MTD SafeRides
Offered by the Mass Transit District, SafeRides provides safe transportation between designated areas to University students, faculty, and staff. SafeRides is not intended to be a service of convenience, but rather a safe means of transportation when other travel options do not offer a secure environment.

For more information, visit the MTD SafeRides website: cumtd.com/riding/saferides.

Safe Walks
Offered by the U of I Police Student Patrol, Safe Walks is made up of students who are employed and trained by members of the U of I Police. Safe Walks is a courtesy service provided to U of I students, faculty, or staff so they do not have to walk alone in the campus area. They carry radios and can notify the police should they see anything suspicious.

For more information, visit the U of I Safe Walks website: publicsafety.illinois.edu/universitypolice/safewalks.html

Crime Prevention Programs
- Bike/Pedestrian Safety Program
- General Overview of Campus Crime
- The Law and You
- New Employee/Student Orientations
- Office Safety and Security Program
- Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.)
- Residence Hall Security Program

For more information, visit the U of I Department of Public Safety website: dps.illinois.edu/universitypolice/programs.html

Campus Safety Contacts

U of I Police Department
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 217-333-1216

U of I Crime Prevention Programs
dps.illinois.edu
Phone: 217-333-1216

Safe Walks
publicsafety.illinois.edu/universitypolice/safewalks.html
Phone: 217-333-1216
Hours: 9:00pm-2:30am (Sun.-Wed.)
9:00pm-3:00am (Fri.-Sat.)
Winter hours begin at 7:00pm

MTD SafeRides
cumtd.com/riding/saferides
Phone: 217-384-8188
Hours (fall and spring): 7:00pm-6:30am

MRL Facilities Contacts
Director’s Office: 217-333-1370
Director of Central Facilities Office: 217-333-1371
Business Office: 217-333-1374
mrl.illinois.edu
MRL Safety Committee email: safety@mrl.illinois.edu

Division of Research Safety
drs.illinois.edu
Phone: 217-333-2755

MRL Building Hours
7:00am—5:00pm M-F

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**Campus Safety**
It is important for you to take sensible precautions and become familiar with your environment to be as safe as possible. The campus has a variety of programs to provide a safer place in which you can study, work, and socialize. Campus lighting evaluations and improvements, emergency phones, Student Patrol, self-defense classes, Safe Walks, and MTD SafeRides are just a few examples of resources that are available to enhance your safety.

**MRL Safety**
The Materials Research Laboratory Safety Committee addresses laboratory safety concerns for students and principle investigators, and provides advice for laboratory set up procedures. It also conducts laboratory and office inspections and maintains direct communication with the U of I Division of Public Safety for additional assistance. MRL technical staff provide training on the facilities’ instrumentation, and when asked, assist in designing experimentation so that it operates in a safe manner.

**If You Are Victimized**
Remain calm. Try not to panic.

Call the police immediately. **Dial 911.**

Get a description of the suspect. Note the person’s sex, age, height, weight, race, hair, eye color, glasses type, tattoos, scars or marks, and complexion. Also note the person’s clothing in as much detail as possible.

If a vehicle was used, note the license plate number, model, color of vehicle, as well as direction of travel.

**Safety Tips**
- Report any unusual or suspicious activity you witness. If you witness a crime, be prepared to provide a full description.
- Do not allow people to follow you into secure locations. Request that a "tailgater" use his or her key or swipe card to gain entry.
- Lock the door to your room, even if you are in the room.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave right away and go immediately to an area with lights and people; get help if necessary.
- If you perceive you are in danger, yell or blow a loud whistle and look for an escape route.
- Plan the safest route: use well-lighted, well-travelled routes. The shortest route isn't always the safest.
- Avoid walking or running alone at night.
- Utilize **Safe Walks** and MTD SafeRides.
- Walk at a steady pace with a confident stride.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you—especially if you are alone or it is dark.
- Avoid using distracting technology such as smart phones, MP3 players, or anything else that will decrease awareness of your surroundings.
- Avoid levels of intoxication that will leave you vulnerable and unaware.
- Do not display valuables openly.
- Be cautious around ATM machines.
- Utilize locks and other security systems that are in place.
- Have your keys ready in your hand so you can open the door to your home or car immediately.
- Property can be replaced—your life cannot. Consider whether or not to resist if a weapon is involved.
- Seek training in viable self-defense techniques.