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what it takes

For All Students

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Be Informed, Stay Safe

Greetings Mastodons and Red Foxes,

I hope you are enjoying your Labor Day weekend! I know there is a lot going on right now as you try to get adjusted to new schedules, lots of classes, potentially new roommates—maybe even a new state or country—and definitely 7,400+ new faces.

Echoing what Chancellor Elsenbaumer discussed in his email to you on Tuesday, if there's one thing all of us have in common, it's the desire to study, live, work, attend events, and be together on a campus that's welcoming and safe. I am counting on all of you to uphold that agreement as outlined in the code of conduct email I sent you Aug. 25.

All of us want you to be informed, be aware, and raise your hands and voices to tell us when something isn't right. To do so, there are a few critical things we need you to know about and act on asap.

1. **Sign up for campus alerts:** These include emergent notifications involving severe weather, threatening situations, a need to evacuate, and so on. Text messages are the fastest and preferred method of delivery, with email being OK as well. Go to the **Advisories and Notices** page of the Safety and Security website to learn more. You can also sign up immediately for the text alerts by clicking on the Alert Phone Number card in the **goPFW** portal.
2. **The Guardian app:** This is a great way to improve your personal safety on campus through rapid communication with key recipients in times of crisis and need. It allows you to text with PFW in real time, send anonymous safety tips, activate a safety timer when walking alone, and share your location with officials during an emergency call for help, among other things. I have it on my phone and you should too! Click on the Campus Safety Card in the goPFW portal to find links to the Apple and Google app stores.
3. If you're indoors and hear a siren, go outdoors. If you are outdoors and hear a siren, go indoors.
4. Never prop open doors at any student housing complex or on campus.
5. Do not respond to "too good to be true" emails, phone calls, or texts offering you

money, gift cards, etc.

6. **Always call 911 in the event of an emergency:** We have an awesome University Police department on campus with officers who are here to help 24/7. Need help with a flat tire on campus? Locked out of your car? Stuck in snow? You can always call the University Police non-emergency line and they will be there to help as soon as possible. Put 260-481-6827 in your phone for safe keeping.
7. Finally, if something not involving an emergency is wrong—let's say you, a friend, a classmate, or a roommate are needing a little extra support and resources—fill out a **CARE Referral form** and a member of the CARE Team will be in touch to assist. It is simple, and anonymous. Learn more about the CARE Team by **clicking here**.

We're all in this together and we are the best, the safest, and the strongest that way.

Positive Practices

Connect with others. Cultivating social connections—and avoiding social isolation—is one of the best ways to build resilience and thrive on campus. Positive peer relationships and supportive interactions with family, faculty, and staff are important factors in your academic performance and emotional well-being.



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