

PLAYING IT SAFE

Lehigh University / Annual Security Report & Escort Map 2008



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nothing is more important to the Lehigh University administration than the safety and security of the campus community. Complacency has no place in this arena, and we are continuously improving our ability to keep our campus safe and secure.

Our new text messaging system will enable us to rapidly communicate information to students, faculty and staff. We are regularly evaluating and fine-tuning our Emergency Preparedness Plan to ensure that we are best prepared to manage any situation.

Importantly, campus security and safety are shared responsibilities. Members of our campus community are responsible for their safety, as well as the safety of others. That requires being familiar with—and taking advantage of—the many procedures, programs, and policies in place, including the practical advice in this report.

No community can be entirely risk-free today. At Lehigh, we are committed to the best possible campus safety and security. With the members of our campus community working in concert as responsible partners, we are fulfilling that commitment.

Alice P. Gast, President

Serious programs with safety in mind

Lehigh University takes campus safety very seriously. To make the campus safer, three programs—the bike patrol, walking escorts and the TRACS Service—are offered. In addition to patrolling the campus in vehicles and on foot, three police officers are assigned to our bike patrol.

The escort service provides alternatives to walking alone after dark. The service is designed for students, but it is open to the entire university community.

It combines the use of walking escorts and TRACS (*Take a Ride Around Campus Safely*) van service through the combined efforts of students, University Police and transportation services. **Walking escorts are requested by dialing 610-758-1111.**

The service operates between dusk and dawn throughout the school year. It provides either a walking or driving escort, depending upon the time of night and availability of student volunteers to serve as escorts. **Walking escorts are provided from dusk until 10 p.m.** TRACS vans follow a scheduled route around campus (see map inside) from 10 p.m. to

2 a.m., with an extra hour Thursday, Friday and Saturday. After 3 a.m. University Police provide escorts. Students are expected to show their ID cards before the escort is provided.

During vacation periods when the walking escort or campus transportation are not in operation, the University Police will assist students.

Walking escorts carry a radio with direct communication to the University Police base station and a flashlight. TRACS Service provides transportation to and from university buildings and neighborhoods adjacent to campus.

Escorts are primarily for those individuals who find themselves alone after dark and in need of someone to accompany them to their destination. The service is intended to supplement, not replace, individual responsibility. Students are encouraged to plan ahead and make arrangements to walk with friends after dark.

THINK SAFETY!



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Campus and community work together for a safer campus

Safety at Lehigh is everybody's concern. Students, staff, and faculty are partners in creating an atmosphere that is safe and encourages learning.

Lehigh enjoys good relationships with its neighbors on Bethlehem's South Side, and the campus is a center for culture and entertainment.

No community, of course, can be totally risk-free in today's society. Lehigh takes many common-sense precautions for safety and expects students and employees to do the same. Crimes take place in our society at large, and the problem does not simply

disappear at the edge of college campuses. Thefts, assaults and other violations of the law do sometimes occur at Lehigh and other colleges.

It is not likely that you will be a victim of crime, but it is possible. Lehigh has taken many steps to make the campus as safe as possible. All of us can further reduce risk by thinking about our personal safety and taking practical precautions.

Safety programs at Lehigh are under the auspices of the Chief of Police. Lehigh's proactive approach to campus safety is best viewed as the sum of three

interactive elements: education, prevention and the ability to respond.

Education

The key to preventing crime is awareness, which is best achieved through education. At Lehigh, University Police, Residence Life staff and students

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LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

work together to help students and employees take responsibility for their own safety. Together, they form a potent team.

The Message of Safety. The vast majority of incidents on college campuses can be avoided if students recognize that they can become victims and take basic precautions, such as using the escort service and keeping doors locked. This message is given to students the first night they arrive and is continually reinforced by regular educational programs presented by University Police and other university personnel.

In addition, University Police are available to discuss crime prevention in areas such as personal safety and theft, as well as general campus safety procedures. For example, the University Police sponsor a "Register Your Computer Program" to help with identification in the event of theft.

Another safety program is the Rape Aggression Defense Program (RAD), which teaches self-defense tactics to female students. For more information about these and other campus safety issues and programs, please go to the University Police website at <http://www.lehigh.edu/~inlpd/index.html>.



