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BOLLARDS PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

Security bollards have long been used to direct or control pedestrian and vehicle traffic, and nowhere is this more apparent than on university campuses, where the flux of foot traffic is often constant and vehicles must navigate through unique traffic patterns where interactions with pedestrians are unavoidable. Bollards that can be quickly and inexpensively installed are always in demand on university campuses. Different construction (cast iron, stainless steel, steel/cast iron composite, recycled plastic, plastic covers) and design (fixed, telescoping, removable, collapsible, and collapsible/concealable) options enable campus architects to choose the right bollard to solve a specific problem in pedestrian and vehicle traffic areas.

Removable bollards can be installed around university events in order to control traffic around stadiums or conference halls. This will allow university officials to facilitate safe entrances and exits. Embedded and fixed bollards are often used to prohibit vehicle access to private areas. New rotatable or “twist-up” designs like those available from Calpipe Security Bollards™ are becoming more commonplace around university buildings, as they can be lifted and dropped down with just a hand drill and a bit. Twist-up bollards provide an affordable option since they require little to no maintenance and are ideal for remote areas on campuses where perimeters must be established.

The university use of bollards in congested areas, particularly when colleges are located in urban settings such as downtown Atlanta (Georgia State University) or New York City (NYU) has

allowed for campus designers to experiment with new traffic patterns, utilizing bollards as a simple engineering tool to protect pedestrians and cyclists from vehicles, and designate pedestrian areas by blocking vehicular access while allowing pedestrians and cyclists to enter freely between each bollard. Heavy, permanent bollards are often installed around crowded university buildings to limit vehicle congestion and restrict access to certain areas. Retractable bollards, like the Twist-Up Bollard from Calpipe, are popular choices for campus integration as they are easy to remove and store if not needed, while not sacrificing reliability and safety. Whatever the design and safety requirements may be, there is a bollard available to suit every need no matter how specific.