OVERVIEW

The University of Alabama at Birmingham is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all faculty, staff, students, and visitors. Located in the city of Birmingham, UAB is part of a greater urban community. Within campus boundaries, there is a mixture of public and private property. Overall, the campus consists of approximately 300 acres and 216 academic, residential, and recreational buildings, which translates into nearly 13 million square feet of functional building space.

A city within a city, UAB has nearly 17,000 students, 18,000 faculty and staff with 6,000 of these that are medical personnel. Campus residence halls can accommodate nearly 8,000 students, while about 8,000 students commute to campus. There are also numerous visitors who come to campus. During special events, the number of visitors can exceed 50,000.

UAB is an open and vibrant campus. Except for residence halls, which are locked twenty-four hours per day, and some research areas, Institute facilities are open to the public during regular business hours. At other times, facilities are locked and only persons authorized or the individual departments within the building may have access to the facility.

UAB Facilities maintains Institute buildings and grounds with a concern for safety and security. Its staff regularly inspects the campus, evaluates lighting, and makes repairs affecting safety and security hazards such as broken windows and locks. The UAB Police Department and other departments assist Facilities by reporting potential safety and security hazards.

No campus is isolated from crime; however, UAB has taken responsibility to employ a variety of security measures to protect the campus community. All persons who come to campus are expected to obey all laws and Institute and department rules related to the use of each facility. Those who fail to comply are subject to arrest and/or disciplinary action through the Institute.
CAMPUS LAW ENFORCEMENT

Location
The UAB Police Department is located at 1117 14th Street South, Birmingham, AL, and is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, including weekends, holidays, and semester breaks.

Responsibilities
Primarily responsible for protecting the life and property of people on the UAB campus, officers patrol the campus on a twenty-four-hour basis and provide a full range of public safety services including:

- Investigating criminal incidents
- Traffic accidents
- Providing first response to emergencies
- Enforcing laws and Institute regulations
- Reporting crimes and traffic accidents
- Conducting crime awareness and prevention programs.

When a criminal act is reported, the Department will investigate the incident and make every reasonable effort to identify the offenders. Depending upon the wishes of the victim, nature of the offense, and the evidence gathered, the case will be presented for prosecution in the criminal courts of Alabama. If a member of the UAB community is identified as an offender in an incident, the UAB Police Department also will notify the appropriate Institute administrator so that administrative disciplinary action may be taken.

Training
Officers are professionally trained and certified in accordance with the Alabama Peace Officer’s Standards and Training Council and attend continuing in-service training programs to further develop their skills.

Authority Code of Alabama section 16-47-10
The President of the University may appoint or employ one or more suitable persons to act as police officers to keep off intruders and prevent trespass upon and damage to the property of the university. Such person shall be charged with all the duties and invested with all the powers of police officers. The officer may eject trespassers from the university buildings and grounds. The officer may, without warrant, arrest persons who commit disorderly conduct, or trespass on the property of the institution, or in any circumstance in which an arrest by a police officer without a warrant is authorized by law, and carry them before the nearest district court or municipal court charged with the trial of such offenders. Upon proper affidavit charging the offense, the person arrested may be tried by the court and convicted as in the case of persons brought before the court on a warrant. The officers may summon a posse comitatus.

Joint Commission
UAB Police Officers share a joint commission with the Birmingham City Police Department, effective September 1, 1976, and revised May 5, 1986. The BPD Directive (201-2) permits the enforcement of city ordinances, initiating arrests for criminal acts, investigation of alleged criminal offenses, and the booking of prisoners in the Birmingham City Jail. The Joint Commission empowers UAB Officers to enforce City ordinances on all streets and avenues which intersect the campus, as well as on adjoining and adjacent properties of the campus.

HOW YOU CAN HELP CREATE A SAFE CAMPUS
Safety, security, and crime prevention are the responsibilities of everyone. The cooperation and involvement of faculty, staff, and students are absolutely essential to having a safe campus. The safety and security of you and your belongings begin with your own awareness and commitment to the safety of the community. Following is a list of resources you can use to help create a safe campus for yourself and others.

