

BYU Campus Safety



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Campus Safety

At Brigham Young University

Safety on campus is an important part of living, working, and studying at Brigham Young University. Whether a student, faculty member, administrator, or staff member, everyone on campus has a role to play in creating a campus environment of safety, belonging, peace, and respect. A safe campus does not happen by chance, it is the result of preparation, protection, individual situational awareness, and a shared dedication to the well-being of each member of the BYU community. This culture of Christlike covenant trust and care allows learning to flourish and the unique mission of BYU to be fully realized as part of becoming BYU.

This publication provides an overview of the police and security departments, their roles and responsibilities, and the resources available to support safety on campus. It also offers guidance on personal safety, parking and rideables, and safe use of Y trail. Becoming familiar with these resources and practices enables every member of the BYU community to actively support a safe and welcoming campus environment.



BYU Police and BYU Security



The BYU Police Department and the BYU Security Department, each with separate and distinct responsibilities, work together to protect the BYU campus community. The Managing Director for BYU Police and BYU Security oversees both departments and is the head of BYU Security. The Police and Security departments are located at the Jesse Knight Building in 2120. The office can be accessed from the parking lot on the north side of the JKB (Lot 16), and ADA accessible entrances are available from inside the JKB through the east and south entrances. When the building is closed, visitors in need of assistance can enter through the north parking lot doors to access a phone that connects to a dispatcher, who can then connect the visitor with a police officer. Both departments can also be reached by calling the security or police dispatch centers.



BYU Police

As disciples of Christ we protect life and property, perform patrol functions, and handle all law enforcement related duties.

The BYU Police Department, like other Utah police departments, is a state certified public police agency with a patrol division and an investigations division, dispatch center, and EMS services. The BYU Police Department is the law enforcement agency for the BYU campus and has jurisdiction over criminal response and investigations on campus. Law enforcement can also be a cooperative mutual aid effort between agencies such as when multiple agencies respond to larger calls, crime crosses jurisdictions, or specialized services are needed. BYU Police may respond to crimes or other emergency situations occurring in Provo or other areas outside of campus as requested by other law enforcement agencies. Likewise, Provo Police, the Utah County Sheriff’s Office, or other area law enforcement agencies may respond to a request for assistance by the BYU police department.



BYU Police Dispatch

BYU Police Dispatch is staffed with certified emergency dispatchers who receive calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Dispatchers receive calls for service, monitor campus camera systems, supervise Safe Walks, and communicate directly with police officers. All criminal and emergency calls received by BYU Security dispatchers are sent to BYU Police dispatch for police response.

Patrol Division

Uniformed officers patrol campus on foot, on bicycles, and in marked police cars. These officers are highly trained in the specialized areas of patrol and first responder tactics. The Patrol Division operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. By agreement with the Provo Police Department, BYU Police also regularly patrol the public streets immediately adjacent to BYU’s campus. BYU Police also patrol and regularly respond to the Y trail parking lot and trail. The patrol division can be found at the trail both in the parking lot responding with patrol vehicles and responding to emergencies on the trail with off-road equipment.

Investigations Division

BYU Police investigators conduct criminal investigations, provide dignitary protection, and assist with crime prevention and awareness programs. These officers are experienced in specialized areas such as forensic science, managing and processing crime scenes, conducting interviews, criminal investigations management, and dignitary protection. Investigations handled by BYU Police detectives may be sent to the Utah County Attorney's Office or the Provo City Attorney's Office to be screened for criminal charges and prosecution. Victims of crime who would like information on the outcome of a BYU Police investigation should contact the officer in charge of the investigation.

The BYU Police victim advocate is a member of the investigations division. The victim advocate is assigned to work with victims of crime, including domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault, and provide support and assistance through the criminal justice process. Contacting the victim advocate can be the first step in receiving help from resources on and off campus, even without filing a police report. The advocate can coordinate with other areas of campus and outside organizations that offer support services for victims of crime, including the University's sexual assault survivor advocate, Counseling and Psychological Services, On-Campus Housing, Women's Services and Resources, the Title IX Office, and police resources connected to an investigation.

The BYU Police victim advocate also provides support during court proceedings and assistance with protective orders, stalking injunctions, and victim impact statements. When a victim of crime consults with the advocate, the advocate explains the criminal justice process and victim rights, can accompany a victim to court proceedings, law enforcement interviews, and hospital visits, and provide in-person crisis support. Responding and investigative officers provide the contact information for the police victim advocate and other campus resources to individuals who report incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault.

