See Something, Say Something

The See Something, Say Something campaign has already had results on the GT Campus! Tips from students helped to catch two repeat offenders in the act of stealing property from campus. Remember, if you see something out of the ordinary or people acting suspiciously, notify the Georgia Tech Police Department at:

404-894-2500

Also, notify the police if you see these Repeat Offenders.

Spring Break

Later this month, many students and families will be leaving campus for the week of spring break. Whether going on a long trip or staying close to home, please remember to keep safety in mind. The CDC has posted some reminders for Spring Break Safety that will keep Spring Break a great experience. We look forward to seeing you when you get back!
Springtime Hazards

Spring has returned to Atlanta once again, which means plenty of beautiful days and outdoor activities. As you enjoy yourself before we reach the blazing heat of summer, keeping a few tips in mind can help to keep you safe in the spring.

Bugs are back
It seems that mosquito bites begin earlier every year. Most bites from mosquitoes and other insects are harmless, although they can be very irritating. You can help prevent bites by wearing long sleeves and pants, as well as using an insect repellent, particularly if you know you will be encountering insects.

If you do develop a severe rash or sickness following an insect sting or bite, inform a doctor as soon as possible. Some insect bites are known to transmit diseases, and earlier treatment can help to limit their effects. Symptoms can turn up even weeks after a bite.

The CDC has more information here.

Sunshine can mean sunburn
Don’t let a nice day catch you off guard. Sunburn can ruin a good day any time of year. Remember to use suntan lotion on exposed skin if you will be outdoors for any major part of the day. If you will be out for a very long time, consider wearing pants and long sleeves to stop the burn. Children can be especially susceptible, because they won’t be watching to see the beginning of a sunburn.

Accidents and injuries
Whether doing your spring cleaning or just playing sports outside, injuries can occur at any time. In case of a serious injury, call GTPD on campus or 911 elsewhere. Otherwise, it can help to have a first aid kit in your vehicle or on your person. Take some time with your spring cleaning to review first aid procedures and to check that supplies in your first aid kit have not aged or expired.

Protective equipment while working around the house such as gloves, masks, and safety goggles can help to prevent injuries. The same goes for activities such as cycling and other sports.

Another note on spring cleaning, be careful to follow the instructions on the cleaners that you are using. The wrong combinations can be extremely hazardous.

Follow the link for more advice on Spring Cleaning Safety from Edwards Air Force Base.

Severe Weather Response

As shown by the tornadoes last week, we have reached the time of year that severe storms can be very common. It is very important that you make an extra effort to monitor weather reports and alerts online or on TV so that you are prepared for the weather. The weather can change rapidly, so be aware of changing temperatures or conditions during outdoor activities. If you must be outside, either try to have a NOAA weather radio with you or monitor local radio stations for weather updates. If you have a smartphone, there are numerous apps and websites that will provide weather information. Make sure you sign up for GTENS to receive notifications when campus is placed under a Tornado Warning.

In the event that you receive such a notification from GTENS or any other source, move indoors to an interior room immediately. Avoid all windows and doors if possible. Once inside, monitor television, radio, or weather reports in order to determine when it is safe to leave your shelter location. In the event of a tornado warning, the sirens will likely be activated as well. Even if they do stop, DO NOT GO BACK OUTDOORS until your sources indicate that it is safe to leave.

When the event is over, assess yourself and your area for damage that may have occurred. Notify GTPD of any injuries or severe damage to buildings or property. Be very careful to avoid power lines, as they may be live even though they have been downed by branches or the wind. If you do come across any downed lines, inform GTPD and try to keep others out of the area. Try to keep phone lines open for emergency communication. If necessary, send text messages to others to inform them that you are ok, as they use less data than calls.

It is important that you remember that one storm may be followed by others. After an event, continue to monitor the weather by any means possible. Remember, your safety is most important. Never put yourself at risk by entering a building where there may be a fire or where there is serious damage.

For more information on Tornado Safety, check out NOAA’s informational page.
CERT Training Reminder

Many materials can be used to make a splint for a broken limb.

Soft materials: Rolled towels, blankets, or pillows tied with bandages or cloth.

Rigid materials: Boards, stakes, limbs, newspapers, or magazines.

Splints should immobilize above and below the injured area.

Important Links:

- www.police.gatech.edu
- www.alerts.gatech.edu
- www.facebook.com/GTEmergency
- www.facebook.com/GaTechPD
- www.facebook.com/GaTechCERT
- www.citizencorps.gov/cert/

GT-CERT Website

The Georgia Tech Community Emergency Response team is a group of students, faculty and staff that can be called upon in the event of an emergency to act in a support role for the duration of emergency response. Our goal as CERT members is to help prepare ourselves and our for emergency situations by volunteering in all aspects of emergency preparation, including learning first aid and light search and rescue to act as first responders, and the distribution of literature to inform others of how they can prepare themselves. Through continued training and preparation we can do the most good for the greatest number of people.

CERT News

National News

CERT members in Sarasota participated in a large scale disaster drill to help prepare their community for a severe storm. Professional responders were involved as well in this practice event. Read details about the event at the link below:

Sarasota CERT

If you have any ideas for service or volunteer work, please send an email to jkraft3@gatech.edu to distribute the information to other GT-CERT members!

Do you have ideas for future GT-CERT events or training? We would love to hear from you! We are looking forward to getting CERT members involved in the planning of your CERT program. If you are interested in being part of the GT-CERT Council for planning and logistics, please contact Jason Kraft at jkraft3@gatech.edu

Or send us a message on the Georgia Tech CERT Facebook page!