SAFETY, SECURITY & PARKING

Welcome to Caltech! Campus Security prides itself on providing 24-hour security services to the entire Caltech Community. As you begin your academic endeavors, please take a moment to review the following security information:

Prior to your arrival, you should review the Caltech Security Department website (http://security.caltech.edu/). I also suggest browsing the Caltech Safety website (http://safety.caltech.edu/). Both sites contain valuable information that will assist you both on-campus and off-campus.

Once you arrive on campus, you will attend a mandatory Security and Safety orientation. There you will meet the Campus Security staff and the Caltech Safety staff. Both departments are committed to your security and safety, and both are committed to tirelessly working around-the-clock to provide services to you and all of the Caltech community.

Although Caltech is a safe and scenic location with many buildings and features that bring visitors from all over the world, Caltech is located in a densely populated part of Los Angeles County. That being said, we face the same concerns as many colleges and universities in the Southern California area. As a result, Caltech provides many services and programs to ensure your safety.

One such program is “See Something – Say Something.” We consider you a part of the security team and the security plan too! If you see something suspicious, report it immediately to Security! Caltech Security members will respond immediately to all calls for service and reports of crime, and suspicious activity.

Caltech Security Department members are fully trained and certified security professionals. Each member is trained, certified, and licensed in several disciplines, including:

- First Aid/CPR/AED
- Cultural Diversity
- Patrol Procedures
- Community/Campus Oriented Policing
- Community Emergency Response
- Jeanne Clery Act
- Emergency Medical Response
- FEMA Incident Command Systems

Campus Security members are dedicated to your safety. To that end, we suggest that you consider the following safety tips:

- Never walk alone at night.
- Remove your earbuds and be aware of your surroundings.
- Call Campus Security if you need assistance, at (626) 395 5000 (for emergencies) or (626) 395 4701 (for information and routine service calls)
- Use the Campus Security “Campus Escort” option, if you feel uncomfortable walking alone.
- Twenty-Seven Blue Light security phone are located around the Caltech Campus. Each phone rings directly to the Campus Security dispatch center. Your location will be recorded and a Campus Security Officer will respond to assist you immediately.
- Secure your belongings and store them out of view.
- Let friends or family know your whereabouts when you travel away from campus or to new and unfamiliar locations.
- Preplan and prepare
- Remember, things can be replaced. So never risk your safety for items that can be replaced or purchased.
In the event of a fire or earthquake, Caltech has plans in place to help keep you safe. You will receive information related to both fire alarm activations, evacuation plans, and earthquake response. As you probably know, California is known for its earthquakes. Most earthquakes are relatively small and do not cause any damage. Many earthquakes go unnoticed. If we experience a minor earthquake while on campus, do not become alarmed. Simply move away from unsecured items, large glass pane windows, and other items that may fall or cause damage.

If we experience a major earthquake, the Caltech emergency preparedness plan will go into effect. You should follow the directions of the Resident Associates, Building Coordinators, First Responders, or other safety personnel.

In October, Caltech participates in the Great California Shake Out earthquake drill. Prior to the drill, you will receive information related to earthquakes in California and what to expect when you experience one.

Caltech uses a mass-notification system called Everbridge. This system will notify you via cell phone, text, email, and via landline of all campus emergencies and significant events. Please download the Everbridge App and visit the Everbridge website. Being familiar with this valuable tool will help you in the event of an emergency. Campus Security tests the Everbridge system each quarter to make sure the system works properly and that you can be reached via the various communication modes.

Again, welcome to Caltech. If you see a Campus Security Officer on campus, say hello. We looking forward to meeting you and serving you.

Chief Victor Clay, Caltech Campus Security
Go Beavers!

For additional Information, please visit the following websites:
http://security.caltech.edu/
http://security.caltech.edu/Emergency_Information
http://security.caltech.edu/documents/51-mobile_member_app-sso.pdf
http://security.caltech.edu/Emergency_Information/Emergency_Preparedness

PARKING
All vehicles parked on the campus must be registered with the parking office. A valid parking permit must be displayed at all times while the vehicle is parked on Institute property. Caltech charges a parking fee which may be paid through the student account. For a parking permit application and additional information concerning Campus Parking Regulations, go to http://www.parking.caltech.edu