BYU Police Contact Information

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: 801-422-0911

Victim Advocate: 801-669-6557

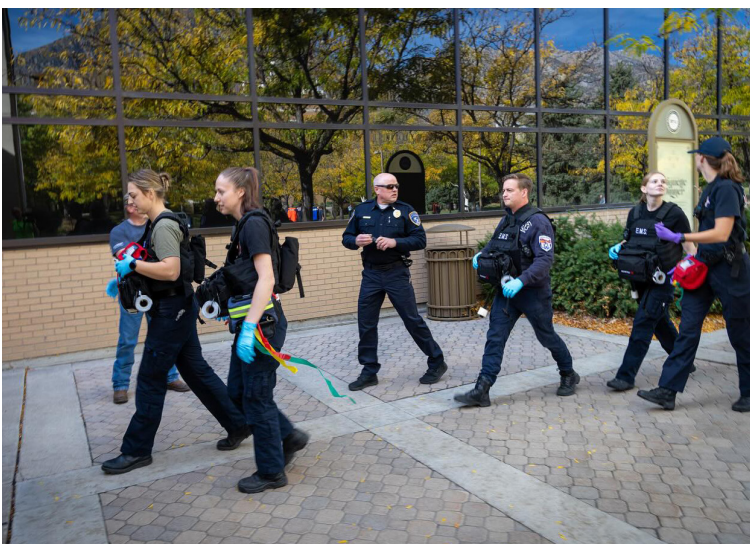
Police Records: policerecords@byu.edu



EMS

BYU Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is located in the Wilkinson Student Center. Like other EMS departments, BYU EMS responds to medical needs on campus and evaluates patients for release or transfer to a medical facility. Unlike other EMS departments, the BYU EMS department is led by a full-time trained firefighter/medic and staffed by volunteer BYU students. These student EMS officers are certified as emergency medical technicians (EMTs), or as advanced emergency medical technicians. After completing a certification program the EMS students are ready to respond to medical calls on campus and assess patients with medical or injury emergencies, recognize the nature and seriousness of the patient's condition or extent of injuries, assess requirements for emergency medical care, provide life-saving interventions to treat problems associated with airway, breathing, and circulation, and administer appropriate emergency medical care based on assessment findings of the patient's condition.

BYU EMS are also trained to respond as support personnel to a mass casualty incident and perform triage care for injured patients. Students participate in mass casualty incident training every year, sometimes alongside BYU Police and other first responders. These trainings provide an opportunity to practice skills learned in the classroom in a simulated real-world environment and are part of BYU's preparation to respond to a similar event on campus. When a medical call is serious, BYU EMS transfers care to Provo Fire paramedics, who often respond along with BYU emergency personnel or other emergency services for patient assessment and transportation. Visit <https://ems.byu.edu/about> to learn more about joining BYU EMS or training to become an EMT or Advanced EMT.





BYU Security

The BYU Security Department is made up of a dispatch center, building security, and parking enforcement. BYU Security is led by full-time security officers and staffed by many part time student security officers. Full time security officers oversee security within campus buildings and at the MTC (building security), manage parking enforcement (parking division), respond to alarms and suspicious circumstances, assist with SafeWalk requests, patrol inside buildings and around campus, and enforce BYU policies on campus. Full time security officers are armed and have either previous or current law enforcement experience. Student security can be found all over campus helping with sporting and other events, working as building security and daily parking enforcement.

Security Dispatch

The BYU Security dispatch center is staffed 24/7 and focused on non-emergency calls. Calls received by security dispatch are routed to security officers, BYU Police dispatch, or to other areas of campus as needed. To reach BYU Security call 801-422-2222. If a security officer becomes aware of a crime or a dangerous situation, the security officer will notify BYU Dispatch immediately, and BYU Police will respond to the reported incident. BYU Security also maintains the university's security system, which includes an integrated electronic card building access system, intrusion detection, and camera security system. This security system encompasses the majority of campus facilities and key outdoor areas and is composed of thousands of alarm points, card access equipped doors, and cameras.

Building Security

Student building security officers and staff security officers monitor security day and night at campus and select buildings affiliated with BYU and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints like the Herold B. Lee Library,

the BYU Museum of Art, the Motion Picture Studio, and the Missionary Training Center. Student security officers respond to building alarms, ensure entrances to buildings are secured, and respond to BYU policy violations like improperly secured rideables. Staff security sergeants may respond to violations of policy which may create safety considerations on campus including non-criminal disruptions or demonstrations.

Parking Security

BYU campus parking lots are patrolled daily by student security officers. Students, staff, faculty, and administrators are able to register their vehicles to park on campus using the BYU app. Only one vehicle per employee or student may be active at one time and allowed to park on campus. Undergraduate students may register their vehicles to park in Y lots, and graduate students may park in G lots. Employee parking permits allow employees to park in A lot areas. Vehicles with active parking permits may not park in visitor lots designated for visitors to campus. Vehicles may be ticketed for permit violations such as parking in a campus lot overnight, parking in a waiting zone, special permit or service stall, a lot that does not match the active permit, or parking in a handicap stall without a proper handicap permit.



