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# Safety in Australia

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# Acknowledgment of Country

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

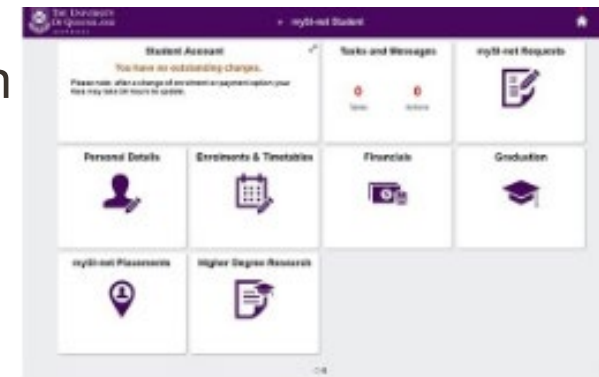
We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.



# PERSONAL SAFETY

- Be aware of your surroundings and be mindful of your body language.
- Plan a safety strategy - e.g. text your friends when you get home safe.
- You can choose who to speak to or share information with.
- If you need to show ID or proof of age, get a Photo Identification Card from the Department of Transport.
- Ensure contact details are up-to-date in My SI-Net.  
 \*This is a requirement of your student visa.



**Trust your instincts - Your sense of safety is your own.**

# EMERGENCIES AND SECURITY

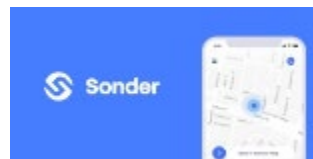
## OFF CAMPUS - Dial 000

- If a crime is happening now.
- Serious illness or injury.
- When the event is critical, e.g. a fire, life in danger.



## SONDER - OFF CAMPUS SUPPORT

- Your 24/7 rapid response network.
- Virtual and in-person support for when you feel unsafe, unsure or when you're facing a complex or confronting situation.
- Free with Allianz insurance.



## SECURITY ON CAMPUS

- Look after your valuables – especially in the library.
- Sleeping in the library is not allowed – not safe.
- Report theft to Security (Bldg 42).

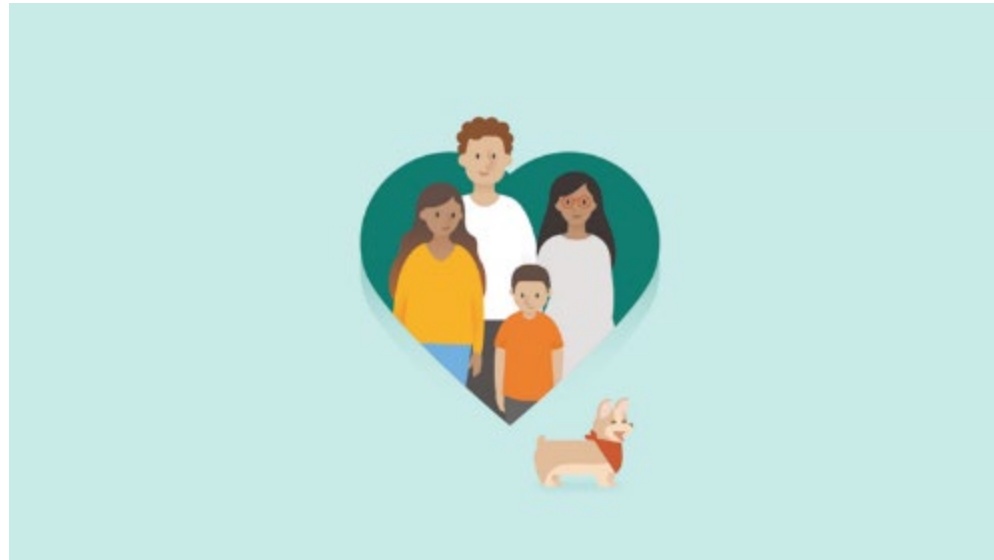
## ON CAMPUS - Emergencies

- Contact UQ Security on 3365 3333.
- UQ SafeZone App.

# SAFETY WITHIN THE FAMILY

In Australia, it is unacceptable to threaten or to use physical, psychological, economic or emotional violence against any member of your family.

- ❑ There are strict laws against domestic and family violence in Australia to protect people from harm.
- ❑ Domestic violence is a community issue and everyone plays a role in stopping and preventing violence.



