Welcome! Safety 101 and Community Fair

Welcome aboard, new undergraduate, graduate and professional students! And welcome back, returning faculty, staff and students!

The start of fall semester is an exciting time of year. To help your semester launch safely and productively, I would like to take a moment to introduce, or remind you of (if you missed me!), my weekly Blue Light Safety Message and the Cornell University Police Department.

Weekly Blue Light Safety Messages and Resources — Every member of our community with an active Cornell email address receives the weekly safety message. It is intended to provide information and resources to help you enhance your safety both on campus and off. I try to keep the messages short and sweet — this welcome message aside — to encourage you to invest in your own safety. In addition to this message, you can also review Campuswatch, our annual security report sharing policies and information related to your safety.

Safety In Your Hands — Everyone should have a personal safety plan. I want to take a moment to remind faculty, staff and students to register for Emergency Notification Messaging and to input who we should contact in case of emergency, as guided here.

Safety in the Streets — Have you noticed any construction on campus? Busy roadways and parking lots? Feeling a little lost sometimes? Don’t feel — this is normal! Even if you are familiar with the campus, be mindful of all that is around you. Cross the streets only in pedestrian walkways, obey street and sidewalk signs and closures, and remember that you are safest when you unplag and pay attention to your path of travel, whether on foot or on wheels. Keep up to date on projects and incidents by checking out Campus Alerts on CLInfo.cornell.edu.

Third Annual BEAR Walk Community Fair — Join CUPD, Vice President for University Relations Joel Malina, Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick and Student Assembly President Jordan Berger on Tuesday, Aug. 30 in the 400 block of College Avenue from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The fair will include FREE ice cream, music, raffles, as well as a range of health and safety tips. Teams of students, Ithaca city officials, law enforcement officers, firefighters and Cornell staff went door-to-door in Collegetown on a BEAR (Being Engaged And Responsible) Walk on Aug. 18, distributing information designed to encourage all residents to be good neighbors. As an extension of that effort, CUPD and the Ithaca Police will once again be out in numbers to patrol the Collegetown and East Hill neighborhoods to provide a safe environment for all community members. BTW, we take noise violations, underage drinking and acts of criminal mischief seriously.

Additional Resources — Cornell is full of resources to help you navigate concerns related to safety, security, health and well-being. Every Blue Light message provides links to Cornell’s Sexual Harassment & Assault (SHARE) resources, Caring Community website, the Silent Witness program, and information about our Blue Light Safety resources (secores, phone, and buses). Cornell Health Services provides on-campus health care and 24/7 phone consultation.

Save it — Please save this message so the list of resources provided above is always at hand, and take a moment each week to read through the latest Blue Light. You can always contact my office with questions or concerns at bluelight@cornell.edu.

Cornell University Police Department — The Cornell University Police Department is charged with providing a safe and secure environment for our students, faculty and staff and visitors. We perform the same duties on campus as a municipal police department, and connect those in need to resources on and off campus. Our highly trained, certified, sworn law enforcement officers and skilled civilian employees make CUPD one of the finest internationally accredited law enforcement agencies in the country. Contact us any time at 607-255-1111 or by using any Blue Light phone.

Kathy Zion, Chief Cornell University Police

Blue Light Phrases connect to Cornell Police 24/7. When using other campus phones, dial 255-1111.

Blue Light Safety with blue lights to alert accompanying emergency vehicles: on campus, Call 607-255-2707 or use a Blue Light phone.

Blue Light Buses provide free TCFTrans service on campus from 6:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. — just show Cornell ID.

Safety

Cornell’s sexual harassment and assault response and education resources

Caring Community

Consolidated and support services available to meet the emotional, physical, social and spiritual needs of the university community.

Silent Witness Program

A confidential, secure way to report non-emergency criminal activity.

Report a Crime