Keeping Students Safe on Campus

Just in time for the Fall semester, ODU has introduced the LiveSafe app to help students stay safe on campus. Through the app, students can report suspicious activity to the ODU Police, contact the police via phone or text message in the case of an emergency, view a map of campus with any safety incidents that have occurred, and utilize SafeWalk. With SafeWalk, Students can let their friends know they are going somewhere, and then their friends can track them to make sure they reach their destinations.

There are also many other ways for students to stay safe on campus. Students can arrange for an escort to walk them across campus or a SAFE RIDE van to drive them across campus between 5:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. by calling 757.683.3477. Students can also use the ODU Mobile app to call for a SAFE RIDE or escort. All escorts and drivers work under the coordination of the ODU Police Department. If students need to report a crime, suspicious activity, or an emergency, students can contact ODU Police by calling 757.683.4000 or by using any of the red emergency phones located in campus buildings or blue emergency call boxes located outdoors around campus. For students who live off campus, free home safety evaluations are being provided by ODU Police, and those who need window or door locks and alarms for off-campus residences can get them free of charge from the university.
Getting Where They Need to Go

ODU offers 3 shuttle bus routes to help students get around campus and the surrounding area, a great option for those without a car.

- The **Monarch Loop** route services the perimeter of campus and all the residence halls. A bus leaves every 10 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

- The **Wal-Mart/Kroger** route takes students off campus to go shopping for groceries and other supplies. A bus leaves the ODU Inn every hour on Fridays from noon to 6 p.m. and every half hour on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- The **Ghent/MacArthur** route takes students off campus to go shopping, dine out or go to the movies. A bus leaves the ODU Inn every half hour on Fridays from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

New Student Guest Ticket Policy from ODU Athletics

ODU Athletics has introduced a brand new policy for student guest tickets for football and basketball games. Students may now purchase up to 2 guest tickets for each home football or basketball game. Those tickets are on sale now for all home football games. (The on-sale date for basketball games will be announced later this fall.) Guest tickets for these games may be purchased through the student registration portal at [www.odusports.com/students](http://www.odusports.com/students). Guest tickets are $28 for football games, except for Louisiana Tech ($29), $13 for men’s basketball games and $7 for women’s basketball games. Guest tickets are limited to 400 per game for both football and basketball, and students should utilize the print at home option to receive their guest tickets. In addition to purchasing their guest tickets, students must still register for their free student ticket starting on the Monday two weeks prior to the game. If students need more than 2 guest tickets, they will need to purchase additional tickets through the regular, public ticket purchase process during the week before the game. Contact the ODU Ticket Office at 757.683.4444 with any questions.
What’s New at ODU?

Summer has brought changes both big and small to ODU. Campus crosswalks have been upgraded with new enhancements to help make it safer for students to cross the streets bordering campus. Two new buildings, the Engineering Systems Building and the Barry Arts Building, have been completed and are now open. More than 1,060 safety cameras have been installed in public spaces all across campus. Finally, Rollins Hall is being renovated, so students will find that some services have moved elsewhere on campus. Admissions can now be found in the Future Monarch Center in Webb Center, while Financial Aid, Student Accounts, and the Registrar can be found in Perry Library room 1208.

Monarch Family Weekend

There’s still time to register for Monarch Family Weekend, which will be held September 26 and 27. Join your student on campus for a weekend of quality family time and tons of fun. Whether you spend your time checking out one of the many hidden gems on ODU’s campus, giving back at the Charity Walk/Run or enjoying a family dinner at a local eatery, Monarch Family Weekend is a great way to reconnect with your student and explore their home away from home. A detailed schedule of events is posted on the Monarch Family Weekend website, which is also where you can register to attend any of the great events that will be held throughout the weekend.

Join the Monarch Family Connection, ODU’s parent and family organization. Click here to find out more and to sign up today!

Healthy Habits

It’s easy for students to fall into unhealthy patterns in the fall after a summer at home. Encourage them to stay on track by following these tips:

- Don’t deal with stress by reaching for a snack.
- Try out a free group fitness class at the Student Rec Center.
- Decide on a sleep schedule and stick to it.
- Don’t be afraid to ask for help when you need it.

Numbers to Know

Athletics Ticket Office
ODU sports tickets
757.683.4444

Housing and Residence Life
on-campus housing
757.683.4283

Office of Finance
billing, payments
757.683.3030

Police Department
safety, emergencies
757.683.4000

Student Health Services
flu shots, health exams
757.683.3132

Student Transition and Family Programs
Monarch Family Weekend
757.683.3428

Transportation and Parking Services
parking, shuttle buses
757.683.4004