



Georgia  
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Department

# CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT



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## Campus Overview

The Georgia Institute of Technology is one of the nation's top research universities, distinguished by its commitment to improving the human condition through advanced science and technology. Georgia Tech's campus occupies 400 acres in the heart of the city of Atlanta, where more than 20,000 undergraduate and graduate students receive a focused, technologically based education.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the Institute offers many nationally recognized, top-ranked programs. Undergraduate and graduate degrees are offered in the Colleges of Architecture, Computing, Engineering, Management, Sciences, and the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. Georgia Tech is consistently ranked in *U.S. News & World Report's* top ten public universities in the United States.

Georgia Tech is an open campus; access to the campus is not controlled. Except for residence halls, which are locked twenty-four hours a day, and some research areas, Institute facilities are open to the public during regular business hours. At other times, facilities are locked and only persons authorized by Space Planning, Facilities, or the individual departments within the building may have access to the facility.

Georgia Tech Facilities maintains Institute buildings and grounds with a concern for safety and security. Its staff regularly inspects the campus, evaluates lighting, and makes repairs affecting safety and security hazards. The Georgia Tech Police Department and other departments assist Facilities by reporting potential safety and security hazards.

No campus is isolated from crime; therefore, Georgia Tech has taken responsibility to employ security measures to protect the campus community. All persons who come to campus are expected to obey all laws and Institute and department rules related to the use of each facility. Those who fail to comply are subject to arrest and/or disciplinary action through the Institute.

The Georgia Institute of Technology is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all faculty, staff, students, and visitors.





## Campus Law Enforcement

### Campus Law Enforcement Responsibilities

Primarily responsible for protecting the life and property of people on the Georgia Tech campus, officers patrol the campus on a twenty-four-hour basis and provide a full range of public safety services including:

- Investigating criminal incidents and traffic accidents
- Providing first response to emergencies
- Enforcing laws and Institute regulations
- Reporting crimes and traffic accidents
- Conducting crime awareness and prevention programs

When a criminal act is reported, the department will investigate the incident and make every reasonable effort to identify the offender(s). Depending upon the wishes of the victim, nature of the offense, and



the evidence gathered, the case could be presented for prosecution in the criminal courts of Georgia.

If a member of the Georgia Tech community is identified as an offender in an incident, the Georgia Tech Police Department also will notify the appropriate Institute administrator so that administrative disciplinary action may be taken.

### Campus Law Enforcement Training

Officers are professionally trained and certified in accordance with the Georgia Peace Officer's Standards and Training Council and attend continuing, in-service training programs to further develop their skills.

### Authority

State laws (O.C.G.A. 20-3-72) give Georgia Tech officers the authority to make arrests for crimes committed upon any property under the jurisdiction of the Board of



Regents of the University System of Georgia and for offenses committed upon any public or private property within 500 yards of any property under the jurisdiction of the Board.

Additionally, the department works closely with city, county, and state law enforcement agencies throughout Georgia. A memorandum of understanding between the Georgia Tech Police Department and local law enforcement agencies is in place in order to effectively collaborate on the investigation of criminal offenses.

## LOCATION

The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) is located at 879 Hemphill Avenue and is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, including weekends, holidays, and semester breaks.



## Procedures for Reporting Crimes and Other Emergencies

### Accurate and Prompt Reporting: General Procedures

Like any other large community, Georgia Tech experiences accidents, injuries, crimes, and other emergencies. To report such incidents, potential criminal actions, or suspicious persons, please call 911 from a campus phone or notify GTPD at 404.894.2500 or 404.894.GTPD. An officer will be dispatched to the scene and, if necessary, additional emergency assistance will be summoned.

**Note:** Confidentiality is limited to only that provided by law.

### Missing Student Policy Statement

If there is reason to believe that a student living in on-campus housing has been missing for twenty-four hours or more, the person who realizes that the student is missing must contact one of the following: the Georgia Tech Police Department, the Housing Office, and/or the Office of the Dean of Students. Any campus official who is aware that a student living on campus has been, or may have been, missing for twenty-four hours or more must immediately notify the GTPD in person or by phone at 404.894.2500 or 404.894.GTPD.

Upon notification that a student is or may be missing, the GTPD will investigate to determine whether the student is missing. If it is determined that a student is missing, the GTPD will notify the appropriate campus administrators (Dean of Students, Director of Housing, etc.) and the appropriate law enforcement agency within twenty-four hours after the investigation.

Students living in on-campus housing are encouraged to identify a confidential contact person or persons who will be notified by the Institute or by the Office of the Dean of Students within twenty-four hours if the student is determined to be missing. If the student is under the age of eighteen, and not emancipated, the Office of the Dean of Students will notify the student's custodial parent or legal guardian and the confidential contact person within twenty-four hours after the student is determined to be missing. A student who wishes to identify

a confidential contact can do so through OSCAR under the "Personal Information" menu. A student may view and update the "Housing Missing Person Contact" at any time.

All contact information collected for the purpose of locating missing students shall remain confidential, will be used only for the purpose specified herein, and will not be disclosed outside of the realm of a missing student investigation.

### Reporting by Pastoral and Professional Counselors

Any incidents that may have been reported only to pastoral and professional counselors of the Institute are generally protected by privacy rights of the client or patient and are not included in any of the following statistics.

### How to Report a Crime

To report a crime in progress, please call 911 from a campus phone. To report non-emergency-related crimes, please call 404.894.2500 or 404.894.GTPD from an on- or off-campus phone or cell phone. Dispatchers are available at these respective telephone numbers twenty-four hours a day. All GTPD reports are forwarded to the Office of the Dean of Students for review and for potential action by the Office of Student Integrity. GTPD investigators will examine a report when it is deemed appropriate. Additional information obtained via the investigation will also be forwarded to the Office of Student Integrity.

### Timely Warnings

In the event that a situation arises that, in the judgment of campus officials, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) will issue a "timely warning" to the campus. GTPD also shares warnings from local police departments if the campus area may be impacted. Such reporting is in compliance with the Clery Act, a federal statute enacted to keep students, faculty, and staff informed of criminal activity on or near campus.

