

Section 10.00
CAMPUS FACILITIES ACCESS AND SECURITY

10.01 Access to Campus Facilities

Campus academic buildings are generally open from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Certain academic buildings are also open for weekend classes and special activities.

All campus facilities and grounds are maintained in such a manner as to enhance security. While on patrol, police officers and security officers observing malfunctioning lights will submit work orders so the repairs are made in a timely manner.

[UMBC's Policy on Use of Campus Facilities](#)

10.02 Residential Life

UMBC is the size of a small city providing residential housing to approximately 4,000 students. University Police and Housing and Residential Life personnel work closely together to create a safe and comfortable living and learning environment.

Theft is the most common crime problem in the residential areas; therefore, precautions should be exercised at all times. Residents are encouraged to always lock their doors to reduce the opportunity of crime.

10.03 Solicitors

Door-to-door solicitation is prohibited at UMBC. Residents should report the presence of such persons to residential life personnel and/or the police department. Residents are encouraged to ask for assistance from any residential life staff member, Security Officer, or UMBC Police Officer.

10.04 Shuttle Buses

UMBC shuttle buses provide safe transportation around campus and to and from other select locations for residents, commuters and visitors. Please see the [UMBC Transit Department's website](#) or call 410-455-2454 for additional information.

10.05 Parking Structures

In addition to the many parking lots located around campus, UMBC maintains three parking garages. In order to reduce the chance of property loss, never leave your vehicle running, unlocked, keys in the ignition or the windows rolled down. Keep valuables out of sight. Use security devices such as a steering wheel lock, a fuel/electric cut-off switch or car alarm. When approaching your vehicle, have your keys in your hand and remember to look inside your vehicle before you get in.

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10.06 Fire Safety

This program is administered by the [Environmental Safety & Health \(ESH\)](#) staff, who are deputized State Fire Marshals. They ensure that campus fire safety policies/procedures (evacuation plans, fire permits, fire prevention, impairment policy, fire watch procedures, decorations policy, etc.) and building's life safety systems (fire alarms/strobes/pull stations, extinguishers, suppression equipment, etc.) are maintained in compliance with all applicable state fire codes and university safety policies.

This entails reviewing building renovation or new construction plans for compliance with fire codes and local ordinances; inspecting all campus facilities including fire extinguishers, fire pumps, standpipes, fire alarm and sprinkler systems; investigating fires and fire alarms; conducting fire exit drills every semester in all campus facilities; providing educational programs on fire safety, reporting evacuation and fire safety inspection results to Residence Life staff; distributing written fire safety literature to the campus community; installing evacuation procedures on all dormitory room doors; issuing hot works and fire permits; coordinating all fire work displays with the State Fire Marshal (SFM) and the Baltimore County Fire Department (BCFD), and identifying evacuation procedures for individuals with disabilities.