During the year, programs are offered on such topics as safety awareness, building security, substance abuse, drunk driving and sexual assault awareness. In 2007-08, 82 crime prevention programs were held by University Police, reaching about 10,286 students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community.

Reporting of Crimes. Lehigh's educational efforts encourage reporting of any suspicious activity. As awareness increases, we hope to increase the likelihood that incidents will be

reported to the University Police. To report a crime, call 610-758-4200 anytime day or night.

Communicating About Safety. This security brochure is updated annually and is provided to all students, employees and applicants for admission. Additional detailed information on campus security is distributed to each student and staff member in the Lehigh handbook and in residence life publications.

The twice-weekly student newspaper, the *Brown and White*, covers any major campus incidents. In the event that it is necessary to alert students and staff to an emergency situation on campus, the message will be conveyed by e-mail correspondence from the Chief of Police or by individual meetings with students. The university will provide as immediate and specific information as possible and attempt to answer all questions raised by students. At the discretion of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs, parents may also be contacted.

In January of each year, crime statistics are reported to the campus community, including reports of incidents occurring at university-recognized, off-campus student organizations.

Information regarding such off-campus incidents is provided by Bethlehem and other local police departments, that work closely with University Police.

Prevention

Bus service. Regular shuttles transport students and faculty to and from the Mountaintop Campus from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays. Students who live at the Saucon Village Apartments can take a bus to the main campus from 7:30 a.m. to midnight (Monday thru Friday only).

Emergency Telephones. More than 100 outdoor emergency telephones have been strategically located across the campus outside residence halls and academic buildings.

Each phone has an emergency button that immediately notifies University Police. Phones may also be used conventionally to contact students in residence halls, which have significantly cut down on cases of doors propped open.

Safety Service. Students do not have to walk home alone at night, thanks to the walking escorts and the TRACS van service.

Security Features. All student room doors are secured with institutional grade hardware. Where there are no windows in exterior doors, peep holes are installed.

All sororities and residence halls (except fraternities and some apartments) are equipped with electronic locks that open with your student ID card. These buildings are also equipped with an alarm system that automatically alerts University Police when an exterior door is propped open.

All exterior residence hall doors are locked 24 hours a day. Section and fire doors are kept closed at all times. Residents are expected to abide by this policy by not blocking or propping doors open.

All ground-floor windows have ventilating locks or built-in limiters for added security. These allow windows to be opened fully or at limited positions for ventilation. Security screens have been installed on ground-floor accessible windows in student rooms and bathrooms in sororities and most residence halls.

Response

University Police. The University Police Department, located in Johnson Hall, operates around the clock throughout the year. To reach the University Police, dial 610-758-4200 (8-4200 from any university telephone).

Lehigh's Police Officers are fully trained and certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and are accredited by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. The department is one of only two university police departments to receive this recognition. The University Police have and may exercise full police powers on campus. A good working relationship exists between Lehigh Police and state and local departments.

The University Police Department consists of a chief, one lieutenant, four sergeants, three corporals, twelve patrol officers, eight dispatchers (including part-time), four security guards and forty part-time events staff. Included are three community police officers who work out of a police substation located in the Campus Square complex. There is also a police substation located at Saucon Village which is manned by a police officer. Lehigh's Police Officers receive the same training as municipal police officers. In addition to the state-mandated training course, the department requires officers to have yearly CPR training, firearms school with yearly requalification and training in issues relating to drugs, drunk driving and crime prevention.

Law enforcement personnel who are authorized to possess weapons may do so within the scope of their authority. No other persons are permitted to possess weapons on university property.

Lehigh's police report all crimes to the Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCR), which is compiled by the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Research and Development. Reports are also shared, if requested, with local police departments.

Residence Life Staff. The Residence Life staff provides a continuous, multi-level presence in residence halls. The staff consists of six professional Residence Life Coordinators who are members of the Dean of Students staff and 97 undergraduate resident advisers known as Gryphons. The staff considers the promotion of safety in residence halls to be of prime importance. All Gryphons and Residence Life Coordinators receive training in crime prevention.

Housing

Lehigh offers students housing in residence halls, suites, apartments, fraternities and sororities. All residence halls are coeducational, with men and women living in the same building on alternative floors or wings. All fraternity and sorority houses



are single sex. Each residence hall, with the exception of Trembley Park Apartments, is equipped with a state-of-the-art security access system. This system enables the exterior doors of the residence halls to be locked twenty-four hours a day with only residents of that facility able to gain access.