Report Incidents
Like any other community of 40,000 people, UAB experiences accidents, injuries, crimes, and other emergencies. To report voluntary incidents, potential criminal actions, or suspicious incidents, UAB faculty, medical personnel, staff, students, and visitors should notify the UAB Police Department at (205) 934-3535. The University has emergency two-way (blue light phones) throughout campus for use during emergencies. By pressing the red button on the stations, users can communicate directly with the UAB Police Communications Center. To report an incident of a confidential nature, an individual should contact a Campus Security Authority.

Monitoring and recording criminal activity at off-campus organizations
The University relies on its working relationships with the local law enforcement agencies to receive information about incidents involving students on campus. The UAB Police Department will actively investigate any crime information it receives concerning or involving a member of the campus community. If the University is notified of a crime, the department may issue a Campus Safety Alert, detailing the incident and providing tips so that other community members may avoid similar incidents.
**Stay Informed:** The UAB Police Department uses a variety of methods to keep the campus informed about incidents occurring on and near campus.

**World Wide Web:** The Department maintains a web site (www.uab.edu/police) that contains crime prevention information, links to Department newsgroups, and much more.

**Student, Faculty/Staff Newspapers:** The student newspaper, The Kaleidoscope, and the faculty/staff newspaper, UAB Reporter, have access to incident summaries and publish stories covering serious incidents and crime awareness information. The Kaleidoscope is published weekly during the academic year, and UAB Reporter is published bi-weekly.

**Utilize Campus Resources and Services**
A variety of resources and services are available to UAB students, faculty, staff, and visitors that contribute to the overall safety and security of the campus, reducing the success of criminals.

**Publications:** The UAB Police Department prepares and distributes numerous brochures and pamphlets covering topics such as rape awareness, general crime prevention, harassing phone calls, bicycle safety and security, and traffic safety.

**New Student and Employee Orientations:** New students are provided crime awareness information through New Student Orientation. New employees receive information through the New Employee Orientation Program.

**Emergency/Public Telephones:** For the safety of the UAB community, 400+ emergency/public telephones are strategically located across campus. These telephones may be used to make campus calls. For emergency situations, press the red emergency button, which will connect you directly with the UAB Police Department. Your location will be automatically identified for the police dispatcher, and a UAB police officer will be dispatched to the area if necessary.

**CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION:**

**UAB Campus Ride:** UAB Campus Ride is designed to provide convenient on-campus transportation for all UAB faculty and staff. The primary purpose of the UAB Campus Ride is to provide a safe method of movement for those employees who must travel to various locations on the University campus in order to conduct official UAB business with hours of operation from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may call 5-TAXI (5-8294) for a pick-up and/or drop-off request.

**UAB Escort Service:** UAB Escort Services is an after-dark service provided upon request to students and employees on campus. A UAB Escort will meet you and accompany you to your on-campus destination in a marked vehicle or drive you in the Escort van. Escort service phones (white) are located in 12 classroom buildings across campus, or you may call from any phone by dialing 934-8772. Hours of operation are from 5:15 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The police department will provide an escort after 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and on weekends.

**Motorist Assistance Roadside Service:** The employees of M.A.R.S. perform services such as: boosting batteries, changing flat tires, retrieving keys and children from locked vehicles, and transport you to get some gas. The number for M.A.R.S. is 975-6277.

**Operation Identification:** This program assists members of the UAB community in marking and tracking information (serial and model numbers, etc.) about valuable items such as calculators, computers, and television sets. Engravers for marking valuables are available, and participants in this program are provided with inventory cards. Call (205) 934-2409 for more information.

**Security Surveys:** Free security surveys are offered by the UAB Police Department for campus buildings and on-campus residents. For more information, call (205) 934-2409.

**Lost and Found:** The UAB Police Department operates a lost and found area. You can stop by the UAB Police Department to drop off found property or inquire about lost property. Call (205) 934-4649 for more information.
Crime Awareness and Prevention Speakers:
You can request a speaker from the UAB Police Department to come and talk with your group or organization about crime awareness and prevention. To request a speaker, call (205) 934-2409.

