VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SAFETY

As one of Tennessee’s larger law enforcement agencies, Vanderbilt University Public Safety (VUPS) provides comprehensive law enforcement and security services to all components of Vanderbilt University, including the academic campus, and a variety of University-owned facilities throughout Davidson County, VUMC, and Vanderbilt Health at One Hundred Oaks. All of Vanderbilt’s commissioned law enforcement officers have completed training at a state-certified police academy. Vanderbilt University Public Safety officers have the same authority as municipal law enforcement officers while on property owned by Vanderbilt, on adjacent public streets and sidewalks, and in surrounding neighborhoods.

Vanderbilt University Police and Community Service Officers are first responders to any non-medical emergency, act of violence, or criminal act that occurs within and around VUMC. Direct radio and phone communications with local police and emergency medical personnel ensure that officers can initiate and direct additional emergency responders to the area if necessary. In an emergency, dialing 911 from any Vanderbilt telephone or (615) 421-1911 from a cell phone will contact the Vanderbilt University Public Safety dispatch center. A trained dispatcher will then direct the appropriate response to the emergency. For non-emergency calls to Vanderbilt University Public Safety, call 2-2745 from any Vanderbilt phone or (615) 322-2745 from other phones. For more information about the department, programs and services go to https://publicsafety.vanderbilt.edu.

Safe Walk/Safe Ride Services
VUPS provides walking escorts to faculty, students, staff, and guests walking to and from any location on campus. Call (615) 421-8888 (1-8888) from campus phones) for a safe walk. VandyRide shuttle-bus services are also available. For more information on VandyRide services go to https://www.vanderbilt.edu/traffic_parking/alternative-transportation.php.