

# Annual Security Report

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## The University of Texas at Austin

ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT: In compliance with relevant provisions of federal law, The University of Texas at Austin is required to make policy and programmatic information available to the campus community as well as to prospective students and employees. Information about these reports and additional material that may be of interest is described below. Printed copies of individual reports (not catalogs) are available upon request. All catalog references are for publications in effect during the 2010-2011 academic year as the data contained in this report is for the calendar year January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

### 1. REPORTING CRIME STATISTICS

- a) Policies for preparing the annual disclosure of campus crime statistics: The University coordinates the collection and reporting of crime statistics as specified by federal law. Each year, an e-mail notification is made to all enrolled students that provide the web sites to access the information in this report. Faculty and staff receive similar notifications, either by e-mail or through campus mail. Copies of this report may be obtained from [Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs](#). All prospective employees may obtain a copy of this report from [Human Resource Services](#). Copies of this report will be provided to others upon request. Agencies involved in the collection of these data include the University of Texas Police Department (UTPD), the [Office of the Dean of Students](#), the Division of [Housing and Food Service](#), designated residence hall and family housing staff, the [Counseling and Mental Health Center, University Health Services, Human Resource Services](#), and the [Austin Police Department](#) (APD). In addition, UTPD will follow up all reports of criminal activity in areas under its jurisdiction regardless of the source. Campus agencies involved in the collection of crime statistics are provided guidance annually regarding the requirements of federal law, including the categorization of criminal activities and tabulation of the locations involved in reported crimes and arrests. UTPD, through a cooperative arrangement with APD, obtains relevant crime statistics from the APD database, which provides appropriate crime codes, and the nature, dates, times, and the locations of crimes committed within the City of Austin. The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs requests data from the agencies involved in collecting criminal statistics so that the annual report may be updated and disseminated to the campus community, the general public, and the U.S. Secretary of Education. With the exception of certain alcohol-abuse violations that may be referred for handling by residence hall staff or the Dean of Students, campus agencies required to collect crime statistics report all crimes to UTPD.
- b) Statistics on the following crimes and offenses are to be reported in the annual security report:
  - i. **Criminal Homicide:** Murder, non-negligent, and negligent manslaughter. Non-negligent manslaughter is the killing of a person through gross negligence.
  - ii. **Sex Offenses, Forcible or Non-forcible:** A forcible sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against that person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent, i.e., intoxicated. Non-forcible sex offenses are acts of "unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse," e.g., incest or statutory rape.

- iii. Robbery: The taking, or attempting to take anything of value from the control, custody, or care of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.
- iv. Aggravated Assault: An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This offense is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
- v. Burglary: The unlawful entry (breaking and entering) into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or theft.
- vi. Arson: Willful or malicious burning or an attempt to burn a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property.
- vii. Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.
- viii. On-campus Arrests for Alcohol, Drug and Illegal Weapon Violations
- ix. The number of students referred for Campus Disciplinary Actions for alcohol, drug or illegal weapon violations. (If included in the report as an arrest, a referral does not need to be reported under this category.)
- x. Hate Crimes falling into the above list, involving bodily injury, or reported to the campus security office or local police. (Hate crimes are to be reported by category of prejudice: race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability.) Note that HEOA of 2008 modified (effective August 14, 2008) the list of hate crimes that must be reported to include the following crimes: larceny-theft, simple assault; intimidation, and property destruction, damage or vandalism. (20 USC 1092 (f)(1)(F)(ii))

c) The previous 3 years of crime statistics:

Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	On-Campus Student Housing Facilities	On Campus Total	Noncampus Building or Property	Adjacent Public Property
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2010	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2010	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2010	6	6	12	11	17
	2009	0	10	10	3	7
	2008	0	1	1	4	6
Sex Offenses, Non-Forcible	2010	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2010	1	0	1	0	5
	2009	3	0	3	0	6
	2008	4	2	6	0	10

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Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	On-Campus Student Housing Facilities	On Campus Total	Noncampus Building or Property	Adjacent Public Property
Aggravated Assault	2010	0	4	4	3	8
	2009	2	1	3	2	12
	2008	2	0	2	1	7
Burglary	2010	30	6	36	17	0
	2009	36	8	44	20	0
	2008	26	9	37	9	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2010	4	0	4	8	4
	2009	6	0	6	8	6
	2008	10	0	10	0	5
Arson	2010	1	0	1	0	0
	2009	1	0	1	0	0
	2008	2	0	2	0	1
Arrests	Year	On-Campus Property	On-Campus Student Housing Facilities	On Campus Total	Noncampus Building or Property	Adjacent Public Property
Weapons: Carrying, Possession, etc.	2010	3	0	3	1	3
	2009	0	0	0	0	4
	2008	2	0	2	1	4
Drug Abuse Violations	2010	73	27	100	11	30
	2009	26	12	38	5	59
	2008	44	7	51	18	33
Liquor Law Violations	2010	97	22	119	19	14
	2009	124	37	161	14	61
	2008	113	27	140	9	33
Referrals	Year	On-Campus Property	On-Campus Student Housing Facilities	On Campus Total	Noncampus Building or Property	Adjacent Public Property
Weapons: Carrying, Possession, etc.	2010	1	0	1	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	1	1	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	2010	7	38	45	15	0
	2009	2	8	10	0	0
	2008	4	17	21	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	2010	36	150	186	16	6
	2009	31	77	108	1	6
	2008	4	203	207	1	0

Hate Crimes 2010: 1 race based vandalism on campus (non-residence hall)

Hate Crimes 2009: 1 race based vandalism in the residence halls

Hate Crimes 2008: none reported

## 2. REPORTING CRIMINAL ACTIONS and TIMELY WARNINGS

Policies, procedures and facilities for reporting criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus and the University's response to such reports:

a) The current campus policy for making timely reports to members of the campus community is as follows:

The University of Texas at Austin Police Department has a responsibility to provide timely warnings about reported crimes to the campus community in a manner that will aid in the prevention of similar crimes.

### 65.01 The Decision to Issue a Timely Warning:

1. A warning **must** be issued when both of the following conditions are met: (1) arson, aggravated assault, criminal homicide, robbery, sex offenses, illegal weapons possession, burglary, motor vehicle theft, or any crime determined to be a hate crime is reported to UTPD or other campus security authorities, and (2) the crime is considered by the University to represent a continuing threat to students or employees.
2. A warning **may** be issued regarding other crimes as deemed necessary by UTPD.
3. The Chief of Police, or his designee, is responsible for making the decision whether a timely warning will be issued.