Security at BYU Events

BYU Security officers and officers from BYU Police and more than 15 other law enforcement agencies provide event security and law enforcement for events and sports taking place on BYU's campus. Emergencies of any kind at events such as sports and concerts should be reported by dialing 9-1-1. Non-emergency situations at BYU events should be reported to the nearest event staff or security officer, or to BYU Security dispatch (801-422- 2222). Non-emergency criminal activity at events can also be reported to the nearest police officer or to Police dispatch at 801-422-0911. During football games, guests may report security concerns by texting the keyword BYU, followed by their location and issue to (385) 412-8636. Attendees at events such as football games and weekly devotionals pass through a monitored gate screening process before entering the event. University policy prohibits possession of firearms and other weapons—concealed or not concealed, with or without a concealed-weapon permit—on property owned or controlled by the university, including on-campus housing, without specific written permission from the managing director of BYU Police and BYU Security.

Safety Resources on Campus



BYU has multiple resources for campus safety available to everyone in the campus community such as SafeWalk, the See Something, Send Something initiative, women's self-defense classes, training, and Y-Alert.

SafeWalk

SafeWalk is a BYU Police and BYU Security crime prevention program designed to provide peace of mind walking on campus without an officer physically present. The app works by providing monitored walking services from one campus location to another through GPS tracking. Individuals can request SafeWalk services by activating SafeWalk through the BYU app. When the app is opened the user is presented with three options: proceed with the virtual SafeWalk, request a physical SafeWalk, or touch the button for an immediate emergency. When virtual SafeWalk is chosen the user confirms their phone number, then chooses their destination on a map, and the app will text them to let them know their SafeWalk has begun, and they can start moving.

With the feature activated the security dispatcher can monitor the user walking from the start point to the destination. If the user stops or deviates from the predetermined route the security dispatcher will call and text the user. If there is no answer, the dispatcher will notify the police dispatcher, and a police officer will be dispatched to the last known location. In an emergency, users can hit the red button on the screen, and the phone will call Dispatch. When the user safely reaches their destination the user taps "I've Arrived" to end their SafeWalk.

See Something, Send Something

The BYU app has a feature called "See Something, Send Something." This feature allows users to send a report of non-emergency concerns like building or campus safety hazards, suspicious circumstances, parking issues, or maintenance needs. Within the app users can choose to file a report or call BYU Security directly, or in emergency situations choose "immediate emergency" to be connected to dispatch.

Y-Alert

Y-Alert is the official BYU emergency and safety notification system. This system can be used to send important information to students, faculty and staff in an emergency or public safety situation, or to notify campus about crime on campus. Students and employees are required to sign up for Y-Alert emergency notifications, provide contact information, and update emergency contact information each year. The Y-Alert system is activated only in the event of an emergency and for occasional testing to ensure the system is working as intended. Some examples of

when Y-Alert may be activated are timely warnings for criminal situations that pose a threat to campus, a building fire, a flood, or a communicable disease outbreak. Find out more about Y-Alert at <https://emergencymanagement.byu.edu/warnings-and-notifications>.

R.A.D. Classes

R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) is a university course in basic self-defense skills for women, which focuses on awareness, prevention, risk reduction strategies and avoidance in conjunction with carefully selected defensive training tactics. This class teaches women defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assault, by utilizing easy, effective and proven self-defense tactics. The course is taught by certified R.A.D instructors and offered as Student Wellness Course 155—Self Defense (SWELL 155 section 007). Not all of the SWELL 155 sections are RAD classes, so students wishing to receive RAD training must verify the sections offered. For more information about R.A.D. classes visit <https://police.byu.edu/rad>.

Campus Safety Trainings

Online trainings for multiple types of threats and personal safety can be found on the BYU Police website at <https://police.byu.edu/>. BYU Police and BYU Security also offer in person threat assessment training to groups and organizations on campus. The in-person training teaches attendees about three types of threats that could happen on campus (active shooter/aggressor, bleeding control, and fire extinguisher use) and ways to respond in each situation. These training courses are available to everyone on campus, including students, faculty, or departments. To request a training go to <https://security.byu.edu/> and click on “Free Threat Assessment Trainings.” BYU Emergency Management also provides tools and resources to prepare the campus community for emergencies like severe weather, injuries, or active aggressors. Visit the BYU Emergency Management website at <https://emergencymanagement.byu.edu/> for more information.

Personal Safety

Alongside the safety measures provided on campus, individuals play an important role in protecting themselves from crime and accidents. By remaining aware of potential risks and taking proactive steps, each person can enhance their personal safety and the safety of others. The following guidelines highlight practical actions to help reduce vulnerability and promote a safer environment on campus.



Lock windows and doors to reduce the risk of having unwanted visitors.

