

Campus Safety

The Converse campus is patrolled 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by a Campus Safety Staff under the supervision of a Director of Campus Safety. Officers patrol buildings, grounds, and parking lots. Campus Safety may be reached by dialing 9026 from campus telephones, and 864-596-9026 from cell phones and off campus telephones.

Being a part of a small university environment may give a student the impression that they are totally immune to some of the Campus Safety problems that larger communities face. The unfortunate reality is that no university campus is completely safe, even though Converse works diligently to provide an environment for all community members which is secure and safe. The University Campus Safety team is on duty 24 hours a day, but it is up to each student to take responsibility for their own personal safety. We encourage students to follow the safety tips listed here:

- Do not walk alone at night.
- Stay in well-lit areas.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Lock your car and always have your keys ready before reaching your car.
- Travel with plenty of gas.
- Do not hitchhike or pick up hitchhikers.
- Make sure your residence hall room door and windows are locked when you leave, even for a short period of time.
- Report suspicious people on the hall or around campus to Campus Safety.
- Contact Campus Safety if you need an escort between dusk and dawn from a parking lot to your residence hall or from working late in an academic building.

Card Access/ID

Photographs for the Access/ID cards are taken during new student orientation. The fee for the card is included in the activity fee. A \$25 dollar replacement fee is charged for a lost, stolen, or damaged card. Replacements will be made by the Campus Safety Department during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Since the ID card controls access to the residence halls, it is important to report a lost or stolen card immediately. Students can file a lost or stolen report anytime, 24 hours a day, by calling Campus Safety. Information about use of the Card Access/ID system is explained during Orientation.

Lost and Found

The Campus Safety Office serves as the central lost and found for the campus. Report lost or found items as soon as possible.

Missing/Stolen Items

Missing or stolen items should be reported to the Campus Safety department as soon as possible by calling 9026. An officer will be dispatched to investigate the incident. A copy of the incident report will be sent to the Dean of Students.

Parking and Traffic Violations

- A. Motor Vehicles — Students are eligible to keep motor vehicles on campus providing they are properly registered and traffic laws are obeyed. Every student is responsible for knowing and observing the traffic and parking regulations as stated in the Campus Safety section of the University website.
- B. Motor Vehicle Registration — The initial motor vehicle registration will take place at the beginning of the fall term.
- C. Parking
 - a. Vehicles may be parked and/or operated on Converse University property ONLY in such areas as are marked by signs, street markings, and parking regulations, or other designations indicating that parking and/or operation is permitted. If an area is not specifically marked for parking, you CANNOT PARK THERE. See the Campus Safety section of the University website for more details.
 - b. **Students may park in any purple lined space.** Yellow lined spaces are reserved for faculty and staff.
- D. Wofford/USC Upstate Decals — Any student of Converse University enrolled in classes at Wofford College or USC Upstate must obtain a Wofford or USC Upstate commuting student decal.
- E. Wofford Parking
 - a. Any student who receives a traffic or parking violation at Wofford College is responsible for taking care of their fine at Wofford.
 - b. All penalties for not paying a fine at Wofford are acknowledged at Converse.