

University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report February 2013

****Tip of the Month****

Security Awareness

Security awareness should be more than a term - it should be a phrase taught to your children and a way of living a safer life.

The most important thing is to be aware of your surroundings no matter where you are, and no matter what you are doing. This immediately puts you in a position of confidence and power, with is often the thing a thief is looking to avoid, thereby making someone else a better target than you.

When entering an unfamiliar place, take a moment to familiarize yourself - take note of any other people in the room, your position relative to other doorways and exits, crowds of people, skirmishes, noises, or things to avoid. This is basically the first step of a security threat assessment in any situation, and while it may seem to be overboard to do it on a personal level, that is precisely what can keep professionals safe when traveling in dangerous areas and isn't a bad habit to get in to.

The key is to be proactive - look first and be aware of what and who is around you before there is a problem.

Identify who may be a threat to your personal security by their actions - they may be obviously drunk, wildly outspoken, or even belligerent or menacing to others. Take initial action by turning your body towards them, which lets you center your attention better by having them closer to the center of your scope of vision and out of the edge of your peripheral vision, and by locating the nearest exit in case a casual few steps towards it are necessary.

The best way to avoid a threat is to not be there at all.

Thefts

02/04 Sylvester Cancer Center

Employee reported several items missing from a 2nd floor operating room. Items included blood pressure cuffs, cables for cardio monitors, syringes and gauges.

02/04 Diabetes Research Institute

Employee in a 6th floor office reported a laptop computer bag missing from their unsecured work station. 02/22 employee reported the bag was returned. (Solved)

02/04 Clinical Research Building

Administrator reported that a visitor left their iPhone in the lobby. The phone was returned to security without the case. Security investigator determined the individual who took the case and it was recovered. (Solved)

02/06 UM Hospital and Clinics

Supervisor reported that a license tag was missing from a UM golf cart left parked at the valet entrance.

02/11 14th Street Garage

A patient left their bicycle locked to a light pole near the shuttle bus stop. When they returned the bicycle was gone. Item valued at \$100.00.

02/12 Sylvester Cancer Center

A visitor reported that while waiting for the shuttle bus they put a backpack down nearby. They turned away momentarily and the item was gone.

02/13 Clinical Research Building

Employee in a 6th floor office placed their purse by their desk and left for a few minutes. When they returned they discovered a wallet missing from the purse. The wallet contained \$15.00 cash, and credit cards.

02/13 Fred Cowell Mall

A visitor reported that their bicycle left locked at the bike rack near the Calder Library was missing. Item valued at \$160.00.

02/13 UM Hospital and Clinics

Employee identified as the perpetrator of cash deposit thefts on 11/08/12 was arrested by Miami Police and charged with grand theft.

02/13 Professional Arts Center

Employee reported that a box containing Plexiglass name signs were missing from a 3rd floor office. The items were valued at \$2,435.00.

02/14 Clinical Research Building

Employee left an iPhone 4 on top of their desk in an unsecured area in a 5th floor clinic. When the employee went to retrieve the phone it was gone.

02/15 UM Hospital

On 01/31 a patient reported \$300.00 cash missing from an 8th floor room. The perpetrator was identified and admitted to taking the cash. The money was returned to the patient. (Solved)

02/16 UM Hospital and Clinics

A patient reported leaving their Samsung cell phone in a 2nd floor. Staff could not locate the phone.

02/18 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Employee reported that an easel displaying a poster was missing from the elevator lobby. Security investigator located the item. (Solved)

02/20 Sylvester Cancer Center

Employee reported that their iPhone charger left plugged in near their unsecured work station was missing.

02/21 Sylvester Cancer Center Surface Parking Lot

Visitor reported that their iPhone 4 was missing from their vehicle when returned by the valet.

02/22 Mailman Center for Child Development

An unauthorized street vendor left their merchandise unattended on the north side of the building. A male riding a bicycle took the items and fled.

02/25 Zanetti Building

JMH employee discovered the rear window broken out of their van left parked in the NE parking lot. A Cannondale bicycle and satellite radio was missing. Items valued at \$230.00.

