

## **Clery Compliance**

In an effort to provide timely and accurate information to our students, staff, and faculty members, the following information is being provided to you so that you can make informed decisions about your safety.

On Tuesday, October 13, around 10:30 pm the UT Police Department was notified about a carjacking that had recently occurred in the G-12 parking garage.

While walking to her vehicle in the G-12 parking garage a student noticed a group of individuals gathered near the center stairwell of the garage. As the student entered her vehicle she was approached by a female from the group asking for a ride. It was then that a male dragged her out of the vehicle. All of the individuals from the group then got into her Toyota Yaris, backed out of the parking space, and proceeded to the White Avenue entrance/exit. Several witnesses observed the Toyota Yaris leave through the White Avenue entrance, turn right, and traveled the wrong way up White Avenue before heading north on 17th Street. This was the last known direction of travel for the vehicle based on information from the victim and witnesses.

No weapons were brandished during the carjacking and the student was not physically injured. The suspects remain unknown at this time.

The suspects have been described as a group of juveniles under 18 years old wearing athletic-style clothing.

# Information we want you to know about your safety and the safety of all Volunteers.

- Carjacking is a frightening situation and there are no set rules to follow. Trust your instincts.
- If you think it is possible, try to accelerate and drive away. However, your safety and your life are more important than a vehicle.
- Don't worry about being impolite. Do not feel obligated to speak to anyone who approaches your vehicle.
- Always keep your car doors and windows locked.
- In the event of a carjacking, report the crime immediately to the police and provide as much detail as possible.
- Inform police if your vehicle has a GPS tracking system as it may assist in locating the vehicle.

We urge the Volunteer community to remain aware and report any suspicious activity in and around parking lots and garages. Contact UTPD at 865-974-3114 or e-mail us at <u>utpolice@utk.edu</u>. Download the <u>LiveSafe campus safety app</u> to access campus resources that are available for your personal safety. You can also use LiveSafe's SafeWalk and SafeRide features, which allow you to virtually "walk" and "ride with" your contacts to their destinations (or have them walk you to yours) and know when they have arrived.

Stay informed about crime in your area on campus by following UTPD on Twitter <u>@UTPolice</u> or on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/UTKPD</u>.

For additional safety tips, visit the UT Police website at <u>https://utpolice.utk.edu/safety-overview</u>.

<u>Clery FAQs</u>

#### Information on Clery

For information on prevention and reporting options, <u>contact the</u> Office of Title IX

Be an ACTive Bystander! Acknowledge the situation, Consider options, and Take action.

Join the UTK LiveSafe community

The <u>Clery Act</u> requires the university to notify the campus community of certain criminal activity that occurs on university owned or controlled property. In addition, the university is required to provide safety tips that may aid in the prevention of similar crimes. The intent of a warning regarding a criminal incident(s) is to enable individuals to protect themselves.

### Contact Us

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