

Self-defense classes offered

Public Safety is offering free self-defense classes for all university community members. Classes will be held on the following dates in the Alumni Memorial Union beginning at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9th in the Henke Lounge

Wednesday, September 30th in Room 227

Monday, October 26th in the Henke Lounge

Wednesday, November 18th in Room 163

Public Safety's self-defense program uniquely combines a hands-on approach to learning effective techniques with information about the latest national and local crime trends. Designed for both female and male audiences, the class incorporates simple strategies for escaping potentially dangerous situations.

Participants are encouraged to wear athletic attire. There is no fee for the class but registration is required. Registration can be completed by calling Public Safety at 288-6800.

In addition to self defense, Public Safety offers a variety of programs designed to inform the Marquette community about the most current safety and security issues. For more information or to schedule a program, contact Public Safety.

Public Safety director welcomes students to new school year

On behalf of the Department of Public Safety, I'd like to welcome you to a new school year and all the excitement and enthusiasm that it brings. As we mark the beginning of what will certainly be a year filled with new opportunities and experiences, I want to remind students of our commitment to work together in providing the safest environment possible. To ensure this commitment, Public Safety continuously addresses campus and community safety with new and innovative programming, educational efforts, technological advances and the best trained campus law enforcement staff in the area. With our expansive patrol operations, on and off-campus outreach efforts, and nationally recognized Student Safety Programs, we continue to set the standard in excellence among campus safety departments.

During the previous academic year, the community worked together to reduce incidents of crime, allowing us to enjoy a safe academic year. We are prepared to maintain this trend with the continued effort of students and staff. As you prepare to begin another year, it is important to remember that neighborhood safety requires a great partnership among students, neighborhood property and business owners, Public Safety and the Milwaukee Police Department. It is of the utmost importance to immediately create strong safety and security habits and to go beyond your own residence or the university property, taking a stake in your overall neighborhood community. I encourage you to become actively involved in these efforts by attending self-defense and other safety-related programs, routinely utilizing the LIMOs and Safety Patrol escorts and contacting the department with questions or concerns. Remember that Public Safety services are available 24 hours a day, with officers providing extensive patrolling of the off-campus neighborhood. By working together, we can make this an exciting and safe school year.



Larry Rickard, Director

Phones provide direct link to DPS

Public Safety maintains close to 200 Blue Light Phones on campus and in the off-campus neighborhood. Distinguishable by their bright blue lights, the phones provide a direct link to Public Safety, 24 hours a day.

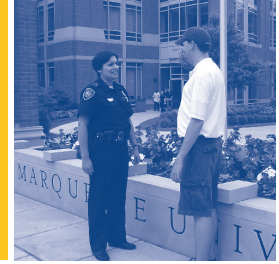
Blue Light Phones can be used to obtain any type of assistance. The phones can be used to request a LIMO van or Safety Patrol escort, report suspicious activity, request directions or to request limited assistance with vehicles, such as jump starts.

Blue Light Phones can be activated by pushing the intercom button within the phone's box.

SECURE.



AWARE.



Know the laws prior to partying

Parties are a great way to reconnect with friends after a summer at home or to meet new people. Unfortunately, Public Safety has been contacted about incidents occurring at parties involving physical altercations, thefts and medical emergencies. These incidents are most often precipitated by heavy alcohol use. Party hosts can and will be held responsible for the actions and well being of everyone in attendance.

When hosting or attending a party, consider the following suggestions:

- Do not leave personal items, such as purses, cameras or jackets, unattended.
- Secure rooms, such as bedrooms, that you do not want guests to enter. Secure any valuables that you do not want taken, especially smaller items.
- Personally invite guests and refrain from advertising the party. Invite only those whom you wish to attend and trust to bring desirable guests. Limit guests to a number you will be able to control.
- Monitor the party at all times. Hosts are responsible for the safety of their guests.
- Know the laws pertaining to alcohol. State law prohibits anyone under the age of 21 from possessing, purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages. Hosts can be penalized for each underage drinker in attendance of his/her party.
- Call for assistance if necessary. Do not hesitate to contact Public Safety or the police department if faced with a situation that becomes difficult to control.

The most common fines involving parties include:

Disorderly conduct	\$182
Public drinking	\$122
Sale of alcohol to a minor	\$167
Possession of alcohol by a minor	\$106/172/353
Sale of alcohol to underage prohibited	\$167
Contributing to delinquency of a minor	\$167
Purchase or procure alcohol by minor	\$369
Permit consumption of alcohol by minor	\$353
Noise Nuisances	\$244

Alcohol-related violations are reported to the department of motor vehicles and included on driving records, which may impact insurance rates.

Crime statistics

The statistics below reflect the more significant incidents (including attempts) reported from on- and off-campus areas to Public Safety, May - July, 2009.

	May		June		July	
	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off
Sexual assault	0	0	0	0	1*	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	3
Battery	2	0	0	0	1	1
Burglary	6	2	2	0	0	1
Theft of auto	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from/damage to auto	1	1	1	4	1	0
Other thefts	11	1	6	1	16	8

*This report was classified as a fourth degree sexual assault.

Protect your bike

With miles of trails throughout the city, bicycling is a great way to get around and explore Milwaukee. Public Safety's Bike Corral offers the perfect solution for those living in residence hall rooms or small apartments, where storage space is limited.

Within the Bike Corral, located on the basement level of the 16th Street Structure, bicycles can be securely stored, free of charge. Access is limited to registered users and is controlled via a card access system. To register your bicycle or to obtain more information, contact Parking Services at 288-6911.

Receive alerts via your cell phone

The university offers text message notifications in the event of a campus emergency. Text messages are used in addition to Web, email and the all-university voice mail system.

To receive text message notification, update your personal contact information, including cell phone number, with the Office of the Registrar. Log on to CheckMarq and scroll to the "Personal Information" section on the lower left side of "Student Self Service" to register your phone number.

The Awareness is a publication of the Marquette University Department of Public Safety. Its purpose is to provide members of the university community with timely and accurate safety and security related information. Questions and comments are welcome.

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Public Safety	288-6800
LIMO/Safety Patrol	288-6363
Emergency	288-1911
Anonymous Tip Line	288-0467