Off-Campus Living. Students who desire to live off campus secure their own accommodations. A current list of available off-campus housing is maintained in the Residential Services Office and is available through the Residential Services web page.

Housing Assignments

Lehigh University has more than 3300 undergraduate students and 146 graduate students living on campus.

Initial Assignments. In the residence halls, all initial first-year and transfer assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. First-year students are not permitted to reside in fraternities or sororities.

Room Change Procedures. Room changes will generally not be authorized until after the first two weeks of classes each semester. Prior to any change, the student is encouraged to discuss his or her reasons for requesting a change with the Residence Life staff. Room changes in Greek organizations must be authorized through house leadership.

Residence Hall Lottery. Housing at Lehigh is required through the second year. Second-year students go through a housing selection process while juniors and seniors wishing to live on campus participate in a housing lottery process. Both processes occur in the spring semester. Students may choose their rooms and roommates in the lottery. Students living off-campus who are not associated with a Greek letter organization are also eligible to participate in the housing lottery to secure on-campus housing for the following year.

Housing policies

Low-Occupancy Periods. All university residence halls will remain open and available for student occupancy from August 21, 2008 through May 7, 2009. During semester break and spring break, when classes are not in session, all residence halls will still remain open for student occupancy.

Fraternity and sorority houses will also remain open throughout the entire 2008-09 academic year unless their individual Alumni House Corporations close the facility during break periods due to low occupancy levels.

Visitors. Any student who brings guests to campus is responsible for making university regulations known to them and must accept responsibility for their guests' conduct during the visit.

Guests may not be housed for extended periods of time without written permission of the Residence Life Coordinator. The housing of a guest must not infringe upon the rights of the roommate(s) and other residents of the living unit.

Policies Concerning Students/Employees With Criminal Records

Lehigh does not conduct background investigations on prospective students. If Lehigh receives information concerning a prospective student's criminal conduct, it is given appropriate consideration.

Currently enrolled students who are charged with and/or convicted of a criminal offense are subject to Lehigh's student judicial system and the full range of available disciplinary sanctions.

Lehigh does conduct a background investigation on each final candidate for a staff position. In addition to checking references, the final candidate receives the following pre-employment background checks: social security verification, education verification, and county and state criminal background checks.

Certain areas and positions are designated as "security and safety sensitive" and include those positions that require: use of weapons; access to residential buildings; contact with minors; cash handling or financial discretion; and the operation of a motor vehicle. Candidates for these positions may require additional background checks, including a credit history report, a motor vehicle report, professional license or certificate verification, and a child abuse check. ■



Blue Lights:

Push Button in Case of Emergency

Look for call boxes with blue lights around campus. Pushing the emergency button will connect you directly to the University Police. The boxes can also be used to call any campus telephone by first pressing the 'ON' button and then pressing the phone numbers.

Parking Facility at Campus Square: Four blue light emergency phones are located on the northwest corner and five on the southeast corner entrance stairwells. All levels are equipped with emergency phones.

Know the locations of the blue emergency phones around campus and how to use them.







