

Safety Information

According to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention Division, the 135 acres that comprise Pacific Lutheran University are the safest in Pierce County. While the campus is a relatively safe place to be, it is subject to many of the same crime problems that occur in the surrounding metropolitan area.

Campus Safety Office

Campus Safety is located on the North side of the ground floor of Harstad Hall at the intersection of Park Ave. and Garfield St. (the east entrance to the campus). The office is staffed 24 hours a day. Campus Safety officers provide the following services:

- First Aid and CPR
- Grounds and Parking Lot Security Patrol
- Emergency Message Service
- Escort Service
- Vehicle Jump-Starts
- Information and Referral

NOTE: While the laws of the State of Washington grant private land owners broad authority in controlling grounds, the Campus Safety office is *not* a police agency (as a private institution in the State of Washington may not have a police force), but it is an in-house security organization oriented toward crime prevention and physical security. Responsibility for law enforcement response, investigation and police reporting on campus lies with the Pierce County Sheriff's office.

Prevention Tips

- Avoid walking alone at night. Walk with a friend or within a group, or you may call Campus Safety at x7441 for an escort between dusk and dawn (8:00 PM until 8:00 AM in the summer).
- If you are in immediate danger call x7911 if possible, or scream, or run to attract attention and assistance. Emergency phones are located outside of each residence hall main entrance and throughout campus.
- Never let anyone into a residence hall unless you know they are a participant of conference.
- Never prop open outside doors. You will be placing everyone inside at risk.
- Keep your room door locked whether you are in or out of your room. Leaving a door un locked is a dangerous mistake, one that has cost lives on other campuses.
- Do not leave purses, backpacks or books unattended anywhere on campus.
- Always remove your keys and lock your vehicle. Park in campus lots. Vehicles that have been vandalized have most often been parked along the street. PLU is not responsible for vandalism in lots or on streets. Avoid leaving valuables in your vehicle.

Fire Safety

Smoking: Smoking is not permitted in any campus building, or within 50 feet of any building or walk-

way.

Appliances/Lamps: Appliances such as hair dryers and curling irons must be unplugged when not in use. Microwaves, irons, ovens, toasters and electric blankets are prohibited in residence hall rooms. Irons may be used in designated ironing or laundry rooms only. Halogen lamps are not permitted.

Open Flames: Open flames and other burning materials are not permitted. This includes candles, incense and potpourri burners.

Hallways & Fire Doors: All hallways and fire doors should be kept free of boxes, bicycles and other debris at all times so that people may exit safely in the event of an emergency.

Room Entrance/Exit: Beds or barriers of any sort cannot block the entrance/exit of a room. To insure proper access, all items must be at least 36 inches from directly behind the door frame.

Fire Alarms & Extinguishers: In the event of a fire, pull the nearest fire alarm to clear the building. After exiting the building, do not re-enter until you are instructed to do so. Never enter a building when the fire alarm is sounding. It is illegal to tamper with the fire alarms, fire extinguishers, or fire hoses, and severe penalties will be assessed to individuals or groups known to have tampered with fire safety equipment.