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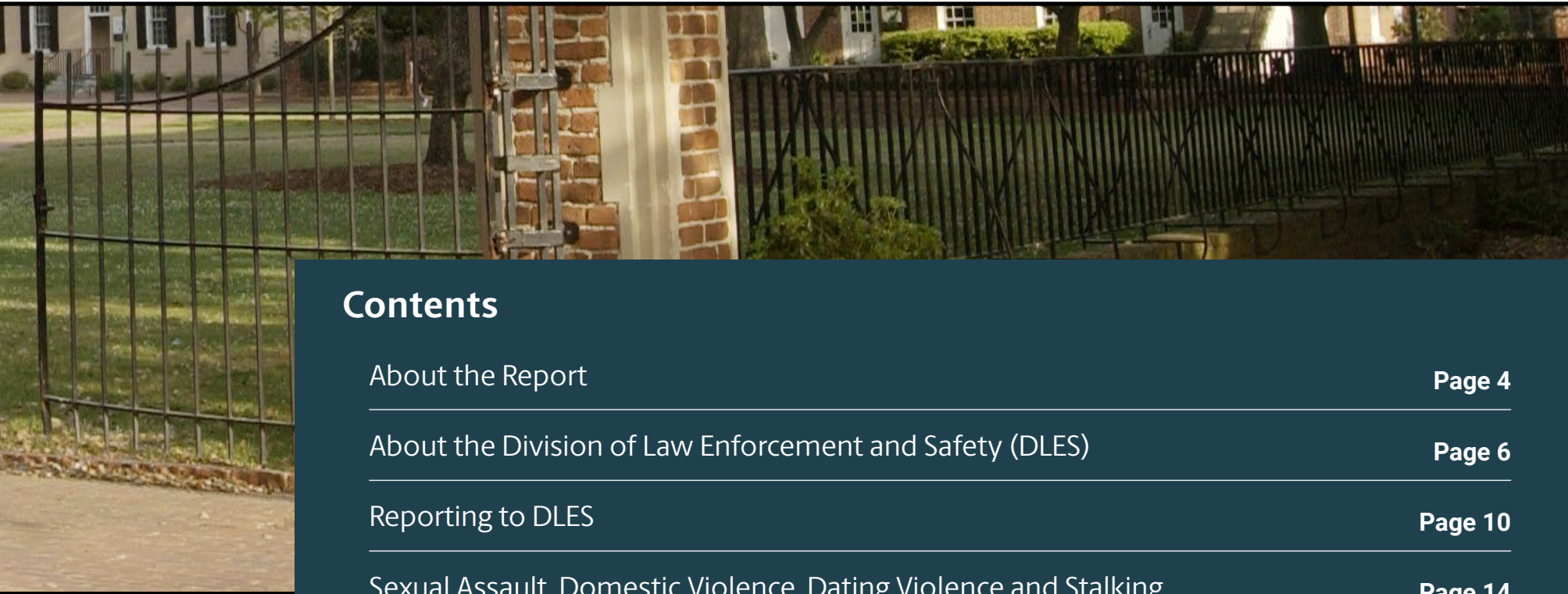
Division of Law Enforcement and Safety



Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

Each year, the University of South Carolina compiles and provides the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report to current and future members of the Carolina Community.

The Division of Law Enforcement and Safety (DLES) performs this task in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, referred to as the **Clery Act**, and also in accordance with the Division's mission to create a safe and peaceful environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors of the University of South Carolina.



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The Report

The University of South Carolina, Columbia Campus' **Annual Security and Fire Safety Report** is compiled by the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety (DLES). The Division takes great pride in protecting and serving the Carolina Community and is committed to the safety of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

The Division works with departments, units, and individuals throughout the University to ensure accurate information and statistics provided in this report. Information concerning University policies may be found at <https://www.sc.edu/policies>.

The information in this report was prepared by the University to make current and prospective students as well as employees aware of key policies and programs in place at the University that: ensure equitable treatment of all members of the University Community; maintain a safe campus environment; and make vital information available in the event of an emergency. The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is also published in compliance with federal law.

If you have any questions regarding the report or would like a printed copy, please contact DLES at **(803) 777-8400**.