Questions/Complaints

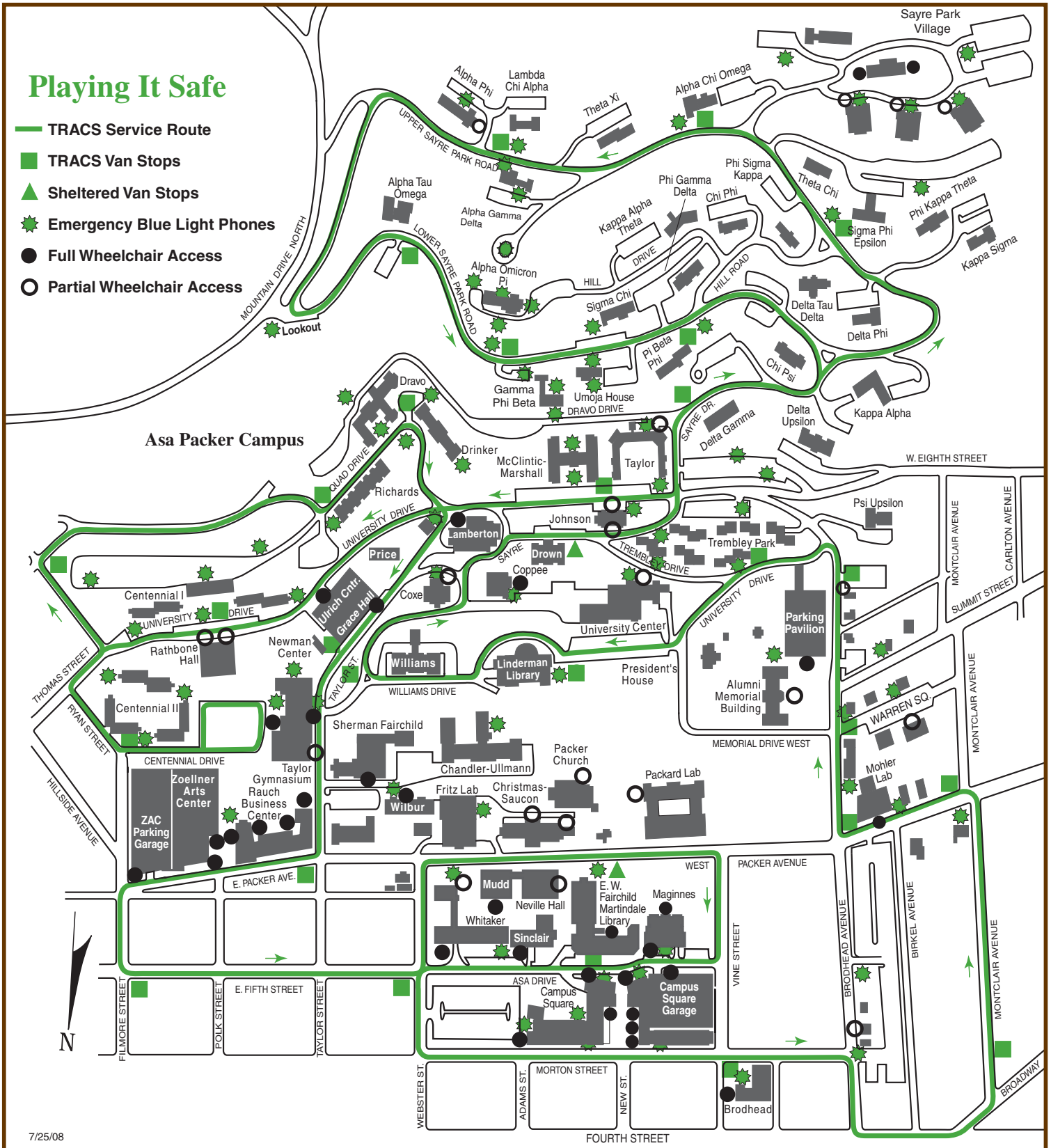
If you have questions, concerns or complaints about the information in this document, please call or write:

Edward K. Shupp, Chief of Police
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Bethlehem, Pa. 18015-3062
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Campus Map Asa Packer Campus

Playing It Safe

-  TRACS Service Route
-  TRACS Van Stops
-  Sheltered Van Stops
-  Emergency Blue Light Phones
-  Full Wheelchair Access
-  Partial Wheelchair Access





Use the Escort Service at Night

Hours of operation: Dusk to dawn during the academic year.

Give dispatcher your name, present location and destination. When escort arrives, show your Lehigh ID and proceed to your destination.

TRACS Van Service

The escort service and TRACS provide an alternative to walking alone after dark. The TRACS van follows a fixed route around the campus. Use TRACS when it is in service, and the escort service at other times from dusk to dawn. The service is open to the university community. Think safety! Plan ahead to walk with a friend, call the escort service or use TRACS.