### 65.02 Determining Whether a Continued Threat Exists:

1. Whether a reported crime constitutes a continuing threat must be decided on a case-by-case basis in light of all the facts surrounding a crime, including factors such as the nature of the crime, the continuing danger to the campus community and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts.
2. Examples of crimes that could constitute a continuing threat include but are not limited to:
  - a. a serial crime that targets certain campus populations such as sex crimes or race-based crimes in which the perpetrator has not been apprehended;
  - b. a crime in which there is no apparent connection between perpetrator and victim and the perpetrator has not been apprehended.
3. Crimes that would not constitute a continuing threat include but are not limited to:
  - a. crimes in which the perpetrator has been apprehended, thereby neutralizing the threat;
  - b. crimes in which an identified perpetrator targets specific individuals to the exclusion of others, such as domestic violence.

### 65.03 Content of the Warning Notice:

1. The warning must contain sufficient information about the nature of the threat to allow members of the campus to take action to protect themselves.
  - a. A succinct statement of the incident.
  - b. Possible connection to previous incidents, if applicable.
  - c. Physical description of the suspect.
  - d. Composite drawing of the suspect, if available.
  - e. Date and time the warning was released.
  - f. Other relevant and important information.
2. In some cases, law enforcement may need to keep some facts confidential to avoid compromising an investigation.

### 65.04 Timing of the Warning:

1. In an immediate and serious threat, e.g., an active shooter on campus, a warning may need to be issued immediately with few facts and then be continually updated until the threat is contained or neutralized.

2. If a threat that is less immediate, the warning can go out later after facts are more fully developed.

65.05 Method of Distribution:

1. The warning must be distributed in a manner reasonably likely to reach the entire campus community.
2. Depending on the circumstances, any of the following methods, or combination thereof, may be used:
  - a. Posting of notices
  - b. Campus-wide email
  - c. Text message
  - d. Activation of the campus siren system
  - e. Posting to The University of Texas home page
  - f. Press release
  - g. Closed circuit television systems in residence halls & other buildings
  - h. Voice message over various public address systems

b) Individuals may report alleged criminal actions (including sex offenses) or emergencies that occur on the campus of The University through any of the following means:

1. Call the University of Texas Police Department (UTPD) at 512-471-4441 or go to the UTPD station, at 2201 E. Campus Drive
2. Use an emergency telephone, designated by a blue light on a yellow pole marked "Police Help" in locations throughout campus
3. Dial 911
4. Contact an officer in uniform on patrol or at one of the traffic control stations at any entrance to Inner Campus Dr.
5. Ask any UT supervisor or manager to assist with reporting a crime
6. Students may contact the Dean of Students, the Director of Housing and Food Service, the Director of the Counseling and Mental Health Center, or the Director of University Health Services
7. Employees may contact Human Resource Services

c) The University Police Department will review reports of alleged criminal activity it receives and either dispatch an officer immediately or refer the report for subsequent investigation, depending upon the nature and seriousness of the offense involved. Individuals reporting an alleged crime should attempt to preserve evidence that might prove the crime was committed. All criminal incidents are investigated by UTPD. UTPD responses include, but are not limited to:

1. Immediate response to emergencies through dispatch of one or more officers
2. Investigation of reports in accordance with UTPD procedure
3. Arrest and filing of charges, depending upon the circumstances of the incident
4. Referring alleged offenders to appropriate campus agencies, such as the Dean of Students
5. Issuing "timely warnings" of crimes that represent a threat to the campus community: In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Chief of University Police, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus-wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning will be issued through the University group e-mail system and/or text alert system to students, faculty, staff and, if deemed appropriate by the Chief of University Police, on the University's home page and at the UTPD

web site at: <http://www.utexas.edu/police/alerts/>. Depending on the circumstances, other measures may be taken, including but not limited to, use of telephones, intranet Web sites, publications in print media, or broadcasts through commercial television and radio stations.

- d) Victims or witnesses wishing to make voluntary reports of criminal activity in confidence may do so by requesting that the agency or person to whom a report is made maintain confidentiality with regard to the identity of the individual making the report. Reports of this nature will be honored to the extent permitted by state law, criminal investigatory requirements, and university judicial process. These confidential reports are counted and disclosed in the crime statistics for the University, but, as with all other crimes included in the annual crime report, no personally-identifiable information is included.

### 3. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS and EVACUATION PROCEDURES:

- a. Emergencies may range from inclement weather, to building evacuations, to campus closures, and the university has a variety of tools to communicate with the public in the event of these and other possible emergencies. Depending on the type of emergency, we may use some or all of the following tools to communicate with faculty, staff and students:

1. University Communication of Emergency  
Emergencies may range from inclement weather to building evacuations to campus closures, and the University has a variety of tools to communicate with the public in the event of these and other possible emergencies. Depending on the type of emergency, some or all of the following tools may be used to communicate with faculty members, staff members, and students:
2. Siren System  
This system is tested at about noon on the first Wednesday of every month. It delivers a siren warning and public address in the event of certain outdoor emergencies. More information about the siren system is available at <http://www.utexas.edu/safety/sirens/>.
3. Emergency Web Site  
The emergency Web site, <http://www.utexas.edu/emergency/>, is updated with information during actual emergencies or campus closures.
4. University Emergency Information Line, (512) 232-9999  
Students and faculty and staff members may call this main number for information about campus closures.
5. Campus Television Emergency Announcement System  
Emergency announcements will override residence hall and campus cable television, instructing the viewer where to go for additional information.
6. Text Messaging Service  
The University contracts with a third-party vendor that provides the technological ability to send text messages to members of the campus community. Only text messages about emergencies and messages used periodically to test the system are sent. Any data provided to the vendor by the University is protected by contractual arrangements.
7. Pager System  
Campus first responders, resident advisers, and some building managers are part of the Austin Warning and Communication System paging system. Pagers send text messages about emergencies on campus and alert city responders like the Austin Police Department, the Austin Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, and the Office of Emergency Management to campus crisis situations.
8. Fire Panel Systems  
Residence halls are equipped with fire panel systems that have a public address capability. Resident advisers are trained to use these systems in emergencies in order to

make announcements to the entire building regarding evacuation, shelter in place, or other responses.

9. University Group E-mail  
During emergencies, UT Safety Alert sends an “urgent” group e-mail to every student and faculty and staff member. The message directs individuals to the emergency Web site for additional information and instructions.
10. Voice Mail to Office Telephones  
This system leaves a voice message on every faculty and staff member’s office phone on campus.
11. Local News Media  
The Office of Public Affairs sends press releases and makes calls to contacts on a local media list. Because of the transient nature of its population, the University depends a great deal on broadcast media to notify students, faculty members, and staff members of emergencies before or during their commutes.
12. Public Safety Patrol Car Announcements  
University of Texas Police Department patrol cars are equipped with public address systems that officers can use to provide instructions to pedestrians during emergencies.
13. Telephone Tree  
The president’s office has a telephone tree of department contacts that is activated during an emergency.

