

The Five Points Association Announces New Security Measures:

In September of 2009, the Five Points Association, Statewide Security Systems and the City of Columbia came together to make Five Points a safer place for everyone. Due in large part to the major contribution and donation of high tech security cameras and emergency call boxes by SSS owner, Carey Shealy, this collaboration to make Five Points safe was possible. The City of Columbia Police Department now have 24 hour access to cameras that are placed throughout the Five Points area and will be able to pinpoint crimes, assess incidents before arrival on the scene and monitor the area at all times.

Smile, you are probably on a Five Points camera!



Emergency Numbers

Emergency 911

Columbia Police
803.252.2911

USC Police
803.777.4215

Richland County
Police
803.576.3000

24 hour
Sexual Trama
Services of the Midlands
803.771.RAPE (7273)

Five Points Safety Guide

Protect Yourself

Protect the Village

Your guide to keeping yourself
safe in Five Points

Emergency Call Boxes



PURPOSE:

Currently, Emergency Call Boxes are located at three sites around Five Points, Columbia, SC. Ongoing evaluations are conducted to determine possible new locations. These phones are provided as an immediate means of communication to the City of Columbia Police Department (CPD) during an emergency.

SSS Emergency Call Boxes are designed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, allowing persons with hearing or communication difficulties to know 911 has received the call by a red 'call received' indicator light. Additionally, there is a Braille Help Label just below the Emergency Push Button.

USAGE:

Statewide Security Systems Emergency Call Boxes can be recognized by the large red pole with a blue light at the top. Some Call Boxes are mounted directly on to a wall instead of a pole. Both are equipped with a yellow face plate which contains a large red call button and a speaker. To use any Call Box, simply press and release the call button and a dispatcher will answer within a few seconds. Report your location and emergency clearly to the dispatcher. There is no need to push the call button again to disconnect, the dispatcher will disconnect when appropriate. The blue strobe light will flash for the duration of the call. For those with hearing or communication impaired disabilities, be aware that the red light indicates the call was received by 911.

Tampering or "false alarms" are a violation of the City of Columbia, SC Penal Code. A person is in violation of this code if he or she makes a telephone call to 911 or the Public Safety Service when there is not an actual emergency.

All SSS Emergency Call Box system offerings are based on two premises: (1) High Visibility in an Emergency Call Box application is very important because awareness of security is a critical element of our program, and (2) Interactive Voice capabilities help the authorities assess and better respond to the callers needs.

For any further questions or comments about SSS Emergency Call Boxes, please call 803-782-7777.

Emergency Call Box Locations

There are 3 SSS emergency call boxes and one University of South Carolina call box in Five Points.

1. 1900 Blossom Street - In front of the Wachovia ATM
2. 800 Harden Street - in front of the Rite Aid parking lot
3. Pavillion Avenue - where Pavillion meets Lee and Santee.
4. Near the railroad tracks on Greene Street - near Laurens St. (USC)

Locations of SSS boxes on the map below



Safety Tips for EVERYONE

If a situation or place doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Trust your instincts and leave.

Avoid isolated dark areas while walking at night.

Always keep car doors locked.

Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Walk with a group of friends or friend rather than alone.

Walk and park in well-lit areas.

Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, dark parking lots, alleys or undesirable neighborhoods.

Don't carry large sums of money.

Be wary of anyone approaching you for money or directions.

Don't let yourself become distracted.