Sunday through Wednesday

FAIRCHILD/ MARTINDALE	LINDERMAN LIBRARY	RATHBONE HALL
10:00 p.m.	10:10 p.m.	10:20 p.m.
10:15 p.m.	10:25 p.m.	10:35 p.m.
10:30 p.m.	10:40 p.m.	10:50 p.m.
10:45 p.m.	10:55 p.m.	11:05 p.m.
11:00 p.m.	11:10 p.m.	11:20 p.m.
11:15 p.m.	11:25 p.m.	11:35 p.m.
11:30 p.m.	11:40 p.m.	11:50 p.m.
11:45 p.m.	11:55 p.m.	12:05 a.m.
12:00 a.m.	12:10 a.m.	12:20 a.m.
12:15 a.m.	12:25 a.m.	12:35 a.m.
12:30 a.m.	12:40 a.m.	12:50 a.m.
12:45 a.m.	12:55 a.m.	1:05 a.m.
1:00 a.m.	1:10 a.m.	1:20 a.m.
1:15 a.m.	1:25 a.m.	1:35 a.m.
1:30 a.m.	1:40 a.m.	1:50 a.m.
1:45 a.m.	1:55 a.m.	2:05 a.m.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

2:00 a.m.	2:10 a.m.	2:20 a.m.
2:30 a.m.	2:40 a.m.	2:50 a.m.

Emergency Phone Numbers

University Police:
8-4200

Off-campus:
610-758-4200

Bethlehem
City Police:
9-911

Off-campus:
911

Fire and Ambulance:
9-911

Off-campus:
911

Escort Service:
8-1111

Off-campus:
610-758-1111

Sexual Assault Hotline
Crime Victims Council:
610-437-6611

Student Health Center:
610-758-3870

Counseling and
Psychological Services:
610-758-3880

Break the Silence
Peer Hotline:
610-974-4673
(4-HOPE)



THE PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY SECURITY AND INFORMATION ACT

Campus Crime Report

From Lehigh University's Chief of Police

The table on the next page (Federal Campus Crime Statistics) represents a summary of campus crimes reported during the past three years. Lehigh Police have reported criminal activity on campus to the Pennsylvania State Police since 1981, using the guidelines established for the Uniform Crime Report (UCR). Lehigh generates these reports for police purposes, not public relations purposes, and therefore the categories and definitions used are those used by law enforcement agencies.

Raw data, such as that provided in the UCR, needs to be viewed in perspective. An increase in reports of a certain type may reflect an actual increase in the problem, or it may represent improved awareness among the university community and increased effectiveness of the University Police.

When comparing UCR data among colleges, one must consider whether the school employs police officers with full arrest powers or merely security guards. At Lehigh, our University Police have full police training and arrest authority.

We are working hard to educate our students about campus safety. Our increased emphasis on education and prevention, along with continual encouragement to report all crimes, is having a positive impact. Students are better educated, more aware, and more willing to come forward.

We believe that there is a direct correlation between being better educated about security issues, and the likelihood of reporting crimes.

Safety at Lehigh is everyone's concern. I urge the campus community to follow common-sense precautions, report all crime immediately, and to use the escort service or TRACS vans when traveling alone at night.



Edward K. Shupp
Chief of Police

Campus Crime Statistics for Lehigh University

The Pennsylvania College and University Security and Information Act requires the release of crime statistics and rates to students and employees, and it requires that those statistics be available to applicants and new employees upon request.

The rate is based on the actual number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) students and employees, which is calculated according to a state-mandated formula. The index in the table below is based on incidents per 1000 FTEs. The University's FTE population for 2005 was 8757, for 2006 the FTE population was 7748, and for 2007 the FTE population was 7708.

PART I OFFENSES

	2005		2006		2007	
	Offenses	Rate	Offenses	Rate	Offenses	Rate
Criminal Homicide	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Forcible Rape	7	0.80	0	0.00	0	0.00
Robbery	2	0.23	0	0.00	1	0.13
Aggravated Assault	0	0.00	2	0.26	6	0.78
Burglary	2	0.23	4	0.52	6	0.78
Larceny-Theft	69	7.88	71	9.16	95	12.32
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	0.23	0	0.00	2	0.26
Arson	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.26

PART II OFFENSES

	2005		2006		2007	
	Offenses	Rate	Offenses	Rate	Offenses	Rate
Forgery & Counterfeiting	1	0.11	0	0.00	0	0.00
Fraud	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.13
Stolen Property (see Larceny-Theft)	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Vandalism	54	6.17	67	8.65	51	6.62
Weapons	0	0.00	1	0.13	0	0.00
Sex Offenses	1	0.11	2	0.26	1	0.13
Drug Abuse Violations	7	0.80	9	1.16	11	1.43
Offenses Against Family/Children	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Driving Under the Influence	16	1.83	11	1.42	19	2.46
Liquor Laws	76	8.68	132	17.04	113	14.66
Drunkenness	14	1.60	10	1.29	12	1.56
Disorderly Conduct	9	1.03	9	1.16	11	1.43
All Other* (except Traffic)	33	3.77	31	4.00	30	3.89

*Note: All other offenses include harassment, harassment by communication, threats, unlawful restraint, loitering and prowling and trespass.