Be cautious when using social media and dating apps to meet new people and when deciding to meet someone in person you have only connected with online or over the phone. If you are meeting a date for the first time, consider taking a friend with you. Tell your roommates or family members where you are going and with whom you are meeting.

Review information you make available on social media, such as contact information and details about where you have been and where you currently are. Consider whether you would give the information to a stranger, and if not, then reconsider posting the information on social media.

Do not accept a ride from someone you do not know, including a blind date. Consider providing your own transportation to and from dates. Use app safety features when using ride share apps.

Stay near well-lighted paths and walkways at night and let friends or family know where you are going and when you will return.

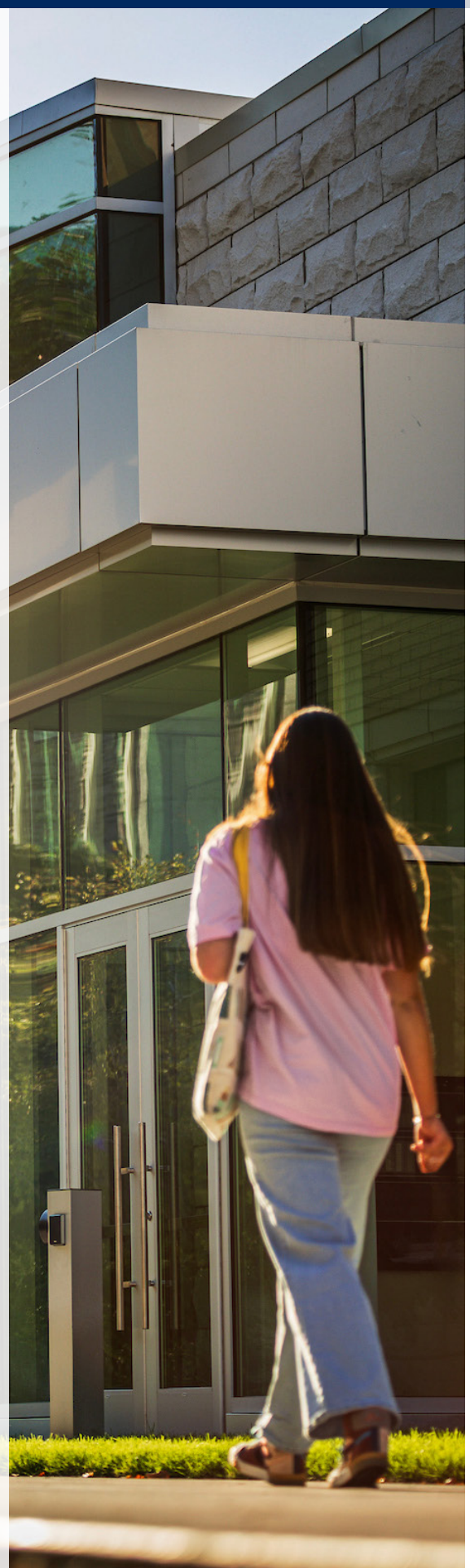
Avoid running alone. Wear reflective gear, lights, and brighter colors to increase visibility in low light conditions.

Carry your cell phone with you and keep it charged.

Save emergency contact numbers into your phone and have the most important emergency contact phone numbers memorized just in case you need to make a call and you do not have your cell phone with you.

If you are dating or getting to know someone, remember that it takes time to build healthy relationships and to truly get to know an individual. Arrange group or double dates to give yourself time to get to know someone well.

Use the University's SafeWalk Program provided by BYU Police and BYU Security any time you are uncomfortable walking alone on campus.



The background of the page is a photograph of a library. In the foreground, a person's arm and hand are visible, resting on a wooden desk. They are looking at a computer monitor which displays some text. Behind the desk, there are tall wooden bookshelves filled with books. The lighting is warm and indoor.

Extortion, and Financial Crimes

Extortion and fraud or financial crimes are often electronic crimes that can target anyone, at any time. Extortion is a person threatening to harm another person such as through physical harm or by revealing information about a victim or threatening to take action against the victim if the victim does not do what the person wants. Here are some ways to watch for and avoid falling victim to these crimes.

Sextortion is a crime of extortion involving sexual acts, videos, or images. State law prohibits sharing intimate pictures without the permission of the people in the pictures or videos. Additionally, threatening to distribute intimate pictures or videos unless the victim pays money or performs a requested action is extortion and prohibited by law. Be cautious about sharing pictures or videos of yourself with anyone, or with someone you do not know. Report to police any threats to distribute or take pictures or videos without your consent, and never share intimate pictures or videos of anyone else without their consent.

