



# PERSONAL SAFETY

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✎ Develop a “plan of action.” What will you do if you’re confronted or attacked?
- ✎ Know how to defend yourself. Take a reputable self-defense course.
- ✎ Always lock the doors of your residence and vehicle.
- ✎ Avoid walking alone, especially at night. Use The “T” transportation services. **You can request pickup at any of the 100+ Blue Light Phones on campus or in Fort Sanders, or call for pickup directly at 865-974-4080.**
- ✎ If you must walk, walk briskly and with confidence. Look alert—and **BE ALERT**. Be aware of your surroundings, including any potential “hiding spots” where criminals could lurk.

TAKING  
**PRECAUTIONS**

- ✎ If you feel you're being followed, change direction and go to a populated area.
- ✎ If you're confronted, make noise! Yell, but don't panic. Use your adrenaline to your advantage and remember your plan of action.
- ✎ If you're attacked, give a full description to the police as soon as possible.
- ✎ Panhandling is illegal in Knoxville. Don't encourage vagrancy.
- ✎ Alcohol can affect your vision, motor functions, and ability to think clearly. If you're under the influence of alcohol or drugs, your chances of escaping an attack are greatly reduced.
- ✎ If you choose to carry chemical weapons or other devices, make sure you have a good working knowledge of the product and the proper training to use it.
- ✎ In the event of any emergency, **call 911.**
- ✎ Register for UT ALERT at **[www.utk.edu/utalert](http://www.utk.edu/utalert)** to be notified about critical incidents.
- ✎ Don't fall into the "it can't happen to me" trap.



## *“Enforcement through Cooperation”*