

## WHEN TO USE AN EMERGENCY BLUE LIGHT PHONE

Don't hesitate to activate the blue light phone under the following circumstances:

- ◆ Fire emergencies
- ◆ Crimes in progress
- ◆ Medical emergencies
- ◆ Accidents
- ◆ Reporting suspicious behavior or activity

## Safety While Walking on Campus

1. Be alert and aware at all times of your surroundings and the people nearby.
2. Walk with confidence and at a steady pace, don't appear as if you're lost or confused about your surroundings.
3. If you're carrying a purse or bag, your personal safety outweighs fighting over it. If someone grabs your purse and takes off with it, LET THEM.
4. Avoid isolated or poorly-lit places, unpopulated areas, alleys, vacant lots or buildings.
5. If possible, always travel with a friend or call UCI Police Safety Escorts (949) 824-SAFE.
6. Walk close to the curb, avoid bushes and alleys where someone could hide.

## Don't Walk Alone at Night.



Call UCI Police Safety Escorts for a free safety escort to your destination!

(949) UCI-SAFE (824-7233)

**24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week**

## Report Crime or Suspicious Behavior!

- ⇒ UCI Police Department 24 hour business line: **(949) 824-5223**
- ⇒ When you report the facts of a crime, you're informing the police of problem areas and they'll assign more officers to focus on that particular area.
- ⇒ Be sure to tell law enforcement as much as you can, no fact is too trivial. Often times, these details lead law enforcement to the arrest of the perpetrator!

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# Blue Light Emergency Phones

*When and How to Use Them*



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## What are Emergency Blue Light Phones?

With a simple push of a button, the campus blue light emergency phones provide a 24-hour direct communication to the UC Irvine Police Department and can be used to report crime, fire, or medical emergencies. These lights provide peace of mind for students, faculty, staff, and visitors on campus.

Standing over 9 feet tall with a constantly lit LED blue light mounted on top of the tower, they are easily identifiable around campus, housing communities, and parking structures.

### Why can't I just use a cell phone to call for help?



- ▶ You can, but a cell phone may run out of charge, get left in dorm rooms, and aren't always able to receive a signal.
- ▶ Dispatchers can't always pinpoint the location of someone calling from a mobile phone.
- ▶ Calling 911 from a cell phone sometimes connects to the local city police, not UC Irvine police.
- ▶ During an emergency, stress may inhibit someone from dialing a 3 digit number. Being able to push one button is significantly simpler.

## How to use the Blue Light Phones

- 1 Push the button and you'll be immediately connected to a UC Irvine Police dispatcher.
- 2 Be prepared to answer questions concerning the nature of your call.
- 3 The police will be immediately dispatched to your location.
- 4 Keep talking. The dispatcher won't hang up on you.



### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Upon activating the blue light, it notifies the UCI Police dispatcher which blue light phone has been triggered.
- The blue strobe light begins flashing providing visibility for the responding officer.
- The box is both the speaker and receiver.
- The receiver can pick up sounds within a 15 foot radius.
- There is no hang up button on your side.
- There is no cost for the call.

## Where are they located?



There are more than 185 blue lights located throughout UC Irvine's campus. They can be found on the campus map with a diamond shaped symbol (circled in red above).

### Two Types of Blue Light Phones on Campus!