GTPD will work with Georgia Tech Communications and Marketing to distribute campuswide e-mails and post warnings online. Crime summaries are available at [www.police.gatech.edu](http://www.police.gatech.edu).

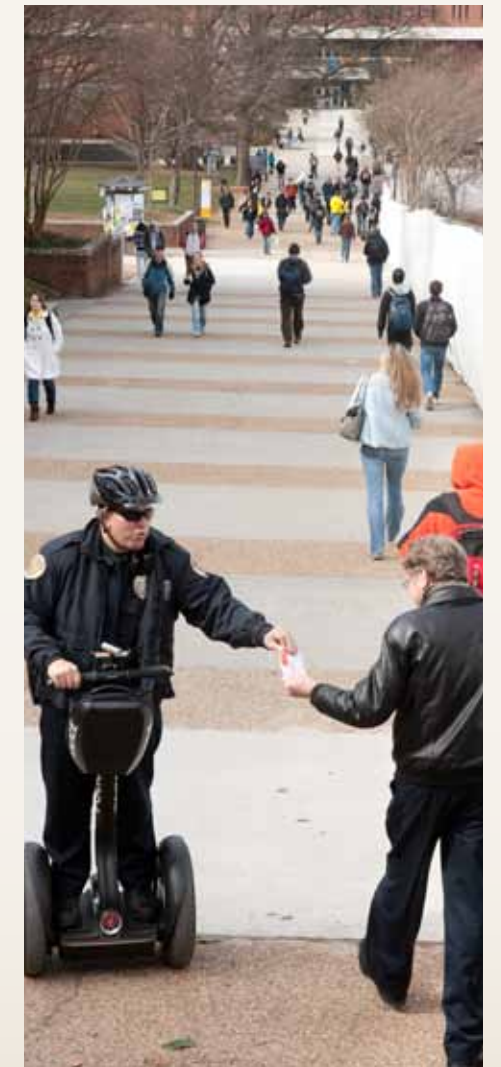
Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Georgia Tech Police Department by

phone—404.894.2500, 404.894.GTPD, or 911 from a campus phone—or in person at the department office at 879 Hemphill Ave.

### Preparing the Annual Security Report Crime Statistics

Major crimes reported to the Georgia Tech Police Department for January through December of the most recent three-year period are listed in the chart on page 15. Georgia Tech Police Incident Reports are subject to Georgia's Uniform Crime Reporting Program and the Georgia Open Records Act. Confidentiality is limited to only that provided by law.

Disciplinary referrals for violations of the Student Code of Conduct, which may include some criminal offenses specified for this report, are sometimes made directly to the Office of the Dean of Students by individuals or campus organizations other than the Georgia Tech Police. The statistics for Campus Security Authorities come from the Office of the Dean of Students.



## Sexual Offenses

### What to do

No matter how careful you are, you or someone you know may experience an unwanted sexual encounter. If this does occur, there are professionally trained individuals at Georgia Tech who can assist you. We recommend the following procedures:

### Seek Medical Attention

If an assault has just occurred, getting medical attention within the first seventy-two hours is important for medical reasons as well as to collect evidence. Local rape crisis centers are available for medical and counseling assistance twenty-four hours a day. Call 404.616.4861 to contact Grady's Rape Crisis Center directly. Georgia Tech's Women's Clinic and Health Services are available during office hours for assistance and follow-up care. Georgia Tech Police will make arrangements for medical attention. You may request that a friend or family member accompany you. Additionally, a staff member of the Office of the Dean of Students or an advocate from the Women's Resource Center can be contacted to accompany you to the hospital or to talk to you about available resources.

Although your first instinct after a sexual assault is to bathe, it is very important that you do not bathe, wash, gargle, brush your hair, or change your clothes. Important evidence could be destroyed if you do so. If you do bathe, it is still important to seek medical care. If possible, bring your changed clothes in a brown paper bag for evidence collection.



### Reporting Options:

- A victim may meet with a staff member of the Women's Resource Center, which is a unit of the Office of the Dean of Students, to discuss support services and reporting options. At this time, the victim may prepare a statement regarding the assault.
- If the accused person is a student, the victim may file a report with the Office of Student Integrity for investigation.
- If the accused person is a faculty or staff member, the victim may file a report with the Office of Human Resources for investigation.

AND/OR

- The victim may file a report with Georgia Tech Police or local police for a criminal investigation. Reports to GTPD will be shared with the Office of Student Integrity and will be investigated for campus violations. The Women's Resource Center can provide an advocate to assist with reporting to campus or local police.

OR

- The victim may file a confidential report with the Office of the Dean of Students, Department of Health Promotion, Department of Housing professional staff, or the Women's Resource Center.
- Victims may choose a confidential reporting option where general information is collected for campus statistics but the case is not investigated.
- If information is provided that would identify the accused person, federal law requires the Institute to investigate the case. Examples of identifying information include but are not limited to: name, e-mail address, apartment or room number, job title (e.g., TA for a particular class, etc.), and/or specific description.

- The victim may file no report and still receive support services.

The complaint should be submitted as soon as possible after the misconduct or harassment has occurred. However, the Office of Student Integrity will review the allegation past the deadline stated in the Student Code of Conduct to determine if an investigation is feasible at the time of the report.

### Consider Counseling

The Georgia Tech Counseling Center is committed to assisting students who have been sexually assaulted. The confidential services at the Counseling Center are free for enrolled students, and same-day appointments are available in emergency situations. To make an appointment at the Counseling Center, call 404.894.2575.

A twenty-four-hour emergency consultation service is also available from the Counseling Center. You may contact an on-call counselor through the Georgia Tech Police Department at 404.894.2500. You do not have to file a police report for counseling assistance. Aftercare in the form of counseling, advocacy, and follow-up is also available from local rape crisis centers.

### Advocate Services

In addition to assistance from the Georgia Tech Police, Grady's Rape Crisis Center, and the Georgia Tech Counseling Center, a staff member from the Women's Resource Center can serve as your advocate. An advocate can assist victims (male or female) in identifying resources to cope with the aftermath of sexual violence. These resources include counseling services, medical attention, concerns with housing, safety, or academic performance, etc. To contact the Women's Resource Center directly, call 404.385.0230.

