

Safety Newsletter

L S U S H R E V E P O R T



Think Before Answering...

THE FACTS ...

AT ANY GIVEN TIME APPROXIMATELY **660,000** DRIVERS ARE ATTEMPTING TO USE THEIR PHONE WHILE DRIVING.

CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING LEADS TO **1.6 MILLION CRASHES** ANNUALLY—THIS IS 1 OUT OF EVERY 4 ACCIDENTS.

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING IS **6 TIMES** MORE LIKELY TO CAUSE AN ACCIDENT THAN DRIVING DRUNK.

11 TEENS DIE DAILY AS A RESULT OF TEXTING AND DRIVING.

ANSWERING A TEXT WHILE DRIVING TAKES YOUR ATTENTION AWAY FOR AROUND 5 SECONDS DURING WHICH YOUR VEHICLE TRAVELS THE LENGTH OF A FOOTBALL FIELD AT 55MPH.



SURVEY SAYS...

48% of drivers admit answering their cell phone while driving and of those who answered the phone while driving, **58%** continue to drive and talk

14% of drivers said they read text messages or e-mails while driving

However.....

94% of drivers support a ban on texting while driving

74% of drivers support a ban on hand held cell phone use while driving

Any Conclusions Here?

When a Tornado Approaches

Move to the ground floor, center hall of the building

Close doors as you leave

Stay away from glass windows and doors with glass panes

Do not use the elevator

Do not leave the building or attempt to drive



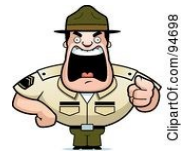
"Tornados pose our greatest threat to life and property at LSUS"

The Safety Guy, 2012

NOTICE TO LSUS EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS.....

The LSU Shreveport campus has natural gas pipes located underground throughout the campus. The gas is used for heating buildings, water and preparing food in the University Center building. The natural gas is purchased from CenterPoint Energy at a single metering point located in the southwest corner of the campus. From this point there is a single 2" steel gas line underground delivering gas to the following buildings: Central Utility building, Physical Plant, Physical Plant office, Science Building, backup generator, Fine Art Complex, University Center, Health & Physical Education Building and museum. The natural gas being delivered from CenterPoint Energy has an odorant chemical applied to the gas so it can be detected by smell if a leak should ever occur. If anyone on the campus of LSU Shreveport smells a gas leak or suspects a leak, they should contact the LSUS Campus Police at (318) 455-5497 as soon as possible.

From the Safety Guy...



Welcome back from what I hope was an enjoyable, but safe spring break (the two are not mutually exclusive). As noted on page 1 we are in the middle of what so far has been a benign tornado season. Never the less, this deadly event can occur suddenly and without much warning despite all the technological advances in weather forecasting—**BE PREPARED!**

This is also the time when many of our wild campus visitors appear after their winter absence. These include, but are not limited to skunks, possums, deer, bats, wasps, spiders, and snakes. They are generally hungry after their winter fast so take the long way around them and you will likely survive.

Slips and falls continue to dominate our campus safety statistics. While the article on page 1 addresses the hazards of driving while texting, a similar case can be made for texting and walking—it increases the chances of an accident and should be avoided.

Best wishes for a great summer. Please continue to promptly report all accidents and incidents, regardless of severity immediately to the Campus Police.

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LSUS GENERAL SAFETY RULES

EACH YEAR, LSUS IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT TRAINING ON THE GENERAL SAFETY RULES WHICH ARE LISTED BELOW. THE GENERAL SAFETY RULES ARE LOCATED IN LSUS POLICY 6.01 WHICH MAY BE FOUND ON THE LSUS WEBSITE. PLEASE READ OUR RULES AND DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO THE SAFETY GUY

1. No smoking on campus.
2. Horseplay and fighting will not be tolerated in the work place.
3. Before beginning work, notify your supervisor of any permanent or temporary impairment that may reduce your ability to perform in a safe manner.
4. Operate equipment only if you are trained and authorized.
5. Immediately report any recognized potentially unsafe condition or act to your supervisor.
6. Immediately report accidents, near misses, and property damage to a supervisor regardless of the severity.
7. Report any smoke, fire, or unusual odors to your supervisor immediately.
8. Use proper lifting techniques. For objects exceeding 50 pounds in weight, the immediate supervisor shall determine specific methods for safe lifting.
9. If your work creates a potential slip or trip hazard, correct the hazard immediately. Special attention should be paid to electrical cords that stretch across walkways.
10. Fasten restraint belts before starting any motor vehicle.
11. Obey all driver safety instructions.
12. Comply with all traffic signs, signals, markers, and persons designated to direct traffic.
13. Adhere to departmental rules regarding first aid, evacuation routes, and fire department notification.
14. Adhere to departmental rules and procedures specific to departmental operations.
15. Assist and cooperate with all safety investigations and inspections and assist in implementing safety procedures as requested.

Guest Columnist—Chief Donald Wray

Dear Campus Community,

I would like to start this off by saying thank you! Thank you to the many friendly faces that have stopped in my doorway or found me on campus welcoming me back to LSU Shreveport. It's great to be "home" and I am honored to be the next Chief of Police. The LSU Shreveport Police Department will continue to make it our goal to maintain the safest environment possible for learning, working, and living.

As you know, we have quite a few people who use University Place for exercising. Pedestrians are especially vulnerable to vehicles travelling at high rates of speed. The speed limit on University Place is 25 mph and the speed limit in all of the parking lots is 5 mph. LSUS Police Officers are certified to run RADAR, and may choose to write either LSUS citations or state citations at their discretion. A LSUS speeding ticket costs \$25.00. A state citation increases for every mile over the limit and can cost up to several hundred dollars. Also, state citations may cause your insurance premiums to increase.

Drivers must yield to pedestrians when the pedestrian is upon the same half of the roadway as the driver or when the pedestrian is approaching from the opposite side of the roadway. Also, drivers may not overtake and pass a vehicle that is stopped for a pedestrian. The LSUS fine for Failure to Yield to a Pedestrian is \$100.00, and the state fine is \$175.00 and/or 30 days in jail. Please use extreme caution when driving on campus streets. We absolutely do not want to see a pedestrian injured because of someone's carelessness or recklessness.

As a reminder to pedestrians, make sure that drivers see you and are slowing/stopping before entering a crosswalk. When exercising, you should walk/run in the outside lane of traffic when a sidewalk is not available. Pedestrians should never use the inside lane closest to the median. Pedestrians should never impede the flow of traffic when using the roadway and can be issued a citation for Obstructing Public Passages for doing so.

Lastly, please remember to keep your possessions with you at all times or place them in a secure location especially electronics items such as cell phones, laptops, etc. Keep valuables out of sight in locked vehicles. Make sure to lock interior doors and turn off lights when you leave a room. Let's work together to protect the property under our control because it only takes a thief a few seconds to steal something. Please report suspicious people or circumstances immediately!

As always, please feel free to contact me or any other officer with any questions or concerns you might have. Thank you for working with us to keep our campus safe.

Sincerely,

Donald Wray

Chief of Police

