



NEWS FROM HQ

BELMONT UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF CAMPUS SECURITY CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

Knowing who to call when in a crisis can reduce response time and save lives.

WHAT IS A CRISIS SITUATION?

Any time you believe your safety or someone else's safety is in eminent danger, you are in a crisis situation. It does not matter whether that threat is real or imagined. If you believe it to be real, it needs to be treated as such.

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF CRISIS SITUATIONS?

It may be difficult to determine whether or not you are in a situation requiring security or police response. Trust your instincts. If something does not "feel" right, it probably is not.

- I am walking back to my on-campus residence from the library. I notice a man looking at me or who seems to be following me. I do not recognize him and I start feeling apprehensive.
*This man may be harmless or he may be a possible criminal.
Trust your instincts and call campus security. Do not approach him yourself and do not assume it is nothing to worry about.*
- I receive a text message from a friend informing me that there is a gunman on campus. I have not seen or heard anything myself, but this message frightens me.
Text messaging is somewhat like the child's game "telephone." Information can be greatly skewed and facts lost. If you receive a frightening text message, call campus security. If there is truth to the text, officers will guide you on how to protect yourself. If the information is false, officers will reassure you of your safety. If officers have not heard about a possible gunman on campus, they can investigate.

WHAT DO I DO IF I AM IN A CRISIS SITUATION?

Oftentimes, if we find ourselves in a crisis situation, we want to call a loved one such as a parent, boyfriend/girlfriend, spouse, or friend. However, that person cannot help you if a real crisis exists. First, call campus security or metro police. Once the appropriate emergency personnel have been contacted, then you may call a loved one.

Every Security Officer is trained to respond to any emergency situation, whether medical, criminal, or natural. Should an emergency arise on campus, we ask that you call Belmont Security immediately. Once an emergency call is received by our office, we call metro emergency or non-emergency, depending on the need. At least one officer reports to the scene to offer aid and/or assistance until the appropriate emergency vehicle (police, ambulance, fire) arrive. Another officer reports to a predetermined location to meet the emergency vehicle and to escort them to the location of the incident. When metro receives a call for service, they may not know where to find the specific location on campus. Our procedures help to expedite services.

*These procedures **DO NOT** prohibit others from calling metro if they choose. We simply ask that you also give us a call.*

Belmont Non-Emergency 615/460-6617
Belmont Emergency 615/460-6911

Metro Non-Emergency 615/862-8600
Metro Emergency 911



October Events:

Women's Self Defense Course:
R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense Systems)

Mondays:
November 16, 23, 30
6:00pm – 9:00pm

Security Operations Center
1909 12th Ave. South

Cost:
\$10.00 Belmont affiliated
\$20.00 non-Belmont affiliated

Email Renee Ruthven at
crimeprevention@belmont.edu
for more information or to register.

****Participants must be available to attend
all three Mondays.***

Important Numbers

Campus Security
Non-Emergency 615/460-6617
Emergency 615/460-6911

Crime Prevention Unit
crimeprevention@mail.belmont.edu

Metro Police
Non-Emergency 615/862-8600
Metro Emergency 911

Crime Prevention Begins with You

Locks are only effective
when they are used.

Things left in public places or in plain view
are likely to be stolen.

Rooms and offices left
unlocked and unattended
are an invitation to theft.

Vehicles left unlocked or
with windows cracked or
open are a likely target for
break-in.