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Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics and Preparing the Report

DLES is the primary University office responsible for preparing and distributing the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. This report is for the Columbia Campus as each campus is responsible for compiling and disclosing their individual reports. To compile information for the Annual Security Report, University offices collaborate with each other and external agencies, including local law enforcement agencies. Crimes that are reported in a specific area in and around University Property are collected from collaborating agencies for statistics that are disclosed to the United States Department of Education.

Federal law mandates that the University publishes and discloses this Report by the first of October each year. This law is called the **Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act**. Also referred to as the *Clery Act*, it was signed into law as part of the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990.

Any current or future member of the University Community and other interested members of the general community can obtain a physical or electronic copy by calling DLES at (803) 777-8400 or visiting the “Annual Clery Report” page at <https://bit.ly/3pn1Egd>.



About the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety

The University of South Carolina **Division of Law Enforcement and Safety (DLES)** is the primary law enforcement agency responsible for the safety of the University's Columbia Campus. DLES is operated and sustained by professionals in law enforcement, compliance and professional standards, environmental health and safety, and risk management. DLES works diligently to protect the people and property of the University of South Carolina and to uphold their values – human life, integrity, excellence, and accountability.

The University's Columbia Campus covers more than 400 acres downtown. If USC Columbia were its own city, it would be the 13th largest city in the state based on the size of its enrolled students and staff.

DLES is home to nearly 100 employees, including over 50 sworn police officers. DLES is divided into three bureaus: Operations, Support Services, and Administration.

The Operations Bureau, the largest and most visible bureau, is responsible for traditional policing functions and the training of DLES personnel. Patrol Officers provide a uniformed presence and respond to calls for service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Specialized units such as the Bike Patrol team and Crime Suppression Unit are also a part of this bureau.

The Support Services Bureau oversees the Security Operations Center, Technical Operations and Physical Security (TOPS), Threat Management/Victims Advocacy, and Investigations Units. Security Operations Center personnel take calls from 911 and the non-emergency line, dispatch police, monitor video and alarms. The TOPS Unit installs and maintains over 2,500 internal and external security cameras located across all USC campuses. Criminal investigators are responsible for investigating crimes.

The Administration Bureau is responsible for providing human resources support, maintaining vital records, managing campus emergencies, supporting equipment, supply, and fleet needs, and evidence control. Emergency Management Unit personnel plan for and respond to natural and other disasters.





DLES By The Numbers

100+
Employees

2,500+
Cameras Maintained

400+
Acres Patrolled

24/7/365
Service Available

Enforcement Authority and Training

The police officers employed by DLES are appointed and commissioned as **State Constables** by the **Governor of South Carolina**, as provided by South Carolina law. They are empowered to enforce the laws of South Carolina anywhere in the State, as well as arrest individuals anywhere in the State. DLES officers complete twelve weeks of law enforcement instruction through the **South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy**. They receive at least 40 hours of continuing education every year, which exceeds the state's minimum requirements.

Interagency Cooperation

DLES works cooperatively with other law enforcement agencies in South Carolina to promote the safety and security of the Carolina Community. With a downtown location covering many city blocks, there is an increased likelihood that a crime occurring in the metropolitan area of Columbia may occur on campus. The University of South Carolina's Columbia Campus shares jurisdiction with other law enforcement agencies, including the City of Columbia Police Department.

DLES maintains working relationships with local and state prosecutors, the court system, coroners' offices, and other investigative entities to ensure the ongoing safety and integrity of the Carolina Community. There are specific events that may occur on campus, such as the death of a student, which would require DLES to notify the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED). DLES also participates in intelligence sharing associations with other area law enforcement agencies. Ongoing collaboration between agencies enables DLES to gather data, identify crime trends on and around campus, and provides a system for notifying the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity when off-campus student crimes or policy violations occur. DLES and other law enforcement agencies enter into **Memorandums of Understanding** (MOU) for the purpose of best allocating resources for the protection of the communities the agencies serve. In particular, DLES enters into MOUs with the City of Columbia Police Department at times when the University leases significant portions of private housing facilities near the University so that the agencies may document which entity retains primary law enforcement jurisdiction over the leased property.



Reporting to the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety

All on-campus crimes, suspicious activity, and safety concerns should be reported to DLES as soon as possible. There are several ways to make a report or contact law enforcement, depending on where you are located and what is occurring.

On-Campus:

Call If you are experiencing an emergency or someone is badly injured and cannot be easily transported, call 911. For non-emergencies, call 803-777-4215 to have an officer come gather the information and collect any evidence.

