PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

• Be aware of your surroundings. If you are concerned about your safety, ask a friend to accompany you or talk to a friend on the phone while you walk.

• Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave the area.

• Always carry a cell phone or way to contact someone in case of emergencies. Know whom to call.

• Do not give your name, phone number, address or any other personal information to a solicitor or stranger.

• Avoid dark or dimly lit areas when walking or parking a vehicle at night.

• Keep your doors and windows locked at all times (day or night), even, when you are at home.

• Make sure that you are aware of your environment. It is advisable to familiarize yourself with buildings and landmarks on/off campus.

• Advise the police immediately of any suspicious person or circumstance.

• Keep your friends and family informed about where you are and who you are with.

SHSU University Police Escort Service
936.294.1794

In the interest of safety of the faculty, staff, students and visitors to the campus, we provide an Escort Service. This service is available 24 hours a day to all persons going to on-campus destinations.

ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

SHSU University Police Department
936-294-1794
936-294-1000 (Emergency on-campus)
shsu.edu/dept/public-safety

Student Health Center
936-294-1805
shsu.edu/~uhc_www/

Dean of Student’s Office
936-294-1785
shsu.edu/~slo_www/

Counseling Center
936-294-1720
shsu.edu/dept/counseling

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Initiative (ADAI)
936-294-2228
shsu.edu/dept/adai

OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Huntsville Police Department
936-291-5480
http://huntsvillepolice.com

Walker County Sheriff’s Office
936-435-2400
co.walker.tx.us/department/?fDD=16-0

Walker County Public Safety Communications Center
936-435-8001

Counseling Center
936-294-1720
shsu.edu/dept/counseling

SAAFE House- Huntsville
936-291-3369/ 936-327-2513 (24hr Crisis Line)
936-291-3529 (Office)
saafehouse.org
SEXUAL ASSAULT/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TIPS

• Report incidents of dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual violence to the police as soon as possible.
• It can happen to anyone, regardless of age, race or gender.
• If you become a victim, it is not your fault.
• Practice responsible drinking so you don’t have to rely on others to take care of you.
• Never leave an establishment or party with anyone you do not know. If you do meet someone or go out with someone, get their first and last name, and be able to identify them.
• Take precautions at night. Walk with a friend, and/or utilize the campus escort program.
• If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual or domestic violence, safety and medical assistance are top priority.
• Dating violence includes one or more of the following forms of abuse: physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional/verbal abuse.
• Domestic Violence situations have a tendency to escalate over time- Do Not ignore or overlook it the first time it occurs.

What should I do if I am sexually assaulted?

• Seek medical attention.
• Report the incident to the police. An anonymous “John/Jane Doe” report may be filed.
• Preserve evidence if possible; i.e., do not change clothes, shower, comb hair, brush teeth, etc.
• Contact crisis and counseling services either on or off campus. (see back for contact information)

ALCOHOL AWARENESS

• Set a limit on how much you will drink before you start.
• Never leave your drink unattended or accept drinks from others.
• Designate a driver, carpool, use a safe driver program, or call a taxi.
• Don’t go out alone. Go with a group you know well, and watch out for each other.
• Eat a good meal before drinking.
• Spread your drinks out by drinking water or other non-alcoholic beverages.

Signs of Alcohol Poisoning:

Call 911 if you see any of these signs.
• Fevers or chills.
• Difficulty standing or walking.
• Unconsciousness or semi-consciousness.
• Poor awareness of surroundings.
• Vomiting while unconscious or semi-conscious.
• Difficulty breathing.

Will I get in trouble for calling the police to request help if I am intoxicated?

No, a minor who contacts medical services or the police to request medical services for an intoxicated individual is exempt from legal prosecution. The individual must be the first person to call and must cooperate and remain on scene until medical assistance arrives. (Reference: TABC: Ch. 106.04(e))