intervene for the victim and to provide services, which include

- Crisis Intervention
- Emotional Support
- Information and Referral
- Liaison with police departments
- Explanation of Victim's Rights
- Assistance in filing Crimes Compensation forms.

The filing of a police report by a victim is strongly encouraged, but is not mandatory to receive Victim's services. You may speak with an advocate without first making a police report. The Victim's Services Office is located in the FAU Police /traffic & Parking Building on the Boca Raton campus. An advocate may be contacted at (561) 297 0500.

Additional Information regarding Victim's Services can be found at <http://www.fau.edu/police/victimservices/>

CRIME PREVENTION

The University Police Department encourages all members of the campus community to become involved in crime prevention. Information on safety and security precautions is provided to students, faculty, and staff members through seminars, bulletins, brochures and campus newspapers. University police personnel conduct training and provide crime prevention information each semester on these and other topics:

- **Date/Acquaintance rape programs for women and men**
- **Reduce your risk of becoming a victim**
- **Drugs & Alcohol**
- **Bicycle Registration Personal Safety**
- **Burglary/Theft Prevention**
- **Operation ID – Property Engraving**

University Police Officers are available to provide any additional crime prevention programming that may be needed to address an ongoing problem or special situation.

PROGRAMS

Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.)

The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. R.A.D. is not a Martial Arts program. It is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. The class offers a dynamic simulation that allows the participant to test her abilities at 100% in simulated circumstances against an instructor. The courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D. Instructors and provide each participant with a workbook/reference manual. This manual outlines the entire Physical Defense Program for reference and continuous personal growth, and is the key to our free lifetime return and practice policy for R.A.D. graduates.

BICYCLE PROGRAMS

Lock It or Lose It

Many bicycles that are stolen from campus are not even locked! Do your part in keeping your wheels by locking bicycles in a bike rack. Do not lock them on stairwells or access ramps. Bicycles locked on stairwells or access ramps will be removed and impounded.

Bicycle Registration

You may register your bicycle with the University Police to reduce the probability of theft and to increase the chances of recovery in the event that it is lost or stolen. The make, model, and serial number of the bicycle is needed to register for this free service.

Operation ID

The program is designed to reduce the loss of personal property by theft and to provide positive identification in the event of theft. The department has engraving tools available to mark your valuables with your social security number for positive identification. These tools will be loaned out for a 24 hour period.

Safety Tips

- * Walk to your vehicle in pairs or in a group.
- * Vary your routine; use a different route, different times.
- * Follow a well-lit pathway or roadway.
- * Be aware of your surroundings. Watch for suspicious people or activities.
- * Be aware of the locations of all telephones on campus and in parking lots. Use them if you are concerned or feel your safety is in jeopardy.
- * When you enter your vehicle, lock all the doors and turn on your headlights. This will allow you to see anyone outside in the dark.
- * If you are unfamiliar with the parking lot, drive through it and check it first. If you don't feel safe, go elsewhere and wait for someone else to arrive.
- * Have your keys in your hand so that you don't have to search for them when you reach your vehicle.
- * When you know you will be returning to your vehicle late at night, try to park in a well-lit area.
- * Before getting into your vehicle, visually inspect the interior for anything suspicious.
- * Report any safety concerns to the University Police Department or the local police department.
- * Do not offer rides to strangers.
- * If you suspect that someone is following you, drive to the nearest open public place, to the University Police or the local police department.

Visit http://www.fau.edu/police/crime_tips.php for more information.