



# Physical Assault



## Should I really worry?

According to year 2000 statistics from *Chronicle on Higher Education*:

- Public 4-year institutions reported 1,646 acts of physical assault on-campus
- 298 reported hate crimes for simple assault
- 190 reported hate crimes for aggravated assault

In addition, according to 2002 crime statistics from the UGA Public Safety Department:

- There were 14 reported cases of simple assault
- 16 reported cases of battery
- 22 cases of simple battery
- 11 sex offenses reported on campus

When to do campus crimes happen and how?

UGA Police Chief Chuck Horton provides the following information:

- Most incidences of violent crime occur during the evening hours
- Students should call the campus escort service provided by the police department if they do not want to walk across campus along at night
- Students can also use the call boxes located throughout the campus

## Need more info?

- **UGA Police Department and Escort Van Service:** (706) 542-2200
- **Watchdaws:** (706) 369-6601
- **Help for Victims of Physical Assault:**  
[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/help/pa.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/help/pa.htm)

## How to protect yourself

- If you are going anywhere at night, go with a friend or group
- Always be aware of your surroundings. If the area looked deserted or sketchy, don't risk it.
- Considering carrying a cellphone at all times.
- If you think you are being followed, turn and go towards a light area where other people are
- Never park your car far away from a building after dark. Park as close as you can to the building. Have your keys ready to go when you approach your car.
- Don't go running or jogging on your own either early in the day or after dark. Try to plan your runs during daylight hours.
- Plan your outings. Always tell a friend or family member where you are planning to go and when you will return
- Headphones can be dangerous to us when alone because you are not as aware of your surroundings.
- If your car is parked in a dim lot at night, have a friend or policeman escort you to your car.
- Avoid carrying large quantities of money. Try not to show how much money is in your wallet when purchasing items.
- Go to ATM machines during daylight hours and be aware of your surroundings.
- If you are attacked, yell, scream, shout or do anything to attract attention from others.
- If you are abducted, drop a personal item that can be traced to you.