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The Otterbein University *CAMPUS SAFETY BULLETIN* is intended to provide safety and security information to students, faculty and staff in order to help the campus community be aware of security concerns and assist in maintaining a safe and secure campus environment. If students, faculty and/or staff have information to be distributed for urgent dissemination, contact the Otterbein University Police Department at 614-823-1222 or via e-mail at police@otterbein.edu.

CAMPUS SAFETY ADVISORY

SHARE THE ROAD #SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY

The purpose of this Bulletin is to promote safe behavior among students, faculty, staff, and visitors moving around campus and raise awareness to provide a safe environment for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. We all use multiple modes of transportation, whether walking, biking or driving and share the responsibility in assuring it's done safely.

Pedestrians:

- **Always cross at marked crosswalks.**
You forfeit your rights as a pedestrian if you cross elsewhere.
The pedestrian crosswalk for Otterbein students/faculty/staff members is marked on the roadway between the Courtright Memorial Library and Towers Hall.
- **Obey any pedestrian signals and look left-right-left**
to make sure the road is clear in both directions before crossing.
- **If a vehicle approaches, make eye contact with the driver**
to be sure s/he sees you before you cross.
- **Look before walking past stopped vehicles.**
Do not cross just because a driver waves you on. Be sure all lanes are clear first.
- **Remember that bicyclists are not considered pedestrians**
unless they are walking their bikes. Otherwise, they are considered vehicles
- **Avoid distractions by stopping distracting behavior**
like texting, talking on your phone, and listening to loud music on headphones.
Observe your surroundings and be aware of signs or any obstacles

Bicyclists:

- **Yield to pedestrians.**
- **Remember that bicyclists are not considered pedestrians**
unless they are walking their bikes. Otherwise they are considered vehicles and forfeit their rights as pedestrians in the case of an accident or citation.
- **Use extra caution as you transition between bike paths, roads and sidewalks.**
Be aware that your actions are unpredictable to drivers and pedestrians.

Drivers:

- **Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.**
- **Be prepared to stop**
at all marked crosswalks. Stay alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.
- **Be alert for bicyclists and skateboarders**
whose approaches to the crosswalk may be much swifter than those of pedestrians.
- **Come to a complete stop**
if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross.
- **Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in**
before resuming travel.
- **Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.**