# Confidential Support Services

Mensline: 1800 600 636

Womensline: 1800 811 811

1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732

Student Services: 3365 1704

Police: 000



# SCAMS



- Never transfer any money to a real estate agent or property owner until you have inspected the property and signed an RTA lease agreement, including bond.
- Never stay in accommodation if you don't feel safe, if it is overcrowded or if you have been pressured to stay.
- **Speak to our accommodation team and get support.**
- Be careful about accommodation found through WeChat or GumTree - many scams.

- Scam artists are targeting students with scary phone calls threatening to arrest you.
- These include fake calls from the ATO, DHL and other postal services.
- Don't exchange Money through WeChat/Alipay.



# Be alert

# Sextortion





## Support:

Police Link- 131 444

Scam Watch -

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>



# ROAD SAFETY



- Look right...then left...then right again!
- Cross at traffic lights and pedestrian crossings.



- Must know QLD road rules.
- Required by law to wear a helmet (bikes, scooters, electric bikes etc.).
- Same road rules apply to cars and bicycles.



- Must have the correct license - Contact QLD Transport office to check.
- Driver and all passengers must wear a seatbelt.
- Don't drink and drive, drive tired or use your mobile phone.





# WEATHER IN BRISBANE



## Hottest times (November – March)

It's hot and it rains.

Temperature: 21 - 29.8°C, with some days reaching high 30's or low 40's.

Lots of rain, thunderstorms and occasional floods.



but we love it!



## Cold times (June – August)

Cold mornings, nice days, cold nights.

Temperatures: 11 - 21°C, early morning can 6-10°C.

## Best times (April – May, September to October)

Not too hot, not too wet.

Temperatures: 15-24°C.





# Sun Safety

- Wear sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, long clothes and drink plenty of water.
- Peak times: 10am - 3pm.
- Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek & Slide!



# BEACH SAFETY



think...**FLAGS**

**F**ind the red and yellow flags and swim between them.

**L**ook at, understand and obey the safety signs.

**A**sk a lifeguard or lifesaver for advice before you enter the water.

**G**et a friend to swim with you and never swim at night.

**S**tick your hand up, stay calm, and call for help if you get into trouble.

## Beach safety flags

*Flag images: Courtesy of Surf Lifesaving Association*



RED &  
YELLOW:  
Area  
operated by  
a lifesaving  
service



RED: Beach  
is closed -  
you should  
not enter  
the water



BLACK &  
WHITE:  
Board  
riding and  
surfing is  
not  
permitted



YELLOW:  
Potential  
hazards in  
the water

## Beach safety signs

*Beach safety sign images: Courtesy of Surf Lifesaving Association*



WARNING:  
Large  
waves



REGULATORY:  
No  
swimming



INFORMATION:  
Patrolled  
beach



SAFETY:  
First aid

# Rips

Rips are the number one hazard on Australian beaches.



- Do not struggle against a rip.
- If caught in a rip, swim parallel to the shore until you reach a wave break.
- Raise your hand to get the attention of lifeguards.



Other tips:

- NEVER dive into the surf.
- Never swim under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Watch out for bluebottles (ouch!).
- Shark nets exist and generally you will be safe.

# WILDLIFE SAFETY

## Tips:

- Shake out your shoes and wash outdoor furniture.
- If you are bitten by something and are worried, contact the national poisons information line.

**P.s** did you know that only 0.03% of people bitten by a snake die... so don't worry!



**\*National Poisons Information Line – 13 11 26 (24/7)**



# What about the birds?

## Brush turkey

Territorial, may try to eat your lunch but is easily scared.



## Ibis/bin chicken

Will eat your food, keep an eye out!



## Duck

Don't feed them please.



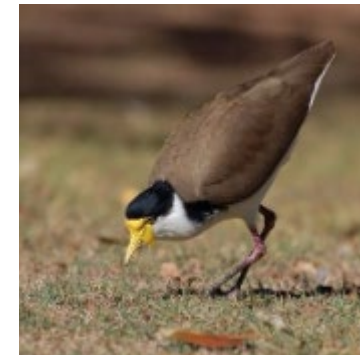
## Magpie

Very smart. In Spring it may swoop you.



## Plover

Normally harmless. Don't go near its nest or babies.