The implementation of each tool described above is assigned to an individual who has at least two backups who can also carry out the communications task. Individuals with electronic communication tools assigned to them have remote access (from their homes, etc.) to those tools.

The police department and the associate vice president for Campus Safety and Security are typically the ones who deliver emergency information to university administration. Upon considering this information, administration develops the messages and activates campus-wide communications. The only exceptions to this are the sirens and pager system, which are activated directly by UTPD in extremely urgent situations where immediate action is required.

- a. Students, faculty and staff should follow the below safety procedures in the event of evacuation emergencies, severe or inclement weather, and tornados or hazardous material releases.

### **Evacuation Procedures**

Students, faculty and staff should follow the below steps when evacuating buildings:

1. Evacuate when prompted by continually sounding fire alarms or by an official announcement.
2. Be aware of and make use of designated primary and alternate evacuation routes.
3. Close classroom or office doors as you leave.
4. Leave the building in an orderly manner without rushing or crowding — **do not use the elevator.**
5. Provide aid to those who need it in an emergency evacuation situation.
6. Be aware of and follow instructions given by UTPD and other officials. You may be asked to proceed on foot to designated areas or evacuate the campus entirely.
  - a. Always evacuate crosswind and/or upwind away from any emergency by a safe route.
  - b. Evacuate to at least 300 feet from the building and out of the way of emergency vehicles.

7. Report to emergency responders any individuals who have been injured or left behind.
8. Do not re-enter the building until all-clear is given by official announcement.

### **What is an evacuation emergency?**

In most cases, evacuations apply only to the buildings that are immediately affected. In some cases, such as local terrorism, flooding or earthquake, the evacuation could apply to the entire campus. Some potential causes for emergency evacuations may include but are not limited to: a major fire or explosion, hazardous materials release, chemical/biological/radiological spill, structural failure, asbestos release, bomb threat, weapons, or an aircraft collision with a building.

### **Severe or Inclement Weather Procedures**

Students, faculty and staff should follow the below procedures in the event of a severe or inclement weather warning:

1. Seek shelter immediately in designated areas.
2. If you're inside a building...
  - a. Go to the lowest level of the building, if possible.
  - b. Stay away from windows.
  - c. Go to an interior hallway.
  - d. Use arms to protect head and neck in a "drop and tuck" position.
3. If there is no time to get inside...
  - a. Lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building.
  - b. Be aware of potential for flooding.
  - c. Use arms to protect head and neck in a "drop and tuck" position.
  - d. Use jacket, cap, backpack or any similar items, if available, to protect face and eyes.

### **Seeking Shelter: Tornadoes and Hazardous Material Releases**

#### **Tornado Procedures**

In the event of a tornado watch or warning, students, faculty and staff should take the following steps:

If a tornado is sighted near the university...

1. Dial 911 from a campus phone or 471-4441 to report tornado sighting to the UTPD dispatcher.
2. Seek a safe shelter inside a building, in a ditch or beside an embankment.

If a tornado is imminent near you...

1. Use interior hallways away from building's exterior windows as a tornado shelter.
  - a. Close all doors to rooms with exterior windows.
  - b. Avoid all windows and other glassed areas.
  - c. Avoid the most dangerous locations of a building, usually along south and west sides and at corners.
2. Protect yourself by going into a "drop and tuck" position.

## Hazardous Material Procedures

Students, faculty and staff should observe the following steps in the event of a hazardous material release on campus:

1. You will receive a shelter-in-place announcement.
2. Immediately move indoors.
3. Close all windows and doors to shelter and seal as best you can, using towels, clothes or paper.
4. If there appears to be air contamination within the shelter, place a paper mask, wet handkerchief or wet paper towel over the nose and mouth for temporary respiratory protection.
5. Continue to follow the instructions given by the response authorities.

### When else is it important to seek shelter?

The procedures described above for tornados and hazardous material releases are known as shelter-in-place procedures. Sheltering-in-place is the use of any classroom, office or building for the purpose of providing temporary shelter. Shelter-in-place procedures are internationally recognized as standard practices of providing shelter for any of the following reasons: a chemical truck overturning, tornado, chemical train derailment, chemical facility accident, pipeline rupture, terrorist attack, release of biological agents, release of chemical agents, drilling accident, hazardous materials release, or radiological release.

For more information on Campus Safety and Security procedures, please visit our website <http://www.utexas.edu/safety/>.

The daily Campus Crime Log can be accessed online at: <http://www.utexas.edu/police/crimelog/>.  
The campus crime watch report may also be accessed online at: <http://www.utexas.edu/police/campuswatch/>

## 4. CRIME PREVENTION AND REPORTING

[University Police Department](#) | Call 512-417-4441 | [Report A Crime](#)

- Crime prevention tips to staff or students reporting a crime
- Security surveys for departments
- Crime Prevention Month activities (October)
- "COP" (Coed on Patrol)
- Loan of light timers during holidays
- Report inoperable exterior lights, overgrown shrubbery, and unsecured doors, lock and door problems
- After analysis of theft, recommendations sent to dept for upgrading security
- "Rip off" cards left when property is found unsecured
- Special patrols
- Campus Watch crime tips
- 22 Emergency Call Boxes around campus
- 911 lines connecting every phone to police
- Crime tips in various campus newsletters
- Monitoring and responding to alarm call
- Mobile patrols 24 hrs/day

[Student Government](#) | Call 512-471-3166

- Escorts to campus locations through SURE Walk Program (see [Escort Programs](#))

[Housing & Food Service](#) | Call 512-471-3136

- Monitor and respond to residence hall system alarms
- Information in residence hall and apartment newsletters on crime prevention and safety tips
- Handbook for residents distributed at check-in, with special section on safety issues
- On-duty staff make nightly rounds of residence halls
- Safety programs offered throughout the year
- Background check of vendors, contractors, subcontractors working in residence halls.

[Counseling and Mental Health Center's Voices Against Violence](#) | Call 512-471-3515 or 512-471-2255 for 24-hr counseling

- Collects data from 9 on-campus and 4 off-campus partners regarding UT students victimized by sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking
- Provides students with safety planning notebook
- Checklist of procedures and referrals for UT staff and faculty.