## Sexual Misconduct Disciplinary Procedures

Potential violations or individuals reported to GTPD will be investigated by the Office of Student Integrity per the procedures found in the Student Code of Conduct. All rights of the victim/complainant and accused will be observed. Possible sanctions, as listed in the Student Code of Conduct, are as follows:

- Disciplinary Warning
- Disciplinary Probation
- Suspension Held in Abeyance
- Suspension
- Expulsion

### Victim's Bill of Rights

The federal 1992 Victim's Bill of Rights assures victims of the following rights: (Adapted from Statute Text-20 USC § 1092 (f)(8))

- To have any and all sexual assaults committed against them treated with seriousness, dignity, and respect.
- To receive information outlining the campus procedures to follow once a sexual offense has occurred.
- To receive information about options to report a sexual assault (i.e., campus and/or local police, the Office of Student Integrity, and the confidential reporting form) and assistance from trained advocates if requested.
- To have all the rights the accused has in the student conduct process, with the exception of the right to appeal. Rights include being informed of the date and location of a conduct hearing, having an advisor present during meetings and hearings, and being informed of the outcome of any campus conduct proceeding alleging a sexual misconduct or harassment. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim and notified of the process, procedures, and outcome of any disciplinary proceedings.
- To be notified of options and assistance in changing academic and living situations if requested and the changes are available. The Office of the Dean of Students, Office of Student Integrity, and in particular the Women's Resource Center will work with students requesting these services.

- To receive support services (i.e., campus counseling and medical assistance) without being required to pursue legal or judicial cases.

### Rights of the Accused

Throughout the conduct process, the accused is granted the following rights:

- To seek information from a student conduct administrator about the investigation and resolution process.
- To be informed of the charge(s) and alleged misconduct upon which the charge is based.
- To be informed of the information upon which a charge is based and afforded an opportunity to offer a relevant response.
- To be accompanied by an advisor of his or her choice.
- To be informed of the outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceedings.
- To remain silent with no inference of responsibility drawn.
- To call and question relevant witnesses.
- To present information in his/her behalf.
- To be considered not responsible until proven responsible by a preponderance of the evidence.
- To appeal the decision.
- To waive any of the above rights.

For additional information, please refer to the Institute Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Harassment, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence policy at [www.osi.gatech.edu/plugins/content/index.php?id=41](http://www.osi.gatech.edu/plugins/content/index.php?id=41).

## Sexual Misconduct Education Programs

### Educational Programs

The Institute's Sexual Violence Task Force is a committee composed of students, faculty, and staff committed to educating and preventing sexual assault on the Georgia Tech campus. In addition, the Women's Resource Center and the Department of Health Promotion provide frequent campus programs promoting awareness and prevention of rape, acquaintance rape, and other sexual offenses. For more information about these programs, visit [www.womenscenter.gatech.edu](http://www.womenscenter.gatech.edu) and click "Sexual Assault Info" or visit [www.voice.gatech.edu](http://www.voice.gatech.edu).

## Registered Sex Offender Information

### Federal Sex Crimes Prevention Act

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, (section 1601 of Public Law 106-386) enacted on October 28, 2000, went into effect October 28, 2002. It is a law that provides for the tracking of convicted, registered sex offenders enrolled as students at institutions of higher education or those working or volunteering on campus. The law requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a state concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also instructs sex offenders already required to register in a state to provide notice to the appropriate state agency, as required under state law, of each institution of higher education in that state at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student. This information is available through the Georgia Bureau of Investigation at [www.gbi.georgia.gov](http://www.gbi.georgia.gov).

## CAMPUS RESOURCES

Campus Police Crime Prevention .....	404.385.3346
Counseling Center .....	404.894.2575
Dean of Students .....	404.894.2564
Department of Health Promotion .....	404.894.9980
Department of Housing .....	404.894.2470
Diversity Issues and Programs .....	404.894.2561
Health Services .....	404.894.1420
Women's Clinic .....	404.894.1434
Women's Resource Center .....	404.385.0230

The most up-to-date campus and community resource information is available at [www.voice.gatech.edu](http://www.voice.gatech.edu).

## Alcohol and Drug Policy Statement

### Alcoholic Beverages

The Institute has established policies and guidelines governing the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus. A copy of the Student Alcohol Policy may be obtained through the Office of Student Integrity. A copy of the Policy on Employee Alcohol and Illegal Drug Use may be obtained from the Office of Human Resources. Any use of alcoholic beverages on campus must be in compliance with the Georgia law prohibiting the use of alcohol by persons under the age of twenty-one. Students of legal drinking age in Georgia may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in their private residences.

At any campus function for students where alcohol is served, campus officials must give approval and certain provisions must be made. Each person is legally responsible for his or her actions in all mental and physical conditions, including those induced by alcoholic beverages.

### Illegal Drugs

Institute regulations prohibit the possession or use, without a valid prescription, of any substance currently classified as a dangerous drug by the Georgia Controlled Substance Act. Any individual breaking the law will be subject to disciplinary action and arrest.

### Substance Abuse Education

Georgia Tech is committed to maintaining a campus free of drug and alcohol abuse and assisting all employees and students in finding ways to address these problems. Educational programs addressing these issues are supported and encouraged through a variety of departments. Anyone aware of substance abuse problems with roommates, friends, or co-workers is encouraged to contact the appropriate office for help.

### Substance Abuse Assistance

For students with substance abuse problems, assistance is available through the Georgia Tech Counseling Center and the Department of Health Promotion. The Counseling Center has experienced professional counselors and psychologists to assist students in need.

Students are scheduled for individual appointments, and all information is kept strictly confidential. Health Promotion has a full-time substance abuse prevention coordinator and trained student peer educators available to provide information individually or in group settings. Students are also welcome to seek help through Health Services, located at 740 Ferst Drive. For more information, students are encouraged to contact one of the following centers:

Counseling Center ..... 404.894.2575  
Health Promotion..... 404.894.9980  
Health Services..... 404.894.1420

Georgia Tech faculty and staff may obtain assistance through the Office of Human Resources Faculty and Staff Assistance Program at 404.894.1225. Alcohol and drug assistance programs are available, including referral to community agencies. Counseling and referral services are provided by appointment, and all information is kept strictly confidential. The Faculty and Staff Assistance Program also offers training and educational programs regarding drug and alcohol awareness.

