

CATS Survey
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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 invested in 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 C.A.T.S., the Campus Attitudes Toward Safety survey. It is a 20-25-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.

[Click here to watch a video about CATS](#)

Additionally, first-year students are asked to take Haven, an online violence prevention curriculum that takes about 45 minutes to complete. This program also needs to be completed prior to class registration. Both CATS and Haven are accessible through your myUK account.

This is 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.

Thanks to students' valuable feedback from last year's C.A.T.S. survey, we have:

1. More educational programs about confidential reporting of sexual assault
2. More Talk-a-Phone booths on campus as well as improved lighting and camera surveillance
3. More sexual assault report training for UK Police

To report a safety concern, students have two routes they may take – public or confidential ([click here to watch a video about how to report](#)):

Reporting a Safety Concern (public)

- UK Police: <http://www.uky.edu/Police/>
- UK Office of Institutional Equity and Equal Opportunity: <https://www.uky.edu/EVPFA/EEO/index.html>

Reporting a Safety Concern (confidential)

- VIP Center: <http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/VIPCenter/>
- Counseling Center: <http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Counseling/>

- University Health Services: <http://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/uhs/>

I know it is a busy time of the year for all of us. Thanks for your willingness to engage in these efforts. I hope your semester is going well.

Thank you.

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