
The University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Department is a full-service police agency providing a complete range of services to the Madison campus. This brochure has been developed to answer some of the more frequently asked questions during student orientation.

JURISDICTION ISSUES

1. Do the University Police have the same authority as the Madison Police regarding citations and/or fines?

- University Police are deputized giving them jurisdiction in all of Dane County. University Police also enforce University of Wisconsin Administrative Codes and Wisconsin State Statutes.

2. Do the University Police provide any special services?

- University Police have an Outreach Officer Program in the Residence Halls, allowing officers to work more closely with students.
- University Police have other specialized units that include: Detective Unit, Bicycle Patrol Unit, Mounted Police Unit, and full-time Community Officers in the lower, southern, & central campus and family housing communities.
- University Police have a well-trained and diverse Security Division that works hand-in-hand with the Police Division to provide a safer campus environment.
- University Police provide emergency medical conveyances to any local hospital when requested by a student for non-critical injury or illness. If medical attention is required on the scene, Madison Fire Rescue is called for the conveyance.

3. Do University Police have jurisdiction over all student housing?

- University Police are responsible for: Lake Shore/Short Course Residence Halls, Southeast Residence Halls, Chadbourne and Barnard Halls, Elizabeth Waters Hall, Zoe Bayliss, Susan Davis and Eagle Heights, University Houses and Harvey Street Apartments.

4. Where is it legal to rollerblade and skateboard?

- Any student may pick up a map designating the rollerblading and skateboarding areas from University Police.
- Wisconsin State Statute prohibits use of skateboards on public roadways, including all streets or bicycle ways that are part of a street on the UW campus or in the City of Madison.

- City of Madison Ordinance prohibits the use of rollerblades and skateboards on sidewalks that are in business districts.
- If in violation of UW Administrative Code 18.06(29), Skateboarding and Rollerblading Prohibited, you will be subject to a penalty of \$147.50.

UNDERAGE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND FALSE ID'S

1. What can happen when a student is arrested for underage alcohol consumption?

- When contacted by the Police, a student that is suspected of consuming alcohol underage may be asked to submit to a Preliminary Breath Test to determine how much alcohol is in his or her system.
- If a student is found to have consumed or to possess alcohol, the student may receive an Underage Alcohol Offense Citation for \$213.00 (1st offense), \$337.00 (2nd), \$461.00 (3rd), and \$709.00 (4th and subsequent offenses).
- If a student is found to be incapacitated and cannot care for him or herself, the student will be taken to the Tellurian Detoxification Center for a mandatory 12 hour period.
- If found guilty in court, in addition to the fine on the citation, the student may also have his or her drivers license suspended for a period of ninety days.

2. What are the penalties for using/possessing a false ID?

- Using or possessing a false ID may subject you to Wisconsin State Statute 125.085(3)(b) with a fine of \$461.00 and a possible suspension of driving privilege.
- Wisconsin reports all alcohol violations to the state of residency. Each individual state may impose sanctions on the driving privilege of the student.

DRUGS

1. What are the consequences if I am caught with drugs?

- If found in possession of marijuana, the student may be subject to the UW Administrative Code Violation 18.06(36) which carries a fine of \$273.50. The officer may elect to charge the student with Wisconsin State Statute 961.41(3g)(e), in lieu of UW Administrative Code. State Statute carries a penalty of suspension or revocation of driving privileges for not less than six months nor more than five years, a \$1,000.00 fine

and up to six months in jail. The student may also be subject to penalties imposed by the University including dismissal. Students in the possession of drugs other than marijuana will be charged under Wisconsin State Statute and subject to criminal penalties.

2. Drug Recognition Expert Program

- University Police have one of 43 Drug Recognition Experts in Wisconsin who are specially trained in conducting examinations of suspected drug users. After completing a detailed evaluation, the officer can determine what type of drug was taken by the user.

SAFETY

1. Night time safety services:

- Safewalk, a student staffed service where pairs of students provide walking escorts between 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. every day.
- Safe Ride is a free cab service available during the evening hours of the academic year.
- Safe Bus is a free on campus bus service operating from 6:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. during the academic year.
- The phone number for any of these services is 262-5000.

2. General Safety Tips:

- Walk in well lit areas and if possible never alone.
- Never leave your room door unlocked when unattended.
- Never prop open doors or allow unknown persons to enter with you.
- Be cognizant of your surroundings at all times.
- Carry a whistle or other type of personal safety alarm with you.
- Immediately report any suspicious activity or emergency to the police by dialing 911.

3. Chimera

- A self-defense class that teaches women how to protect themselves from actual or intended violence. Contact the Rape Crisis Center at 251-5126 for more information.
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THEFT PREVENTION

One of the major crime concerns on the University Campus is theft. Most often thefts occur as a result of students and staff providing the thief with the opportunity to take their belongings.

1. Theft prevention tips:

- Do not leave backpacks, purses or other personal items unattended, even for a short while.
- If a theft has occurred, immediately notify University Police and provide a description of the suspect (if known).

2. Theft prevention in Residence Halls:

- Engrave your driver's license number and two-letter state abbreviation on each item.
- Make a list of all serial numbers, makes, models, etc. of all your property.
- Take photographs of your property to determine the value for the insurance company.
- Keep your doors locked at all times, even if you are stepping out for a moment.

3. Bicycle/Moped theft prevention tips:

- Always secure your bicycle/moped to a bicycle rack using a good quality U-lock.
- Do not bring an expensive bicycle/moped to campus.
- Remove any removable items (seats, etc.) from your bicycle each time you lock it.
- Register your bicycle in Madison and obtain a bicycle license. Madison City Ordinance requires all bicycles to be licensed either in Madison or your home community.

4. Computer theft prevention tips:

- Never leave your laptop unattended or leave it in your vehicle where it can be seen.
- Record the serial number and a complete description and engrave your driver's license number and two-letter state abbreviation on the computer.
- Make a back-up disk for all your work.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

1. Prevention tips:

- Review "General safety tips"
- Know where the "blue" emergency phones are located on campus.
- If walking down a sidewalk, walk furthest from all buildings and bushes.
- Take a Chimera class for self defense techniques.
- If you wear a Walkman, keep the volume low so you can hear what is going on around you.
- When attending social functions: a) never leave your open beverages unattended; b) if you do leave your beverage, replace it with a fresh one; and c) do not accept beverages from someone you don't know (see information on Rohypnol below).
- If you are being followed, go immediately to a well occupied place (business, residence hall, restaurant).
- If you have a cellular phone, immediately dial 911 and be prepared to give your location as cellular phones do not register locations on enhanced 911.

2. "Date Rape Drug" Rohypnol

- Rohypnol is an odorless illegal drug which is slipped into a victim's beverage. It is no longer tasteless as the manufacturer has added effervescence and a bitter taste.
- Rohypnol takes effect in approximately 10-15 minutes. The effects include: dizziness, drowsiness, confusion and memory loss.
- A similar "date rape drug" used in the U.S. is Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) which has the same effects as Rohypnol. Both are easy to obtain and fairly inexpensive.
- If you feel you have been drugged or violated immediately dial 911 for help, save all physical evidence, and do not change clothes or shower.
- There have been no confirmed cases of Rohypnol or GHB use in Madison.

If you have questions we did not cover here or require further information on these or other subjects, contact University Police.

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Common Questions and Answers



Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 262-2957
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