



CAMPUS BEAT



Keeping up with a growing campus



Campus Security Services faces many challenges in providing a safe, secure and welcoming environment on an ever expanding urban campus.

Of equal importance to our department's mission and goals, our primary objective is to ensure our campus community receives optimal support and unsurpassed client service.

In order to assist us in meeting these standards, I am pleased to introduce Security Officers Neil

Gibbs, Carla Taylor, Esther Kempling, Rob Patterson and Carlos Craveiro who have recently joined our department. Each of these individuals bring years of experience and skills obtained from varied backgrounds such as police officer, Freedom of Information Officer, private security provider, emergency services responder and military personnel. I invite all of you to welcome these Officers when the opportunity presents itself. They, along with all our staff, look forward to assisting you.

Of course it goes without saying that the level of safety & security on our campus is equally dependent on all campus members working together as a team and acknowledging that security is everyone's business.

In recognition of this, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each & every one of you for your active involvement in reporting incidents & persons which may be of a suspicious nature. It truly is through such efforts that UVIC can continue to be recognized as one of the safest campuses in Canada.

Have a safe and successful winter and spring term.

- Pete Zacour,
Director of Campus Security Services

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What is suspicious?

“Am I witnessing a crime?” Most of us have found ourselves asking this at some time or another. However, because we are not really sure, we tend to ignore what we have just seen and continue about our business. You should trust your instincts. If something does not feel right, it probably isn't.

Signs of behavior that might be suspicious:

- A person trying to enter a campus building without the proper key or access card
- A person running and looking about furtively, as if he or she were being watched or chased
- A stranger carrying property at an unusual hour or location, especially if the items are computer or other electronic equipment, office machinery, or a locked bicycle
- A person going door-to-door in a building
- Any person forcibly entering a locked vehicle or building
- Transactions being conducted from vehicles on campus. You may be witnessing an illegal drug sale or sale of stolen property
- One or more persons sitting in a parked car closely scanning the area
- A person being forced into a vehicle
- A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms
- Unusual noises, including screaming, sounds of fighting, barking dogs, or anything suggesting foul play, danger, or illegal activity



It is important to remember that people aren't suspicious, behavior is. When in doubt call for help. If you witness any suspicious activity, call Campus Security Services immediately at **250-721-7599**.

Do not be concerned if your suspicions prove unfounded.

If Campus Security Services do not contact you immediately after your call, do not think they have not responded. Officers may deal with the cause of the problem first.

If you see something say something

- In order for Campus Security Services to maintain a safe and secure environment for the students, faculty and staff, we need the help of the community. CSEC can not do it alone! We need you to serve as our eyes and ears. You are in a better position to identify behavior and activities that are out of the ordinary in your workplace or residence.
- When you do identify suspicious behavior we need you to call CSEC immediately. You should trust your instincts. If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. Don't ignore it or keep it to yourself. Call us~ even if you are unsure about what is occurring. We are not encouraging community members to intervene or take actions on their own, we just need you to take a moment to call us to alert us to the situation. We will dispatch officers immediately to investigate the situation and take appropriate actions.
- By being vigilant and looking out for each other, students, staff and faculty can assist CSEC in keeping the campus safe and secure. The small inconvenience of calling CSEC is far outweighed by the benefit of removing someone who doesn't belong in a building and is there to take someone's property.



Around the clock security.



Identifying yourself

As part of our efforts to facilitate safety on campus, it occasionally becomes necessary for CSEC Officers to stop members of the University community and ask for information. If an Officer stops someone, it does not necessarily indicate that the person is a suspect. Cooperation in these interviews, usually by simply providing your name and proof of UVIC affiliation, assists CSEC in promoting a safe and secure environment. We make every effort to be as sensitive and courteous as possible.



What if an earthquake hits while I'm at work?

The recent earthquake in Haiti is a tragic reminder of the importance of being self-sufficient during a disaster. The response from many countries around the world (particularly Canada) has been unprecedented, but responding agencies on the ground in Haiti have had enormous challenges in responding quickly and effectively in the face of mass casualties, large numbers of displaced residents and a completely destroyed infrastructure. Providing medical aid, food and water after a disaster takes time.



DID YOU KNOW?

Calls for Service

The following 2009 statistics reflect the number of calls for service provided by Campus Security Services:

Assistance to Public	2635
Assistance to Police	413
Assistance to Housing	2422
Assistance to UVSS	270
Assistance to Other Dept.	6246
Medical Emergency	397
Intrusion Alarm	1358
Mechanical Alarm	18
Fire Alarm	167

For a complete list of statistics, check out our website.

Contributors Welcome

If you have a comment, idea or would like to contribute something to our newsletter, please email our Personal Safety Coordinator at psc@uvic.ca

Web Connect

<http://web.uvic.ca/security>

Campus Security is located beside the transit bus loop, and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergencies and enquiries. Parking Services is operated by Campus Security Monday to Thursday 8:00 am to 6:00pm and Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm.

As we also live in an earthquake zone, we need to plan for significant seismic events. Due to state-of-the-art building codes, our homes and campus buildings are resilient, but are we? The Provincial Emergency Program advises us to be prepared for at least three days – a week is even better. This is a good time to review your emergency supplies or to put a kit together. In addition to having a home emergency kit for you and your family, have you considered keeping a small kit in your office or car?

You may be on campus when an earthquake strikes. The university and adjacent municipalities have response plans in place and we continually review and exercise them, but everyone needs to consider their own level of personal preparedness. It only takes an hour or two (or less) to build a kit, but it can make a big difference to your health, safety and well being in the hours and days after a disaster.

This is what I have in my office kit here on campus:

- 3 days of food and water
- 1 pair of heavy gloves
- 2 garbage bags
- waterproof matches and candles
- light sticks
- flashlight and batteries (and a hand crank flashlight)
- a roll of quarters for payphones
- foil blanket
- whistle
- toiletries and a roll of toilet paper
- small first aid kit

The food and water I store includes both emergency rations (in foil packaging with a long shelf life – available at most safety supply stores) and granola bars (that I replace every year). I also keep emergency chocolate on hand – but it seems to disappear regularly! Take the time now to prepare and be self-reliant, just in case.

- Daphne Donaldson, Manager, Emergency Planning

Contact Us

Emergency 250-721-7599

Police/Fire/Ambulance 9-1-1

Non-Emergency 250-721-6683

Personal Safety Coordinator 250-721-8981

Parking Services 250-721-7600

Lost & Found 250-721-6683