**Any use of alcoholic beverages on campus must be in compliance with the Georgia law prohibiting the use of alcohol by persons under the age of twenty-one.**



## Security and Facilities Access

### Living on Campus

Georgia Tech encourages its students who do not reside with their parents or families to live in the residence halls. The Housing Department supervises the assignment of rooms for single and married students. For a complete guide containing information about housing facilities and services, costs, priorities, policies, and residence hall safety, contact the Georgia Tech Housing Department at 404.894.2470.



### Access to Residence Halls

Exterior doors of the residence halls are locked twenty-four hours a day. A resident accesses his or her assigned building with the student identification card and his or her individual room with a key. A resident must escort all visitors through the residence halls. In the event of a lost key, the student's room locks are re-keyed.

### Staff Training

All residence life staff members undergo thorough training in enforcing residence hall security policies. As part of their responsibility as residence hall security enforcers, all residence life staff members participate in lectures and seminars associated with the safety and security of the campus.

### Living in Off-Campus Housing, Fraternities, and Sororities

Neither the Housing Department nor Georgia Tech provides supervision for off-campus housing, apartments, and individual homes. Sororities and fraternities educate their members on safety and security in their houses and on campus. All students receive crime awareness information. Students, whether they live on or off campus, are encouraged to report all crimes to the appropriate police agency.

## Campus Safety Resources and Services

### How You Can Help Create a Safe Campus

Safety, security, and crime prevention are everyone's responsibilities. The cooperation and involvement of faculty, staff, and students is absolutely essential to having a safe campus. The safety and the security of you and your belongings begins with your own awareness and commitment to the safety of the community. During orientation in the fall, spring, and summer, all members of the campus community are informed of crime prevention and safety awareness programs offered by the Georgia Tech Police Department. Crime prevention programs and sexual assault programs are offered on a continual basis.

**Note:** While Atlanta police have primary jurisdiction in all areas off campus, Georgia Tech police officers work with local, state, and federal law enforcement units to respond and assist with student-related incidents or offenses that occur in close proximity to the campus.

### How To Stay Informed

The Georgia Tech Police Department uses a variety of methods to keep the campus informed about incidents occurring on and near campus.

- Georgia Tech Police Department website: [www.police.gatech.edu](http://www.police.gatech.edu)
- Crime alert notifications
- Crime summaries: To register for weekly crime summaries, please send an e-mail to [sympa@lists.gatech.edu](mailto:sympa@lists.gatech.edu) with a subject line of subscribe\_git-policecrime-report.



- *Technique* and *The Whistle*: student and faculty/staff newspapers
- Georgia Tech Emergency Notification System: Launched in 2007, Georgia Tech Emergency Notification System (GTENS) is a communications system that allows urgent messages to be distributed to students, faculty, and staff in the form of e-mail, voicemail, and text messages in a matter of minutes. Georgia Tech's system will also post messages on the Emergency Preparedness Facebook and Twitter pages, and on many of the TV monitors on campus. Participation in GTENS is optional, but strongly encouraged.
- Hazardous weather alerts: Georgia Tech community members may subscribe to hazardous weather alerts and access information about adverse weather conditions at [www.police.gatech.edu/weather.htm](http://www.police.gatech.edu/weather.htm).





## Other Resources and Services

A variety of resources and services are available to Georgia Tech students, faculty, staff, and visitors that contribute to the overall safety and security of the campus, reducing the success of criminals.

- Publications:** The Georgia Tech Police Department prepares and distributes numerous brochures and pamphlets covering topics such as rape awareness, general crime prevention, harassing phone calls, bicycle safety and security, and traffic safety. Copies are available at the GTPD office.
- New Student and Employee Orientations:** New students are provided with crime awareness information through the FASET (Familiarization and Adaptation to the Surroundings and Environs of Tech) program. New employees receive information through the New Employee Orientation Program.
- Emergency/Public Telephones:** For the safety of the Georgia Tech community, more than 200 emergency/public telephones are strategically located across campus. These telephones may be used to make campus calls. For emergency situations, press the red emergency button, which will connect you directly with the Georgia Tech Police Department. Your location will be automatically identified for the police dispatcher, and a Georgia Tech police officer will be dispatched to the area if necessary.
- Crime Prevention 101:** Course offered to students, faculty, and staff.
- Women's Self-Defense Training**
- Campus Transportation:** Georgia Tech has a bus service, the Stinger, and a van escort service, the Stingerette, available to people on campus when the Institute is in session. For more information, including operating hours, contact the Parking and Transportation Department at 404.894.9645.
- Laptop Registration:** This program assists members of the Georgia Tech community in marking and tracking information (serial and model numbers, etc.) for valuable items such as calculators, computers, and televisions. Engravers for marking valuables are available, and participants are provided with inventory cards. Register online at [www.police.gatech.edu/services](http://www.police.gatech.edu/services) or call



404.385.3346 or 404.894.1288 for more information.

- Bicycle Registration:** Members of the Georgia Tech community who bring bicycles to campus are encouraged to register their bicycles for free with the Georgia Tech Police Department. Bicycle owners provide the department with important information about their bicycles and receive a registration sticker to place on their bicycle. Bicycles can be registered at [www.police.gatech.edu/services](http://www.police.gatech.edu/services). Call 404.385.3346 or 404.894.1288 for more information.
  - Security Surveys:** Free security surveys are offered by the Georgia Tech Police Department for campus buildings and on-campus residents. For more information, call 404.894.1284.
  - Lost and Found:** The Georgia Tech Police Department operates a lost and found area. You can stop by the Georgia Tech Police Department to drop off found property or inquire about lost property. Lost property may be reported at [www.police.gatech.edu/lostandfound](http://www.police.gatech.edu/lostandfound).
  - Crime Awareness and Prevention Speakers:** You can request a speaker from the Georgia Tech Police Department to come and talk with your group or organization about crime awareness and prevention. To request a speaker, call 404.385.3346 or 404.894.1288.
- How To Get Involved**
- Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to participate in programs to improve the safety and security of the campus.
- Student Government Association (SGA):** Students interested in improving campus safety should contact the SGA at 404.894.2814.



## Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

In a major emergency, the decision to implement campuswide evacuation procedures generally rests with the president and his advisory group. In situations requiring immediate action, public safety responders (police, fire, environmental health and safety) can also order an evacuation. When evaluating the possible evacuation, consideration will be given to the specific threat, its context, and the recommendation of the public safety officials. Evacuation and notification procedures are published annually in the Georgia Tech Emergency Action Plan

and are available to the public at [www.emergencypreparedness.gatech.edu](http://www.emergencypreparedness.gatech.edu).

Georgia Tech employs several systems for emergency notification, including the Georgia Tech Emergency Notification System (GTENS), the outdoor Siren Warning System, social media, the Institute website, the System to Create and Relay Emergency Messages (SCREAM), the campus cable network, and the campus radio station.

GTENS is the primary method of emergency notification. GTENS alerts are designed to be sent without delay to the campus

community when there is a need for the receivers to take immediate action. As stated in the GTENS Standard Operating Procedures, the decision to send out an emergency alert is based on the need for the receiver of the message to take immediate action. The authority to send a GTENS alert lies with the following people/units:

- The executive vice president, chief of police, emergency preparedness project manager, or GTPD captains have the authority to alert campus. During "after hours," this decision will often be made at the command post and after approval from the patrol captain.
- AccuWeather automatically processes GTENS tornado warnings.
- Active shooter alerts can be sent out under the watch commander's authority.

Once public safety officials have confirmed the emergency situation and the appropriate authorization has been obtained, the content of the message is created and the alert is sent. Georgia Tech maintains three pre-drafted messages within GTENS to ensure rapid delivery of the most commonly occurring emergency situations, such as tornado warnings. Georgia Tech conducts a test of all notification systems, including GTENS, twice a year—once during the spring semester and once during the fall semester. The outdoor siren warning system is tested the first Thursday of every month. Georgia Tech has an aggressive exercise program that tests emergency response procedures, and emergency notification is included in most drills and exercises.



## Personal Safety Tips

By taking a few simple precautions as you go about your daily activities, you can reduce your chances of becoming a crime victim.

### Basic Rules

- Be aware of your surroundings; stay alert and do not get distracted.
- Choose well-lit, busy streets and areas and walk with a friend.
- Know where the police station is and which buildings are open late.
- Use body language to communicate that you are calm, confident, and know where you are going.
- Make eye contact with those around you and walk tall.
- Trust your instincts. Leave if you feel uncomfortable in a setting.
- To escape danger, cross the street, move to a well-lit area, and quickly go to the nearest house or open facility.
- Never prop open exterior doors to residence halls or other buildings.
- Keep room doors locked at all times.
- Carry your keys at all times.

### Publicizing Personal Information

- You are cautioned against publicizing personal information—your name, picture, hobbies, and other detailed personal information—on websites and other easily accessible sources.
- When you publicize personal information, you open the door for this information to be used by individuals to commit identity theft and/or other predatory crimes.



### When Walking

- Walk facing traffic.
- Carry a minimal number of belongings.
- Keep emergency money for telephone calls and/or transportation.
- Have your keys in your hand when approaching your vehicle or residence.
- If you feel you are being followed by someone in a vehicle, change your direction and write down the license plate number.

### In a Vehicle

- Keep your vehicle in good running condition and filled with fuel.
- Plan your route in advance.
- Keep your vehicle doors locked at all times.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- If your vehicle breaks down, raise the hood, use flares, or tie a white cloth to the door handle. Stay inside the vehicle and keep all the doors locked and windows rolled up until help arrives.
- Never pick up strangers. Do not stop to help motorists; signal that you will call for help.
- If you are being followed, go to the nearest police or fire station, residence hall, or open facility. If no safe areas are near, honk the horn repeatedly and turn on your emergency flashers.

### Jogging, Bicycling, and Other Outdoor Activities

- Choose safe, well-populated routes.
- Vary your routine, including the times you perform certain activities and the routes you take to or from such activities.
- Wear light, brightly colored clothing, especially at dusk and at night.
- Avoid jogging, biking, and other outdoor activities alone at night.
- If possible, carry a personal safety alarm.
- Do not wear headphones.

### What If It Happens to You?

- Do not resist if the attacker is only after your purse or other valuables. Do not escalate a property crime into a violent confrontation.
- Remain calm and do not show signs of panic, anger, or confusion.
- Call the police immediately. Identify yourself and your location.
- Try to get a good description of your attacker, focusing on attributes such as:
  - Age
  - Sex
  - Scars
  - Race
  - Height
  - Tattoos
  - Weight
  - Complexion
  - Type of Clothing
  - Body Build

## Property Safety Tips

The most frequently reported crimes are those involving theft of personal or institutional property. The following are some of the most frequent targets of theft reported to the Georgia Tech Police Department and some security tips to help you protect your property.

### Vehicles

- Always lock your vehicle, and do not leave the keys inside it.
- Remove all valuable items from your vehicle, including GPS devices and their mounts, clothing, electronics, purses, wallets, and change. Store valuables out of sight in your trunk if they must remain in your vehicle.
- Close all windows, and make sure the trunk and all doors are secured.
- Do not leave your vehicle registration and important identification papers inside your vehicle.
- Keep your vehicle's tag number, VIN (Vehicle Identification Number), and a complete description of your vehicle in your wallet or a safe place at your residence.
- Remove electronic devices, their mounts, and chargers from your vehicle.

- Park in well-lit, busy areas, and do not leave your vehicle in unattended lots for long time frames.
- Install a security device such as a steering column lock or a cut-off switch that interrupts fuel or ignition systems.
- Secure your vehicle's license plate with tamper-proof bolts.

### Bicycles

- Park your bicycle in areas with a high volume of pedestrian traffic.
- Lock your bicycle with a U-shaped lock.
- Engrave your bicycle with an owner identification number.
- Register your bicycle for free with the Georgia Tech Police Department. A record will be made of the make, model, manufacturer's serial number, and the owner identification number.

### Computers and Other Office Equipment

- Lock your room or office every time you leave.
- Keep records of your equipment that include a description of the equipment along with the make, model, and manufacturer's serial number.

