

Be Safe @ Case: The Basics

University Circle is a cultural and educational hub of Cleveland, but still presents the security and safety risks associated with any urban environment. Case Police are responsible for the administration of all security, crime prevention, and law enforcement programs on campus. Case Police and Security Services are available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, to protect the community and receive reports of incidents that have occurred on Case property.

Numbers to know:

Case Police (EMERGENCY): **216-368-3333**

Case Police (Non-emergency): **216-368-3300**

Safe Ride: **216-368-3000**

University Circle Police: **216-791-1234**

Safety Initiatives:

RAVE Alerts – A mass notification alert system that will send messages to campus community in the event of an emergency. Go to getrave.com to sign-up

CWRU Shield App – A free smartphone application that help CWRU Police respond to emergency situations quickly and with more accuracy by using an Indoor Positioning System. The app also can be used to call the police, request a ride/walking escort/safety, and send tips to university police.

Walking Escort – Walking escorts (CWRU officers and students working for the office) are available 24 hours a day to walk you to any location in University Circle. Call 216-368-3300.

Night Shuttle Service – A shuttle bus provides service to all primary campus locations and Coventry Rd. retail district. Shuttles run 5:15 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5:15 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information call 216-368-3333, go to the website shuttle.case.edu, or email shuttle@case.edu. Please don't walk in the dark!

Safe Ride – Two minivans driven by CRWU officers run from 7pm to 3am during the academic year. They will pick you up and drop you off anywhere within the general University Circle area (Edgehill, Little Italy, Coventry, Cedar-Fairmount, etc.). They will take you to or from school, or both! Call **216-368-3000** or use the safe ride smartphone app to request transport. Please **please please** don't walk in the dark!!

Emergency Phones – There are more than 275 campus emergency phones. They can be used to contact the police department to ask for a ride, report suspicious activity, or in an emergency. The campus is monitored by over 300 video cameras so the officers can view the appropriate cameras if suspicious activity or an emergency is happening. They can't be everywhere at once so you need to help by reporting anything you see! Make note of the emergency phones along your usual routes just in the event that you need to use one someday.

Welfare Checks – There are nightly patrols in all campus buildings, but if you know you will be working late in a particular place you can call the police department and request a welfare check. This will ensure the guard checks in throughout the night to make sure you are safe.

Emergency Text Alerts – Sign up to receive emergency text alerts by visiting case.edu/warn.

Vehicle Assistance – Call 216-368-3300 if you have car troubles on campus. The officers will help you with a dead battery, if your keys are locked in your car, stuck in the snow, a flat tire, etc.

Areas to Avoid – Although Wade Lagoon can be very beautiful and enticing, don't go there alone at any time of day. Because it is hidden from the road, it has been a hot spot for crimes. The west side of campus (other side of Euclid Ave.) tends to be less well lit and relatively deserted so more crimes occur there. Call for a ride at night! Even a group of two doesn't afford you much protection. The walkways that go underneath bridges near campus are definitely places to avoid at night. They are dark and hidden from view. Call for a ride or bum one from a friend! Don't risk it!

Crime Prevention:

Most crimes that occur on campus, or anywhere else, are crimes of opportunity, and they are easy to prevent. Remove the opportunity and you prevent the crime. Secure easy-to-carry items in a locked desk or cabinet. A thief knows where purses are usually kept, like on the floor behind a desk or in the lower right hand drawer of a desk. A wallet left in the pocket of a jacket hanging on a chair is also a prime target. Be aware of what is happening around you, who has come into your area, and what they are doing. A friendly "May I help you?" may discourage a thief once they realize they have been noticed. Also, don't let people "tailgate" when you enter the building. Be sure they have an ID. If someone suspicious enters behind you call 216-368-3333 and let them know so they can patrol the building.

Bike Locks – Register your bike with the campus police (you can now do this online at police.case.edu). It is the only way to get your bike back to you in the event that it is stolen and recovered. Campus police recommend the steel U-locks and have some available for purchase.

Laptop Locks – Even though the medical school has limited access, it is not limited to medical students. Lock your laptop ANYTIME it will be out of your sight! A laptop has been stolen from a society room in the middle of the afternoon when there were several other students in the room. Don't rely on others to take care of your things. If you can't see it, lock it up!

Put your junk in your trunk! – Backpacks and laptops that can be seen from outside the car are just begging to be stolen. Put valuables in the trunk.