It is important to note that the crime classifications for which colleges and universities must provide statistics differ under state and federal law. Statistics for certain crime classifications might appear to be different. For example, the federal statistics for motor vehicle theft differ from the state statistics for the same category because the federal classification includes attempted motor vehicle thefts, while state law requires institutions to separately report attempted motor vehicle thefts.

RATES ARE COMPUTED AS CRIMES PER 1,000 PERSONS

Year	Faculty	Staff	Undergrad	Graduate	Total FTE
2005	434	1575	4679	2069	8757
2006	443	1150	4723	1432	7748
2007	440	1170	4701	1397	7708

This information is provided as a part of Lehigh University's continuing commitment to safety and security on campus in compliance with the College and University Security Information Act of Pennsylvania and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

A log of all crime reported is available for public inspection in the University Police office in Johnson Hall.

FEDERAL CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS

CRIME STATISTICS

	On Campus*			In Dormitories Residential Facilities on Campus			In/On Non-Campus Building or Property			On Public Property		
	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005
INCIDENTS												
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
Aggravated Assault	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Burglary	6	4	2	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault (Forcible)	0	2	6	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault (Non-Forcible)	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault (Anonymous)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS												
Liquor Law Violations	145	161	76	60	83	38	0	0	0	85	78	38
Drug Abuse Violations	7	9	7	6	9	5	0	0	0	1	0	2
Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of People Referred for Campus Disciplinary Action												
Liquor Law Violations	374	423	234	339	380	186	0	0	0	35	43	48
Drug Abuse Violations	24	15	25	22	12	20	0	0	0	2	3	5
Weapons Possession	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

*This category includes all on-campus incidents, including those listed in the category to the right, "In Dormitories Residential Facilities on Campus".
Incidents/Arrests listed above that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity: NONE.



Lehigh announces new text messaging system

Lehigh University recently announced the implementation of a new technology-based system that will improve the ability to communicate with its students, faculty and staff in the event of an emergency. The new text messaging system will be administered through the e2Campus System, and joins a number of safety initiatives already in place to safeguard the campus community.

The new system permits Lehigh administrators to send a short text message to all those who have subscribed to the new service through a simple, brief procedure.

The cell phone text messaging alert system joins a variety of security measures that are already implemented throughout campus, including a 24-hour locked door policy, access cards for entry into residence halls, exterior emergency phones throughout campus, security screens, well-lit walkways, and a safety escort service and bus service among residence halls and academic buildings from dusk until dawn. These measures will be combined with face-to-face communications through existing networks.



Street-wise Safety Check List

- If you live off-campus, notify Bethlehem Police when your house will be vacant over breaks and holidays. Forms for this purpose are available on the University Police website at <http://www.lehigh.edu/~police>
- Do not walk alone after dark. Make arrangements to travel with friends along a well-lit route, or use the escort service 610-758-1111.
- Report any crime or situations that seem suspicious to University Police at 610-758-4200 immediately.
- Know the locations of the blue light emergency phones around campus and how to use them.
- Most crimes at Lehigh are thefts of unattended items. Keep your keys secure, lock your door and don't leave your belongings unattended.
- Borrow an engraver from University Police to engrave your social security number or driver's license number on personal items of value.
- Report the loss or theft of keys or valuables immediately to University Police.
- Be alert to strangers wandering aimlessly around your office or residence hall. A common ploy for thieves is to say they are looking for work or a friend.
- Do not leave your room or apartment unlocked or with a window open even for a short absence.
- If being followed, cross the street and walk in a different direction, or go to a well-lit area, a store, or blue light emergency phone.
- Avoid using a bank teller machine late at night.

Safety Policies

Lehigh has adopted policies governing a number of safety-related aspects of campus life. Some important policies include:

Access to Facilities. There are more than 150 buildings at Lehigh. Access to open buildings, events, and programs is granted to all students and employees with a Lehigh ID card. Every student is expected to carry his or her ID card at all times. Upon request of an officer of the university, the student must show the ID card.