- Engrave or apply an owner or departmental identification marking where possible.
- Secure computers with cable locks or other security devices.
- Install burglar alarms capable of being monitored by the Georgia Tech Police Department in computer labs, offices, or storage areas that contain large quantities of valuable office or research equipment.
- Consider purchasing and installing a tracking device on your laptop.
- Remember, free security surveys are offered by the Georgia Tech Police Department for campus buildings and on-campus residents.

### Textbooks and Thefts from Lockers

- Write your name or owner identification number on several pages inside your books.
- Never leave your book bag or books unattended while at the library, dining halls, classrooms, lounge areas, or Campus Recreation Center.
- While lockers are safe places to store clothes, they can be broken into. Do not store valuable items in a locker without using a lock.





### For More Information

You may contact the following departments for more information about the topics covered in this brochure.

Campus Police .....	404.894.2500
Counseling Center .....	404.894.2575
Dean of Students.....	404.894.2564
Department of Housing .....	404.894.2470
Diversity Issues and Programs .....	404.894.2561
Health Services.....	404.894.1420
Office of Human Resources .....	404.894.4847
Faculty and Staff Assistance Program.....	404.894.1225
Parking & Transportation .....	404.894.PARK and 404.385.RIDE
Stingerette .....	404.385.7433

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## Georgia Tech Police Department

Criminal Offense	Year	Non-Campus	On-Campus	On-Campus Residential †	Public Property	Total
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	2008	0	1	1	0	1
	2009	0	2	1	0	2
	2010	1	1	1	0	2
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2008	0	1	1	2	3
	2009	0	2	1	2	4
	2010	2	2	0	0	4
Arson	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary*	2008	3	106	55	0	109
	2009	0	60	29	0	60
	2010	16	26	14	0	42
Motor Vehicle Theft	2008	0	17	0	34	51
	2009	1	29	0	9	39
	2010	2	12	1	1	15
Robbery	2008	0	2	0	11	13
	2009	0	0	0	4	4
	2010	0	2	1	1	3

Arrests	Year	Non-Campus	On-Campus	On-Campus Residential †	Public Property	Total
Drug Law Violations	2008	1	5	2	12	18
	2009	2	3	1	13	18
	2010	0	4	2	3	7
Liquor Law Violations	2008	0	1	1	2	3
	2009	0	4	1	0	4
	2010	4	1	1	7	12
Weapons Law Violations	2008	1	1	0	2	4
	2009	0	2	0	1	3
	2010	0	0	0	0	0

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For the purposes of classifying reported crimes, the following definitions apply:

- Campus: (1) Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls; and (2) any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the area identified in paragraph (1) of this definition, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor).

- Non-campus building or property: (1) Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the Institute, such as Greek housing; or (2) any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the Institute's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.
- Public property: All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

\* Burglary numbers for 2010 reflect an updated definition of burglary as issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

† On-campus residential figures are included in the on-campus data column. As such, they are not included in the totals column.

There were no hate crimes reported for the years 2008, 2009, or 2010.

Following the Department of Education audit, the enclosed crime statistics reflect the Clery audit standards.

## Georgia Tech Police Department (continued)

Campus Disciplinary Referrals	Year	Non-Campus	On-Campus	On-Campus Residential †	Public Property	Total
Drug Law Violations	2008	0	24	21	0	24
	2009	0	35	32	1	36
	2010	0	48	36	0	48
Liquor Law Violations	2008	1	54	47	15	70
	2009	1	104	85	25	130
	2010	2	77	53	9	88
Weapons Law Violations	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	1	1	0	1
	2010	0	0	0	0	0

## Campus Security Authorities

Criminal Offense	Year	Non-Campus	On-Campus	On-Campus Residential †	Public Property	Total
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	2008	4	6	3	0	10
	2009	2	3	3	0	5
	2010	6	1	1	0	7
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2008	0	3	2	0	3
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	2008	0	2	1	0	2
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary*	2008	0	5	0	0	5
	2009	0	10	1	0	10
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0

## Campus Security Authorities (continued)

Campus Disciplinary Referrals	Year	Non-Campus	On-Campus	On-Campus Residential †	Public Property	Total
Drug Law Violations	2008	0	23	22	0	23
	2009	0	30	23	2	32
	2010	0	19	13	0	19
Liquor Law Violations	2008	3	221	162	0	224
	2009	0	329	232	8	337
	2010	0	178	161	0	178
Weapons Law Violations	2008	0	4	3	0	4
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0

## Atlanta Police Department

Criminal Offense	Year	Non-Campus	On-Campus	On-Campus Residential †	Public Property	Total
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	3	3
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2008	0	0	0	5	5
	2009	0	0	0	3	3
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2008	0	0	0	3	3
	2009	0	0	0	6	6
	2010	0	0	0	2	2

## Atlanta Police Department (continued)

Arrests	Year	Non-Campus	On-Campus	On-Campus Residential †	Public Property	Total
Drug Law Violations	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	1	0	2	3
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	1	1
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0

## Georgia Tech–Savannah

Criminal Offense	Year	Non-Campus	On-Campus	On-Campus Residential †	Public Property	Total
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0

