

College Campus Safety Awareness Patch Program



Purpose: The College Campus Safety Awareness Patch Program aims to educate Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors about college campus safety, focusing on understanding potential risks, prevention strategies, and actionable steps to foster a safer environment.

Introductory Step

To begin earning the College Campus Safety Awareness patch, explore the comprehensive safety website created by your fellow Girl Scout. Visit *A Girl's Guide to Safety* and navigate through the various sections of the website. Take notes on key points related to personal safety, situational awareness, and preventive measures. After reviewing the website and taking notes, answer the following questions below in order to share your insights and understanding of campus safety.

- ▶ What are some key strategies for staying safe on college campuses?
- ▶ How can you identify and avoid potentially dangerous situations?
- ▶ How has legislation such as the Clery Act and Title IV impacted women's safety on college campuses?
- ▶ What resources are available on college campuses for safety and support?

Discover

Choose 1 activity from the list below to explore campus safety in more depth:

1. Personal Safety:

- ▶ Self-Defense Class:

Attend a self-defense class and learn basic techniques to protect yourself (If you are unable to attend a self-defense class, visit the website linked [Here](#) to view a self-defense workshop video).

2. Emergency Preparedness:

- ▶ College Campus Resources:

Research the emergency resources available on three college campuses of your choice (e.g., campus police, emergency phones, health services).

3. Safe Navigation:

- ▶ Campus Map Activity:

Obtain a map of a college campus of your choice (accessible on most college or university websites). Identify the safest routes between key locations such as dorms, classes, and parking lots. Mark the locations of emergency call boxes and well-lit pathways.

Connect

Complete one activity from the list below:

1. Safety Tools + Research:

- ▶ Educate and Promote:

Research different personal safety tools (e.g., pepper spray, personal alarms) and their effectiveness. Create a discussion, presentation, video, or poster to share your findings.

- ▶ Safety Tips Sharing:

Create a list of college campus safety tips and share them with friends, classmates, or through a school newsletter or social media.

2. Campus Tour:

- ▶ Virtual Campus Tour:

Take a virtual tour of a college campus and identify safety features such as emergency call boxes and security patrols. Share your findings with your troop, friends, or family.

3. Campus Safety Research:

- ▶ College Crime Statistics:

Using your list of potential colleges or universities (or colleges you have already applied to), visit the *Campus Safety and Security Data Analysis Cutting Tool*. Research the crime statistics for each school, including sexual assault, theft, and other crimes. Compare the safety data and discuss which campuses seem safer based on the statistics.

Note: If you don't have a list of colleges, choose five colleges or universities in your state or region and research their safety statistics instead.

Take Action

Complete one activity from the list below:

1. Campaign:

▶ Awareness Campaign:

Create a college campus safety awareness campaign. Design posters, flyers, or social media posts to educate others about safety measures and available resources.

2. Communicate and Educate:

▶ Interview a College Student:

Interview a current college student about their experiences with campus safety. Ask questions about what safety measures they utilize and any advice they have for incoming students.

Share the insights from the interview with your troop, family, or friends.

3. Safety Video:

▶ Make a Safety Video:

Create a short, fun video demonstrating safety tips and tricks for campus life. Share it on social media with your troop or a younger Girl Scout troop.

Use the following questions to guide your discussion on understanding campus safety:

1. Personal Safety:

- ▶ What are some basic self-defense techniques everyone should know?
- ▶ How can you create a personal safety plan for being on a college campus?

2. Emergency Preparedness:

- ▶ What are the key resources available on college campuses to handle emergencies?
- ▶ How can you prioritize safety in an easy and accessible way throughout the college application process in preparation for attending a college?

3. Safe Navigation:

- ▶ How can identifying safe routes and using a buddy system enhance college campus safety?
- ▶ What are some effective ways to stay safe when navigating a college campus at night?

4. Community Involvement:

- ▶ How can conducting a college campus safety survey help improve overall safety?
- ▶ What are some effective ways to foster conversation and awareness about enhancing college campus safety?

To Earn the Patch:

Girls must explore the website linked above and complete one activity in Discover, one activity in Connect, and one activity in the Take Action section (girls are welcome to complete multiple activities in each section if desired).