Get Involved
Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to participate in programs to improve the safety and security of the campus.

SGA: Students interested in improving campus safety should contact the Student Government Association (SGA) at (205) 934-8020.

FEDERAL CAMPUS SEX CRIMES PREVENTION ACT:
The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, (section 1601 of Public Law 106-386 enacted on October 28, 2000, went into effect October 28, 2002. It is a law that provides for the tracking of convicted, registered sex offenders enrolled as students at institutions of higher education, or those working or volunteering on campus. The law requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already registered in a State to provide notice to the appropriate state agency, as required under state law, of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student. Information on registered sex offenders can be obtained on the Alabama Department of Public Safety website (www.dps.state.al.us) located under the sexual offenders link.

Sexual Offenses
What to Do
No matter how careful you are or how safety conscious your behavior, you might at some point find yourself or someone you know experiencing an unwelcome sexual encounter. If this does occur, there are professionally trained individuals on the University campus who can provide assistance to you. We recommend the following procedures to ensure your safety and well-being. If you are sexually assaulted on the UAB campus, we recommend that you call the UAB Police Department at (205) 934-3535. The dispatcher will give notice to a police officer, who will immediately transport you to the S.A.N.E. Facility. At S.A.N.E. you will receive a medical examination and medical advice. The services are free and confidential. You can request that a friend or family member accompany you to the Rape Crisis Center. In addition, you may also request to speak with a counselor on call from the Counseling Center staff if you prefer. Although your first instinct after a sexual assault is to bathe, it is very important that you do not bathe, wash, gargle, brush your hair, or change your clothes. Important evidence could be destroyed if you do so. In the event that you bathe inadvertently, it is still important to seek medical care at the S.A.N.E. Facility.

Due Process
Students have the right to due process when accused of any violations of University regulations or prescribed standards of behavior. This right shall include the following:

A. A notice in writing of any charges and the opportunity to be made aware of the evidence against him or her;
B. A preliminary hearing for the purpose of rebutting the charges will be scheduled no later than two weeks after a notice of the charge has been sent to the student’s address of record;
C. The opportunity to admit or deny the alleged violation and request an administrative hearing, or hearing before a disciplinary committee;
D. The opportunity to bring to the hearing an advisor of his or her choice. The advisor will not participate in the hearing, but will serve only in an advisory capacity to the student involved;
E. If a disciplinary action results in a reprimand, probation, community service or developmental sanctions, a student may appeal in writing to the Vice President for Student Affairs. An appeal must be based on one or more of the following: 1.) proper procedures were not followed; 2.) the evidence clearly does not support the findings; 3.) sanctions are excessive; 4.) there is new evidence not reasonably available at the time of the hearing.
If a disciplinary action results in suspension, restitution or expulsion, the Vice President for Student Affairs shall review the case and make the final decisions after consultation with the President of the University.
F. Failure to appear without just cause may result in sanctions being imposed based on the available evidence.

Living on Campus
UAB encourages its students who do not reside with their parents or families to live in the residence halls. The Housing Department supervises the assignment of rooms for single and married students. For a complete guide containing information about Housing facilities and services, costs, priorities and policies, and residence hall safety, contact the UAB Housing Department at (205) 934-2092.

Missing Person Procedures
Students who reside in on campus housing facilities are encouraged to report a
student that has been missing for 24 hours to the University Police Department (UPD) or a campus security authority. The campus security authority will be required to report any official missing student to the UPD. Per the Clery Act the University will give each student living in an on campus housing facility the option to identify a contact person(s) who the institution shall notify if the student is determined to be missing by the UPD.

Students contact information will be registered confidentially and this information will be accessible only to authorized campus officials and the UPD. This information may not be disclosed outside of a missing person investigation. Students under 18 years of age and not emancipated, the institution will notify a custodial parent or guardian when the student is determined to be missing, in addition to any additional contact person designated by the student.

