

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 4, 2025

TO: Rady Faculty of Health Sciences faculty, staff and learners

FROM: Raman Dhaliwal, Associate Vice-President (Administration) and Gord Perrier,

Director of Campus Security

RE: Safety supports on Bannatyne Campus

This week, regrettably, a number of serious assaults have been reported around Health Sciences Centre (HSC). We are communicating with our counterparts at HSC and aiding in their investigation in any way we can. At the University of Manitoba, safety is our first priority for all our faculty, staff and students and we want to assure you that UM Security Services has implemented a number of additional safety protocols in addition to our existing Safe Walk and Safe Ride programs.

- UM Security Services supervisors have been informed of the incidents and have directed security officers to increase their visible presence, be aware of any suspicious circumstances, and be extra vigilant, especially with our video monitoring.
- 2. UM properties are locked down to card holders only starting at 5:00 pm daily to ensure staff/students who are on site have a higher degree of security overall in evening hours. As well, UM tunnels that connect to HSC tunnels through Brodie Centre, Apotex and Basic Medical Sciences Building are locked in our sections and only accessible to UM card holders.
- 3. UM Security Services has invested in improved lighting and communication tools to enhance safety and awareness of supports among our stakeholders.
- 4. While crime is very low inside the University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus, it is quite high in facilities outside and in the surrounding area of our campus. We strongly encourage use of the University of Manitoba Security Services' Safe Walk and Safe Ride programs in place to ensure the safety of faculty, staff and students on Bannatyne campus.

Safe Walk and Safe Ride programs are a service provided to members of the university community as a safe and free alternative to walking alone at any time.

Safe Walk

Request a Safe Walk by calling 204-789-3330

The Safe Walk program operates 24 hours a day/seven days a week and can be requested by students, staff and visitors of the University of Manitoba community. Security Services will accompany an individual on foot from one university location to another university location, to their vehicle or to the bus stop in the Safe Walk boundaries listed below.

Safe Walk Service Boundaries

- •Tecumseh Street to the West
- •Elgin Avenue to the North
- •Furby Street to the East
- •Notre Dame Avenue to the South

Safe Ride

Request a Safe Ride by calling 204-789-3330

The Safe Ride program operates daily (Monday-Friday) until midnight. For the Safe Ride, Security Services will pick up a student, faculty or staff member on campus and deliver that person by van to **their vehicle** within our Safe Ride boundaries, listed below. When the Safe Ride program is unavailable, students, faculty and staff can still utilize the services of our Safe Walk program, which operates 24 hrs per day, seven days a week, within the boundaries of the Bannatyne Campus.

Safe Ride Service Boundaries:

- 1. North to Logan Ave
- 2. South to Sargent Ave
- 3. West to McPhillips Street and Banning Street
- 4. East to Isabel Ave

When you call, you will be asked for the following information by UM Security Services:

- 1. Your first and last name
- 2. Your pick-up location
- 3. Your destination (vehicle location)
- 4. The number in your party
- 5. The phone number you can be reached at

Rules of Use:

- 1. Safe Rides may be made for up to three people total at one time.
- 2. Children, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, will not be permitted.
- 3. Food is not permitted in the vehicle.
- 4. Alcohol (opened or unopened) is not permitted in the vehicle.
- 5. Safe ride drivers will drive only to the planned destination.
- 6. Carry-on items must fit in the rider's lap.

For more information please visit the <u>UM Security Services website</u>.

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