

BADGER BEAT

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Take the Long Road...

By Security Officer Rick Spoentgen

Have you ever been late for class or in a hurry to make an appointment? Chances are, the answer is "yes". For these, and other reasons we quite often choose the quickest route to get to our destination. Please keep in mind that the quickest route may not be the safest route.

As we all know, campus is undergoing massive amounts of demolition, construction, and renovation. While this will offer unparalleled facilities for research and academic achievement to the near-future and current tenants of the UW, it means the hair pulling hassle and daily frustrations of dealing with a campus torn apart.

The UW-Madison Police Department understands your frustration and even the urge to simply venture through a construction site; however, we must emphasize that although it may seem like a time saver, the venture may be more perilous than you perceive. The chain-linked fences and the numerous "DANGER", "NO TRESPASSING", and "NO STUDENT/STAFF CROSSING" signs are not there in an attempt to infuriate you, rather to keep you safe. This is especially important with regards to the site on Henry Mall. Although it may seem like a good idea to walk from one end to the other, you must remember that there are trucks and other large pieces of equipment operating on this site. Many times, the view of the operator can be partially obstructed by their load. This means they probably cannot see you. In addition to the danger posed by moving vehicles, there is also the possibility of falling debris. Workers have hard hats, students and staff do not.

If for no other reason than your safety, please take an extra minute and go around the construction sites. The extra minute you spend walking around might be the best time/life saver of all.

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 MADISON POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 255-2345

UW POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 264-COPS (2677)
 SECURITY DIVISION 262-1354
 SAFeride/SAFEwalk 262-5000

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Is Your Child Passenger Safety Seat Installed Correctly?

By Police Officer Kristin Radtke

Statistics show as high as 90% of car seats are not installed properly. To address this alarming statistic, the UW-Madison Police Department sent Sergeant Tamara Kowalski and Police Officers Coreen Puetz and Kristin Radtke (shown below) to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 4 day training to become certified Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Seat Technicians.

Technicians must complete basic re-certification requirements and deadlines every two years. The certification requirements include:

- Five seat checks approved by a certified instructor.
- Community educations (choose one):
 1. Participation in at least one two-hour checkup event with a least one other CPS technician using any standardized checklist to provide documentation, if needed.
 2. Provide at least four hours of community education. Examples include making presentations to parents, educators, kids, organizations, or other stakeholders who are not technicians.
- Complete a minimum of six hours of CPS Technical continuing education units earned and reported during a current two-year certification cycle.

The technicians volunteer their services at car seat events throughout Dane County and schedule one-on-one appointments. At the appointments, technicians teach anyone who transports children the proper way to ensure their child's safety seat is appropriate for the child's needs, for the vehicle and how to always use the safety seat correctly.

In an effort to increase car seat safety education, the technicians developed a Child Passenger Safety Seat guide, which offered basic guidelines for the different stages of a child's life. Sergeant Kowalski, Police Officer Puetz, and Police Officer Radtke also serve as liaisons between the UW-Madison Police Department and the Madison Area Safe Kids Coalition, which oversees the Child Passenger Safety program in Dane County.

To schedule an appointment with a car seat technician, you may reach Sergeant Kowalski at 608-262-9971, Police Officer Puetz at 608-265-5717 or Police Officer Radtke at 608-265-6753.





Correction—From April Issue

From the article titled “Alcohol Awareness” it was stated that 952 UW-Madison students were cited in 2008 for underage alcohol violations. This number is actually 388.

952 is the total number of all 2008 underage alcohol violations. The UW-Madison students were only a portion of that number.

SAFETY Saturday is June 13, 2009

By Sergeant Kurt Feavel

For the 13th year in a row, the UW-Madison Police Department will gather around the Capital Square to be part of one of the largest safety related events in Dane County. On June 13, the UW-Madison Police Department will join with over 20 other area public safety agencies to promote safety and injury prevention for children, elders and families.

As in past years, the department will be handing out free information about bike safety, drug and alcohol awareness, and general crime prevention practices. In addition, officers will have child fingerprint kits for parents as well as, crayons and coloring books for the kids. Children can sit in a real police car and speak to a police officer about police equipment. They also have the opportunity to see a police horse and police motorcycle up close. There are also opportunities to see a Sheriff’s Department boat, fire trucks and a high rope rescue. As a special treat, McGruff will pose for photos.

Operation Moped Safety

By Police Officer Kristin Radtke

Since March 2006 the UW-Madison Police Department and many key campus departments have worked on a Moped Problem Oriented Policing project. The committee’s general policy statement is:

Those who choose to operate mopeds are expected to comply with state laws and campus rules, including those designed to keep pedestrians and operators safe. As in the case of any motor vehicle, mopeds may not operate on sidewalks or use wheelchair ramps at corners. Legal parking on the campus is available only in individually market stalls. Moped operators are expected to demonstrate responsibility in their driving habits and respect the University’s goal of preserving campus landscape and improving local air quality.

A moped safety video titled “Operation Moped Safety” was just completed and will soon appear on our website www.uwupd.wisc.edu

If you have any questions or concerns about the moped project or moped safety video, please contact Police Officer Kristin Radtke at keradtke@wisc.edu or 265-6753 or Police Officer Jean VanDenBogart at jrvanden@wisc.edu or 264-2677.