

5 WAYS TO KEEP OUT OF THE BOOKING ROOM AT GATOR FOOTBALL GAMES



Gator Football Season Checklist
Gator gear? Check.
Gator One and ticket? Check.
Drunk beyond belief? Fail.

While Gator football can bring out the best in most of us, it can also bring out the worst in some. An overpowering surge of orange and blue pride can rear its ugly head on the most unsuspecting of Gators. Normally reserved and composed people can readily become “that guy” or “that girl” in the stands, making those around them (almost) wish they had stayed home.

Don't be “that” person that everyone applauds for when they're being hauled away by the police. Read on to find ways to keep you and your loved ones in check during football season.

1. **Party Responsibly.** Nobody likes a sloppy Gator...especially when there's over 90,000 of them in a confined area. There is a fine line between being rowdy and being ridiculous. Don't walk that line. If you are going to drink before the game, do so responsibly. For more resources on responsible alcohol use, check out Gatorwell at <http://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu/Alcohol-and-Other-Drugs.aspx>.

2. **Mind Your Manners.** Replace the sass with class. Don't run your mouth like a marathoner. If someone asks you do something reasonable like move over or sit down, do so politely. If you feel like someone else is harrassing you, you can let the police know and they will handle the situation.

3. **Don't Stand on the Bleachers.** Simple to understand. You can get kicked out for doing so, so don't.

4. **Stay in Your Seat.** Sneaking down a few rows may have worked at the JoBros concert, but it won't fly at Ben Hill. Stay in the seat you have and don't sneak others into your section. People around you won't appreciate the crowdedness and, again, you can get ejected from the game.

5. **Be Compliant.** If a police officer asks you to do something reasonable, do it. Be *compliant* without a *complaint*. Chances are the consequences will be less severe for being compliant.

WELCOME TO UF AND THE GATOR NATION!

The Office of Off Campus Life (OCL), located on the 3rd floor of Peabody Hall, provides support services and resources to enhance students' off campus experience. Anything that has to do with living off campus--be it finding housing, communicating with roommates and apartment management, or becoming part of the greater Gainesville community--OCL can help you. Go to www.offcampus.ufl.edu for more information. Listed below are services and programs OCL provides:



- Monthly Lunch Series: *Come on 9/15 from 11:45am-12:35pm in Peabody Hall 411 to learn safety tips and self-defense techniques!*
 - Monthly Electronic Newsletter
 - Free Online Housing Locator Service
 - Gator Guide to Off Campus Life
 - Community Advocates Student Program
- Facebook Group: UF Off Campus Life and Twitter blog:
- Buzz the Bumble Bee: Office Mascot

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Homer and Flanders. Tim and Wilson.

Canada and the U.S. While you may not be able to choose who you live next to, you can choose to get to know them.

Communicating with your neighbors is beneficial to you because this relationship may help create a friendly and safe environment. People are more apt to help those that they know so don't be a stranger. If something seems out of the ordinary, you could check on them and the same goes for them looking out for you. You don't have to be BFF's, but at the very least you should know your neighbor's name.

On the flip side, if your neighbor is downright sketchy, getting to know them would alert you to some potentially dangerous behaviors. If you feel uncomfortable, you can alert apartment management or law enforcement to suspicious behavior. Be sure, though, not to jump to conclusions when judging others. Being different from you may not equate to being dangerous, but in all cases, listen to your gut feeling.



THE DREADED “C” WORD: COMMUNICATION



Seemingly used more times than “Go Gators” at a football game, the term “communication” flies out like college kids to free pizza. Though “communication” is dropped enough like it's hot, what is it exactly? OCL sees communication as a means of keeping the peace and re-instating it if things go awry. Note: Signs like the one shown are not considered healthy, effective means of communication. Don't let your living environment become an uncomfortable place where signs like this are the norm.

Talk to your roommate openly and be real with what you want and expect. If you're clean, stay up late, and like having people over, let your roommate know. That way, if they are the total opposite of you, you can work out a fair compromise and (hopefully) have a happy living environment.

The same advice goes for communicating with your landlord or apartment manager. Talk to them about your concerns ahead of time before anything hits the fan.

OCL and Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/>) provide free mediation to help with roommate or landlord/tenant issues. Student Legal Services (<https://www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu/>) provides free legal advice for landlord issues if need be, but with early and clear communication, you can keep things under control.

SELLING GAME DAY PARKING?

If you're going to sell parking, you need a permit from the City to do so. Because selling parking is technically like having your own business, you are required to pay a business tax. Prices vary from \$26.25 to \$157.50 depending on what zone you're in and how many spaces you plan to sell. These tax fees are subject to a 5% increase if the City Commission increases the business tax fees this summer.

If you have any questions about parking permits, please call Russell Stiriz at (352) 334-5024.

