

Community Alert

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The University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Safety team would like to make the UTSC community aware of a recent safety concern involving the buying and selling of electronic equipment.

- Multiple UTSC community members report being approached while in parking lots by persons trying to sell electronic equipment.
- Community members are entering vehicles of unknown persons to drive to bank machines for the purposes of obtaining funds for payment.
- Persons who purchased these items report that the electronic equipment was not what the sellers described them to be, often being of much lower quality or broken.

UTSC Campus Safety are actively investigating. Campus Safety will be paying special attention to, and conducting proactive patrols of, all parking lots and roadways on campus.

If approached by persons selling electronic equipment, please do not enter unknown vehicles or purchase equipment.

If you have any information relating to these incidents, or have been approached by persons selling equipment, please contact Campus Safety at 416-978-2222

Description of vehicle

Large Black SUV

How to get help.

Your safety is important to us. If you need to report an incident or if you are in a situation where you feel unsafe please contact Campus Safety at 416-978-2222 or 9-1-1 immediately. Other resources available to the UTSC community include:

- The **Travel Safer** service, which is available 24/7, when travelling on campus. If you would like someone to accompany you, please call The Travel Safer line at 416-287-7022. More information is available at the Campus Safety non-emergency line (416-287-7398) or at utsc.utoronto.ca/safety.
- The Lone Worker service can be reached at 416-287-7398.
- The <u>U of T Campus Safety App</u>, is a critical resource for supporting the safety and well-being of our community. It is available for free download at Google Play and the Apple App Store. It integrates with U of T's safety and security systems to help students, faculty, staff, and librarians move more safely on and off-campus.
- The <u>Community Safety Office</u> is a tri-campus service that offers short-term support and assistance to students, staff, faculty members, librarians, departments and organizational units with personal and/or workplace safety concerns.

Additional support is available to the community through the **Healthy Campus Initiative site**.