[Behavior and Concerns Advice Line \(BCAL\)](#) | Call 512-232-5050

- 24/7 telephone line by which individuals can report a concern regarding the behavior of a UT community member to a trained professional
- Assesses level of threat posed to the university based on concerns reported
- Addresses concerns and refers to best suited resources
- Provides information on how to address individuals in distress
- BCAL staff will intervene when necessary to diffuse the concerning behavior
- Offers educational programming to faculty, staff and student leaders

## 5. SECURITY OF AND ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

Security of and access to campus facilities, including campus residences, and security considerations used in the maintenance of campus facilities

The campus and properties of The University are maintained for use by students, faculty, and staff. Access to campus facilities may be restricted as necessary to comply with [Rules and Regulations](#) of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System and to meet safety and security requirements as determined by University officials. The University has instituted safety and security procedures and services, but the personal safety of each individual who enters the campus is his or her responsibility. Failure to take precautions or maintain an awareness of the environment and surroundings may result in increased risk. The University will continue to develop and implement security measures, but these measures cannot succeed without the personal support of faculty, staff, students, and visitors. Campus housing provides a range of services and security procedures designed to ensure the reasonable comfort of residents and invited guests. Residents are provided information about these programs and services, but are advised that they are ultimately responsible for their own security and safety. Campus residence halls are supervised by trained staff members who are assisted in their efforts to maintain security by [UTPD](#). Services include attention to lighting (including emergency lighting during power failures), locking of all entrances on a regular schedule, security programming (including fire safety drills, rape awareness programs, vandalism reduction programs), card access system, installation of viewers in all individual student room doors, controlled keyway lock system, building rounds and door checks performed by student staff, and enforcement of a guest escort policy. Security at off-campus residences owned or controlled by registered student organizations is the responsibility of those organizations rather than The University. The University asks these

organizations to provide information about their safety and security procedures. The information they provide is maintained in the [Office of the Dean of Students](#) and is available upon request. Contact Dr. Doug Garrard at 512-471-5017 for the latest report.

## REGISTERED OFFENDERS

Law enforcement authorities are required to inform the University when registered sex offenders indicate they are living, working, or volunteering services on campus. To learn whether information of this nature has been provided to the University, contact the [University Police Department](#) at 2201 Robert Dedman Drive or call 512-471-4441. Providing this information regarding enrolled students does not violate provisions of the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*. You may search for information regarding registered sex offenders on the following websites:

[http://www.utexas.edu/police/alerts/sex\\_offenders.html](http://www.utexas.edu/police/alerts/sex_offenders.html)

[https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS\\_WEB/Portal/index.aspx](https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/Portal/index.aspx)

## 6. UNIVERSITY POLICE JURISDICTION

Campus law enforcement authority, its working relationship with state and local police, and the need for accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to police, including timely warnings of crimes that represent a threat to the campus community

a) [UTPD](#) jurisdiction includes the main campus, the J. J. Pickle Research Center, the Brackenridge Tract along Lake Lady Bird, Bee Cave Research Center west of Austin, Paisano Ranch southwest of Austin, the Montopolis Research Center in southeast Austin, the Marine Science Institute at Port Aransas, the Winedale Historical Center near Round Top, the McDonald Observatory in west Texas, Ladybird Johnson Wildlife Center and several intramural fields and other Austin area properties owned by The University. UTPD's commissioned police officers are fully empowered by the state and have authority to stop vehicles, make arrests, and enforce all laws. UTPD has a cooperative arrangement with the [Austin Police Department](#) as well as the [Travis County Sheriff's Office](#) (click for a PDF of this [Memorandum of Understanding](#)). UTPD maintains close liaison with the [Texas Department of Public Safety](#). UTPD's Crime Prevention Unit provides a wide range of services and educational programs designed to promote campus security and that aid in anticipating and minimizing potential dangers to the population and property of The University. These include security surveys, crime prevention presentations, updates on alarms and security systems, recommendations for security systems in new buildings, engraving services, and security device lending programs (for use during vacation periods). Whenever possible, these services are provided at the request of the community or community group. UTPD works with student and other campus media to help educate the university community in crime prevention and reporting. UT Parking and Transportation Services offer online bicycle registration.

b) *It is of critical importance that criminal activity be reported immediately and as accurately as possible*, as outlined in A.1. above. Police investigations, whether by UTPD or the Austin Police Department, are hampered by the passage of time and incomplete or inaccurate information. In addition, some crimes pose risks or dangers that must be reported without delay to the campus community to minimize potential harm to individuals and their property. UT police and the University administration work closely to determine, on a case-by-case basis, when the campus community should be placed on alert regarding potential threats to the safety of its members.

c) The University encourages its professional counseling and appropriate health services staff to

inform persons seeking their services of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in The University's annual disclosure of crime statistics. This process is employed at the discretion of the professional counseling and health services staff, as they deem appropriate.

## 7. PERSONAL SAFETY MEASURES

[University Police Department](#) | Call 512-417-4441

- Rape prevention program
- Property & Personal Safety program
- Tactical Communication Program to reduce confrontations

[Student Government](#) | Call 512-471-3166

- Self-defense classes
- E-bus: a late night service for passengers from UT, west campus, and Riverside areas. Provides a safe alternative to driving to and from Austin's entertainment district during weekend evenings (Thurs.-Sat. from 8:30 pm–to 3:30 am). Students, faculty, and staff may ride at no charge by presenting a UT ID. Without a UT ID, cost is 50 cents.

[International Office](#) | Call 512-471-1211

- Basic Safety & Security Programs offered during International Student Orientation courtesy of UTDP. In addition, UTDP offers programs on bicycle safety and security.

[Housing & Food Service](#) | Call 512-232-2898

- New Employee Orientation (includes safety)
- Handbook given to all residents
- Orientation sessions for all residents; additional safety programs offered throughout the year
- Self defense workshops
- Caller ID allows residents to dial \*57 after receiving a threatening or obscene call. Caller's number recorded by UTPD

[Human Resource Services](#) | Call 512-471-1795

- Classes sometimes offered
- Managing@UT program (includes safety issues)
- New Employee Orientation (includes safety issues)

[Dean of Students](#) | Call 512-471-3304 for safety and 512-471-6259 for disability

- "Become Aware of Crime" programs during both student and parent orientation sessions. Also offered during fall, spring, and summer school orientations

[Counseling and Mental Health Center's Voices Against Violence](#) | Call 512-471-3515, call 512-471-2255 for 24-hr counseling

- Awareness and Prevention programs at Freshman and International Student Orientation
- Outreach programs
- Peer-led interactive theater performances
- Training for UT departments on awareness, prevention, supporting survivors

