



Brandeis University Department of Public Safety

Office of the Chief of Police

Chief Matthew T. Rushton

CLERY SAFETY ALERT, 2024.1

Dear Brandeis Community,

Several incidents involving verbal threats, abuse, and physical aggression have been reported on campus recently. These incidents involve an individual making threatening and derogatory remarks towards members of the Brandeis University community. The most recent incident occurred Friday, March 8, 2024, around 11:20 pm. During this encounter, a water bottle with an unknown liquid was thrown from the vehicle.

In one instance, a light-colored Ford Expedition was reported as the vehicle involved, while in another, a white sedan, possibly a Ford Focus, with a Massachusetts license plate, was identified. The suspect is described as a white male, 25-30 years of age, with red hair and a beard. These incidents have occurred on campus or South Street, in the vicinity of campus. The Brandeis Public Safety Department is actively working to identify a suspect.

Safety Recommendations:

Stay Aware: Remain vigilant and attentive to your surroundings at all times, especially when walking alone or in isolated areas. Trust your instincts and avoid potentially risky situations.

Travel in Groups: Whenever possible, travel with friends or classmates, particularly during late hours or in dimly lit areas. There is safety in numbers, and being with others can deter potential threats.

Utilize Campus Resources: Be aware of the locations of emergency call boxes and how to use them if needed. Pre-program the public safety emergency dispatch number (781-736-3333) and save it as a favorite on your cell phone.

Report Incidents: If you witness or experience any harassment, threats, or violence, promptly report it to public safety. Reporting incidents ensures swift action and helps maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Remember to prioritize your safety and well-being. Let's work together to foster a campus community where everyone feels secure and supported.

Public Safety Emergency, 781-736-3333 or 6333 from a campus phone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew T. Rushton".

Matthew T. Rushton
Assistant Vice President, Public Safety/Chief of Police