ODU Public Safety

Ohio Dominican University's Department of Public Safety is not a commissioned law enforcement agency nor do personnel within the department have arrest authority. Rather the department is designed to help keep the likelihood of criminal activity to a minimum and to keep the campus community aware of any safety/security issues.

Public Safety officers have the authority to ask for identification and to determine whether individuals have lawful business at Ohio Dominican University. Public Safety officers have the authority to issue parking tickets that are billed to financial accounts of students, faculty and staff. Criminal incidents are referred to the local police, who have jurisdiction on campus.

The Public Safety office maintains a highly professional working relationship with the Columbus Police Department as well as other local, state and federal agencies. The Department of Public Safety does not have any Memoranda of Understandings with any agency.

Important Phone Numbers

Campus

Public Safety Officer on Duty	614-251-4700
Public Safety Administrative Office	614-251-4723
ODU Information	614-251-4500
ODU Alert	614-251-4590
University Nurse	614-251-4709
Counseling Services	614-251-4589

Columbus

Police/Fire/Medical Emergency	911
Police Department (non-emergency)	614-645-4545
Fire Department (non-emergency)	614-221-3132
Rape Crisis Hotline	614-267-7020
Choices for Victims of Domestic Violence	614-224-4663
Suicide Prevention	614-221-5445

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Public Safety

Ohio Dominican University
1216 Sunbury Rd.
Griffin Student Center – Suite 116
Columbus, Ohio 43219
Department of Public Safety
614-251-4700

Campus Safety

Ohio Dominican University's Public Safety officers are on duty 24 hours each day, seven days a week. You can reach them by calling Public Safety at 614-251-4700.

Public Safety Services

- Escort Program: Call 614-251-4700 to request an escort anywhere on campus.
- Emergency Phones: There are five emergency phones located throughout campus.
- Lost & Found: It's located in the Public Safety Office, suite 116 of the Griffin student center.
- First Aid: Officers address minor injuries or illnesses.
- CPR: Officers are certified by the American Heart Association.
- Vehicle Assistance: Officers jump start your vehicle.
- Incident reports
- Security Patrols: Officers patrol the entire campus, including buildings, residence halls and parking lots.

Personal Safety

- Program Public Safety numbers into your cell phone:
  – 24-7: 614-251-4700
  – Office: 614-251-4723
- Join our R.A.D Class: Rape Aggression Defense class, which is for women only.
- Report suspicious activities immediately to Public Safety. (See something. Say something.)

Vehicle Safety

- Always lock your car, roll up your windows and keep valuables out of sight in your car.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Activate car alarms and use any anti-theft devices.
- Walk to car with keys in hand.
- Do not store car title papers inside car.

Parking Permits

Order your parking permit online starting July 1 at https://ohiodominican.edu/oduapps/publicsafety/vehiclereg/default.aspx.

Your order will be processed within five business days. Once your order has been filled:

- Commuter Permits will be mailed to the address supplied. Unless the box marked "Hold for Pickup" has been selected, then you will be sent an email when it is ready for pick up at the Public Safety Office.
- Resident students will be notified via email that the permit is ready to be picked up at the Public Safety Office.

Your student account will be billed for the permit. No payments are collected by the Public Safety Department.

- Full year permits will be valid until Aug. 31 of the following year.
- Fall semester permits only will be valid until Dec. 31.
- Spring semester permits only will be valid until June 30.

Refunds may be issued until 30 business days after the start of the semester.

If your permit is lost or stolen, please purchase a new permit.

Clery

Ohio Dominican provides clery information in compliance with federal law 20 U.S.C. 1092(f) the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998*. These laws require ODU to publish safety and security policies, and certain crime statistics. By federal mandate, the information is compiled and submitted to the Department of Education by Oct. 1 of each year. For more information on ODU safety and security policies, please visit ohiodominican.edu/clery. Copies of the report are also available upon request at the Public Safety Office during normal business hours.

ODU Alert

Public Safety uses ODU Alert to notify the campus community of an ongoing emergency. The system can make contact via text messaging or voice recording over cell phones and landlines. During an emergency, other standard forms of notification may include ODU email and campus telephones. One or all of these tools may be used depending on the situation. You can always contact the Student Information Hotline at 614-251-4590, 24/7 for campus information.

How do I register for ODU Alert? Students, faculty and staff are automatically registered based on data from ODU's system.

How do I activate text notifications instead of phone calls? Activate text notifications by texting "alert" to 223-00 from your registered phone number. Please verify that we have your current phone number on ODU Online.

More information is available at ohiodominican.edu/ODU_Alert.

Residence Hall Safety

- Do not put your name, address, phone number, license number or other identifiers on your key chain. Doing so will lead a criminal to your belongings if you lose your keys.
- Do not lend your keys to anyone or leave your door unlocked for a friend.
- Never prop open residence hall doors. This is an invitation to intruders.
- Do not allow strangers access to residence halls. Do not be afraid to ask for ID or call for help.
- Engrave your valuables and keep an inventory of your possessions.
- Do not leave your belongings unattended.
- Communicate your schedule with your roommate.
- Provide your roommates with your family's contact information for emergencies.