[Behavior and Concerns Advice Line \(BCAL\)](#) | Call 512-232-5050

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## 8. MONITORING OFF-CAMPUS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Monitoring and recording, through local police agencies, of criminal activity at off-campus locations of student organizations officially recognized by the University, including student organizations with off-campus housing facilities

University police jurisdiction does not include off-campus properties owned or controlled by registered student organizations. Regular [UTPD](#) contact with the [Austin Police Department](#) (APD) aids in the coordination of the activities of the two agencies. UTPD obtains information from APD about criminal activity at properties owned or controlled by registered student organizations. For purposes of reporting the data in Campus Crime Information, the term "non-campus buildings" includes areas off campus owned or controlled by registered student organizations. However, The University has no responsibility for security policies, procedures, or safety at these locations

## 9. SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

It is the policy of the University of Texas at Austin to strive to maintain an environment that is free from intimidation and one in which students may be educated to their fullest potential. The University should foster an understanding of difference and cultivate the ethical and moral issues that are the basis of a humane social order. Therefore, the University will not tolerate physical abuse, threats of violence, physical assault, or any form of sexual assault, including but not limited to acquaintance or date rape. A student who individually, or in concert with others, participates or attempts to participate in a sexual assault, including but not limited to abuse of, threats against, or the unwanted touching of an intimate area of any other student, is subject to disciplinary action by the University, notwithstanding any action that may or may not be taken by the civil authorities.\* In addition to incidents that occur on the University campus, the University may take disciplinary action in response to incidents that take place during official functions of the University, or those sponsored by registered student organizations, or incidents that have a substantial connection to the interests of the University of Texas at Austin regardless of the location in which they occur.

\*The fact that the student accused of sexual assault was under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the assault will not diminish the student's responsibility for a violation of the *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities*, nor shall being under the influence of alcohol or drugs be construed as an invitation to or as implied consent for unwanted sexual advances.

### OPTIONS FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

#### Police and Medical

A student who experiences any form of sexual assault or sexual coercion is encouraged to seek care immediately. People at least 18 years old can have an exam to preserve evidence of the assault with or without involving the police. *Reporting an assault to law enforcement does not mean that the case will automatically go to criminal trial or a University disciplinary hearing.* If the police are called, a uniformed officer will be sent to the scene to take a detailed statement. A ride to the hospital can be provided by a police department counselor. Survivors who want to have evidence collected and who choose not to call police can go directly to the emergency department of St. David's Medical Center at 919 East 32nd Street, Austin, 78705. Survivors who want help from the police should call 911.

A survivor has the option to have a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) performed by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) within five days of the assault if law enforcement is involved and within four days if they are not. With a survivor's consent, the evidence collected during this exam can be used as part of a criminal investigation. For more information about the SAFE, see <http://hopelaws.org/>. The survivor is strongly encouraged to seek medical and psychological care and to be treated for any injuries. He/she can choose to take medications to prevent sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy, regardless of whether the police were contacted or a SAFE was performed. This medical care can be provided at University Health Services, at a local emergency room, or by a private physician off-campus. Psychological care can be provided by the UT Counseling and Mental Health Center, SafePlace ([512] 267-7233, or with a care provider of the survivor's choosing.

#### Advocacy and Counseling

The Voices Against Violence Program (VAV) in the University Counseling and Mental Health Center ([512] 471-3515) is available to provide support services for any student who has been affected by sexual assault. VAV can provide help to survivors regarding safety, legal, medical, academic, and housing options. The program also offers individual and group counseling. For assistance after 5:00 pm and on weekends, there is a telephone counseling service that can be reach twenty-four hours a day every day, including holidays. The telephone number is (512) 471-CALL (471-2255). Callers may remain anonymous. The nonprofit organization SafePlace also offers a twenty-four-hour hotline for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. The phone number is (512) 267-SAFE (267-7233). Students who may have been assaulted by someone who is not affiliated with the University may contact any of the available University support services listed below under Programs and Support Services.

#### Administrative Complaint and Investigation

A student may file a complaint against another student by contacting the Student Judicial Services area of the Office of the Dean of Students directly at (512) 471-2841. Students may choose to file a complaint with the Student Judicial Services staff whether or not they choose to cooperate with law enforcement in a criminal investigation. Students who wish to file a complaint against a faculty or staff member may contact the dean of students at (512) 471-5017; however, this policy does not apply to cases involving an assault by a faculty or staff member. See Appendix D, Policy on Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment, page 242, and Appendix J, Prohibition of Campus Violence, page 266.

When a student reports that the campus regulations prohibiting sexual assault have been violated, informal procedures that provide for the protection of the emotional health and physical safety of the complainant may be invoked. For example, a student who lives on campus may be moved to another campus living environment if he or she chooses or may be allowed to drop a class. Such arrangements will be facilitated through the Office of the Dean of Students. If the complainant provides credible evidence that the accused student presents a continuing danger to person or property or poses an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, the Office of the Dean of Students may take interim disciplinary action against the accused student as appropriate.

Students who wish to file a complaint that will be addressed by the University disciplinary system will work with Student Judicial Services. The details of the University conduct rules, as well as possible sanctions that may be imposed against a student found guilty of a violation of University rules and regulations may be found in Appendix C, chapter 11, page 203.

Notwithstanding the rights of the accused student, a complainant under this policy is entitled to the following rights:

- The right to be present during the entire hearing, notwithstanding the fact that the complainant is to be called as a witness. (The accused student has the same right.)

- The right to have a support person present during the hearing. This person is not entitled to represent the complainant nor to assist him or her with his or her testimony. If the support person is to act as a witness, the hearing officer may require him or her to testify prior to the complainant.
- The right not to have evidence of his or her past sexual history with third parties admitted as evidence.
- The right to have the hearing closed to spectators unless both the accused and the complainant consent in writing to have the hearing open to the public.
- The right to know the outcome of the hearing as defined by federal law.

#### PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Below is a list of educational and preventive programs and support services on campus that address the issue of sexual assault. Brochures and other printed materials are available from each office. Additional information may be obtained by calling the numbers or visiting the Web sites listed.