If a student did not name a contact person to notify, and the UPD receives a report that the student is missing, the UPD will conduct an investigation to determine if the student is officially missing. If the student has designated a contact person, the UPD will notify that contact person within 24 hours. If the student is under 18 years of age and is not emancipated, the UPD will notify the student’s custodial parent or guardian and any other designated contact person within 24 hours. Regardless of whether the student has identified a contact person, is above the age of 18, or is an emancipated minor, UPD will conduct an investigation to determine if the student is officially missing within 24 hours.

Access to Campus Facilities and Residence Halls
Access to campus buildings and grounds is a privilege extended to students, faculty, staff, and authorized guests. The University encourages an open environment with limited constraints to ensure the reasonable protection of all members of the community. Except for residence halls, most campus facilities are open during weekday business hours. Individuals who wish to access University buildings or property during non-business hours or for special events should contact the appropriate department administrator, Conference and Event Services, or the UAB Police Department.

Exterior doors of the residence halls are locked twenty-four hours a day. A resident’s individual room key also unlocks the main door. All visitors must be escorted through the residence halls by a resident. In the event of a lost key, the student’s room locks are changed.

Staff Training
All residence life staff members undergo thorough training in enforcing residence hall security policies. As part of the responsibility for residence hall security, all residence life staff members participate in lectures and seminars that are conducted by Institute administrators and police and associated with the safety and security of the campus.

Security considerations in the maintenance of campus facilities
The University is committed to campus safety and security. Exterior lighting and landscape control is a critical part of that commitment. Representatives from various departments continually conduct security surveys to ensure campus lighting is adequate and that the landscape is appropriately controlled. Department members conduct routine checks of lighting on campus during regularly assigned patrol duties. If lights are out or dim, officers will initiate an immediate work order, which is acted upon by a representative of the appropriate maintenance office, usually within 24 hours or the next business day. We encourage community members to report any deficiency in lighting to Facilities at 934-2281. Any community member who has a concern about physical security should contact the Physical Security Department at 934-3708. Representatives from the police department and physical security work together to identify inoperative locking mechanisms on a continual basis. We encourage community members to promptly report any locking mechanism deficiency to Physical Security at 934-3708, or to the UAB Police Department at 934-4434. Maintenance staff are available to respond to calls for service regarding unsafe facility conditions or for personal safety and property protection. These conditions also may include unsafe steps or handrails, unsafe roadways on campus, and unsecured equipment.

LIVING IN OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING, FRATERNITIES, AND SORORITIES
Neither the Housing Department nor UAB provides supervision for off-campus housing, apartments, and individual homes. Sororities and fraternities educate their members on safety and security in their houses and on campus. All students receive crime awareness information. Students, whether they live on or off campus, are encouraged to report all crimes to the appropriate police agency.

If community members report crimes or serious incidents to other University administrators, those administrators will notify the UAB Police Department. Representatives of these offices will promptly notify and collaborate with the UAB Police Department to issue a Campus Safety Alert, if one is appropriate.

Distribution of Campus Safety Alerts
The department distributes Campus Safety Alerts in various ways. Once the University determines that an alert will be issued, the Information Technology Department e-mails the announcement and the police department posts it on its Web site at www.uab.edu/police. The department may also post alerts on bulletin boards throughout campus.

Daily Crime Log
The UAB Police Department maintains a Daily Crime Log that records, by the date the incident was reported, all crimes and other serious incidents that occur on campus, in a non-campus building or property, on public property, or within
the department’s patrol jurisdiction. The Daily Crime Log is available for public
inspection at the department’s headquarters or at www.uab.edu/police. The
Daily Crime Log includes the nature, date, time, and general location of each
crime reported to the department, as well as the disposition of the complaint, if
this information is known at the time the log is created. The department posts
specific incidents in the Daily Crime Log within two business days of receiving
a report of an incident and reserves the right to exclude reports from the log in
certain circumstances.

