

Important Information about Two Safety Initiatives

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Our UK family,

The places you live, learn, work, experience, and encounter are designed to provide you with academic and extracurricular activities that challenge you and facilitate your success. These places also should be safe and secure.

We have worked hard to make the University of Kentucky a leader in protecting the health and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, patients, and visitors. Over the last four years, we've spent millions of dollars on technology, programs and people, all designed to create an even safer campus.

But safety and well-being are a shared responsibility for us all. In the next few weeks you will be asked to complete one educational program and one survey, each designed to strengthen the safety of our campus.

- The first — Haven — is an online violence prevention curriculum. It takes about 45 minutes to complete. We are asking those who have not completed this training do so by February 25. We will be following up with more specific information about this program very soon. We started this educational program last year for the first time and have been pleased with the results. We are asking all of you to complete it this year.
- The second is the Campus Attitudes Toward Safety (CATS) survey. It is a 25-minute survey that collects your perceptions of safety, knowledge of resources, and experiences at UK. You will be required to complete it prior to your registration window. Graduating students will need to complete the survey before being able to access their transcripts. It will be accessible to students on myUK starting March 2.

These two efforts are essential to our ability to create appropriate policies and further strengthen our culture of safety and mutual responsibility. We need to know how safe you feel on campus and what experiences and perceptions inform your views. We need to know, too, what improvements you believe we need to make.

We will share the results with the campus.

You will be receiving much more information about these two important initiatives in the coming weeks. I know it is a busy time of the year for all of us. And these aren't the only surveys you are being asked to respond to, or programs in which you are being asked to participate — both on campus and off.

Thanks for your willingness to engage in these efforts. I hope your semester is going well.

Thank you.

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President