#### Campus Resources

Counseling and Mental Health Center, Voices Against Violence Program (VAV)  
(512) 471-3515. <http://www.utexas.edu/student/cmhc/>

- Provides advocacy services to help survivors with safety, legal, housing, academic, and medical options
- Offers individual and group counseling services for survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking
- Operates twenty-four-hour telephone counseling service at (512) 471-CALL (471-2255)
- Offers interactive peer theatre educational programming that addresses the complex issues surrounding sexual assault on campus
- Provides training that is customized for faculty, staff and/or students
- Manages VAV Survivor Emergency Fund

University Health Services. <http://healthyhorns.utexas.edu/>

Appointments: (512) 471-4955

Twenty-four-hour Nurse Advice Line: (512) 475-NURS (475-6877)

Health Promotion Resource Center: (512) 475-8252

- Provides general exams to treat injuries, both internal and external
- Performs testing for sexually transmitted infections after an assault
- Distributes educational and prevention information

Office of the Dean of Students. (512) 471-1201. <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/>

Student Emergency Services. (512) 471-5017

- May provide limited emergency funds to survivors of sexual assault
- Assists with academic issues
- Provides referrals within the University and in Austin when necessary
- Serves as an advocate for students while working with other campus departments

Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL). (512) 232-5050

- Allows members of the University community to discuss their concerns about an individual's behavior
- Offers a centralized resource that is available twenty-four hours a day for anyone who is not sure how to help a person he or she is concerned about
- Operates as a partnership between the Office of the Dean of Students, the Counseling and Mental Health Center, the Employee Assistance Program, and the University of Texas Police Department

New Student Services. (512) 471-3304

- Provides programs to raise awareness of sexual assault on campus and resources for prevention and support
- Trains Orientation advisers about issues related to sexual assault and interpersonal violence
- Gives all freshmen who attend Orientation a wallet card highlighting important campus and local resources

Greek Life and Intercultural Education. (512) 471-9700

- Conducts educational workshops for individual fraternities and sororities
- Provides sexual assault education to all incoming pledges

University of Texas Police Department. (512) 471-4441. <http://www.utexas.edu/police/>

- Offers crime prevention presentations that include issues related to assault
- Publishes crime statistics information
- Teaches free Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes to all female University students, staff members, and faculty members

University Residence Halls. (512) 471-8631. <http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/>

- Trains resident assistants on issues related to sexual assault
- Includes discussion of issues related to sexual assault in floor meetings
- Offers educational programs in the residence halls
- Publishes an online safety handbook
- Offers individual and group support and follow-up

#### Resources in the Community

SafePlace. (512) 267-SAFE (7233). <http://www.safeplace.org/>

- Operates a twenty-four-hour hotline
- Helps survivors navigate the forensic medical exam
- Offers individual and group therapy for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence
- Provides domestic violence shelter services

Austin Police Department. 911. <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/>

- At 911, provides emergency response and takes reports of sexual assaults
- Offers Victim Services counselors at (512) 974-5037

St. David's Hospital Emergency Room. (512) 544-4240

- Performs SAFE exam. The cost of the exam is covered either by law enforcement or the State of Texas.
- Operates emergency room at 919 East 32nd Street, Austin, 78705

Professional staff members will assist survivors in contacting any of the above listed resources or offices for assistance. Sexual assault is also considered sexual harassment. Students have other options available to them under Title IX regarding sexual harassment and should refer to the [Notice of Nondiscrimination](#) for details.

#### 10. MISSING STUDENT NOTIFICATION POLICY

The University policy statement on the Emergency Notification Policy as found in the [General Information Catalog](#), Appendix A.

#### A. Policy Statement

As safety and emergency notification practices are under greater scrutiny at institutions of higher education, it is the position of the University of Texas at Austin that at least one emergency contact person must be listed for each student enrolled at the University. A student's cell phone number is also part of the emergency notification protocol in case the University should need to contact the student via text message about critical incidents on campus. Information gathered remains confidential to the extent allowed by law.

#### B. Scope

This policy applies to all admitted and enrolled students of the University. This policy provides for two distinctly different types of emergency notification. First, it details all the ways the University provides notification about emergencies to students, faculty members, and staff members. Second, it indicates the way the University will follow to notify a student's designated emergency contact in the event of personal distress or missing person status.

#### C. University Communication of Emergency

Emergencies may range from inclement weather to building evacuations to campus closures, and the University has a variety of tools to communicate with the public in the event of these and other possible emergencies. Depending on the type of emergency, some or all of the following tools may be used to communicate with faculty members, staff members, and students:

- 1. Siren System**  
This system is tested at about noon on the first Wednesday of every month. It delivers a siren warning and public address in the event of certain outdoor emergencies. More information about the [siren system](#) is available online.
- 2. Emergency Web Site**  
The emergency Web site, <http://www.utexas.edu/emergency/>, is updated with information during actual emergencies or campus closures.
- 3. University Emergency Information Line, (512) 232-9999**  
Students and faculty and staff members may call this main number for information about campus closures.
- 4. Campus Television Emergency Announcement System**  
Emergency announcements will override residence hall and campus cable television, instructing the viewer where to go for additional information.
- 5. Text Messaging Service**  
The University collects cell phone numbers from members of the campus community for emergency text messages. [Sign up for campus text alerts online.](#)
- 6. Pager System**  
Campus first responders, resident advisers, and some building managers are part of the Austin Warning and Communication System paging system. Pagers send text messages about emergencies on campus and alert city responders like the Austin Police Department, the Austin Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, and the Office of Emergency Management to campus crisis situations.
- 7. Fire Panel Systems**  
Residence halls are equipped with fire panel systems that have a public address capability. Resident advisers are trained to use these systems in emergencies in order to make announcements to the entire building regarding evacuation, shelter in place, or other responses.

8. University Group E-mail  
During emergencies, UT Safety Alert sends an “urgent” group e-mail to every student and faculty and staff member. The message directs individuals to the [emergency Web site](#) for additional information and instructions.
9. Voice Mail to Office Telephones  
This system leaves a voice message on every faculty and staff member’s office phone on campus.
10. Local News Media  
The Office of Public Affairs sends press releases and makes calls to contacts on a local media list. Because of the transient nature of its population, the University depends a great deal on broadcast media to notify students, faculty members, and staff members of emergencies before or during their commutes.
11. Public Safety Patrol Car Announcements  
University of Texas Police Department patrol cars are equipped with public address systems that officers can use to provide instructions to pedestrians during emergencies.
12. Telephone Tree  
The president’s office has a telephone tree of department contacts that is activated during an emergency.

#### D. Emergency Contact Information

Using the online update form in UT Direct every student must provide the University with the name and contact information of at least one individual who could be contacted in the event of an individual emergency or to report the student missing. Students under the age of eighteen (unless emancipated) must provide contact information for at least one custodial parent. Students over the age of eighteen may designate anyone of their choosing to be the emergency contact. If a student living in University housing is determined to have been missing for more than twenty-four hours, Housing and Food Services will notify law enforcement (the University of Texas Police Department) and the Student Emergency Services unit in the Office of the Dean of Students to initiate missing person procedures. Student Emergency Services will notify the designated emergency contact for a student identified as a missing person within twenty-four hours of receiving the report.