## Georgia Tech–Savannah (continued)

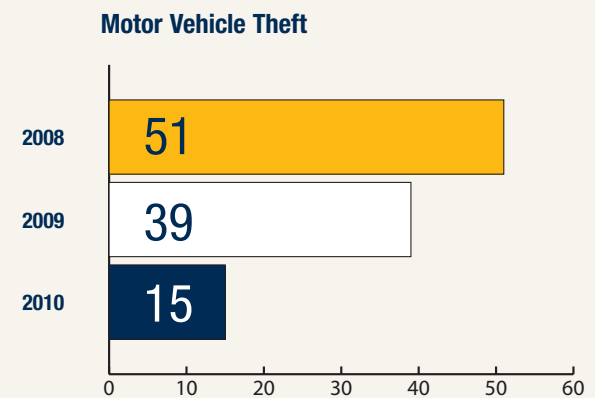
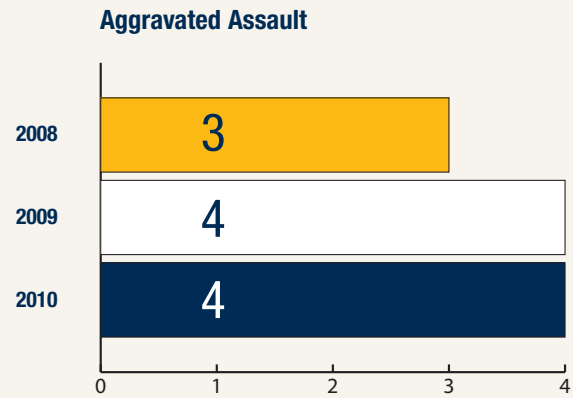
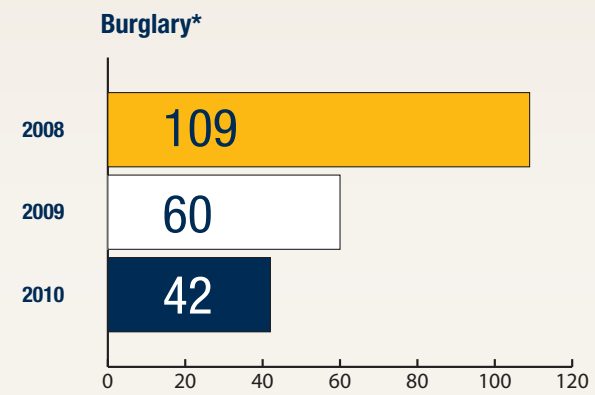
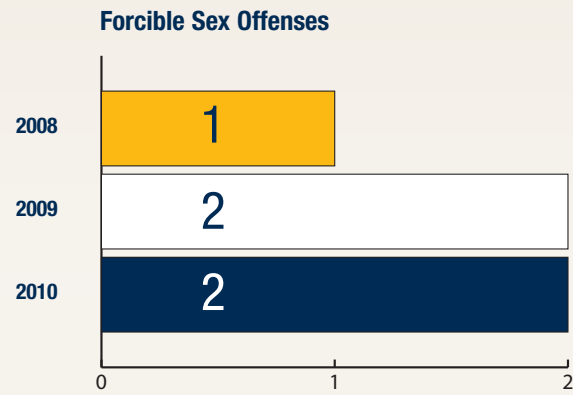
Arrests	Year	Non-Campus	On-Campus	On-Campus Residential †	Public Property	Total
Drug Law Violations	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0

Campus Disciplinary Referrals	Year	Non-Campus	On-Campus	On-Campus Residential †	Public Property	Total
Drug Law Violations	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2008	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0

- There were no hate crimes reported for Georgia Tech–Savannah.
- Georgia Tech–Savannah does not have campus housing.
- There were no criminal incidents reported to the Savannah-Chatham Police Department that occurred on or immediately adjacent to the Savannah campus.

## Georgia Tech Police Department - Reported Criminal Offenses

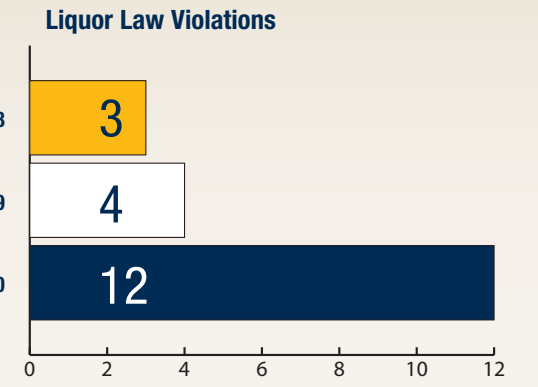
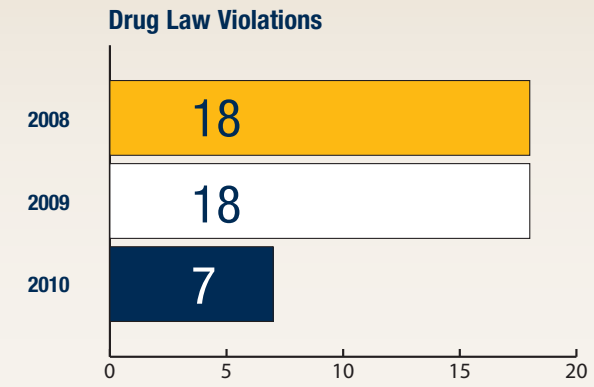
The following graphs illustrate crimes on campus reported to the Georgia Tech Police Department and to Campus Security Authorities during the past three years. The numbers represent the total crimes in that category, including those committed on campus, non-campus, and on public property immediately adjacent to campus.



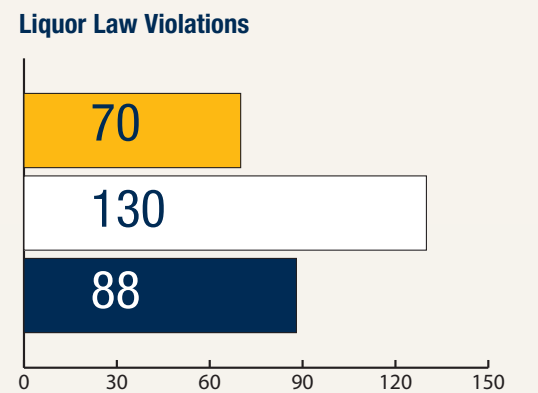
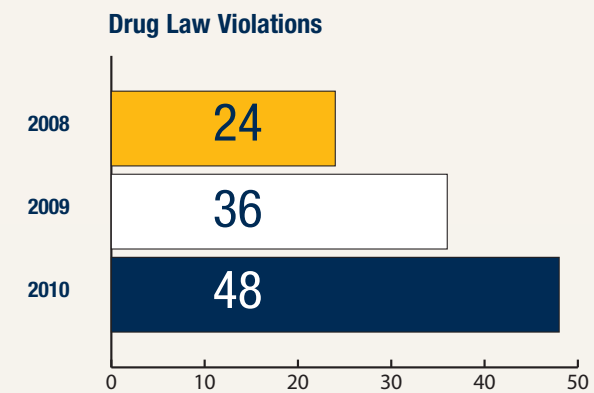
\* Burglary numbers for 2010 reflect an updated definition of burglary as issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

The following offenses had zero incidents reported to the Georgia Tech Police from 2008-2010: Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter, Negligent Manslaughter, Non-Forcible Sexual Offenses, Arson, and Hate Crimes.

