

School of Medicine Prevention Procedures

“Prevention of campus incidents will often depend on the vigilance of those in the community. While there is no way to prevent every conceivable threat, there are a number of things you can do to reduce the opportunity of a threat developing at Mercer.”

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These include the following:

- Always be aware of your surroundings. If you see something that strikes you as odd or suspicious, immediately notify Mercer Police (301-HELP)
- Do not give your Bearcard to others
 - The School of Medicine building is locked after hours and access is limited, requiring Bearcard access
 - Further, the second floor of the School of Medicine building is secured after hours by inactivating the elevator and limiting access to the second floor to a limited set of individuals with Bearcard access
 - These access controls are intended to protect students studying in the tutorial rooms after normal working hours, faculty and staff who might be in the laboratories after hours, and any other individuals occupying the second floor after hours
- Do not let strangers into areas requiring Bearcard access
 - Make them contact the person they are there to see
 - If they don't want to make contact or don't know how to contact the person, contact Mercer Police (301-HELP) immediately
- Do not prop open doors accessing the building, doors accessing areas within the building, or otherwise secured areas
- Lock your room and office doors when you leave
- If you see people with weapons, chains, or strange out-of-place clothing, contact Mercer Police (301-HELP)
- Try not to panic if there is an emergency
 - Listen and follow directions given by the responsible parties
 - Stay where you are unless you are told to move or are in immediate danger
 - Follow the procedures outlined in the School of Medicine Emergency Response Plan
- If you ever hear gunfire or screams, call Mercer Police (301-HELP)
- If you have reason to believe someone intends to cause harm at Mercer, contact Mercer Police (301-HELP)

“Campus-wide vigilance by every member of the Mercer family is a vital part of our effort to ensure potential threats are identified and addressed as soon as possible.”

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