#### E. Updating Emergency Contact Information

Students are required to update their primary cell phone and emergency contact information annually in order to keep the information current.

#### F. Privacy and Confidentiality

Official use of emergency contact information is subject to the same privacy and record retention requirements as other official University information.

#### G. Authoritative Source

The authoritative source of this policy and responsibility for its implementation rests with the vice president for student affairs. The University emergency protocols are managed by the associate vice president for University operations.

#### H. For Assistance

Questions about data security should be directed to the registrar at (512) 475-7575. Questions about acceptable use standards should be directed to the Office of the Dean of Students at (512) 471-5017.

## 11. STATEMENT OF POLICY ON ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The university provides information for students and employees regarding illicit drug and alcohol abuse, including standards of conduct, health risks, state and federal penalties, and available drug or alcohol counseling and rehabilitation services. Printed copies of this information are available at the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Main Building 121.

### A DRUG FREE UNIVERSITY

Information for Students and Employees Regarding Drugs and Alcohol Abuse

- Standards of Conduct Prohibiting Unlawful Possession, Use, or Distribution of Illicit Drugs and Alcohol
- Health Risks Associated with Use of Drugs and Alcohol Abuse
- University Sanctions for Prohibited Conduct Related to Drugs and Alcohol
- Criminal Penalties Under State and Federal Law for Unlawful Possession, Use, or Distribution of Drugs and Alcohol
- Counseling and Rehabilitation Programs

### STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Series 50101, Section 2.1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System provides that any student who engages in conduct that violates the Regents' Rules and Regulations, the U.T. System or institutional rules and regulations, specific instructions issued by an administrative official of the institution or the U.T. System acting in the course of his or her authorized duties, of federal, State, or local laws is subject to discipline whether such conduct takes place on or off campus or whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.

Series 50101, Section 2.3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System provides that any student who is found responsible for the illegal use, possession, and/or sale of a drug or narcotic on the campus of an institution is subject to discipline. If a student is found responsible of the illegal use, possession, and/or sale of a drug or narcotic on campus, the sanction assessed shall be suspension from the institution for a specified period of time and/or suspension of rights and privileges.

Section 11-804(a)(8) Certain Other Offenses of the Institutional Rules indicates that the dean of students may initiate disciplinary proceedings under subchapter 11-300 against a student who, among other items, (1) engages in conduct that violates any provision of federal, state or local law, whether or not the violation occurs on University property or in connection with any University-oriented activity; (8) engages in unauthorized use or possession of alcoholic beverages in a University classroom building, laboratory, auditorium, library building, museum, faculty or administrative office, intercollegiate or intramural athletic facility, residence hall, or any other campus area; or engages in the improper use, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, including but not limited to underage possession of alcohol, underage consumption of alcohol, providing alcohol to a minor, public intoxication, minor driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while intoxicated; or (10) engages in illegal use, possession, or sale of a drug or narcotic or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bringing intoxicants or drugs onto the premises of the institution, using intoxicants or drugs, having intoxicants or drugs in one's possession, or being under the influence of intoxicants or drugs on the premises at any time is defined as misconduct in §9.49 - Policies and Procedures for Discipline and Dismissal and Grievances of Employees in the University Handbook of Operating Procedures. The unlawful use, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol by an employee is prohibited by the University

of Texas System's Drug and Alcohol Policy. In addition, employees of the University of Texas at Austin are subject to §9.89 - Manufacture, Sale, Possession, Distribution, or Use of Alcohol of Illegal Drugs in the University Handbook of Operating Procedures.

## HEALTH RISKS OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

**ALCOHOL.** Health hazards associated with the excessive use of alcohol or with alcohol dependency include dramatic behavioral changes, retardation of motor skills, and impairment of reasoning and rational thinking. These factors result in a higher incidence of accidents and accidental death for such persons compared to nonusers of alcohol. Nutrition also suffers and vitamin and mineral deficiencies are frequent. Prolonged alcohol abuse can cause any or all of the following: bleeding from the intestinal tract, damage to nerves and the brain, impotence, psychotic behavior, loss of memory and coordination, damage to the liver often resulting in cirrhosis, severe inflammation of the pancreas, and damage to the bone marrow, heart, testes, ovaries and muscles. Damage to the nerves and organs is usually irreversible. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in alcoholics and is ten times more frequent than in non-alcoholics. Sudden withdrawal of alcohol from persons dependent on it will cause serious physical withdrawal symptoms. Drinking during pregnancy can cause fetal alcohol syndrome. Overdoses of alcohol can result in respiratory arrest and death.

**DRUGS.** The use of illicit drugs usually causes the same general types of physiological and mental changes as alcohol, though frequently those changes are more severe and more sudden. Death or coma resulting from overdose of drugs is more frequent than from alcohol.

**Cocaine.** Cocaine is a stimulant that is most commonly inhaled as a powder. It can be dissolved in water and used intravenously. The cocaine extract (crack) is smoked. Users can progress from infrequent use to dependence within a few weeks or months. Psychological and behavioral changes which can result from use include over-stimulation, hallucinations, irritability, sexual dysfunction, psychotic behavior, social isolation, and memory problems. An overdose produces convulsions and delirium and may result in death from cardiac arrest. Cocaine dependency requires considerable assistance, close supervision, and treatment.

**Amphetamines.** Patterns of use and associated effects are similar to cocaine. Severe intoxication may produce confusion, rambling or incoherent speech, anxiety, psychotic behavior, ringing in the ears, and hallucinations. Intense fatigue and depression resulting from use can lead to severe depression. Large doses may result in convulsions and death from cardiac or respiratory arrest.

**MDA and MDMA (XTC, Ecstasy).** These amphetamine-based hallucinogens are sold in powder, tablet, or capsule form and can be inhaled, injected, or swallowed. They cause similar, but usually milder, hallucinogenic effects than those of LSD. Because they are amphetamines, tolerance can develop quickly and overdose can happen. Exhaustion and possible liver damage can occur with heavy use. In high doses, these drugs can cause anxiety, paranoia and delusions. While rare, these drugs have been associated with deaths in users with known or previously undiagnosed heart conditions.