Other common electronic crimes include identity theft, fraudulent purchasing and financial transfers. These types of extortion crimes often target students through social media or dating apps. Be careful interacting with someone you don't know, especially when you do not have friends in common. When arranging to make a purchase, choose a public place to meet, and verify the transaction details before providing any money—including a deposit—to the seller. Be cautious of any transaction that seems out of the ordinary, like a seller sending money or asking for help with making a transfer. If an interaction feels threatening, or suspicious, contact BYU Police and your financial institution, and do not provide additional information to the contact. Do not purchase gift cards or transfer money to someone without verifying the recipient and the purchase details. Check the identity of the person requesting the purchase and make sure the request is legitimate before purchasing anything. Watch this video by BYU Information Security on how to recognize and avoid gift card fraud: <https://infosec.byu.edu/gift-card-scam-video-alpha-mp4>.

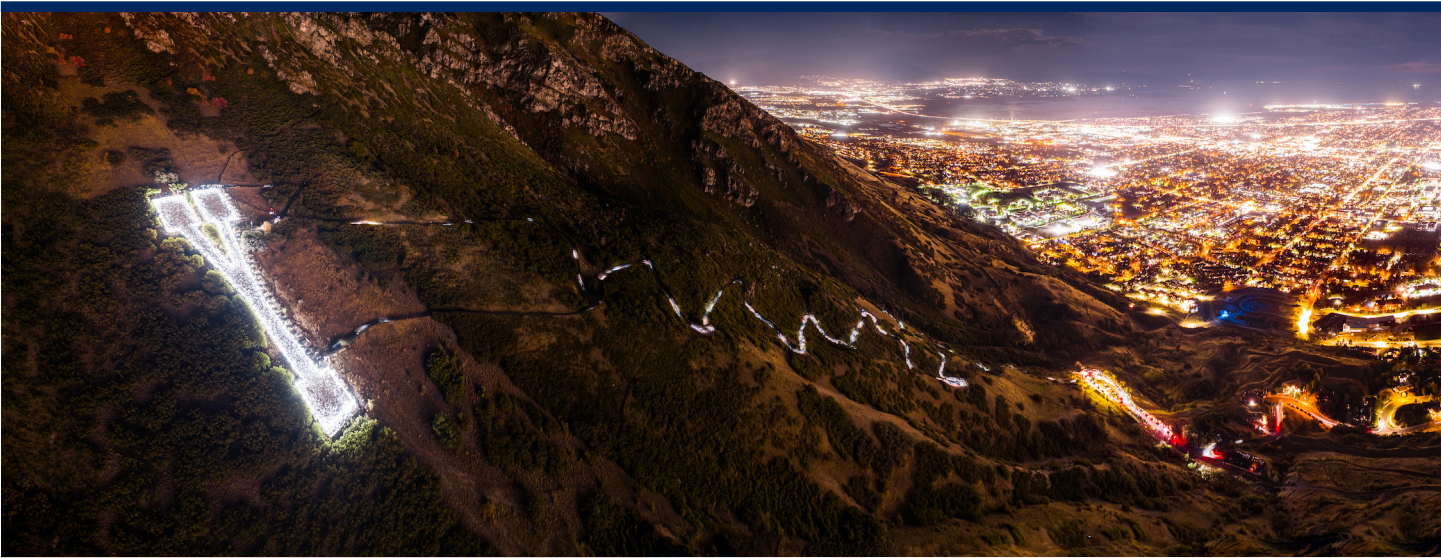
General Safety Tips

Theft is often a crime of opportunity. Taking preventive measures can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim and help ensure the security of personal property. In public spaces, do not leave belongings unattended, and remain aware of surroundings at all times. When walking or running around campus, remove headphones or use hear through or transparency mode to increase situational awareness. At home, keep all doors locked, and close windows securely when the residence is unoccupied or the occupants are sleeping. When parking a vehicle, always lock the doors, close the windows, and remove valuables from sight. As much as possible, place essential items that remain in the vehicle in the trunk to keep them out of sight. A vehicle with no items in sight is less enticing to a potential thief.



