

Update:

UNLPD investigated the incident described in the Safety Message sent on October 30, 2024, and the suspect who was initially described in the report was determined not to have touched the victim. Through investigation, UNLPD was able to determine with certainty that the touch was from someone else moving through the crowd, and the touch was accidental. The original Safety Message is below for reference, and the report is classified as a non-criminal case.

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 a third-degree sexual assault reported to have occurred on Saturday, October 26, 2024, between 6:31 p.m. and 6:44 p.m. at the Devaney Sports Complex, 1600 Court St.

An unidentified male suspect grabbed the buttocks of a female as he walked past.

The suspect is described as a male approximately 50 to 60 years of age, and wearing a navy-blue T-shirt.

The incident was reported to UNLPD on Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

Related UNLPD Case Number: 24003383

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

- Trust your instincts, and if you feel unsafe in any situation, get to a safe place, and call for help.
- Always remain alert and aware when walking alone, paying full attention to who is around you. Walk with your head up (avoid looking at the ground) and observing your surroundings.
- If after dark, always walk with a friend or in a group when possible and travel well-lit and busy routes. When able, avoid walking or parking in dark or isolated areas. Avoid walking with people you do not know well or trust.
- Take advantage of the bus service on campus. Buses pick up and drop off in well-lit areas and typically groups enter and exit. Feel free to contact the UNLPD and request a Safe Walk if you are by yourself.
- If you suspect someone is following you or feel uncomfortable about someone near you, stay away from dimly lit areas and head to a populated area or building you know is open. Change directions, cross the street, and/or vary your pace. Show you are suspicious and aware of the person.
- Cause a scene if you feel threatened, yell if necessary.
- 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 unl.police@unl.edu.

