



There is no higher priority at the University of Georgia than the safety of our campus community. Over the past eight years, UGA has invested \$23M in campus safety, including \$7.3M in 2024 alone. These investments have supported a 20% increase to the UGA Police Department's budget, allowing the University to recruit and retain outstanding officers. UGA has enhanced campus safety measures, including adding lighting and cameras, and has introduced programs to help students feel safer as they travel across campus.

Supporting Student Safety

- The new [Campus Safety Ambassador program](#) trains individuals to escort students to housing and other on-campus locations in the evenings and nights. Ambassadors are strategically located across campus and can respond to student calls from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.
- The [UGA Ride Smart program](#) gives students a 50% discount on Lyft rides from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- The [UGA Safe app](#) provides:
 - A Mobile BlueLight to call UGA Police and share your location in real time;
 - A Friend Walk feature to share your location with selected friends;
 - A Contact Police feature to immediately text concerns to UGA Police;
 - A link to resources for responding to emergencies on campus.

Enhancing Campus Safety

- Added lighting and converted lights to LED technology to make campus brighter at night.
- Added new emergency call box systems outfitted with lighting, cameras, and phones.
- Installed automated license plate readers to help police investigate crimes.
- New security fencing is being erected, and new signage emphasizes that the entire campus is protected by robust security camera coverage.
- Multiple trainings are offered by the Office of Emergency Preparedness to help faculty, staff and students prepare for emergencies.

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