With the start of the new academic year, there has been an increase of vehicle and pedestrian traffic in and on campus. Because of this we encourage every member of our community to drive safely, giving special attention to the speed limits, seat belt laws and most importantly their surroundings.

Traffic Safety at UTSA

The University of Texas at San Antonio Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE!

One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, Texas 78249
Emergency: 210.458.4911
Non-Emergency: 210.458.4242
Crime Prevention Unit: 210.458.6974
E-mail: crimeprevention@utsa.edu

Report a crime! Want to remain anonymous? Log on to www.utsa.edu/utsapd, “Silent Witness Program”.

Traffic at UTSA’s 1604 Campus

Crime Prevention Unit
Sgt Elizabeth Carter
Officer Maranda Tupper

Emergency: 210-458-4911
Non Emergency: 210-458-4242

Protecting Your Future...Today!
The safety of our students, faculty and staff is important to the UTSA Police Department. Each semester brings an increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic on campus and in the surrounding area. With the increase in traffic the potential for traffic accidents also increases. In the past some of the off campus traffic accidents have resulted in injuries to UTSA students. The University of Texas at San Antonio Police Department wants to ensure the wellbeing of all members of the university community when it comes to traffic safety. Here are a few tips that may reduce the risk of becoming an accident victim and increase your safety:

**Give the Right of Way:** Most traffic accidents on and near campus involve one car failing to yield the right of way to another car by selecting too short a gap in traffic when entering a busy street. Avoid accidents by waiting for a sufficient gap in traffic before entering.

**Unsafe Speeds:** Drivers who follow vehicles too closely cause rear-end collisions. Drivers should maintain a safe and clear distance (two to three car lengths) between their vehicle and the vehicle ahead of them. The speed limit on UTSA campus roads is 20 mph and in the parking lots the speed limit is 10 mph.

**Traffic Control:** UTSA police officers routinely direct traffic on campus streets that become congested as students arrive on or depart campus. Heeding instructions from the uniformed police officers directing traffic helps to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians as well as shorten the time to arrive on or leave campus.

**Cell Phones and Driving:** People who use cell phones while driving have a 34% higher risk of collision than those who do not talk and drive. Pull safely off the road if you need to make a call.

**Share the Road:** Sharing the road with pedestrians and bicyclists require mutual respect and awareness. Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians should obey traffic laws including stopping at stop signs and for pedestrians, crossing at marked crosswalks.

**Wear Your Seat Belt:** Seat belts combined with air bags are an effective means of reducing fatalities and serious injuries in traffic collisions. It’s also the law!!

**Traffic Enforcement:** UTSA police officers will strictly enforce all traffic laws on campus as a way to help reduce the risk of community members being involved in traffic related accidents. In addition, the San Antonio Police Department will be increasing traffic enforcement on UTSA Blvd. and streets bordering the campus. Students, faculty and staff should be aware that SAPD will strictly enforce the speed limit on UTSA Blvd., which is 45 mph.

Operating a motor vehicle on campus and around the surrounding area of UTSA is a unique and challenging experience. Within a condensed area are winding roadways, curbs, sidewalks, pedestrians, and bicycles. Other challenges include parking lots, driveways, crosswalks and construction projects. In addition, there is a growing residential and housing development, Valero Energy’s corporate headquarters and a major freeway are all near campus. All these circumstances together create a condition where drivers need to develop safe driving behaviors. We encourage every member of our community to drive safely, pay special attention to speed limits, seat belt laws and most importantly their surroundings.

References:
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