All university owned and operated residential facilities are locked 24 hours per day. Access is limited to residents, their guests, staff or those hired by the university to provide specific services.

Non-residential facilities are locked and secured on a variety of schedules consistent with the usage of the building and the time of the academic year. In general, buildings housing administrative offices close at 5 p.m. Academic buildings typically are locked between 10 and 11 p.m. Weekend hours are a function of special events. To determine the specific schedule for a given building, contact the office of facilities services or Campus Police. When non-residential buildings are closed, only those staff or students with appropriate authorization are permitted to be in the building.

Students, faculty and staff are expected to be aware of and abide by these regulations. Certain buildings are equipped with alarm devices to alert Lehigh Police of unauthorized entrance. In addition, the University Police Department employs security guards who conduct foot patrols throughout the Asa Packer and Mountaintop campuses. These guards check exterior doors, visually monitor activity in and around campus facilities and in some cases actually walk through the buildings. Unauthorized individuals found in closed buildings are evicted and subject to other action as appropriate.

Alcohol and Drugs. Any person found responsible for illegal possession, distribution or consumption of any controlled substance, including alcohol, will be subject to disciplinary action by the university and may be subject to action by civil authorities.

The drinking age in Pennsylvania is 21. State law deals strongly with underage drinking and makes it a crime to furnish alcohol to individuals under age. University policy and enforcement procedures are in full compliance with the law.

The Office of Counseling and Psychological Services is located on the fourth floor of Johnson Hall. Alcohol and other drug services are offered free of charge for a wide range of issues including substance use, abuse and dependency. Outreach programs are offered on a regular basis. All contact with this office is held in confidence.

A Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) is available to employees who are experiencing various problems including those with substance abuse. The

FSAP provides confidential assessments, brief counseling and a referral service. For additional information, please call 800-395-1616.

Sex Offenses. Lehigh's policy on sex offenses, which appears in its entirety in the Student Handbook, makes it clear that acts of rape, sexual harassment or other forms of sexual assault will not be tolerated. Individuals are strongly encouraged to report such incidents and to pursue criminal prosecution if possible.

The policy contains: procedures to be followed should a sex offense occur; definitions of applicable Pennsylvania laws; a description of campus disciplinary procedures, including the specific rights of both accuser and accused as well as possible sanctions; a listing of campus and community support services for victims; options for changing academic and living arrangements if requested by the victim; and a brief description of educational programs to promote awareness and prevention of sex offenses. (Please see insert.)

Another excellent source of information is a brochure titled, *Rape, Even Among Friends*, produced and distributed jointly by the university and the Lehigh Valley Crime Victims Council. This brochure is available in the University Police department in Johnson Hall.

4-HOPE, the Break the Silence Sexual Violence Hotline, is an anonymous, confidential peer hotline for students who have experienced or who have questions about rape, sexual assault, relationship abuse, stalking or harassment. 4-HOPE is monitored by student volunteers at the Lehigh University Women's Center who have completed 30 hours of crisis response training. Volunteers can give callers information about on-campus and community resources, and assist callers in contacting these resources. 4-HOPE hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the fall and spring semesters. On campus, dial 4-HOPE (4673); off campus dial 610-974-4673.

Persons with questions are encouraged to contact any of the following Student Affairs departments: Dean of Students, Counseling and Psychological Services, Health and Wellness Center, Women's Center, or University Police.

Sexual Offender Registration. Persons seeking to obtain sex offender registration information may contact the Lehigh University Police Department at 610-758-4200, Bethlehem Police Department at 610-865-7187, or the Pa. State Police web site at www.psp.state.pa.us.

Weapons. To prevent personal injury, Lehigh prohibits the possession or use of any potentially dangerous weapon or explosive on university property. Firearms, ammunition, air guns, spring-type weapons, slingshots and firecrackers are among those items prohibited. Weapons under the control of the military departments are not subject to these regulations. All firearms belonging to Lehigh must be secured in the University Police Office. ■

Sexual Offense Policy Statement:

The following information is drawn from Lehigh University's Policy for Cases of Sexual Assault. The complete Policy is detailed in the *Student Handbook* (<http://www.lehigh.edu/~indost/dos/hbook.html>). Lehigh University considers sexual assault, harassment, stalking, and relationship violence to be acts that cannot be tolerated within the academic and residential environment of a caring community.