Emergency Preparedness, Response and Evacuation Procedures
The University of Alabama at Birmingham has long recognized the need to be
prepared for critical incidents. Under the guidance of the University Safety
Committee, various department and offices work together to ensure the
University is doing all it can to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover
from emergency situations. In conjunction with local first responders, such as
the Birmingham Police Department and Birmingham Fire and Rescue, the
University is well-prepared to respond to a full range of critical incidents.

The Office of Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and the University
Police Department work together to ensure our emergency protocols and plan
are updated, as needed, and are applicable as new risks are identified. The
University’s emergency planning website, located at www.uab.edu/emergency,
not only contains important information about what to do during an emergency,
but it also outlines the various initiatives underway to enhance preparedness.
One such initiative is the University of Alabama at Birmingham Emergency
Notification System. This system is used to send text messages to cell phones
and pagers when urgent information needs to be communicated quickly to the
university community.

Upon immediate confirmation by the university police department or other uni-
versity administrators that an emergency incident has occurred on campus, the
University will immediately issue an emergency notification to the campus
community. However, if issuing a notification, in the professional judgement of
responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain,
respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency, the University may decide not
to immediately issue the notification. Appropriate university administrators will
determine the necessary segment or segments of the campus community to
receive an emergency notification; determine the content of the notification and
initiate the notification system. The UAB administrators responsible for carry-
ing out the above actions are: The President, The President’s Cabinet, and the
University Police Department.

The larger community is highly encouraged to go to the University’s emergency
planning website, located at: www.uab.edu/emergency, to obtain emergency
information. UAB will test (announced or unannounced) the emergency notifi-
cation system on an annual basis and publicize its emergency response and
evacuation procedures in conjunction with its annual test per calendar year.
UAB will document each annual test, including a description of the exercise,
the date, time, and whether it was announced or unannounced.

CRIMINAL INCIDENTS ON CAMPUS

Crime Statistics: Major crimes reported to the UAB Police Department for
January through December of the most recent three-year period are listed in the
following chart. UAB Police Incident Reports are subject to Alabama’s Uniform
Crime Reporting Program and the Alabama Open Records Act. The Code of
Alabama (section 36-12-40) states that every citizen has a right to inspect and
take a copy of any public writing of this state, except as otherwise expressly
provided by statute. Disciplinary referrals for violations of the Student Code of
Conduct, which may include some criminal offenses specified for this report,
are sometimes made directly to the Office of Student Life by individuals or
campus organizations other than the UAB Police.

Note: Any incidents that may have been reported only to pastoral and profes-
sional counselors of the Institute are generally protected by privacy rights of the
client or patient and are not included in any of the following statistics, nor for
any timely warning notifications to the campus.

Important Definitions
Crimes reported for the University of Alabama at Birmingham are classified as
being on or off campus by using the following boundaries. For the purposes of
classifying the reported crimes, the following definitions apply:

Campus: (1) Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution
within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institu-
tion in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution’s educational
purposes, including residence halls; and (2) any building or property that is
within or reasonably contiguous to the area identified in paragraph (1) of this
definition, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is
frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food
or other retail vendor).

Non-campus building or property: (1) Any building or property owned or con-
trolled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the Institute; or
(2) any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in
direct support of, or in relation to, the Institute’s educational purposes, is fre-
quently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geo-
graphic area of the institution.

Public property: All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks,
and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and
accessible from the campus.
## UAB Police Department Crime Statistics

**Crime Statistics Mandated by the Jeanne Clery Act**

### Criminal Incidents

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### Arrests - Liquor Law Violations

| MINOR IN POSSESSION                     | 0              | 0                   | 0             | 0               | 0                     | 0                                |
| PROVIDING ALCOHOL TO MINOR             | 0              | 0                   | 0             | 0               | 0                     | 0                                |
| PUBLIC INTOXICATIONS                   | 26             | 12                  | 34            | 0               | 3                     | 0                                |

### Arrests - Drug Abuse Violations

| POSSESSION                             | 7              | 2                   | 7             | 1               | 1                     | 5                                |
| DISTRIBUTION                           | 0              | 0                   | 0             | 0               | 0                     | 0                                |
| TRAFFICKING                            | 1              | 0                   | 0             | 0               | 0                     | 0                                |

