The Access Control System is monitored 24 hours a day – 7 days a week by the Safety & Security Department. The system will display alarms when a door is propped open; the components are tampered with; forced entry occurs; and if unauthorized person(s) attempt to access with an invalid access card. When an alarm is displayed on the terminal monitor, the dispatcher will acknowledge the alarm and report the incident to the officers on patrol. The officers on patrol will respond to the location of the alarm and investigate the cause.

Located at the main access points of each residence hall is a Proximity Card Reader.

Once your Access/Identification Card is presented to the Card Reader within 3 to 6 inches, the door will unlock, allowing access to the building. The cardholder must first have access rights to that building or the system will not allow the door to unlock.

**Access Problems:**

Contact Safety & Security at x5555 if you have any of the following access problems:
- your Access Card fails to open the door
- your Access Card is lost or stolen
- a door is malfunctioning, damaged, has been tampered with, or propped open

Tampering with Access Control System components may result in a $250 fine and/or disciplinary action to the person(s) responsible.

Propping open doors is not permitted. Once a door is propped an alarm is triggered both locally at the door and at the Security and Safety Office.

There are 36 yellow emergency phones placed at the main access points of the residence halls. Each phone has a red emergency button that will directly dial Safety & Security when depressed. There is a black button that will activate dial tone and allow you to use the keypad to place a call on campus.

The Access Control System is in place to enhance the personal safety of all residents in the residence halls. Propping, tampering, or damaging doors greatly affects the integrity of the system and places personal safety at risk.

**Safety & Security Department**

University phone x5555

Non-university phone (315) 229 – 5555

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