



Public Safety

OHSU Public Safety's primary mission is to "promote a safe and secure environment". The Department of Public Safety is a twenty-four hour, seven days a week operation charged with the safety and security of people and property on the OHSU campus.

Officers of this department respond to and investigate emergencies and crimes that occur on campus, and perform security checks, patient restraints, first aid, and alarm response. Often they arrive at the scene of crimes in progress and can initiate requests for immediate assistance of the police. Routine patrols are conducted on foot, by bicycle, and in Public Safety patrol vehicles.

Officers are often the first on the scene at fire, chemical, and mechanical emergencies and coordinate the response of other OHSU personnel.

Dispatchers coordinate and track the overall actions of Public Safety Officers. They are the folks who answer all calls to the **Emergency Number (4-4444)** and must operate and monitor several media sources of information including numerous radio frequencies, 15 telephone lines, 6 computers, campus fire alarm systems, and numerous video surveillance cameras throughout OHSU. They receive, dispatch, and document all calls including fire and medical emergencies, crimes in progress, and other high stress emergent needs.

To aid them in performing their required duties, Public Safety personnel have access to the Oregon Law Enforcement Data System, FBI files, the National Crime Information System and the Portland Police Data System.

Public Safety offers after hours, on-campus escorts to employees and visitors. To access this service, call a dispatcher at 4-7744, or by pressing the call button on any Emergency call box on campus. Emergency jump start service is available, however unlocking cars is not offered.

OHSU Public Safety offers the following basic tips to ensure your safety at work:

- Keep purses, wallets, and other valuables locked in a drawer or closet;
- Be discreet about your social life and vacation plans in the presence of strangers.
- Check for photo ID of strangers, as well as delivery and repair personnel seeking access to restricted areas.
- At night, park in well-lit areas with good visibility.
- If you are a crime victim, stay calm. Compose an accurate description of the suspect, clothing, dialogue, etc.
- Report crimes immediately.
- Never dial 911 (or 9-911) from an on-campus phone. **Always dial 4-4444.**
- Always be aware of your surroundings!

