

SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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SAFETY AUDIT PASSED!

The Louisiana Office of Risk Management was on campus this month for our annual Risk Management Audit. We are happy to report that LSUA had a successful audit and received another passing score! Because of our continued compliance, we are able 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.



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 conditions such as coughing, 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.

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.





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ACTIVE SHOOTER

When an active shooter is in your vicinity, you must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with the situation.

If Possible, **<u>RUN or ESCAPE</u>**

Have an escape route and plan in mind

Leave your belongings behind

Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow

Help others escape, if possible

Do not attempt to move the wounded

Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be

Keep your hands visible

Call 911 when you are safe

If you can't run, HIDE

Hide in an area out of the shooter's view

Lock door or block entry to your hiding place

Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet

As a last resort, **FIGHT**

Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger

Attempt to incapacitate the shooter

Act with as much physical aggression as possible

Improvise weapons or throw items at the active shooter

Commit to your actions . . . your life depends on it



P.S. 227 ILLEGAL USE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

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 <u>https://www.lsua.edu/chancellor/policies</u>



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DRIVER AUTHORIZATION FORM DA2054

Each fiscal year, the DA2054 form, as well as a current Defensive Driver Training certificate, is required in order for anyone (including student workers) to drive on university business. The completed DA2054 form must be **<u>submitted to</u> <u>Facility Services</u>**. Please note, forms must be completed if you drive a university vehicle, a rental vehicle or your personal vehicle for any university business.

All DA2054 forms currently on file for this fiscal year will expire on June 30, 2023. However, the Defensive Driver Training certificate is good for 3 years from the date of completion.

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 travel taking place, including all necessary spend authorizations submitted and approved in Workday.

SEAT BELTS: GET THE FACTS

How big is the problem of crash-related injuries and deaths to drivers and passengers?

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death among those aged 1-54 in the U.S. Most crashrelated deaths in the United States occur to drivers and passengers.

For adults and older children (<u>who are large</u> <u>enough for seat belts to fit properly</u>), seat belt use is one of the most effective ways to save lives and reduce injuries in crashes. Yet millions do not buckle up on every trip.



Deaths

- A total of 22,697 drivers and passengers in passenger vehicles died in motor vehicle crashes in 2018.
- More than half of teens (13-19 years) and adults aged 20-44 years who died in crashes in 2018 were not buckled up at the time of the crash.

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Injuries

- More than 2.2 million drivers and passengers were treated in emergency rooms as the result of being injured in motor vehicle crashes in 2018.
- Young adult drivers and passengers (18-24) have the highest crash-related non-fatal injury rates of all adults.

Costs

 Non-fatal crash injuries to drivers and passengers resulted in almost \$62 billion in lifetime medical and work loss costs in 2017.

What is the impact of seat belt use?

- Seat belts reduce serious crash-related injuries and deaths by about half.
- Seat belts saved almost 15,000 lives in 2017.
- Air bags provide added protection but are not a substitute for seat belts. Air bags plus seat belts provide the greatest protection for adults.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS AT HOME

- When leaving, lock windows and doors, even if you will only be gone for a few minutes.
- When leaving for an extend period of time, have someone pick up your mail or have it temporarily stopped.
- Use an automatic timer for indoor and outdoor lights.
- Leave a radio or television on so that it sounds as if the home is occupied.

- Ensure displays of gifts or valuables are not visible through windows.
- Ensure doors and walkways are clear when putting up holiday displays.
- Ensure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base.
- Ensure that live Christmas trees are well watered to prevent fires.

IN CLOSING

I hope everyone is looking forward to the end of a great Fall semester and the upcoming Holiday Season. Please remember that the holidays are a time when many people are injured. So, please be careful setting up your holiday decorations, slow down while ice skating, 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!

