

About Florida Driver's Licenses

According to Florida State Statute 322.031, a non resident who becomes employed or sends his/her children to public school must get a Florida driver license within 30 days.

However, if you are at least 16 years of age and not employed or sending children to a public school you may drive using your driver license from your country. The license must be with you when you are driving. The driver license from your country must be equivalent to a Florida class "E" license. (Check above statute for more details on classifications).

There are companies who will charge several hundred dollars to issue illegal identifications cards, often preying on foreign nationals. Many of these companies offer "International Driver Licenses" for sale. **There is no such legally recognized license.** There is an "International Driving Permit" (IDP), which must supplement a valid, duly issued, driver's license for some foreign nationals.



Contacting UCF Police

Important Numbers

Emergency

911

Life or death situations, serious bodily harm, crimes in progress

UCF Police

407 823-5555

To report a crime that already happened, questions, program requests

Victim Advocate 24 hr

407 823-5555

You need an advocate right now

Victim Services Office

407 823-2425 Mon-Fri 8-4:30

Program requests, Questions about stalking, injunctions, etc.

UCFPD Community Relations

Email: Jroop@mail.ucf.edu

407 823-2165

or

Jemert@mail.ucf.edu

407 823-6576

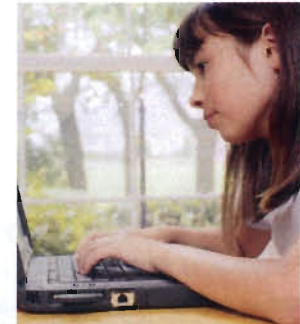
For more information go to:

www.police.ucf.edu

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Safety Information for UCF International Students And Scholars

Don't be a victim!

Crime Prevention Tips

- Have the UCF Police engrave your valuables with your UCF ID number or driver license number (free service - call 823-2165).
- Do not carry large amounts of cash with you. Carry only the amount you will need to spend. Instead, open a checking account with a bank where it will be safer.
- Speak directly to those who speak to you. Do not be afraid to look someone in the eye. It is not disrespectful in the US to look at someone.
- Do not walk alone. Walk in groups or use the Safe Escort Patrol Service (**SEPS**) on campus. **Call 823-2424** Sunday - Thursday, 7 pm - 1 am, or 823-5555 after hours or weekends.
- Keep doors locked (apartment and vehicle) at all times.
- Do not post your personal information on WEB sites (Facebook, My Space or Life Journal).
- Make copies of all important documents (Visas, driver licenses, Embassy contact info, passport, I-94 card, etc) in case they are lost or stolen.

- Do not leave money, laptops, purses, electronics, personal information, etc in your car. They may get stolen.
- Do NOT try to "pay" a police officer for a ticket or to "get out of" a ticket. This is not an accepted custom in the US.
- Do not keep large amounts of cash in your apartment. Money should be kept in a bank account. Make copies of travelers checks after signing (signature is required before leaving the bank).
- Be familiar with traffic laws (stop signs, stop lights, lane changing, etc). Traffic laws are enforced in all states.
- Never give out personal information to people who call you. Only when you initiate a call should you give out any



SEPS working on the main campus.

Women have the same rights as men in the United States. For example, women may express an opinion, buy whatever they wish, and drive where they like without being harassed. There are laws to protect all, equally.

Is language a barrier preventing you from speaking with the police?

There are times when understanding one another is a challenge. Patience is important for us all to be able to communicate our needs. Please, if you need assistance from the police, call 911 for an emergency (an emergency is a life or death situation or a crime in progress) or 407 823--5555 to reach police for a non-emergency (suspicious person or a crime over with). It is the job of the police to restore peace and we will do what we can to help assist you with your situation. We are not here to judge you, just to help. You have the right to speak freely of your opinions. Just remember to be respectful of the duties of the officer. He/she is a fact finder and will have to act upon the information he/she gathers and act accordingly.