### Arrests - Weapons Possession

| CARRYING GUN WITHOUT A PERMIT          | 4              | 0                   | 2             | 0               | 0                     | 0                                |
| CONCEALING ILLEGAL WEAPON              | 1              | 0                   | 1             | 0               | 1                     | 0                                |

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*NOTE: Information on Registered Sex Offenders can be obtained at the UAB Police Department or on the Alabama Department of Public Safety Website (www.dps.state.al.us) located under the Sexual Offenders link.*

*NOTE: In the year 2008, there were no hate crimes reported for the following categories: larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction/damage/vandalism of property.*
DEFINITIONS OF REPORTABLE CRIMES

Criminal Homicide

• Murder and non-negligent manslaughter. The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.
• Negligent manslaughter. The killing of another person through gross negligence.

Forcible sex offenses

• Forcible rape
The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will; or not forcibly or against the person’s will, where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his or her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (or because of his or her youth).

• Forcible sodomy
Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will; or not forcibly against the person’s will, where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his or her youth or because of his or her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Non-forcible sex offenses

• Incest
Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other withing the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Robbery
The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault
An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by a means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. (It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used that could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime were successfully completed.)

Burglary
The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes, this definition includes: unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny, house-breaking, safe-cracking, and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned acts.

Motor Vehicle Theft
The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Motor vehicle theft is classified as any case where an automobile is taken by a person not having lawful access, even if the vehicle is later abandoned, including joy riding.)

Arson
Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Other Offenses

• Liquor law violations. The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned activities. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)
• Drug abuse violations. Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).
• Weapons law violations. The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: the manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; the carrying of deadly weapons, concealed or openly;
the furnishing of deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned acts.

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE AND ABUSE**

**Alcoholic Beverages**
The Institute has established policies and guidelines governing the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the campus. A copy of the Student Alcohol Policy may be obtained through Student Affairs. A copy of the Policy on Employee Alcohol and Illegal Drug Use may be obtained from the Office of Human Resources, Campus Drug Policy Coordinator. Any use of alcoholic beverages on campus must be in compliance with the Alabama law prohibiting the use of alcohol by persons under the age of 21. Students of legal drinking age in Alabama may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in their private residence. Alcohol is not to be served at any UAB sponsored campus events.

**Illegal Drugs**
Institute regulations prohibit the possession or use, without a valid prescription, of any substance currently classified as a dangerous drug by the Alabama Controlled Substance Act. Any individual breaking the law will be subject to disciplinary action and arrest.

**Substance Abuse Education**
UAB is committed to maintaining a campus free of drug and alcohol abuse and assisting all employees and students in finding ways to address these problems. Educational programs addressing these issues are supported and encouraged through a variety of departments. Anyone aware of problems with roommates, friends, or co-workers is encouraged to contact the appropriate office for help.

**Substance Abuse Assistance**
For students with substance abuse problems, assistance is available through the UAB Counseling Center and Health Promotion and Wellness. The Counseling Center has experienced professional counselors and psychologists to assist students in need. Students are scheduled for individual appointments, and all information is kept strictly confidential. Health Promotion and Wellness has a full-time substance abuse prevention coordinator and trained student peer educators available to provide information individually or in group settings. Students are also welcome to seek help through Health Services, located at 931 20th Street South, Birmingham, AL. 35294. For more information, students are encouraged to contact one of the following centers:

- Counseling Center Health Promotion and Wellness Health Services (205) 934-5816
- Student Services (205) 934-3580
- Counseling and Wellness Center: (205) 934-5816

