

# NEW MEXICO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

## Employee Parking Information

### Personal Safety & Security

By paying attention to simple preventive measures, you can save yourself, your fellow co-workers, and patients the trauma of becoming a victim. If someone unknown to you comes into your work area and takes equipment or acts suspicious, ask them if they need help or request identification. Call the VA Police if you're not sure of their identity or purpose for being there. Every VA employee shares the responsibility for security, NOT just the Police! Most thefts involve removing personal and government property from UNLOCKED desks and rooms. A locked door or desk works (but only when you use them!)

Here at the VAMC/Albuquerque, VA Police Have exclusive jurisdiction, meaning that only VA Police Officers have arrest powers on VA property (with the exception of the US Marshalls and FBI). State and local law enforcement have very limited authority. VA Police Officers are available 24/7 365 days a year. You can also request a VA Police escort to your vehicle 24/7 by dialing 2865/4222.

#### Emergency

Ext. 2222 or 911

#### VA Police Dispatch Non-Emergency

Ext. 4222 and ext. 2370

#### VA Police

505-256-2865, ext. 4222

#### Notify VA Police when you:

- Observe a person carrying a weapon.
- Observe suspicious activity
- Feel threatened or are threatened

Situations don't have to be "out of control" before you call the police. It's better to prevent a disturbance than deal with one that has become violent.

We are all responsible to provide a safe and secure workplace for our patients, other employees, ourselves, and VA property.