

# Campus Safety & Awareness

*Georgia Tech Police Crime Prevention Unit*

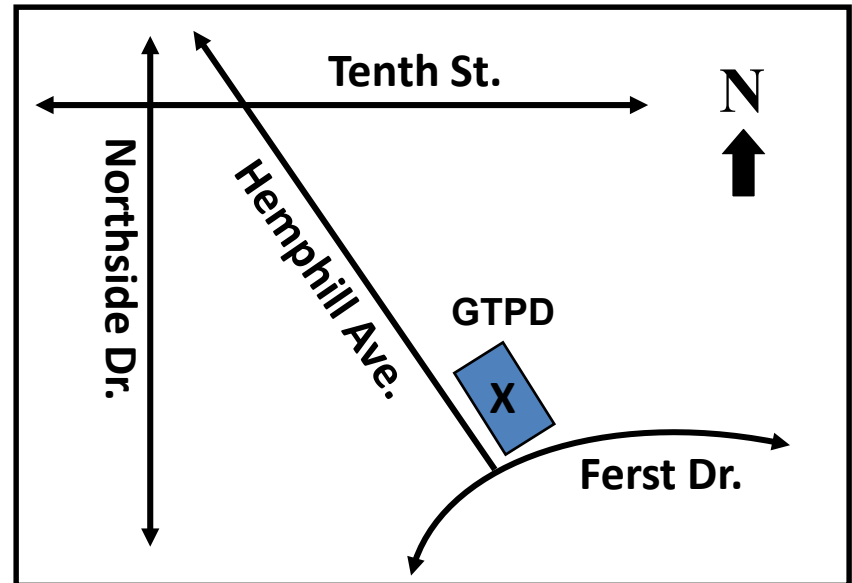


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# Georgia Tech Police Department



**The Department Operates:  
24 hours a day, 365 days a year.**



**879 HEMPHILL AVENUE  
ATLANTA, GA 30332**

# GT Police Department Personnel

- **About 80 State Certified Police Officers**
- **Georgia Tech Police Officers:**
  - Have authority to make arrests for crimes committed on campus, and on any public or private property within 500 yards of campus.



# GTPD Public Safety Services



- Bicycle, Segway, & Motorcycle Units
- Continuous Campus Patrols
- Building Security Patrols
- Fire & Burglar Alarm Response
- Emergency & Hazmat Response
- Lost and Found
- First Aid & CPR Trained
- AED Equipped





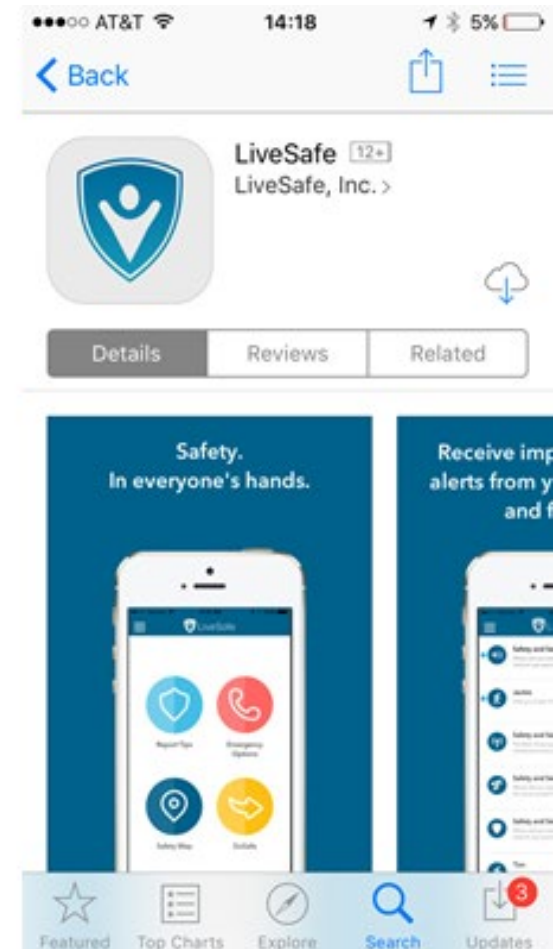
# Important Contact Numbers

## Dialing: **911**

- Connects To City of Atlanta Emergency Services
- Connects To GTPD Dispatch On Campus Landline

## Dialing: **404-894-2500**

- Connects To GTPD Dispatch
- Use When Calling By Mobile Phone On Campus



# Emergency Call Boxes

Know where the emergency telephones  
are located on campus!



# American Police Officers

- Police officers are friendly individuals working to keep the public safe.
- Officers will not harm you or take money from you.
- You should never feel afraid to contact the police in an emergency or if you need help.
- There are many different police departments in the Atlanta area, but all have same goal.



# When to Contact the Police

- If you are the victim of a crime or witness a crime.
- If you are experiencing any medical emergency.

## On Campus vs. Off Campus

- Call the GTPD if you are on campus – **404-894-2500**
- Dial **911** if you are off campus

**There has been a rise in scam attempts where Social Security beneficiaries are being asked to pay to protect, reactive, or to restore their benefits.**

- You may have received a call from someone claiming to be a government employee, stating you have an issue with your social number, account, or benefits.
- Often times the caller will threaten arrest or legal action if you do not agree to pay via cash, pre-paid debit card, gift card, Bitcoin, wire transfer, etc.