**SAFETY TIPS**
- Be alert. Watch for obvious strangers around your office, your home or apartment. Check for signs of a break-in before entering an empty house, office or car. Call the police if you see signs of forced entry to a building or a car.
- Call the police if you are experiencing any minor theft problems over a period of time.
- Involve your associates. If you are expecting a delivery or a guest in your absence, leave your keys with a neighbor or a coworker. Let your office staff and neighbors know when you will be away from home and ask them to challenge strangers in the area.
- Maintain a record of serial numbers of your property and of identification and credit cards. Include a brief description with each and keep this information in a safe place.
- Report any crime or suspicious activity to the police. Be prepared to supply as much information as possible; such as descriptions of people, property and cars.
- Post the number for the UAB Police Department-934-3535-near your phone at work and your local police and fire departments at home.
- If you need to contact the Police while on campus, use one of the HELP phones located at key areas around campus. Take a few minutes now to review the Help Phone Map (see page 23) to locate and identify HELP phones in those areas where you park, work, walk, or play. Simply lifting the receiver or pushing the red button of one of these green and yellow phones will put you through to the UAB Police Dispatcher immediately.
- If you would like additional information on crime prevention or wish to discuss a problem which may be crime related, contact the UAB Police Department at (205) 934-4434. Help prevent crime and help yourself to a safe home, study, and work environment. Victims needing counseling for psychological or physical reasons may contact one of the following on-campus and off-campus offices for further information:

  - Counseling and Wellness Center: (205) 934-5816
  - Women's Center: (205) 934-6946
  - Student Services: (205) 934-3580
  - Gateway Family Services (205) 510-2600
  - Family Violence: (205) 322-4878
  - Crisis Center (205) 323-7777
  - Rape Response: (205) 323-7273
  - Oasis Counseling Center: (205) 933-0338

UAB faculty and staff may obtain assistance through the Office of Human Resources Faculty and Staff Assistance Program at (205) 934-2281. Alcohol and drug assistance programs are available, including referral to community agencies. Counseling and referral services are provided by appointment, and all information is kept strictly confidential. The Faculty and Staff Assistance Program also offer training and educational programs regarding drug and alcohol awareness.
FIRE SAFETY REPORT

Important Definitions

Fire: Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.

Cause of fire: The factor or factors that give rise to a fire. The causal factor may be, but is not limited to, the result of an intentional or unintentional action, mechanical failure, or act of nature.

Fire drill: A supervised practice of a mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire.

Fire-related injury: Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of a fire, including an injury sustained from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of the fire. The term person may include students, faculty, staff, visitors, firefighters, or any other individuals.

Fire-related death: Any instance in which a person
(1) Is killed as a result of a fire, including death resulting from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of a fire; or
(2) Dies within one year of injuries sustained as a result of the fire.

Fire safety system: Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire, or the control of a fire. This system includes sprinkler systems or other fire extinguishing systems, fire detection devices, stand-alone smoke alarms, devices that alert one to the presence of a fire, such alarms, bells, or strobe lights; smoke-control and reduction mechanisms; and fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of a fire.

Value of Property Damage: The estimated value of the loss of the structure and contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quantity. This estimate should include contents damaged by fire, and related damages caused by smoke, water, and overhaul; however, it does not include indirect loss, such as business interruption.

Residence halls fire prevention information
Smoke detectors and sprinkler systems: All residence halls have smoke detectors and sprinkler systems installed and a Fire Alarm Control Panel. There are smoke detectors in each student room as well as in common areas. These are connected to the central alarm system, which, in turn, is connected to the UAB Police Department.

Fire Safety Equipment: All suites/apartments are equipped with smoke detectors. Each floor in each residence hall is equipped with fire extinguishers. Fire alarm pull stations are located on each corridor of each hall. Tampering with fire safety equipment or setting off a false alarm is against the law. It also will make the system ineffective and endanger the lives of other residents. Any person, who sets off a false alarm, interferes with the operation of the alarm system, damages or removes any part of the alarm system, fire extinguishes, smoke detectors, or exit signs is subject to severe disciplinary action, including dismissal from the residence halls, possible suspension from the University, and/or criminal prosecution. If a smoke detector is detached from the wall for any reason, it is the responsibility of the resident to report it immediately. If not reported, all residents will be held responsible for tampering with fire safety equipment and will be disciplined and/or fined.