## Georgia Tech Police Department - Arrest Statistics

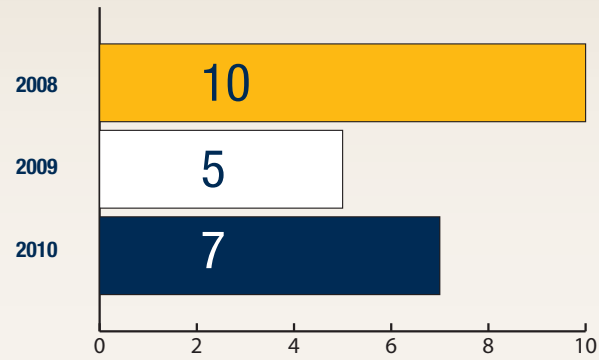


## Georgia Tech Police Department - Campus Disciplinary Referrals

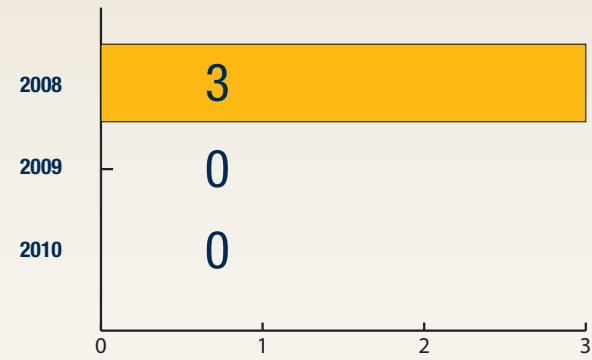


## Campus Security Authorities - Criminal Offenses

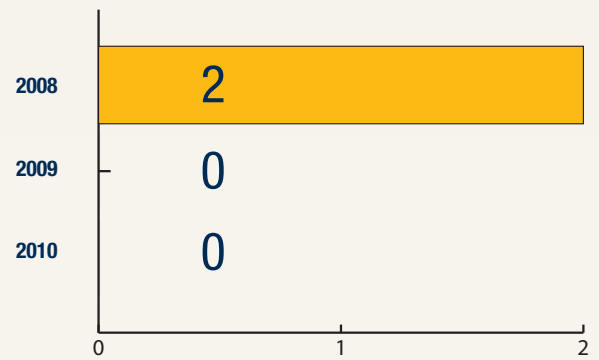
Forcible Sex Offenses



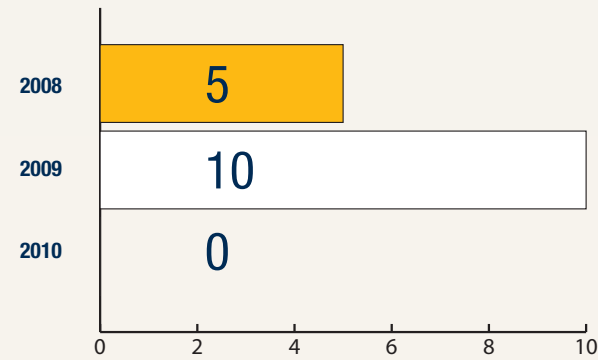
Aggravated Assault



Arson

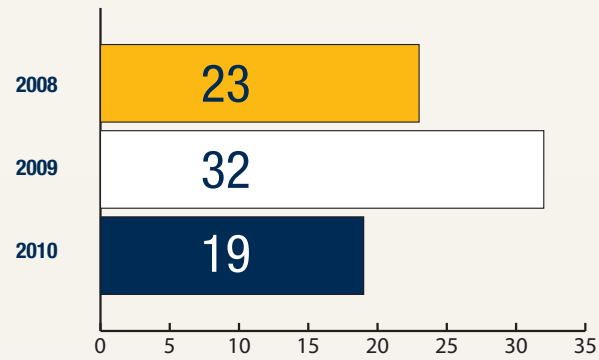


Burglary

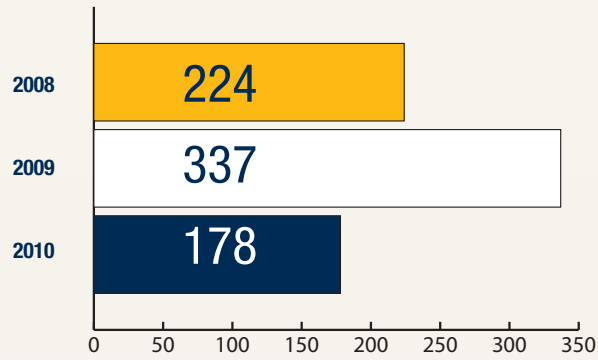


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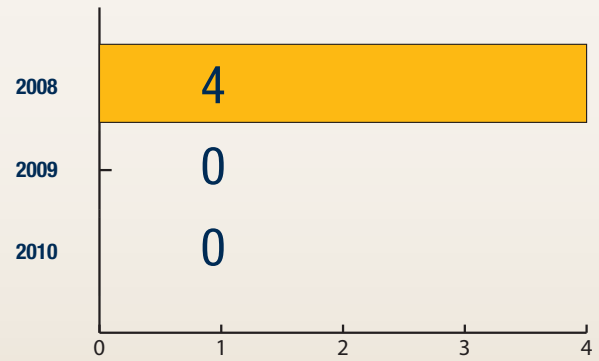
Drug Law Violations



Liquor Law Violations



Weapons Law Violations



## In Case of Emergency

### Emergency Phone Numbers

Fire-Medical-Police  
911

Georgia Tech Police  
404.894.2500

### Other Emergency Numbers

Georgia Tech Counseling Center  
404.894.2575

Sexual Assault Information Line  
404.894.9000

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
1.800.273.TALK

### Emergency Information Hotlines

Emergency Update Website  
[www.alerts.gatech.edu](http://www.alerts.gatech.edu)

Emergency Preparedness Information Hotline  
404.894.7200

Inclement Weather Hotline  
404.894.0500