OR

You may also visit DLES at 1415 Henderson Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Off-Campus:

Call If you are the victim or witness to a crime off-campus, dial 911 and the law enforcement agency responsible for that jurisdiction will be contacted.

When you contact law enforcement you will be asked questions about what happened, including:

- Your name and telephone number;
- The type of incident;
- The location of the incident of which you are reporting;
- A detailed description of the suspect(s) and his/her location or direction of travel;
- A detailed description of any vehicle involved in the incident; and
- Any need for medical assistance.

Rave Guardian Safety App

The University provides a FREE mobile app, **Rave Guardian**, to keep students, faculty and staff safer on and off campus. Rave Guardian, available at <https://www.sc.edu/RaveSafetyApp>, turns any cell phone into a personalized protection network, connecting with University Police during an emergency and enhancing safety through a virtual network of friends, family and campus law enforcement. Among its features:

- Caller profiles: students, faculty and staff can set up complete profiles in Rave Guardian. By providing information about any medical conditions, course schedule, addresses, campus ID photo and other critical data, it is easier for campus police to help in an emergency.
- Panic calls: these instantly connect with USC Police or with local 911. If the call is placed to USC Police, Rave Guardian automatically delivers the complete caller profile to telecommunications personnel.
- Safety networks: safety timers notify trusted “guardians” when the user doesn't deactivate the timer when arriving to their destination.
- Anonymous crime tips: allows dispatchers to alert the appropriate agency to reported anonymous crimes.



Campus Security Authorities

Campus Security Authorities (CSAs) are individuals and organizations associated with the University that must disclose reports of Clery Crimes to DLES. CSAs include those who have significant responsibility for student activities.

CSAs can take reports of crimes from members of the University Community who may not feel comfortable going directly to law enforcement, or who may come in contact with a CSA before having a chance to go to law enforcement. An accuser/reporter that reports a crime to a CSA does not have to prove that they were the victim or witness of a crime. Any report received in good faith (meaning without malice, and not based on rumor or hearsay) by a CSA must be reported to DLES.

Each year DLES sends a written request for statistical information to the following Campus Security Authorities:

- The Vice President for Student Affairs and all CSAs who work for him/her;
- The Provost and all CSAs who work for him/her;
- The General Counsel and all CSAs who work for him/her;
- The Vice President for Human Resources and all CSAs who work for him/her;
- The Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and all CSAs who work for him/her;
- The Assistant Vice President for Civil Rights and Title IX and all CSAs who work for him/her;
- The Athletics' Director and all CSAs who work for him/her; and
- The Director of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity and all CSAs who work for him/her

Emergency Call Boxes

Over **300 emergency call boxes** are located in visible places on the USC Columbia Campus and are constantly monitored.

Emergency call boxes are topped with **blue lights** and give people on and around campus a fast way to contact DLES in an emergency.

To activate, push the large button on the front of the call box. You will immediately be connected to a **DLES dispatcher**. If you are unable to communicate, the dispatcher will send an officer to your location. If you are unable to stop and wait at the first call box you come to, continue moving after activating the call box.

Push the button on the next available call box and continue activating call boxes as long as you encounter them. This allows dispatch to know which way you are traveling, so they may send assistance to your area.

Daily Crime Log

DLES provides a daily log of all criminal reports for public inspection, which is available online or request from the **DLES Records Unit** located at:

1415 Henderson Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29208.

The daily crime log may be found on the DLES webpage by selecting “Crime Log and Bulletins” then under “Daily Crime Log/Fire Log” and “View Log” at https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/law_enforcement_and_safety/index.php

DLES complies with federal law that prohibits the disclosure of the names of victims when publishing the daily crime log.

The daily crime log includes: the nature, date, time and general location of each crime; and the disposition of the complaint, if known.

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Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking

All forms of assault, abuse, harassment and violence are not tolerated at the University of South Carolina.

There are confidential resources at the University and in the community to assist victims of interpersonal violence. The University works to educate, inform and advocate for the Carolina Community to end sexual assault, stalking, and relationship violence.

What is Consent?

The University of South Carolina **defines consent** as “the clear, knowing, and voluntary, agreement to participate in mutually agreed-upon acts. Consent can be given by words and/or actions, as long as those words and/or actions create mutually understandable clear permission regarding willingness to engage in (and the conditions of) the sexual activity.” It is the **responsibility of each party** to determine that the other(s) has consented before engaging in the sexual activity.

