



# Safety and security at the University of Jyväskylä

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**Take care of Yourself and each other.  
And be safety**

Safety awareness is an important part of professionalism.  
At university, you learn to be a professional in your field

→ learn to be a **safety** professional in Your field too.



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**Attidute saves lives and creates safety**

A photograph of three university students smiling at the camera. From left to right: a Black woman wearing a dark hoodie with 'FOR SCHOOL' printed on it; a white man wearing a dark t-shirt with 'TUTOR' printed on it; and a white woman with long hair wearing a dark zip-up hoodie with 'LIUKUNEN' and the number '15' on it. They are standing in front of a modern university building with glass windows.

**Finland is one of the safest countries in the world – JYU is a safe place to study, work or visit**

Still, be cautious and use common sense!



## You have the right to a safe study environment



*“A safe study and work environment abroad is also a right of every member of the educational institution and the university community, and it cannot be compromised under any circumstances.*

**As a student, you have an important, own role to play in ensuring safety.”**



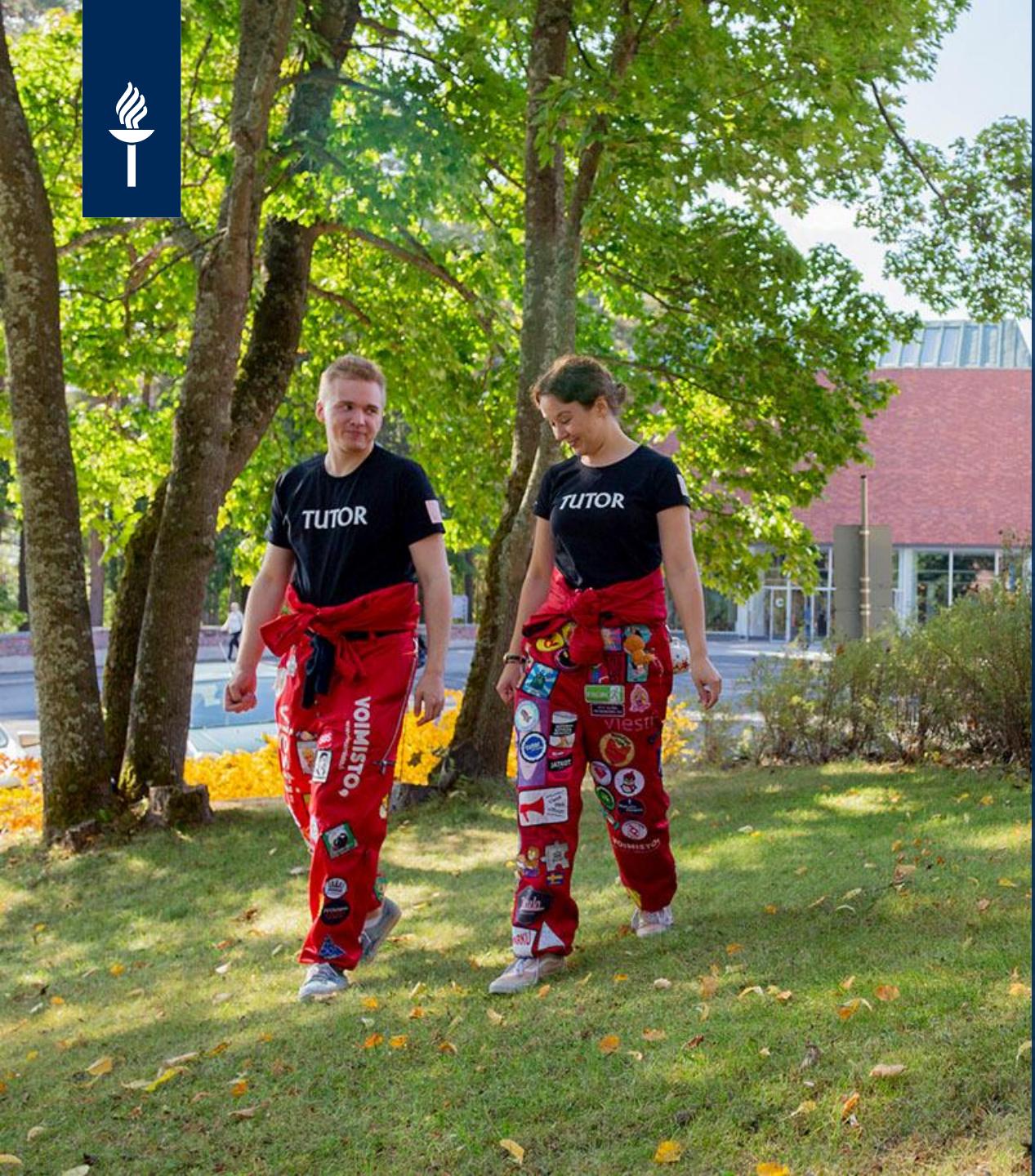
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# What is your role in making safety?

