[SMU Aware]

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Welcome back to the Hilltop!

Along with your academic success, your safety is a top priority. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these resources and tips to help keep yourself and our campus community safe.

Download the SMU Aware Safety App
Stay connected to campus safety with the SMU Aware Safety App. This intuitive mobile app offers real-time emergency notifications and quick access to essential campus safety resources. Using buttons on the app, you can make calls to SMU Police and other emergency and non-emergency assistance, quickly report an incident or connect with someone you trust for a virtual "Friend Walk" across campus.

Download now at **Apple** or **Google**.

Stay Alert Around Campus
Whether walking, driving, biking, or riding a scooter, pay extra attention around streets and campus crosswalks. Follow all traffic laws, observe speed limits, and watch for pedestrians. Always use designated crosswalks and check for traffic before you step into the street, especially around areas on campus where construction could obstruct your or a driver's view.

"Avoid, Deny, Defend" in an active threat
Be prepared for any situation, including an active threat to campus. Learn the "Avoid, Deny, Defend" response model adopted by SMU. Check out **this video** for more on these crucial survival strategies:

- **Avoid:** Pay attention, have an exit plan, and move away quickly from danger.

- **Deny:** Keep your distance, create barriers, and stay hidden and quiet. Mute your phone.
- **Defend:** If necessary, fight back aggressively and decisively.

Stay informed with SMU Aware
The **SMU Aware website** is your go-to source for emergency and safety information during an emergency or severe weather. Review the University's emergency notification system, so you'll know the difference between an SMU Alert, SMU Warning or SMU Advisory. Follow SMU Aware on social media for timely updates.

Your actions can make a difference. Thank you for your commitment to the security of our campus community.