## How to tell if its legitimate, or a scam?

- ❖ Here are few things to look out for to protect yourself from being scammed.



# Threatening legal action, or arrest

- If you receive a threatening phone call claiming there is an issue with your social security number, it's a **SCAM**
- The Social Security Administration (SSA) will never threaten you with arrest for not immediately paying a fine or fee.
- If there is a legitimate problem with your social security number, the SSA will mail you a letter notifying you of any issues.

# Requests for payment

- If you do need to submit a payment to the SSA, the agency will mail you a letter with payment options.
- You should never pay a government fee using cash, gift cards, wire transfers, Venmo, etc.
- Scammers prefer this method because it is harder to trace.



## Example:

We have had multiple reports of calls from individuals claiming there is a warrant for their arrest after their social security number was used in a serious crime.

The caller then demanded the victim's bank information, instructing them to purchase \$5,000 worth of gift cards.

# Police Encounters in the United States

## Traffic Stops:

- Safely move to the right side of the roadway and park the vehicle.
- Do not get out of your vehicle. Wait for the officer to approach you.
- Have your identification and driver's license ready for the officer.

# Police Encounters in the United States

## Police Investigations:

- Comply with the police officers commands at all times.
- Never offer a police officer money.
- Know your rights as a foreign national in the US.
- Notify your consulate if accused of a crime or arrested.

# Following the Law

## Traffic & Vehicle Laws:

- You must have a valid driver's license or permit to drive in the US.
- You must wear your seat belt at all times.
- Children must be restrained in approved child restraints or seats.

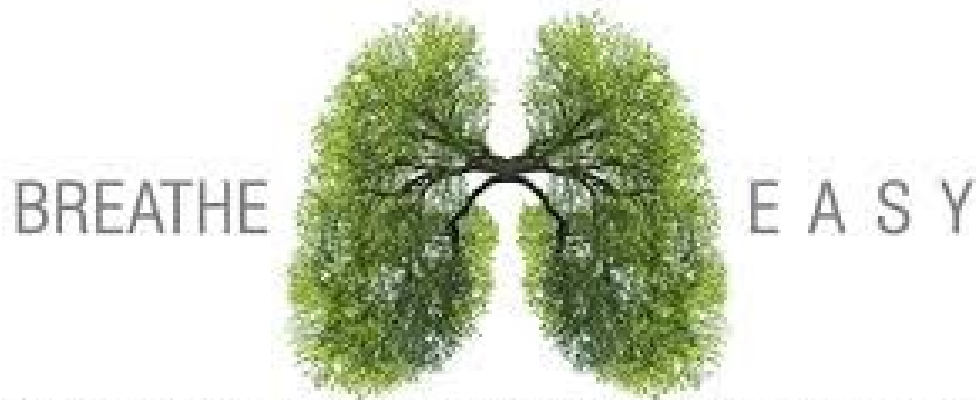
# Following the Law

## Civil Order:

- Persons under the age of 21 cannot consume alcohol.
- It is illegal to touch anyone who does not want to be touched.
- It is illegal to strike/hit another person, including family members and/or spouses.



# Following GT Policy



Georgia Tech is now a tobacco-free and smoke-free campus

The use of all forms of tobacco products on property owned, leased, rented, in the possession of, or in any way used by the USG or its affiliates is expressly prohibited.

“Tobacco Products” is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes and any other smoking devices that use tobacco such as hookahs or simulate the use of tobacco such as electronic cigarettes.

# **International Citizen Rights**

- You are protected under the US Constitution and both State and Federal laws.
- You have a right to consult with your embassy if arrested.
- Officers are not required to inform you of your rights unless you are accused of committing a crime.
- You must respond to all court proceedings and summons.

# Burglary & Theft Prevention



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- The majority of GTPD police reports involve theft or burglary of unattended valuables or property.
- These thefts commonly occur in campus buildings open to the general public such as the Library, Student Center, Clough Commons, & College of Management.
- These types of thefts are also completely avoidable if they opportunity is removed.





# Vehicle Break-ins



# Distracted While Walking

- Individuals who wear headphones while walking are at a greater risk for personal injury or death than those who don't "tune out".
- Headphones and other electronic devices isolate pedestrians from their environment, making them less aware of what's going on around them.
- Also increases your risk of being a target in a robbery.



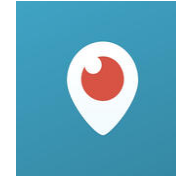
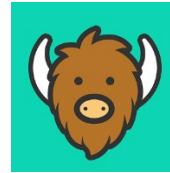
# After Hours Transportation

Parking & Transportation offer after hours transportation for students, faculty, and staff.

- The Stingerette service is available:  
Monday through Sunday, 6 PM to 7 AM
- Parking & Transportation also offers other shuttle services – Call 404-385-7433
- Zip Cars are available for rent on campus –  
Go to: <http://www.zipcar.com/gt/>



# @GATechPD



Monitor social media, create content, engage the community, monitor breaking news/events. Post traffic updates, road closures and emergency situations.



Please contact us with any questions at  
[Crimeprevention@police.gatech.edu](mailto:Crimeprevention@police.gatech.edu) or



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