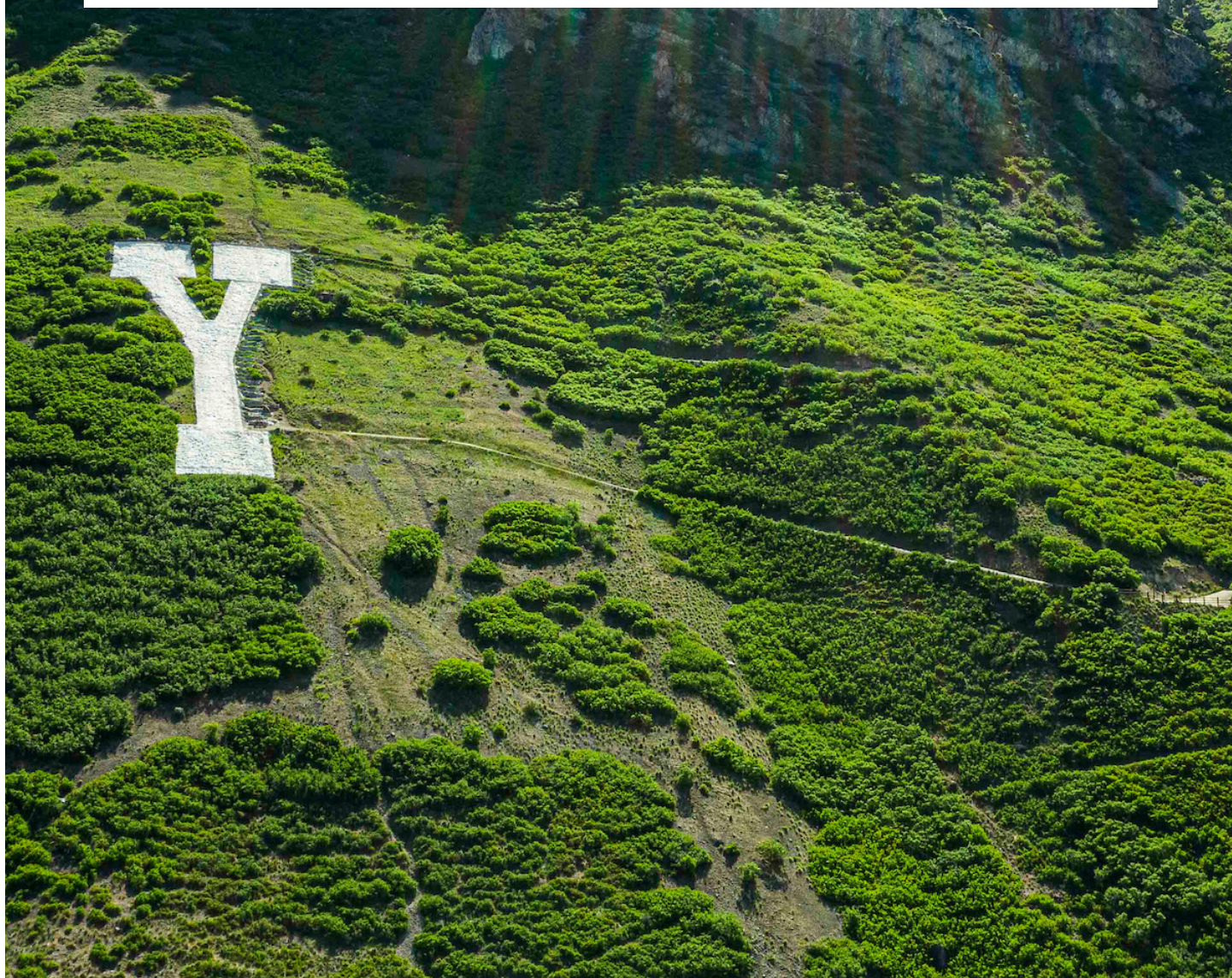
Do not lend your keys, credit cards, or BYU ID card to others. Avoid attaching key chains or labels to your keys that include your name, address, or other identifying information. For valuable property, engrave an identification number—other than your Social Security number—to assist in recovery if lost or stolen. Maintain a detailed record of property, including photographs, descriptions, make, model, and serial number, and store this information in a secure location. Such records can be critical in assisting law enforcement. Finally, remain attentive in shared or public spaces. Do not leave laundry unattended in public laundry facilities, including those located in campus housing. Consistent use of these precautions, combined with awareness and vigilance, help protect not only personal property but also can help to deter crime and increase the safety of our campus community.





Y Trail

The block white Y on the mountain just east of BYU is recognized all over the world as an iconic symbol of the university. Hiking the Y trail up to the Y is a tradition dating back over 100 years to 1906 when the letter Y was first built on the mountainside by students. Today the Y and the trail leading to the Y are enjoyed by BYU fans, students, alumni, and hiking enthusiasts year-round. Thousands of residents and visitors to Provo of all ages hike the Y trail from the parking lot to the top of the Y and beyond. Building on a tradition begun in 1924, the Y is lit up during Homecoming Week, football game nights, and other times during the year by LED lights that line the sides of the letter, making the Y visible for miles. Land adjacent to the Y Trail properties are private property located within Provo City, or public lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The Y and the parking lots and trail to the Y are owned by BYU and are part of BYU property. These areas have BYU policies and local and state laws that visitors need to be aware of and follow when recreating on the property.





Policies

By policy, no alcohol is permitted on any part of BYU campus, including the Y parking lots and trail.

The Y trail restrooms and parking lot are closed from 10:00 P.M. – 4:00 A.M. every day. Pedestrians may access the trail at all hours.

Weapons of any kind, and drug use are prohibited on campus, including at the Y.

Fireworks and fires are prohibited in all areas of the Y trail.

No demonstration activity of any kind is allowed at or on the Y.

Law

No person under the age of 21 is permitted to consume alcohol.

