



USC has one of the largest university public safety departments in the United States. The USC **Department of Public Safety** (DPS) has an authorized strength of more than 300 full-time members who provide a wide variety of law enforcement, security, and public safety services to the USC community.

### Safety and Security

USC is located in the heart of the City of Los Angeles, a vibrant, diverse, modern city with all the benefits of a major metropolitan area. Being near the center of a major urban area provides the campus community with many cultural, professional, recreational, historical and educational opportunities. In order to take full advantage of your stay at USC and to make it as safe as possible, the Department of Public Safety would like you to consider the following information:

### Campus Contacts

- Report crimes and/or suspicious activities to DPS EMERGENCY: (213) 740-4321 [program this number in your cell phone]
- For non-emergencies and general information, call (213) 740-6000
- If you are outside the USC area, dial 911 for urgent assistance.
- TROJANSALERT is an alert system that allows University Officials to contact you during an emergency by sending messages to your cell phone. To learn more and register this free service go to <https://trojansalert.usc.edu/>
- LiveSafe Mobile App, managed by DPS, is a free downloadable app that users can use to initiate contact with emergency responders around the University Park and Health Science campuses. Here are instructions:
  - Download the "LiveSafe" app from the Google Play Store or Apple iTunes Store.
  - Create a user profile to log in.
  - Select "University of Southern California" from the drop down menu.

### Campus Access Policy

- Only persons with USC identification or who are registered guests with photo ID may enter the University Park campus from 9:00pm to 6:00am and USC Village from 10:00pm to 6:00am. For more information, visit: <http://visitor.usc.edu>
- All summer conference guests must display or show their USCard to the security personnel when entering the campus between the hours of 9pm to 6am and USC Village between the hours of 10pm and 6am.

### Campus Resident Halls

- Keep your doors and windows locked, even if you are leaving your room for a short time.
- Do not prop open building entryway or stairwell doors. Most university residential halls are equipped with electronic access control. Propping open doors in residential halls can often damage the mechanical mechanisms that automatically close them.

### Visiting off the Campus

- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Avoid walking alone, especially at night.
- USC offers transportation within the campus surrounding area. For more information, visit <http://transnet.usc.edu/transit/transit.aspx> for hours of operation.

### Campus Emergency "Blue Light" Phones

- Are located throughout the campus grounds and inside building elevators.
- Provide direct connection with campus police operators.
- Should be use for urgent matters only. Improper use may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from campus.
- Familiarize yourself with the campus emergency phone locations.
- For faster service, program the DPS phones (listed above) into your cell phone.

### Your Vehicle

- Lock your car doors.
- When parking on the street, avoid parking next to large shrubs. At night, park in well lighted areas.
- Don't leave books, bags, CD's or other valuables visible in your car.
- Have your car keys handy as you approach your vehicle.
- Equip your car with a steering wheel lock.

### Protecting Your Property

- Keep your books, bags, and electronic devices with you. Don't leave them unattended in the library, dining facilities, or other public places.
- Lock your bike to a bike rack.
- Lock it, hide it, and keep it!