- Each of us, members of the university community has an important role of **making safety and security**.
- To manage and implement safety and security at the university, **we (security unit) need information** and observations about the issues that affect it.
- By telling us about your experiences and observations, you can improve safety of our environment.
- We hope you will report about:
  - Possible dangerous situations
  - Close call situations
  - For crimes
  - Other safety or security related incidents
- If you notice an acute danger:
  - Try to prevent damages
  - Get yourself and others safe
  - Report the matter immediately so that the matter causing the danger can be corrected



# How to?

- Always, in urgent emergency situations, call the authorities first.....
  - Tell: where/what is happening.
  - Listen emergency center instructions..... and help & inform others, prevent damages & more escalation....and be safe “living hero”.
- Follow the instructions and ask if you are not sure.
  - Notify the staff if you notice someone acting contrary to the instructions, causing danger.
- **Be prepared** for unusual situations, such as possible accidents, fire alarms or power outages.
  - Familiarize yourself with emergency exit routes, meeting points, the location of fire extinguishers and first aid equipment.
- Make sure that locked doors and windows close after you.



# Reporting an emergency

- Dial **112** (emergency number) in emergencies when
  - Someone's life, health, property or the environment is threatened or in danger
  - You are witnessing a crime being committed
- **112** works in all EU countries
- Download the **112 Suomi** mobile from app/play store
- It makes it easier for authorities to **locate** you in emergencies.
  - In the application you will find the most important services from which you can get official help.





# Fire safety

- Fire alarm
  - If you hear the fire alarm sounding, leave the building immediately using the nearest exit route.
  - Go to the meeting place
- Learn the alternative exit routes
- Your duty is to change batteries & test that the fire alarm works in your apartment
- [JYU Emergency Response Guide](#)
- [Rescue plan of KOAS](#)
- [Emergency plan of Soihtu Kortepohja](#)





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# Experiencing bullying or harassment on campus?



- The university must offer a safe study environment where everyone has the right to study without experiencing harassment, bullying and discrimination (Universities Act 41 §).
  - **The University of Jyväskylä is a community where bullying or harassment is not tolerated.**
- If you experience bullying, harassment or discrimination:
  - You can contact the University's Specialist of **study wellbeing**: Hanna Ahola, email: [hanna.r.ahola@jyu.fi](mailto:hanna.r.ahola@jyu.fi), tel. +358 40 805 4352
  - **JYY's student union's specialist in Social Affairs**: Noora Koskela, email: [sopo-asiantuntija@jyy.fi](mailto:sopo-asiantuntija@jyy.fi) , tel: +358 50 307 0540
  - **JYY's student union's communications specialist**, Jenni Laitiainen, email: [viestinta-asiantuntija@jyy.fi](mailto:viestinta-asiantuntija@jyy.fi), tel: +358 50 352 9591