02/27 Professional Arts Center

Employee in a 7th floor department made personal purchases on University issued credit card. The employee resigned.

02/28 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

A trainee reported leaving a stethoscope unsecured in a 6th floor locker room. When they returned the item was gone. Item valued at \$150.00.

Assault

02/10 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

A male entered the lobby and proceeded to sit in front of the ATM. When questioned by security he started yelling and throwing items at the Security officers. Miami Police responded and arrested the male.

02/06 UM Hospital

Employee on the 10th floor reported that another employee a few days prior confronted them and pressed some plastic strings against their face and neck. There were no reported injuries.

02/08 UM Hospital

An employee accused another employee of grabbing their ID badge and pushing them in the chest during an argument. There were no injuries.

02/13 Innovation Center at FAU, Boca Raton

An employee accused another employee of pushing a chair into them during an argument.

Burglary

None

Vehicle Incidents

02/01 15th Street Garage

Employee travelling down struck a vehicle travelling up on the 3rd level. There was minor damage and no injuries.

02/11 15th Street Garage

Employee backing out of a space on the 7th floor was struck by another employee's vehicle passing by. There was minor damage and no injuries.

02/21 Kendall Professional Village

A visitor backing out of a parking space struck a UM shuttle bus entering the lot causing minor damage.

02/22 UM Hospital and Clinics

Vehicle backing up in the valet lot struck a parked vehicle causing minor damage.

02/25 UM Hospital and Clinics

Visitor reported discovering the driver's side mirror broken on their vehicle left parked in the valet lot. The mirror had been previously broken and glued back into position.

02/26 15th Street Garage

Student travelling down from the 4th level was struck by an employee travelling up the ramp. There was minor damage and no injuries.

02/26 Miami Lakes Surplus Warehouse

Manager discovered damage to the left rear tail light of a UM van left parked in front of the building.

02/27 15th Street Garage

Employee discovered damage to the rear bumper of their vehicle left parked on the 8th level. Security investigator's review of the video revealed the damage was on the vehicle when they entered the garage. (Solved)

02/27 14th Street Garage

Visitor exiting the garage ran into the gate arm dislodging it from the holder.

02/28 14th Street Garage

Visitor waiting on the north side of the building mistakenly hit the accelerator of their vehicle causing it to strike a pole. There was minor damage and no injuries.

Trespassers

02/01 UM Hospital

Visitor in a 6th floor patient room became disruptive and was interfering with treatment. Miami Police responded and the individual was escorted

out of the building.

02/06 **Schroninger Research Quadrangle**

Suspicious male was observed in the area of the water fountain. The male was contacted by security and left the area.

02/07 **UM Hospital**

Security advised of a discharged patient in a Penthouse Floor room refusing to leave. Miami Police responded and the individual left the building.

02/08 **Sylvester Cancer Center**

Miami Police responded to a 911 call and security discovered a male who admitted making the call to obtain a ride to another hospital. The male left the area.

02/14 **Calder Library**

A male was attempting to enter the building at closing time. Security contacted the male and he left the area.

02/26 **Dominion Garage**

Security alerted to a male on the south side of the building yelling at passersby. The male was contacted and left the area without incident.

Escorts

University of Miami Security Officers provided escorts to any place on campus, including Metrorail. We encourage you to use this service when walking alone and particularly after hours. Security Officers will meet you at your work location and escort you safely to your vehicle, Metrorail, or any other building on campus. Call 243-SAFE (7233) to request an escort. You may be able to reduce your waiting time if you call a few minutes before you are ready to leave.

During February, security officers provided 188 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:13 Minutes.

General Information

FREE SECURITY SURVEYS or CRIME PREVENTION SEMINARS

Conducted on an individual or group basis. To make an appointment or to request information, call Lee Michaud, Crime Prevention & Training Manager at 243-5084.

CRIME TIP HOTLINE (243-6280)

Caller can remain anonymous. All information kept confidential. Ask for Craig Hopkins, Investigator at 243-6280.