Security & Access to Baylor Facilities

The Baylor University Police Department (BUPD), Department of Risk Management, and Facilities Management Office are vigilant for safety and security considerations in the category of campus maintenance. Inspections of campus facilities by Facilities Management personnel are made regularly so repairs affecting safety and security can be made. Concerns regarding potential safety or security hazards may be reported to any of these groups:

- Facilities Department (254) 710-1361
- Police Department (254) 710-2222
- Department of Risk Management (254) 710-4586

An electronic security alarm system located at the Police Department's Communication Center monitors a comprehensive network of intrusion detection and duress alarm systems.

At Baylor University campus, administrative buildings are open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and academic buildings generally are open from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Academic buildings are scheduled to be open on weekends only as needed. Access to individual classrooms and laboratories is limited to those enrolled in the courses meeting there. Likewise, access to most programs is limited to those enrolled in the program or otherwise authorized access.

Many cultural and athletic events held in the University facilities are open to the public. Other facilities such as the bookstore, library, and performance center are likewise open to the public. Only those who have demonstrated a need are issued keys to a building.
At the University campus, all residence halls operate under a computerized Access Control and Security Monitoring System. Identification cards are coded so that only students who are residents in a particular hall are authorized electronic access entry to that hall; the system denies entry to all unauthorized persons. When any exterior door is left ajar, an audible alarm is activated. Auxiliary Officers are responsible for checking and securing doors, when needed. When a door is malfunctioning, personnel are summoned for immediate repair.

Remember to lock your doors and windows. All residence hall and apartment exterior doors are equipped with locks and with crash bars to ensure a quick emergency exit.

Only residents and their invited guests are permitted in the living areas of the residence halls. It is the resident’s responsibility to ensure that his/her guest is aware of the University and residence hall policies. Guests are not provided with room keys or door access cards. Guests of the opposite sex must be escorted by a resident of the building at all times. All exterior doors are locked 24 hours a day, with the exception of the main lobby entrance which is staffed. It is the responsibility of residents and staff members to challenge or report individuals who cannot be identified as residents or the guests of residents. When BUPD receive a report of an unescorted person in a residence hall, a police officer is dispatched to identify that person. University Police assigns the largest number of its officers between the hours of 10:30 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. Most of these officers spend much of their time patrolling in and around the residence hall complexes. Safety and Security Education Officers are assigned to patrol the residence hall areas from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. During low-occupancy periods such as holidays and scheduled breaks, students are consolidated into designated buildings and gain access via the University’s electronic access control system. During the summer when groups who are not regularly associated with Baylor University are using the University’s residence halls, exterior doors are locked 24 hours a day with the exception of the main lobby which is manned. Each guest is issued an identification card that allows him or her to gain access to their assigned building via the electronic access control system. Residence Halls are staffed 24 hours per day. University Police personnel also conduct regular checks of all residence hall areas.

Security Considerations for the Maintenance of Campus Facilities

Baylor University is committed to campus safety and security. At the University, locks, landscaping and outdoor lighting are designed for safety and security. Sidewalks and building entrances are illuminated to provide well-traveled, lighted routes from parking areas to buildings and from building to building.
Building Facility Services, in conjunction with representatives from the BUPD, conducts surveys of University property twice each year to evaluate campus lighting. At the University, there are over 920 walkway, parking lot and roadway lights that provide illumination on campus.

We encourage community members to promptly report any security concern, including concerns about locking mechanism, lighting, or landscaping to the Baylor University Police.