Lehigh University will not tolerate violence toward or abuse of any member of the community by another. Such violence and/or abuse includes relationship violence, sexual harassment, stalking, rape and other forms of sexual assault perpetrated against any student, faculty member, staff member or any other person in the Lehigh University community.

All members of the University community and visitors to campus are encouraged to report incidents of violence, abuse and/or sexual offenses to the persons listed below. We will further encourage victims to seek criminal prosecution under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.

Lehigh University is committed to providing prompt support services to any victims of such violence. If you or anyone you know has been a victim of a sexual offense at Lehigh University, your first priority should be to:

1) Seek medical attention immediately:

Evidence can only be collected at a hospital emergency room within 72 hours of the assault. In addition to collecting evidence, health concerns such as sexually transmitted disease (STD), pregnancy, and treatment of injuries will be addressed. It is important to have the evidence collected because, although you may not want to pursue criminal action immediately, you may change your mind in the future.

2) Report the assault:

Lehigh University encourages survivors to report all cases of sexual assault to Lehigh University Police Department (610) 758-4200.

3) Get emotional support:

Tell someone you trust. Dean of Student's Advocates and/or Lehigh University Police Department will guide you through the available options and support you in your decision. There are resources available both on and off campus to provide you with guidance and support after a sexual assault:

- a. **Dean of Student Advocates:** Susan Lantz, UC Room 210—(610) 758-4159.

b. Break the Silence Sexual Violence 24/7 Peer Hotline

—coordinated by The Lehigh University Women's Center: (610) 974-HOPE. All calls are confidential.

c. Lehigh University Counseling Center:

(610) 758-3880.

d. Crime Victim's Council 24 hour Hotline:

(610) 437-6611.

The University's Judicial Procedures for cases involving sexual assault are also detailed in the *Student Handbook*. If a victim determines that (s)he wants to proceed with formal University judicial action, the judicial officer will proceed with an investigation. The victim has the right to a trained victim's support person to accompany him/her through the University proceedings. In addition, both parties have the right to be present during the University Judicial Hearings, to have a university friend with them and have the right to be informed of the outcome of the hearings. Also, individuals have the right to a safe environment which may include a change of University residence or a change of residence for the accused until the proceedings have been completed. Adjustments may also be made regarding academic classes, if necessary.

Sexual Violence Prevention Education:

The Lehigh University Women's Center provides sexual violence prevention and risk-reduction programs to all members of the campus community. The Women's Center's professional staff includes a full-time Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator (SVPC), who is responsible for coordinating efforts to educate students, staff, and faculty about sexual violence and the resources that are available to survivors both at Lehigh and in the community. Educational programs include:

1. **New Student Orientation:** During orientation, new students are introduced to many different aspects of college life. Sexual assault is addressed during orientation and through a discussion period facilitated by student Orientation Leaders.
2. **Mandatory programming for new students:** During the first week of classes, all new students are required to attend a sexual

assault awareness program presented by the members of the sexual violence peer educator group, Break the Silence, which is based in the Women's Center. Programs are presented to male and female audiences separately to better address male- and female-specific questions and concerns.

3. **Break the Silence peer educators:** Break the Silence, a project of the Women's Center, is a peer education group made up of male and female students dedicated to educating other students about sexual violence. Break the Silence is available to present workshops to classes, residence halls and student groups at Lehigh University. Break the Silence volunteers also monitor the 24/7 sexual violence peer hotline: 610-974-HOPE (4673).
4. **Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Awareness Months:** Every semester, Women's

Center student workers and volunteers organize public events and exhibits, such as the Take Back the Night march and the Clothesline Project, in order to educate the campus about rape, abusive relationships, and other forms of sexual violence.

Through educational programming, events, and guest speakers, the Women's Center encourages students, faculty, and staff to examine their attitudes and challenges them to refuse to condone sexual violence of any kind. The SVPC is a valuable resource for students who have experienced sexual violence or who are interested in learning more about how sexual violence affects their campus and the society they live in.

For more information, contact Michelle Issadore, Assistant Director, Women's Center, at mii206@lehigh.edu, or 610-758-5808. Her office is located in the University Center, room C201A.