

Is Duke a safe campus?

We received several different answers, which we've included below, because we thought the different perspectives were very valuable.

- ❖ From our experience, the Duke campus offers students a secure environment in which to move about. The grounds are beautifully kept and very well lit at night. Campus police are visible and on call at all hours, and university transportation is very dependable and available late into the night. This service is especially valuable for students traveling between East Campus and West Campus.
- ❖ Yes, Duke is a safe campus. My daughter has lived on East Campus and West Campus, and now Central Campus, and she hasn't had any problems. She's a "night owl" and often returns from the library or a friend's room late at night. While I'd prefer that she not be out by herself at night, she feels comfortable moving about late at night and doesn't have concerns in doing so. Also, Transportation Services provides rides to and from campus locations after 5 p.m., and the student-run Safewalks program provides two walking escorts for students after dark.
- ❖ Duke police patrol the campus twenty-four hours a day, and students regularly watch out for each other. The campus bus runs between campuses until late at night. Our sons had no campus safety issues and really didn't hear of any, largely because the Duke Police tightly monitor areas of campus. Just as in any city, students who make smart decisions about where to go at certain times of day tend to be extremely secure.