

Campus Safety

What does UNCP currently do to prevent violence from occurring on campus?

- SGA sponsored Night Walks are performed each semester to identify areas of campus safety or lighting that can be improved.
- Extensive safety education programs for students, staff and faculty.
- Constant information sharing by University Police, Student Affairs and Human Resources.
- Anonymous crime and suspicious activity reporting through the University Police Web page, www.uncp.edu/police.
- A well-trained, well-equipped police department that operates 24 hours a day, year round.
- Walking and vehicle safety escort service.
- Security patrols residence halls between midnight and 7:30AM
- Counseling and Testing staff provide training through faculty development to identify at-risk students and Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) Training is done for all Housing and Student Affairs staff to help teach the University community to get help for suicidal students.
- All six residence halls are locked and are only accessible by card, key or code.
- 19 blue light emergency phones are positioned throughout campus.
- Agreements for assistance with local police and sheriff's departments.
- 105 closed-circuit TVs are located throughout campus including parking lots and buildings.
- In the event of an emergency, key offices across campus are equipped with telephone panic buttons that allow immediate contact to University police.



Frequently Asked Questions

How do you communicate with students in a crisis?

UNCP communicates crisis information in multiple ways:

- Priority notification to all UNCP email and telephone accounts.
- University staff and building liaisons notify classes in session.
- University Housing staff, such as Resident Advisors (RAs), relay information to residents.
- Updates on the University homepage, www.uncp.edu.
- Notification to local television and radio stations.

We also are reviewing other technologies as more information about mass notification becomes available. The reality is that no one system or approach gives us complete ability to quickly notify all of the approximately 7,000 students, employees and visitors who are on campus at any given time. Our approach is to use a broad array of communications tools to get the word out as quickly as possible and to as many as possible.

The Chancellor or his designee has the authority to close the campus in response to a situation that poses an imminent danger to the UNCP community. Remember that UNCP is a public institution; we are proud of our service and availability to the people of North Carolina. There are numerous educational, athletic and social events, speakers and performances at UNCP, and the campus and buildings are generally open. All of our six residence halls are locked 24 hours a day and certain areas and buildings have restricted access due to security concerns. However, even though residence halls are locked 24 hours a day, it is not unusual for student residents to prop open doors, which is a practice prohibited by the University. Although UNCP is a public, open campus, University officials have the authority to bar from campus certain individuals who have posed a clear threat to safety; violators are subject to arrest.

Our Safety Awareness for Everyone (SAFE) and Public Information and Emergency Response (PIER) alert systems allow students, faculty and staff to register to be notified via text message or email in the event of a campus emergency. This system is completely voluntary, and information gathered for this system is used for emergency contact purposes only.

What is the role of the University Police Department?

The University Police Department is a fully sworn, well-trained, well-equipped police agency, with the same powers and responsibilities as your local police and sheriff's departments.

University Police enforce North Carolina law, investigate violations, respond to emergencies, investigate crime, patrol University property, and provide education.

Over time, police procedures have changed to more effectively and efficiently respond to similar incidents. University Police have a rigorous training program that includes practice in responding to active shooters. Additionally, they train with other local police agencies.

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What types of behaviors should be reported?

The FBI and the Secret Service studied targeted violence at schools. They suggest the following should be reported:

- Threats or threatening behavior.
- Weapon-seeking or weapon-using behavior.
- Homicidal and suicidal behaviors.
- Behaviors suggesting an individual is contemplating or planning an attack.

UNCP's Police and Public Safety Office also encourages students to report the following:

- A person running.
- A stranger carrying property.
- A person going door-to-door in a building or residential area.
- Any person forcibly entering a locked vehicle, residence hall room or even a classroom.
- Business transactions being conducted from a vehicle.
- One or more persons sitting in a parked car exhibiting suspicious behavior.
- A juvenile or female being forced into a vehicle.
- A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms.
- Unusual noises.

We encourage and expect community members to report the above behaviors, as well as assaulting or stalking behaviors.

Crime should be reported to the University Police at 910-521-6235 or by dialing 9-1-1. Other concerns may be reported to the Office of Student Affairs 910-521-6226 (students) or to Human Resources at 910-521-6279 (employees).

Anonymous reports are accepted at the University Police homepage www.uncp.edu/police.

Does the University notify parents when they are concerned the student may harm themselves or others?

- Schools may disclose student information to parents if the student is a dependent for federal income tax purposes.
- Schools may disclose student information to parents if a health or safety emergency involves their son or daughter.
- Schools may inform parents if the student, who is under age 21, has violated any law or its policy concerning the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance.
- A school official may generally share with a parent information that is based on that official's personal knowledge or observation of the student.

Who monitors safety issues at UNCP?

The Chancellor regularly discusses safety matters with senior administrators.

Are individuals allowed to have guns on campus if they have a permit?

No. North Carolina state law makes it illegal for citizens/students to have a weapon on campus.

University Resources (area code 910)



Emergency 9-1-1

Student Affairs	521-6175
Human Resources	521-6279
University Police	521-6235
Environmental Health & Safety	521-6792
Parents Council	521-6533
Student Health Services	521-6219
University Attorney	521-6201
University Counseling Center	521-6202
University Housing	775-4253
Emergency Information Hotline	521-6888
University & Community Relations	521-6249
Chancellor's Office	521-6201