Fire drills/safety education: To comply with state and local fire regulations and for fire safety education, unannounced fire drills are conducted every semester. All persons inside the residence hall during emergency drills are required to evacuate the building. Failure to evacuate the residence hall for any reason, including sleeping through an alarm, may result in disciplinary action.

Fire evacuation procedures: In the event of a fire, all residence hall buildings will be evacuated to protect the health and safety of the residents, guests and visitors. When an alarm is sounded you must assume there is an emergency and you must follow the following steps.
(1) REMAIN CALM.
(2) Evacuate by the nearest safety exit stairway.
(3) DO NOT USE ELEVATORS. Elevators will either automatically return to the first floor or the UAB Police will return them to the first floor.
(4) In Camp Hall, Blount Hall and Blazer Hall, disabled residents living on the first floor should exit through the main entrance. Second-and-third floor disabled residents using wheelchairs should proceed to the elevator lobby where emergency personnel will take them by elevator to the first floor for evacuation from the building. If unable to reach the elevator lobby, these persons should evacuate via the west stairway. Emergency personnel or Student Housing and Residential Life staff will be there to help.
(5) After departing the hall, proceed directly to the designated assembly point away from the building. Do not leave the assembly area until told to do so by a responsible official. Suitable emergency shelter will be provided as soon as possible.
(6) Return to the hall ONLY when told by Fire Department Officials, UAB Police, or a Student Housing and Residential Life staff member.
Fire safety regulations. It is essential that residents observe and follow all fire safety regulations. Electrical appliances with exposed heating elements are prohibited. All appliances must be UL approved. No open flames (candles, incense, kerosene lamps, etc.) or any incendiary devices are permitted in the residence halls, rooms/suites/apartments. Smoking is not permitted in the residence halls, including balconies, vestibules, etc. Smoking is permitted in designated smoking areas in front of each building.

Reporting a fire.
To report a fire, students and employees should contact the: The University Police Department, Fire Department, or a Student Housing and Residential Life Staff member.

The University future improvements in fire safety for on-campus housing facilities are:

a) Student Housing reviews policies each year to improve/update information/plans.

b) Student Housing is adding a new policy to the handbook to address hookahs. It will read, Smoking a hookah is not permitted in the residence halls. Hookahs may not be used for decoration in common areas of suites/apartments, i.e. living rooms, hallways, and study lounges. Residents with hookahs are required to store them in their bedrooms. Hookahs left in plain sight may be subject to inspection for residue and possible confiscation.

Fire Log
The UAB Police Department maintains a Fire Log that records, by the date the incident that was reported, all fires that occur in an on-campus housing facility. The Fire Log is available for public inspection at the department's headquarters or at www.uab.edu/police. The Fire log includes the nature, date, time, and general location of each fire reported to the department. The department posts fire incidents in the Fire Log within two business days of receiving a report of a fire and reserves the right to exclude reports from the log in certain circumstances.
NOTE ALL LOCATIONS OF "HELP" PHONES ON CAMPUS
CAMPUS POLICE PHONE NUMBERS
1117 14th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama 35205

Fire, Injuries, Accidents, and Other Police Information 24 hours per day
(205) 934-3535

Crime Prevention  Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  (205) 934-2409
Lost and Found/ Records  Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  (205) 934-4649
Criminal Investigation Division  Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  (205) 934-6860
Patrol Operations  Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  (205) 934-4434

You can contact the following departments for more information about the topics covered in this brochure.

• Campus Police (205) 934-4434
• Counseling and Wellness Center (205) 934-5816
• Office of Student Life (205) 934-4175
• Student Housing and Residential Life (205) 934-2092
• Diversity Programs (205) 975-9509
• Financial Aid (205) 934-8223
• International Students (205) 934-1205
• Office of Human Resources Management (205) 934-4458
• Faculty/Staff Assistance Program (205) 934-2281
• Parking & Transportation (205) 934-3513
• Student Escort Services: (205) 934-8772
• Health Services (205) 934-3580
• Commons on the Green (205) 996-6565
• UAB Recreation Center (205) 934-8224

View this publication online. Go to the Resources section of the UAB Police Department's Web site located at:  www.uab.edu/police.