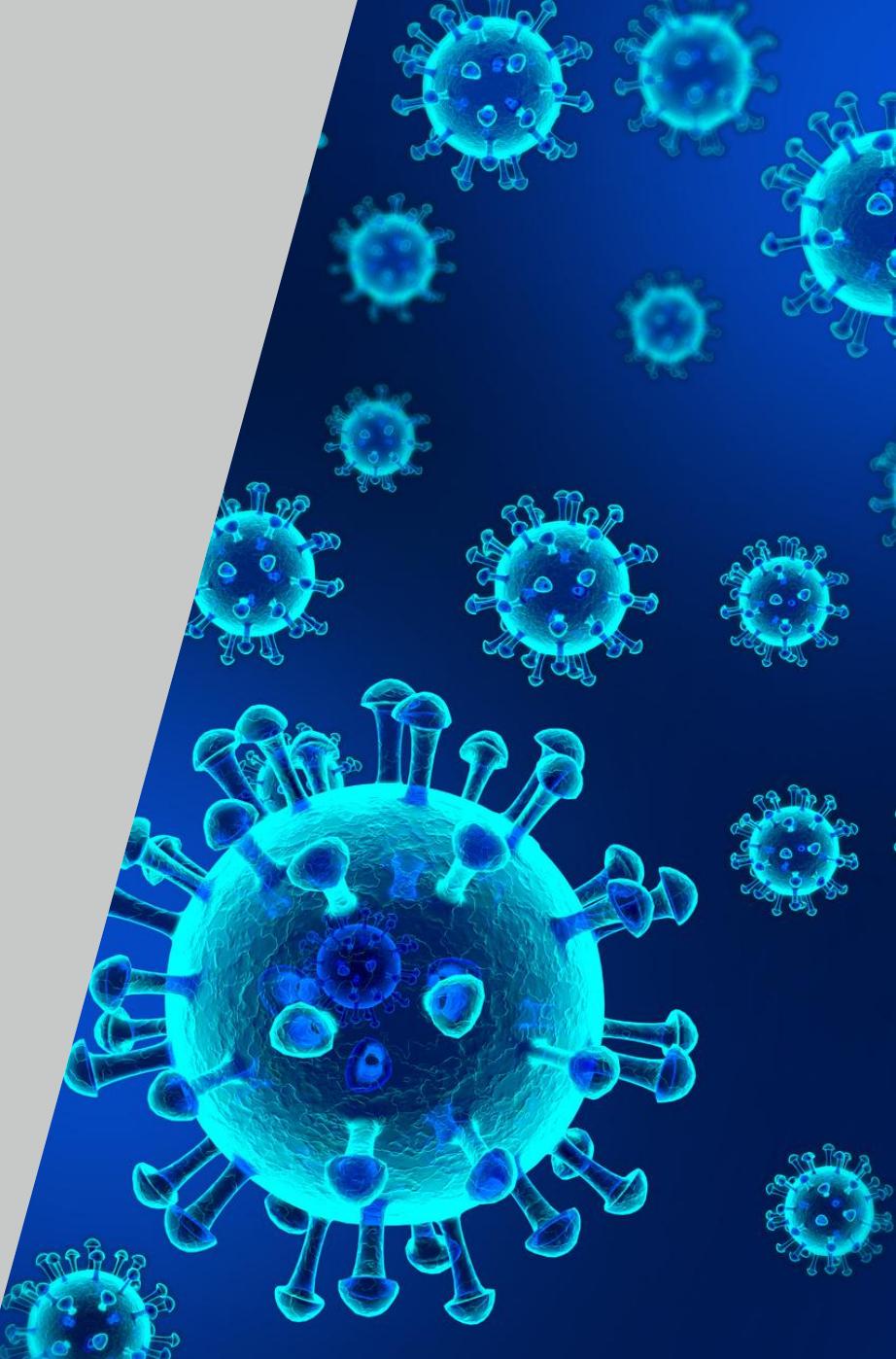
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# Health safety

- There are currently no covid-related restrictions at the University of Jyväskylä.
- Still, we **strongly recommend**:
  - Follow good hand and coughing hygiene.
  - If you get sick, stay in your apartment.
  - Viruses spread easily in close contacts and in groups. Avoid close contact with people when you are sick.
  - In addition to Covid 19, influenza and other disease-causing viruses are circulating at this time of year.
- JYU is a **scent free** and **non smoking** area.





# Jyväskylä Tap Water: Pure, Safe, and Sustainable World-Class

- **Quality:** Finland has some of the cleanest water in the world; often cleaner than bottled brands.
- **Top Rankings:** Often ranked as the best drinking water in the world (UNESCO).
- **Strict Standards:** Water quality is monitored more strictly than bottled water.
- **Natural Source:** In Jyväskylä, we drink groundwater naturally filtered through Ice Age ridges.
- **Save Money:** Tap water costs a fraction of a cent per liter. Buying bottled water is 1000x more expensive.
- **Eco-Friendly:** Zero plastic waste.
- **Drink like a local—fill a reusable bottle from the tap!**





# Traffic safety

- **As a Pedestrian** 
  - **Crosswalks are king** – Drivers usually stop but always check both ways before crossing.
  - Wear a **reflector** in the dark months (from November to March it's practically essential). → You can buy reflectors at well-stocked grocery stores or supermarkets. Wearing a reflective vest is recommended
  - Watch out for icy surfaces in winter – good grip on shoes or traction devices can prevent falls.
- **By Bicycle** 
  - Use a **white headlight** and a **red taillight** on your bike in dim or dark conditions (mandatory)
  - Wear a helmet (recommended)
  - Use cycle paths whenever possible (cycling on a pedestrian walk is forbidden)
- **Winter-Specific Tips** 
  - Prepare for **slippery roads and low visibility** – adjust speed and braking distance accordingly
  - Dress in layers and protect your head and hands from the cold.
  - Even with grit on paths, black ice can still surprise you.





