

SAFETY MESSAGE



Dear Campus Community,

The following information is being shared to enhance your personal safety at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The goal is to provide information so the UNL community has awareness of the situation and can take precautions for their own safety, as well as to encourage reporting of similar situations to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police. Information reported in this message is based on the situation as currently known to UNLPD.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department is investigating the report of a First-degree Sexual Assault of a UNL community member.

The incident is reported to have occurred on Friday, October 9, 2026 between 1 and 3 a.m. at 1150 N. 14 Street, Lincoln, NE 68588

The suspect is described as a black male approximately 19 years of age, with a tall, skinny build, short hair and is known to the survivor.

Police investigators are continuing to gather details. If any additional information can be provided to the campus community, UNLPD will share them on their social media platforms.

Related UNLPD Case Number: 26002978.

Personal Safety Tips

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln firmly believes a crime survivor is never responsible for the other person's actions or criminal conduct and it is the fault of the perpetrator alone.

The UNLPD is providing the following safety tips in an effort to assist the University community with taking the necessary precautions

- Sexual assault is any sexual activity that occurs without consent. Do not engage in sexual activities without consent from your partner(s). Consent to one type of activity does not automatically mean consent for another. Do not assume you know what the other person wants. Someone incapacitated by alcohol or other substance cannot give consent.
- If you ever feel uncomfortable in a situation or with a person, or someone is behaving disrespectfully, remove yourself from that situation, especially if you are concerned it may become physical. If necessary, create a distraction, and if able, involve others. If you do get into trouble, attract attention to yourself in any way you can.
- Trust your instincts, and if you feel unsafe in any situation, get to a safe place and call for help.
- Intervene in a situation only if it can be done safely and call for help if you witness disrespectful or inappropriate behavior or a violent crime. It is a good idea to discuss how you might handle these types of circumstances in conversations with your friends before you are confronted with a particular situation. Use different scenarios and develop strategies to use in a specific event. Bystander intervention is an excellent way to stop an incident from occurring.
- Listen, believe, and support someone who discloses a sexual assault. Remember, sexual assault is not the victim's fault. If they feel comfortable enough to tell you about it, they may be in need of support.
- If you experience sexual assault, you can contact any of the following resources in addition to law enforcement:
 - University Health Center
 - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Services are available Mon- Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm
 - 550 N 19th St – 402.472-5000
 - Local Hospital Emergency Rooms
 - Bryan Health West: 2300 S. 16th St. – 402.481.5142
 - Bryan Health East: 1600 S. 48th St. – 402.481.3142
 - CHI Health: 555 S. 70th St. – 402.486.7142
 - Advocacy resources
 - CARE Advocates at 402.472.3553 (<https://care.unl.edu/>)
 - Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 402.472.7450
 - Friendship Home at 402.437.9302
 - Voices of Hope at 402.475.7273
 - National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline at 800.656.4673
- A list of campus safety resources can be found at <https://safety.unl.edu>.

Crime prevention and awareness, as well as consistent reporting, may be the strongest

defenses against becoming a victim. Please call UNLPD immediately at 402-472-2222 (2-2222 on campus) to report information on this incident, or on any crime or suspicious activity or person. If you have any questions about this message, please contact the UNLPD at the phone number above or email unlpd@unl.edu.