Open containers of alcohol are not allowed within a vehicle, or in the possession of the driver of a vehicle.

The Y trail and parking lots are public areas. Laws for behavior in public are enforced at the Y trail and parking lots.

Safety on the Trail

When hiking, always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

Bring water and snacks and any medication you may need.

Wear shoes that will protect your feet and provide traction on gravel and dirt.

If you see a wild animal, keep your distance and call for help if you feel unsafe. The Y trail area is home to rattlesnakes, cougars (not just the fans) deer, predatory birds, and other wildlife. If you see a rattlesnake, leave the area quickly and do not provoke the snake. Call 9-1-1 immediately for any snakebite, animal bite, or other serious injuries. Cougars usually prefer to avoid areas with lots of human traffic. However, if a cougar is seen on or near the trail area, call 9-1-1 and leave the area.

Rideables on Campus



Using a scooter, bike, or other non-vehicle mode of transportation can ease travel between classes and promote healthy habits. BYU allows bikes and rideables on campus with some rules and guidelines for use. The policy for rideables is posted online at <https://policy.byu.edu/view/traffic-parking-and-rideables-policy>. Additional information about maintenance, safety, routes, and bike registration is available on the BYU Rideables website at <https://rideables.byu.edu/>.

All who use rideables on campus are strongly encouraged to take pictures of their rideable and record the serial number and other product and purchase information. Cyclists can also register their bicycle with BYU Security and local police. Registering a bike means if the bike is missing BYU Police and Security have information important to investigating, recovering, and identifying the missing bike.

Rideables may not be stored or used within buildings and can only be brought into campus buildings if they are completely stowed inside a standard sized backpack size bag. Electric rideables may not be charged on campus except in designated areas of campus housing. Rideables must be parked at an outside rack. Rideables may only be locked to a bike rack and should not be locked to other objects such as railings, signposts, or trees. Improperly parked rideables may be impounded by BYU Security.

Some basic rules for using a rideable on campus are:

Rideables must be operated in a safe and prudent manner, prioritizing pedestrian safety and movement.

Rideables must be operated only on established sidewalks, walking areas, or roads.

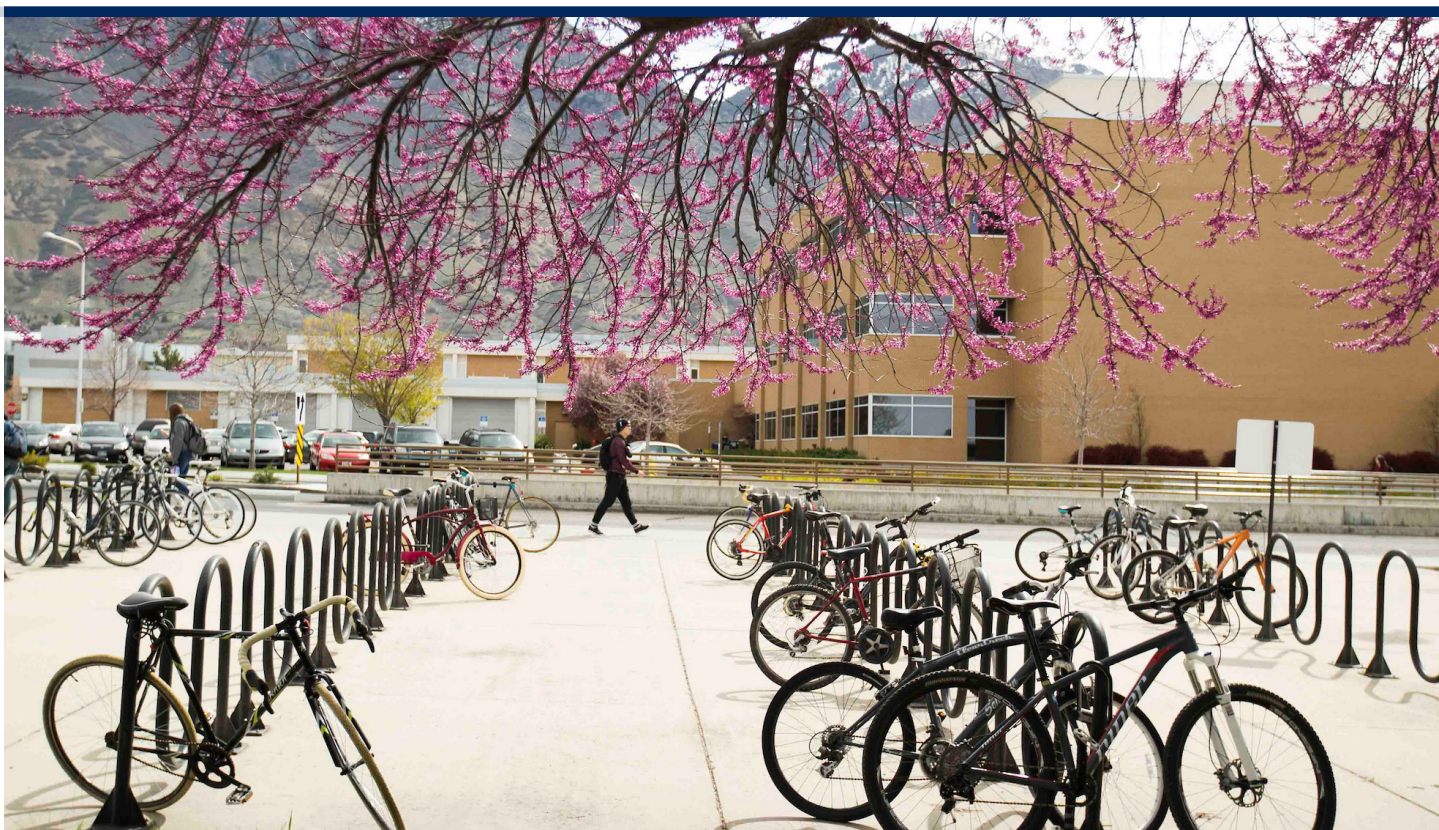
Rideables must not be operated on accessibility ramps.