# Scooters - drive safely and park correctly!

- Rental electric scooters are popular in Jyväskylä, but accidents causing injury occur every day
- **How to prevent accidents and ride responsibly:**
  - Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs (illegal)
    - In Finland, a **0.5‰ blood alcohol limit** applies, and there is zero tolerance for riding under the influence of narcotics.
  - Do not carry passengers on an electric scooter (illegal)
  - Wear a helmet when riding, if possible (recommended)
  - Observe and notice other road users, especially children, older people, and pets.
  - Park correctly
    - Scooters must be placed so they do not block, endanger, or inconvenience anyone's movement. Dedicated scooter parking areas are available on our campus.



**Seminaarinmäki**  
Seminar Hill

**Mattilanniemi**  
Mattila Cape

**Ylistö**  
Ylistö



“Ylistö – from the Finnish word ‘ylistää’, to praise; so you could call it ‘Praise Hill’ or ‘Praise side of the lake’.”  
Perplexity



Be cautious – the frozen surface of the lake can be dangerous when ice has **just emerged** and during Spring, when air temperature rises and ice surface **starts melting**.



Don't be the first one on the ice - don't be second or even fifth....





# Be cautious – the frozen surface of the lake can be **fun**





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# Thefts

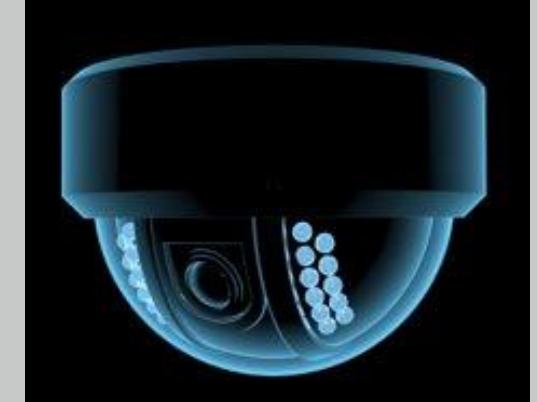
- JYU premises are mainly **open to everyone** and our regular thieves are well aware of this.
- If you don't want to get rid off your laptop, phone, wallet etc., **do not leave** your valuables unattended.
- Thieves are also interested in valuable bikes. During autumn, bikes are stolen on a monthly basis. **Use a decent lock and lock your bike into fixed object!**
- In winter, valuable clothes are a common target
- Clothes left in coat racks at JYU are at your own risk





# CCTV in campus

closed-circuit television - commonly known as a video surveillance technology



- JYU buildings are mostly covered with a CCTV system
- System does not stop crimes from happening, but helps to solve them
- CCTV materials are confidential and given only to police
- System is administered by JYU Clavis service desk



# Lost and Found Office

- Items lost or found?
  - <https://poliisi.fi/en/jyvaskyla-police-station-lost-property>
  - Lost and Found Office at the Jyväskylä Police Station at Urhonkatu 1
  - Monday 9-15
  - Wednesday 9-15
  - Friday 9-15





# Reporting a crime

- An offence can be reported at
  - [www.poliisi.fi/en](http://www.poliisi.fi/en) (preferred)
  - police station (Urhonkatu 1, Jyväskylä)
- Monday 9-15
- Wednesday 9-15
- Friday 9-15
- No report → no investigation





# JYU's responsibilities

- JYU **is responsible** for the safety and security of its main duties, teaching and research, as well as the university premises.
- JYU **is not responsible** for the safety and security of students' free time, free time trips or accommodation.





# Who to contact with questions about safety and security?

Security Team

Safety and Security Manager Teemu Keränen, +358504424884, [teemu.v.keranen@jyu.fi](mailto:teemu.v.keranen@jyu.fi)

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Keys, access cards → Clavis office

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