**Rohypnol (Rophies, Roofies, Rope).** This drug is in the same category of drugs as Valium, a benzodiazepine, but it is more potent than Valium. Initially, it causes a sense of relaxation and a reduction of anxiety. At higher doses, light-headedness, dizziness, lack of coordination, and slurred speech occur. The drug affects memory and, in higher doses or if mixed with other drugs or alcohol, can result in amnesia for the time period the user is under the influence. Because of this amnesia effect, Rohypnol has been given intentionally to others to facilitate sexual assault and other crimes. Combining this drug with other sedating drugs, including alcohol, will increase the intensity of all effects of the drug and, in sufficient doses, can cause respiratory arrest and death. Dependency can occur.

**Heroin and other opiates.** Addiction and dependence can develop rapidly. Use is characterized by impaired judgment, slurred speech, and drowsiness. Overdose is manifested by coma, shock, and

depressed respiration, with the possibility of death from respiratory arrest. Withdrawal problems include sweating, diarrhea, fever, insomnia, irritability, nausea, vomiting, and muscle and joint pains.

Hallucinogens or psychedelics. These include LSD, mescaline, peyote, and phencyclidine or PCP. Use impairs and distorts one's perception of surroundings, causes mood changes and results in visual hallucinations that involve geometric forms, colors, and persons or objects.

Solvent inhalants (e.g., glue, lacquers, plastic cement). Fumes from these substances cause problems similar to alcohol. Incidents of hallucinations and permanent brain damage are more frequent with chronic use.

Marijuana (Cannabis). Marijuana is usually ingested by smoking. Smoking marijuana causes disconnected ideas, alteration of depth perception and sense of time, impaired judgment and impaired coordination. Prolonged use can lead to psychological dependence.

Damage from intravenous drug use. In addition to the adverse effects associated with the use of a specific drug, intravenous drug users who use unsterilized needles or who share needles with other drug users can develop HIV, hepatitis, tetanus (lock jaw), and infections in the heart. Permanent damage or death can result.

### SANCTIONS UNDER UNIVERSITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Students.** The university will assess a sanction of suspension for a specified period of time and/or suspension of rights and privileges for conduct related to the use, possession, or distribution of drugs that are prohibited by state, federal, or local law. Other sanctions that may be assessed for conduct related to the unlawful use, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol include written warning, disciplinary probation, suspension, payment for damage to or misappropriation of property, educational sanctions permanent expulsion, or such other sanctions deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

**Employees.** The unlawful use, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol, or engaging in conduct prohibited by university policy regarding the manufacture, sale, possession, distribution, or use of alcohol or illegal drugs will result in a penalty of disciplinary probation, demotion, suspension without pay, or termination, depending upon the circumstances.

### PENALTIES UNDER TEXAS LAW

Manufacture of delivery of controlled substances (drugs) - The minimum penalty is confinement in jail for a term of not more than two years or less than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. The maximum penalty is confinement in TDC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years nor less than fifteen years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000.

Possession of controlled substances (drugs) - The minimum penalty is confinement in jail for a term of not more than two years or less than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. The maximum penalty is confinement in TDC for life or for a term of not more than 99 years nor less than fifteen years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000.

Delivery of marijuana - The minimum penalty is confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, a fine not to exceed \$2,000, or both. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for life or for a term of not more than 99 nor less than ten years, and a fine not to exceed \$100,000.

Possession of marijuana - The minimum penalty is confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days, a fine not to exceed \$2,000, or both. The maximum penalty is confinement in TDC for life or for a term of not more than 99 nor less than five years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000.

Driving while intoxicated (includes intoxication from alcohol, drugs, or both) - The minimum penalty is confinement in jail for a term of not more than 180 days nor less than 72 hours, and a fine of not more than \$2,000. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for a term of not more than ten years nor less than two years, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Public intoxication - The minimum penalty is a fine not to exceed \$500. The maximum penalty varies with age and number of offenses.

Purchase of alcohol by a minor - The minimum penalty is a fine not to exceed \$500. The maximum penalty varies with age and number of offenses.

Consumption or possession of alcohol by a minor - The minimum penalty is a fine not to exceed \$500. The maximum penalty varies with number of offenses.

Purchasing for or furnishing of alcohol to a minor - The minimum penalty is a fine not to exceed \$4,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. The maximum penalty is a fine not to exceed \$4,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both.

Penalties shown above are based on language contained in applicable Texas statutes and are subject to change at any time by the Legislature and the Governor.

#### PENALTIES UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of drugs (including marijuana) - The minimum penalty is a term of imprisonment for up to three years and a fine of \$250,000, or both. The maximum penalty is a term of life imprisonment without release (no eligibility for parole) and a fine not to exceed \$8,000,000 for an individual or \$20,000,000 (if other than an individual).

Possession of drugs (including marijuana) - The minimum penalty is imprisonment for up to one year and a fine of not less than \$1,000, or both. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for not more than 20 years nor less than five years and a fine of not less than \$5,000 plus costs of investigation & prosecution.

Distribution of drugs to a person under 21 years of age - The minimum penalty is double the federal penalty for distribution of drugs. The maximum penalty is triple the federal penalty for distribution of drugs.

The federal penalties quoted are based upon language contained in the applicable federal statutes creating criminal offenses above regarding controlled substances and are subject to change at any time by Congress and the President. There are additional factors in the federal sentencing guidelines, including various enhancement provisions for prior offenses. Title 21 U.S.C. Section 860 provides that the federal statutory penalties double (and in some cases triple) when a controlled substance is distributed (or even possessed with intent to distribute) within 1,000 feet of a school or a public university.

#### AVAILABLE DRUG OR ALCOHOL COUNSELING OR REHABILITATION SERVICES

**Students.** The Counseling and Mental Health Center's Alcohol and Other Drugs Counseling Program offers confidential, individual consultations to students with alcohol and/or other drug-related questions or concerns. To schedule an initial consultation appointment, call The Counseling and Mental Health Center at 471-3515 or go to the 5th floor of the Student Services Building (SSB), 100 West Dean Keeton Street, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. More information is available online at: [www.cmhc.utexas.edu/alcoholdrugs.html](http://www.cmhc.utexas.edu/alcoholdrugs.html)

Educational programs, workshops, referral information, online and printed information related to college students and the use of alcohol or other drugs are also available at The University Health Services' Health Promotion and Resource Center. Call 512-475-8252 or come to room 1.106 of the SSB, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays to schedule an appointment, request a program, or obtain information. More information is available online at: [www.healthyhorns.utexas.edu/drugsandalcohol.html](http://www.healthyhorns.utexas.edu/drugsandalcohol.html). A telephone counselor is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, at 512-471-2255. More information is available online at: <http://www.cmhc.utexas.edu/24hourcounseling.html>.

**Employees.** Employees may obtain counseling and referral services through the Employee Assistance Program by calling 512-471-3366.