

Police services

Motorist assists

Dead battery? Locked your keys in your car? The Parking Services Division provides jump-starts and also vehicle unlocks (some restrictions apply) to retrieve keys at no charge for on-campus vehicles.

Escort assistance

The Bobcat Bobbies are students who patrol the campus in golf carts and on foot. Their primary purpose is to report all suspicious and criminal activity they encounter. The Bobcat Bobbies provide escorts from dusk to dawn for members of the university community to and from anywhere on campus. Bobbies do not provide escorts off campus.

Emergency telephones

Emergency telephones are positioned throughout the campus. They are yellow with a blue light above them, and when a student picks one up to request emergency assistance, help is on the way immediately. University police also can be reached by calling 911.

Community Awareness and Resource Team

Members of the Community Awareness and Resource Team present more than 100 programs each year to students, faculty, staff and parents of new students. These programs include personal safety, property protection, sexual assault awareness, women's-only self-defense, Operation Identification and other custom presentations. The team provides electric engravers that students may check out for free to mark their valuables. They also perform building and lighting surveys periodically. For more information call 512.245.8341 or e-mail police@txstate.edu.

Important numbers

Crimes in progress	911
Nonemergency	512.245.2890
Bobcat Bobbies escort service	512.245.SAFE (245.7233)
Motorist assists	512.245.2805
University Crime Stoppers	512.245.STOP
Crisis Hotline	512.396.3939
Hays County Rape Crisis	512.396.4357
National Help Line	800.262.2463
Texas State University Counseling Center	512.245.2208

Operating hours

Patrol	24 hours
Communications	24 hours
Records	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Administration	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Texas State Police Department

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San Marcos, TX 78666
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Texas State University Police

at the corner of LBJ and Bobcat Trail



Emergency: 911
Nonemergency: 512.245.2890

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
SAN MARCOS
The rising STAR of Texas

Welcome to Texas State

Texas State University-San Marcos is located on the edge of the Texas Hill Country in San Marcos, Texas, a community of almost 50,000 people. The San Marcos campus, which covers 471 acres, contains 225 buildings. The university owns 5,000 additional acres in recreational, instructional, farm and ranch land. On the San Marcos campus are 21 residence halls and five apartment complexes capable of housing more than 6,100 students.

About the University Police Department

The Texas State University Police Department is a public service-oriented law enforcement agency responsible for providing police protection for the university's faculty, staff, students and property. The department consists of 87 full-time employees, including 32 commissioned peace officers. Parking Services employs 12 noncommissioned parking service officers who assist with traffic, parking and information. Security Access includes eight non-commissioned security access officers who assist with escorts, fire alarm response and access to university facilities. Part-time student employees further assist the police department in the duties of dispatch, ticket writing and student patrol.

Jurisdiction

All Texas State University commissioned police officers are licensed by the state as peace officers and have the same powers of arrest as the Department of Public Safety, the San Marcos Police Department or the Hays County Sheriff's Office. University police file reports, issue citations (i.e., moving violations, minor in possession of alcoholic beverages, etc.), and make arrests when necessary. The University Police Department's jurisdiction includes any county in Texas where the university owns, rents or leases property; however, their primary concern is the main campus.

Access Services

Access Services is responsible for door access systems and video systems on campus. Electronic door access and video camera recording are accomplished using sophisticated computer managed campus wide systems. This unit is also responsible installation, repair, and management for all locks and hardware related to traditional key operated systems.

For your information

Alcoholic beverages

The legal drinking age in Texas is 21. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on campus except in residence hall rooms of students age 21 or older. The only exception is by permit from the Dean of Student's office, located in room 5.9.2 of the LBJ Student Center. Currently, 18 of Texas State's 21 residence halls are alcohol-free.

Illegal drugs

The university has a zero-tolerance policy for drug use or possession, or possession of drug paraphernalia. A person in possession of any amount of an illegal substance will face criminal charges and may be sanctioned by the university as well.

Parking services

The university police coordinate parking services. All parking on campus is by permit only. Parking fees vary and are subject to change. For complete information regarding parking information, rules and locations, contact Parking Services at 512.245.2887.

Emergency campus closing

For information about emergency campus closing or other emergency situations, contact the campus information operator (512.245.2111). Also, the director of media relations and publications will place the appropriate information on the university's Recorded News Bulletin System (512.245.2424), the university Web site (www.txstate.edu), and will notify area TV and radio stations, and area newspapers. Campus reopening will be announced in the same manner.

Lost and found

The university police will accept lost property, which will be held for a period of 90 days. After that, unclaimed items are turned over to the Property Management Office for auction. To inquire about lost and found property, call 512.245.2197 or stop by the Parking Services office at the corner of LBJ and Bobcat Trail.

Most frequent crimes

The crimes experienced most frequently on campus are burglary and theft, especially from residence hall rooms. Telephone harassment is also a frequent offense. Lock your doors when you leave your room unoccupied, even for a short time. Lock the hallway door while you are in the shower and bathroom. Don't leave valuables (jewelry, wallets, purses, checkbooks and textbooks) in plain sight.

Be alert to your surroundings

One of the best crime deterrents is being alert to your surroundings. If you are the victim of a crime, contact the police immediately. Timely reporting of crimes leads to higher arrest and clearance rates. If you see someone or something suspicious on campus, call the university police immediately by dialing 911. Don't assume that someone else will do it.

Sexual assault

If you are a victim of sexual assault, report the assault to the police before you do anything else. Most campus sexual assaults involve alcohol or drugs. The only difference between sexual assault by a stranger and date rape or acquaintance rape is that in the latter cases, the victim knows the rapist. Know your capabilities. No one can tell you whether to resist or not; this is an individual decision. Know that the perpetrator, and no one else, is responsible for what happens. Seek advice from the police department immediately. You can receive a temporary name for use in connection with the case if that will make you feel more comfortable. University police will provide an advocate from the Hays/Caldwell Women's Center. Psychological counseling is available through the university counseling center. The police department offers a women's-only self-defense program. Call 512.245.8341 for information.