# WILDLIFE AT HOME (FRIENDS)



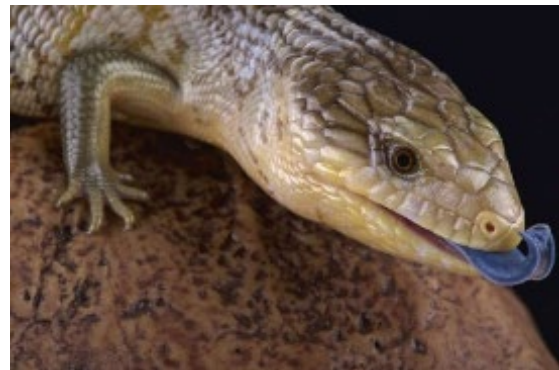
Gecko



Possum



Carpet Python



Blue Tongue Lizard



Flying Fox

# DRUGS AND ALCOHOL



- Minimum drinking age is 18.
- Be careful of drink spiking and look out for your mates.



- Marijuana and recreational drugs are illegal.
- Recreational drugs at clubs and festivals - unsafe (you have no idea what is in them).



- Smoking is very regulated in Queensland and fines apply for not following the rules.
- No smoking anywhere at eating and drinking venues and outdoor public spaces.

(public transport waiting points, patrolled beaches, public swimming pools, sports stadiums, children's playground, parks )



# Emergency or Overdose

**CALL AN AMBULANCE ... YOU MAY JUST SAVE A LIFE**

*\*police will not be involved unless you request them.*

- Unconscious or unable to speak.
- If they are having trouble breathing.
- Unusual reaction to a drug or if you think they have overdosed.
- If you are very worried about their safety.



# UQ Respect Now. Always

The First Responder Network provides an initial safe environment for survivors to seek advice and receive information

## Sexual Misconduct Support Unit (SMSU)

- A safe and supportive place for the UQ community to receive support and assistance for experiences of sexual misconduct.
- We provide assistance to survivors of sexual misconduct and their supporters.
- We provide survivors with counselling and appropriate academic and social adjustments.

How can I contact the SMS Unit?

You can contact the SMS Unit by:

- booking an appointment online on StudentHub
- calling our support line +61 7 3443 1000  
The line is open Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm
- emailing [sexualmisconductsupport@uq.edu.au](mailto:sexualmisconductsupport@uq.edu.au)
- submitting a confidential report online

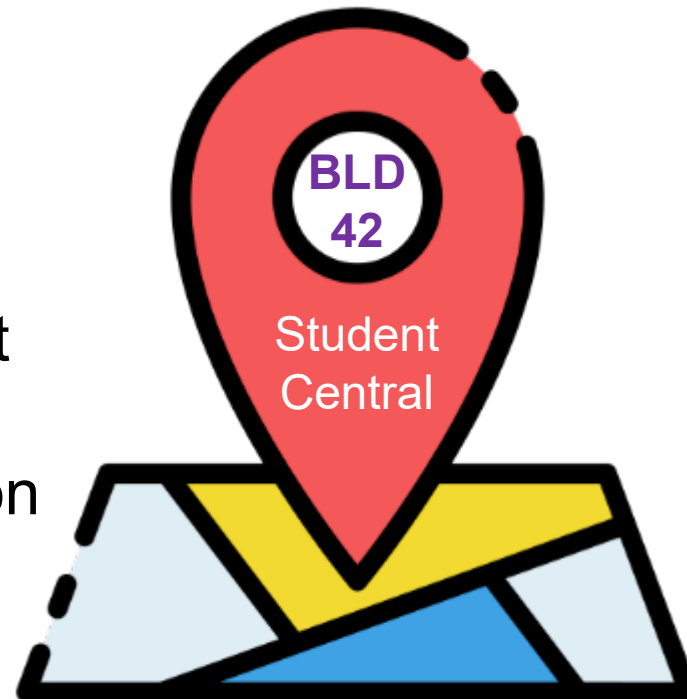


Visit [respect.uq.edu.au](https://respect.uq.edu.au) for more information

# Student Services

We provide resources, advice and support to make the most of your time at UQ.

- New Student Support
- Accommodation
- Counselling
- Learning
- International Student Support
- Welfare Student Support
- Diversity, Disability & Inclusion
- Student Relations Network
- Multi-faith Chaplaincy



**\*Free and confidential** services for all UQ students

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