SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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SAFETY AUDIT PASSED!

Last month, the Louisiana Office of Risk Management was on campus for our annual Risk Management Audit. Thanks to each and every one of you, we passed the audit this year and this success will enable us to maintain the 10% discount on our insurance premiums. A big thank you to everyone for responding back to these Safety Newsletters each quarter and helping to maintain a safe campus.

UNIVERSITY POLICE STAND READY!

LSU at Alexandria is dedicated to preserving a peaceful and safe environment for the entire University community. Students, faculty, staff and visitors are urged to be aware of and alert to any suspicious or possible criminal activity on campus, and to report all such occurrences to the University Police. LSUA University Police is a full-service public safety agency. Our Police Officers meet and exceed the standards set by the Louisiana Police Officers Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.) and are commissioned by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety as State Police Officers under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes Section 17:1805. Officers have full police and arrest authority, and patrol the campus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Rapides Parish 911 communications center dispatches for the LSUA University Police; this is a vital communications partner between the University Police Department and other Rapides Parish law enforcement, Fire Departments and EMS. You can reach the LSUA University Police Department for non-emergencies at (318) 473-6427. Please dial 911 for all emergencies.

Let's all work together to keep LSUA safe and secure!

"If you see something, say something"

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TIPS FOR ATTACKS IN PUBLIC AREAS

Run to Safety

- **Seek safety.** Getting away from the attacker is the top priority.
- Leave your belongings behind and get away.
- Call 911 when you are safe and describe the attacker, location and weapons.

Cover and Hide

- If you can't evacuate, cover and hide. Find a place to hide out of view of the attacker and if possible, put a solid barrier between yourself and the threat.
- Lock and block doors, close blinds and turn off lights.
- Keep silent.

Defend, Disrupt, Fight

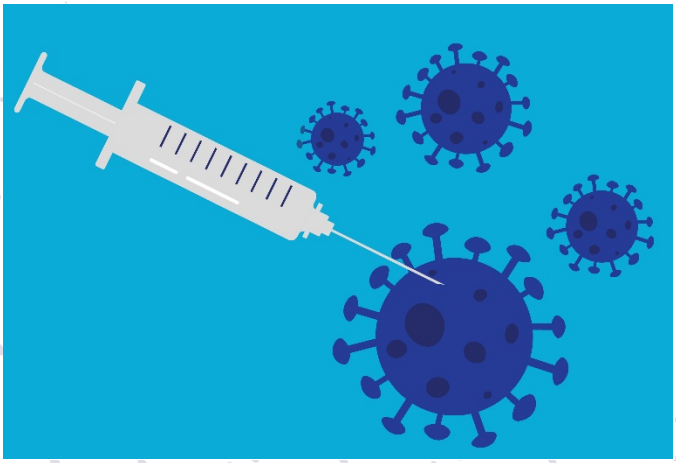
- **Fight only as a last resort.** When you can't run or cover, attempt to disrupt the attack or disable the attacker.
- Be aggressive and commit to your actions.
- Recruit others to ambush the attacker with makeshift weapons like chairs, fire extinguishers, scissors, books, etc.
- Be prepared to cause severe or lethal injury to the attacker.

Help the Wounded

- Take care of yourself first and then, if you are able, help the wounded get to safety and provide immediate care. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911 and let the operator know.

COVID-19

With the new Omicron variant showing the potential of having increased transmissibility, we are urging those who have not completed their vaccination series, or eligible for a booster, to consider those options. At this time, there have already been documented cases of the Omicron variant in the U.S. Additionally, wearing masks, continues to be a proven mitigation strategy for reducing transmission of COVID-19.



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MEDICAL EMERGENCIES ON CAMPUS!

LSUA has established procedures to follow in the event of a medical emergency on campus.

Call 911 immediately for any campus medical emergency. This will connect you to dispatchers where an ambulance can be requested. You will need to be prepared to provide the nature and location of the emergency to the dispatcher so that directions can be provided to EMS and First Responders.

For any non-life threating medical needs such as cough, sore throat, minor cuts, nausea & vomiting, etc., the LSUA Health Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:00- 4:30 and is located on the first floor of Coughlin Hall at 30 Grady Britt Drive.

ILLEGAL USE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL P.S. 227

Louisiana State University at Alexandria (LSUA) is committed to maintaining an environment which supports the teaching and service mission of the University. Although the University respects an employee's right to privacy, the illegal use of drugs or alcohol within the University community interferes with the accomplishment of the University's mission.

For additional information, see LSUA policy statement 227, which can be found on-line at https://www.lsua.edu/chancellor/policies

DRIVER AUTHORIZATION FORM DA2054

Each fiscal year, the DA 2054 form is required to be completed, signed by your supervisor, and **submitted to Facility Services** in order for anyone (including student workers) to drive on state business during the upcoming fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Please note, forms must be completed if you drive a university vehicle, a rental vehicle or your personal vehicle for any university business.

All forms currently on file will expire on June 30th for this year.

The Defensive training is good for 3 years from the date of the course.

Once the DA2054 is received, an official driving record is requested from the state using the driver's license number listed on the form. Employees are not added to the authorized driver spreadsheet until your driving record has been reviewed and the DA2054 has been signed by Chad Gauthier, LSUA Safety & Risk Manager.

Please be advised that both the form and the training certificate are required and that just completing the training does not authorize you to drive.

Additionally, any official university travel must be approved by your supervisor prior to the travel taking place, including all necessary paperwork submitted and approved in Workday.

LSUA SAFETY WEBSITE

https://www.lsua.edu/fas/safety
This website contains various information on campus safety including our Safety Manual and General Safety Rules.

IN CLOSING

Hope everyone is looking forward to the end of a great Fall semester here on campus and the upcoming Holiday Season. It was great having our students back on campus! Please remember that the holidays are a time when many people are injured. Be careful setting up your holiday decorations, slow down while ice skating, don't drink spiked egg nog and drive, and watch out for sleighs and reindeer when you would least expect them! I am looking forward to seeing everyone back on campus in January and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chad Gauthier