Rideable operators must maintain a clearance of three feet or more from pedestrians, disability mobility devices, motor vehicles, and other rideables.

Rideables must not be used for stunts, jumps, or tricks, or on railings, stairs, or similar features.

Rideables must travel at speeds no greater than a fast-walking speed (5 mph or less).

Rideable operators must obey pedestrian rules when riding on a sidewalk and must follow motor vehicle rules when riding on a road.



Bike Safety and Injury Prevention

Bikes are a great way to efficiently get to and from and around campus and knowing ways to operate a bike safely is an important part of cycling on campus. Before riding a bike on campus, understand and commit to following the laws and policies for bikes on campus and in Utah. Here are some ways to safely ride around campus.

- Wear a helmet. Wearing a helmet while riding a bike or other rideables can reduce the risk of serious facial injury, traumatic brain injury, or death resulting from a fall, crash, or being struck by a vehicle.
- Obey traffic laws and traffic signals.
- Equip your bike with reflectors and lights.
- Wear reflective gear like a vest and turn on lights when riding in the dark.
- Lock your bicycle with a strong lock system like a U style lock only in approved bicycle racks.
- Register your bicycle with the BYU Security at security.byu.edu/parking-services or with local police.
- Ride aware. Listen for traffic, remove headphones, and monitor surrounding activity. Always yield right of way to pedestrians and alert pedestrians audibly before passing.
- Maintain your bike in good working condition. Regularly check breaks and ensure the bike is safe to ride.
- Reduce speed and increase caution when riding in adverse or wet weather conditions.

Bike Utah has created a guide about bike safety and laws in Utah. Learn about the laws and how to protect yourself and others while riding a bike at <https://www.bikeutah.org>.

Resources

On Campus Resources

[BYU Police](#)
[BYU Security](#)
[BYU Title IX](#)
[BYU Women's Services and Resources](#)
[BYU Counseling and Psychological Services](#)
[BYU Sexual Assault Survivor Advocacy Services](#)
[Housing Safety Guide](#)

Community Domestic Violence Resources

[The Refuge Utah](#)
[Utah Domestic Violence Coalition](#)
[Futures Without Violence](#)
[No More](#)
[One Love](#)

Food Insecurity

[Community Action Services Food Bank](#)
[Food and Care Coalition](#)
[Tabitha's Way Local Food Pantry](#)
[Utah Food Bank](#)
[Utahns Against Hunger](#)
[WIC \(Women, Infants and Children\)](#)

Housing Insecurity

[Habitat for Humanity](#)
[Provo City Housing Authority](#)
[United Way](#)

Parenting and Family

[Baby Your Baby](#)
[The Family Place Utah](#)
[Healthy Relationships Utah](#)
[Utah Department of Health and Human Services](#)
[Family Haven](#)
[Utah Newborn Safe Haven](#)

Prevention

[National Crime Prevention Council](#)
[Poison Control](#)
[Ready Kids](#)
[Utah County Health Department](#)

Mental Health, Drugs, and Alcohol

[211 Utah](#)
[988](#)
[AA \(Alcoholics Anonymous\)](#)
[Angel Watch](#)
[Crisis Text Line](#)
[Grief Share Utah](#)
[Help Me Grow Utah](#)
[Live On Utah](#)
[National Alliance on Mental Illness Utah](#)
[National Maternal Mental Health Hot line](#)
[SafeUT](#)
[See Through the Vape](#)
[Ways to Quit](#)
[Intermountain Healthcare Dayspring](#)
[Mountainlands Community Health Center](#)
[Wasatch Behavioral Health](#)

