

# University of Manitoba Security Services Monthly

## April 2021



# COVID-19 SCAMS

Security Services would like to remind you to stay vigilant during these difficult times. The Canadian government website lists some COVID-19 scams that have been reported, ranging widely from door-to-door salespeople selling disinfecting products to private companies offering health services.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/campaigns/covid19.html>

The website warns that we should be extra careful with unsolicited calls and texts, fake charities asking for money and people selling vaccines or health products. You should never give out personal or financial information to unsolicited contacts.

The Canadian Anti-fraud Centre announced that since March 6, 2020 - April 30, 2021, it has received 19,570 reports fraud linked to the virus. The majority of those reports are either merchandise or phishing scams.

For example: “The CAFC has been receiving reports in which the suspects have claimed to be with Red Cross offering free masks. In order to receive the masks, consumers are advised that they are required to pay the shipping fee.”

The government’s website explains that its own resources, and information put out by the World Health Organization, are the most reliable sources amid the pandemic.

Link: [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#)

**March 6, 2020 and April 30,  
2021**

**Canadian reports of COVID-19**

**fraud:**

**19,570**

**Canadian victims of COVID-19**

**fraud:**

**17,717**

**Lost to COVID-19 fraud:**

**\$7.26 M**

Source: [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#)

# SECURITY SERVICES SAFETY INITIATIVES

The Security Services Department has implemented many safety initiatives in an effort to better improve safety and security on campus. Many of these initiatives have been spearheaded by the department while others have been made in consultation with many student groups and departments on campus, such as the Environmental Health and Safety. Security Services is continuously assessing the current safety initiatives and examining future safety initiatives in an effort to provide the highest quality of safety and security on campus. Many of the safety initiatives on campus, such as the Code Blue Stations and Emergency Red Phones, are tested on a regular basis to ensure that all equipment is functioning properly. Any concerns are immediately brought forward to the Physical Plant Department where repairs become a top priority. The UM Safe App is our newest initiative and a helpful tool that is available to download now.

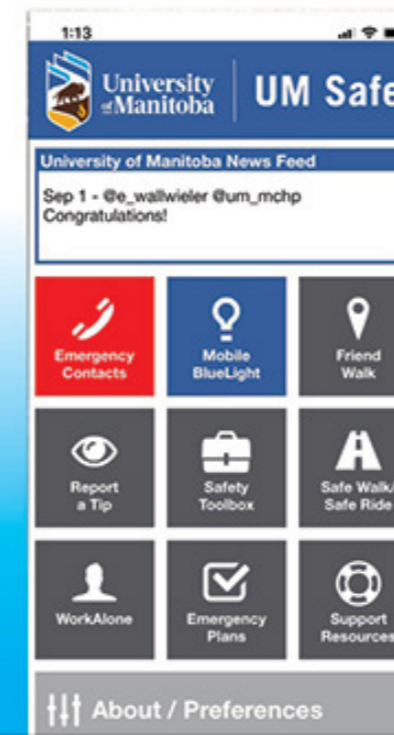
## Safety App UM Safe



Features and safety tools of UM Safe include:

- Work Alone
- Mobile BlueLight
- Friend Walk
- Safe Walk / Safe Ride
- Report a Tip
- Support Resources

UM Safe is available for download from the App Store and Google Play



# CAMPUS SECURITY STATISTICS MARCH 2021



## Suspicious

It is important to Security Services that the university community is comfortable and feels safe when spending time on campus. Security Services responds to reports of suspicious people and vehicles on campus.

Responses to 31 suspicious calls.

## Safe Walk /Safe Ride

Safe Walk and Safe Ride is a free service in which Security Services staff will meet you and walk you or give a ride to/from your car, your class, your residence room, or a bus stop. If you don't feel comfortable walking on campus, Security Services would be happy to assist you.

Safe Walks 46/ Safe Rides Suspended due to Covid

## Medical Emergencies

Security Services responds to all medical emergencies on campus. Sometimes Security Services staff are the first to respond to an emergency, other times they play a key role in guiding the emergency responders to the correct building and room. 8 Medical Emergencies

## Parking Services

Security Services works closely with Parking Services at the University of Manitoba. Security Services, staff helped Parking Services in the following way:  
Assisted Parking Services on - 1 Incidents

## Access

Every day Security Services helps students and staff that want to gain access into buildings or rooms.

Unscheduled Access Requests 148

## Alarms

Security Services responds to all safety and security alarms on campus for example: Fire, Code Blue, Elevator, Emergency Phones, Panic Alarms.

118 Response to Alarms

## University of Manitoba Fort Garry Campus - March 2021 Incidents

### Theft

March 09	Architecture II	Theft of bluetooth speaker
March 10	ALC	Theft of a bike
March 23	Ellis Building	Theft of a bike

### Break and Enter

March 04	Stores Building	Individuals entered building and a vehicle was taken (later recovered by Winnipeg Police)
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### Mischief

March 03	On Campus	Vandalized bus stop glass damaged
March 18	EITC E3	Lock broken from donation box (possible theft)

### Drugs

March 10	University Centre	Individual found a small package of cannabis
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### Driving Offences

March 31	Lot U	Individual driving erratically
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## University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus - March 2021 Incidents

### Mischief

March 24	Parkade	Vandalized vehicle passenger window damaged
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### Theft

March 02	Medical Services	Theft of backpack
March 02	Medical Services	Theft of an individual prescription drugs

### CRIMINAL - WEAPON

March 02	Parkade	Observed on CCTV two Individuals one carrying what appeared to be a weapon (left without incident)
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