

## **Crime prevention for new students**

The Lincoln Memorial University Police Department wishes to welcome all new and returning students to the University Campus. The University strives to provide an environment that is as crime-free as possible in which you can live, work and study. To do this the police need your help. Take the time to review the safety programs available on campus and learn to protect yourself by learning crime prevention principles. Use the services provided, behave in a responsible manner and help make your community an enjoyable place to live. Remember, safety is a shared responsibility.

### **SAFE RIDE:**

SAFE RIDE is Lincoln Memorial University's nightly campus escort service, which operates 7-days a week except holidays and during LMU class breaks. Fall and Spring hours are from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and Summer hours are from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. SAFE RIDE provides vehicular point-to-point escorts on campus with cruisers, and golf carts. SAFE RIDE utilizes police officers and armed guards that undergo extensive employment background checks and initial on the job training. You may also call 423-869-6411 (6411) for assistance.

### **Emergency Telephones:**

The University provides a system of Emergency Telephones. These special telephones mounted on walls with the word "Emergency" on their sides are strategically placed on campus to provide direct contact with the University Police Department. Some The Emergency Telephones are activated by pressing the large red button on the front panel. The police department can identify the location of each call and assistance is sent whenever a telephone is activated. Response time is approximately two to three minutes anywhere on campus. While you are acquainting yourself with the campus, take note of the Emergency Telephone locations. Don't hesitate to use them should an emergency or suspicious situation arise.

### **Thefts:**

Thefts are the largest single crime problem on campus. Frequent targets are bicycles and personal property that is left unlocked or unattended. Protect your property by following simple precautions.

\* Never leave your valuables unattended.

\* Register you bicycle and other valuables with the police department. Homeowner's insurance policy on your permanent residence may cover thefts while away at school. Check with your insurance company.

\* When in the residence hall never leave your room unlocked or unattended. Don't ever prop open exterior doors to the outside. These doors are controlled with electronic access through your student ID card for your safety.

### **Personal Safety:**

Personal safety is generally the first concern of people on university campuses nationwide. The Lincoln Memorial Police Department places personal safety as its number one priority. There are many programs available from the police department to assist the community with their personal safety. Here are some tips to enhance your personal safety.

- \* Listen to your instincts. If you feel there is a problem get away.
- \* Stay tuned into your surroundings. Be alert for danger.
- \* Stick to well-lighted walkways. Avoid isolated, wooded or dark areas. Don't take short cuts.
- \* When you run or jog never do so alone. Avoid running at night. If you must run at night use the lighted areas of campus and run with others. Avoid isolated areas and never wear headphones when running.

### **Property Security:**

- \* Never leave your belongings unattended anywhere.
- \* Always use a U-style lock for your bicycle. Attach the lock through a wheel, the frame and a stationary object such as a bicycle rack.
- \* Mark or engrave your valuables. Register your property with the LMU Police Department for the most expensive items.

*For further information on this or others safety topics please contact the Lincoln Memorial University Police Department at (423) 869-6411. In case of emergency call (423) 869-6911 (6911 from campus phones), or 911 directly.*