RENTERS INSURANCE

The upstairs apartment's tub leaks, drenching your closet and everything in it. A tree branch breaks your window in a thunderstorm. As the All State Mayhem commercials show, random things like this do happen. Protect yourself and your property with Renters Insurance. For \$20-\$40/month, you can have Renter's Insurance. Some students can find renter's coverage through their parents or family members homeowner's insurance policy so check to see if this is an option before purchasing a renter's insurance policy.

A renter's policy commonly contains four separate sections:

- **Personal Property:** provides protection for your personal property, such as furniture, clothing, and electronics. This coverage limit is chosen by you when you purchase the policy.
- **Loss of use:** that is the additional expenses you incur when your apartment cannot be used because of an insured loss. This part of the policy will usually only cover around 10 - 20% of your personal property value.
- **Personal liability:** covers damages to others for which you are held liable except as limited or excluded by the policy.
- **Medical Payments to Others:** pays for medical expenses for minor injuries to others even if you are not at fault. The policy normally includes limits of \$1000 - \$5,000 per person.

For more information, see the Renter's Insurance section in the Gator Guide at http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/documents/gatorGuide_09%2010.pdf.

SAVE A LIFE OR TWO AND GET A FREE SHIRT!

Hey Gators! What Colors Do You Bleed? Want to play a part in beating the Tennessee Volunteers this year? Join LifeSouth Community Blood Centers for the 7th Annual What Colors Do You Bleed? Blood Drive, pitting Gator Fans vs. Volunteer Fans, to see which fans can draw the most blood donors. Donate between Monday September 13th Thru Friday September 17th on UF Campus or any LifeSouth Donor Centers for your donation to count. For more information please contact LifeSouth at 352-334-1000. Help us beat Tennessee on AND off the field. All donors will receive a commemorative What Colors Do You Bleed t-shirt.

TRANSITIONING TO UF/BALANCE/INVOLVEMENT

While Gainesville is a great and exciting place to be, full of new opportunities, we understand that sometimes you simply miss home. Below are some tips to help transition to Gainesville and UF. Before you know it, Gainesville will be your home away from home.

- **Find your niche at UF.** Get involved with UF through student organizations, on-campus employment, and campus activities. Find out about the over 900 student organizations at <https://www.union.ufl.edu/involvement/search/#StudentOrganizations>. Read the weekly GatorTimes e-mail to learn about upcoming events and opportunities.
- **Meet new people and places.** The college experience is a one-of-a-kind lifestyle that not everyone gets to have so take advantage of it. Be open to meeting new people and making new friends. Look out for upcoming OCL videos on Gainesville hotspots to see cool local places you can check out.
- **Talk to someone.** If you feel that you are having a really hard time adjusting, UF offers free, confidential counseling service to students. Go to <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx> for more information.

HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS

Fall. Gator Football. Hurricane. All these seasons are upon us and it's time to prep for them. You have your books and supplies for school. You've been ready for football since last season's end. Now, on to hurricane preparedness.

- Keep cash on you and have your car's gas tank full. ATM's won't work if there's no electricity.
- Make sure you have any prescription medications, cash, sleeping bag, batteries, water and non-perishable foods, first aid kit, battery-operated radio, flashlights, car keys, cell phones, maps, directions, shelter locations and contact information, and any important documents (Driver's license, social security card, insurance papers, passports, etc.)
- Don't forget about your pet! Make proper arrangements in case you have to evacuate.
- Keep up to date about the storm's track.

For more info, read the Hurricane Safety section of the Gator Guide to Off Campus Life at <http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/documents/gatorguide1011.pdf>

RTS UPDATES

The new Route 23 from the Oaks Mall to Santa Fe College via Ft. Clarke Boulevard and the new Route 25 serving the UFcampus and the Gainesville Regional Airport join the RTS fixed-route system this Fall. RTS also added a modified version of its popular Route 1 that only serves limited stops along the route to its schedule. This new limited-stop Route 1L will accommodate passengers who want to travel a farther distance on the Route 1 with fewer stops in between their destinations.

Frequency has been increased on Routes 10, 34, and 43. Routes 1, 8 and 11 now run until 11 p.m. Route 12 has been rerouted to serve Butler Plaza and discontinue service to SW 42nd Avenue, SW 31st Avenue and SW 41st Place. Route 17 will use SE 10th Avenue and Veitch Street instead of Main Street, Route 36 will now also stop at Williston Plaza on SW 34th Street, and Route 43 will no longer serve South Main Street, SW 16th Avenue and SW 6th Street.

Service on Routes 22, 29 and 38 will be reinstated for the Fall semester. Route 300 (Later Gator A) has been discontinued on Monday and Tuesday and the Saturday Route 409 has been discontinued. Finally, RTS will not be providing service on November 26, Black Friday, or December 24, Christmas Eve.