Additional elements of consent include:

- Consent cannot be obtained through force, where there is a reasonable belief of the threat of force, or by taking advantage of another person’s incapacitation.
 - Force is the use or threat of physical violence or intimidation to overcome a person’s freedom of will to choose whether or not to participate in sexual activity.
 - Coercion is unreasonable pressure for sexual activity. When someone makes clear that they do not want to engage in certain sexual activity, that they want to stop, or that they do not want to go past a certain point of sexual interaction, continued pressure beyond that point can be coercive.
- Consent to one form of sexual activity does not imply or constitute consent to another form of sexual activity.

- Consent on a prior occasion does not constitute consent on a subsequent occasion.
- Consent to an act with one person does not constitute consent to an act with any other person.
- The existence of a prior or current relationship does not, in itself, constitute consent; even in the context of a relationship, there must be real time and mutual consent to sexual activity.
- Consent can be withdrawn or modified at any time, and sexual contact must cease immediately once consent is withdrawn and clearly communicated.
- Consent cannot be inferred from the absence of a “no.”
- Consent cannot be inferred from silence, passivity, or lack of verbal or physical resistance.
- Consent may not be given by an individual who has not reached the legal age of consent under applicable law.

The full definition of consent is available in University policy CR 1.00: <https://www.sc.edu/policies/ppm/cr100.pdf>.





Definitions of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking

To help you better understand the policies outlined in this report, terms used in University Policies on Sexual Misconduct (Sexual Assault) and Interpersonal Violence are defined below. Additionally, definitions for similar terms and related statutes from the South Carolina Code of Laws are provided for reference. Terminology and state law vary from University Policy at times. This creates circumstances where DLES may not be able to bring criminal charges against an individual accused of violating University Policy. However, University Policy outlines consequences for the accused perpetrator if they are a member of the University Community, as well as protections for the accuser. This process occurs in the presence or absence of criminal charges.

Interpersonal Violence: acts of relationship violence including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and harassment.

Domestic Violence: for purposes of University policy CR 1.00 (Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct) and related procedures, this term refers to any act of violence or threat of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the Complainant, by a person with whom the Complainant shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the Complainant as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the Complainant under South Carolina state law, or by any other person against an adult or minor Complainant who is protected from that person's acts under South Carolina state law.

Domestic violence is defined by South Carolina state law, S.C. Code Ann. § 16-25-20, as the unlawful causing of "physical harm or injury to a person's own household member" or the "offer or attempt to cause physical harm or injury to a person's own household member with apparent present ability in circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent

peril.” A “household member” includes a spouse, a former spouse, persons who have a child in common, cohabitants involved during a romantic relationship or those who formerly cohabitated during a romantic relationship.

Dating Violence: any act of violence or threats of violence committed by a person: 1. who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the Complainant; and 2. where the existence of such a relationship will be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: the length of the relationship; the type of relationship; and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Dating violence is not a specific criminal violation in South Carolina. However, the state does prohibit a number of physically violent actions to include Homicide, Manslaughter, and Assault and Battery in multiple degrees, which may be applicable.

Stalking: a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person under similar circumstances or with similar identities to fear for their own safety or the safety of others or suffer substantial emotional distress. Course of conduct means two or more instances, including but not limited to; unwelcome acts in which an individual directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person’s property. Stalking includes the concept of cyber-stalking, a particular form of stalking in which electronic media such as the internet, social networks, blogs, cell phones, texts, or other similar devices or forms of contact are used.

South Carolina law, S.C. Code Ann. § 16-3-1700, also prohibits stalking which is defined as a “pattern of words, whether verbal written, or electronic, or a pattern” of “two or more acts occurring over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose” that “serves no legitimate purpose and is intended to cause and does cause a targeted person and would cause a reasonable person in the targeted person’s position to fear” either “(1) death of the person or a member of his family; (2) assault upon the person or a member of his family; (3) bodily injury to the person or a member of his family; (4) criminal sexual contact on the person or a member of his family; (5) kidnapping of the person or a member of his family; or (6) damage to the property of the person or a member of his family.”

Sexual Assault: having or attempting to have sexual contact with another individual without consent or where the individual cannot consent because of age or temporary or permanent mental incapacity. Sexual Assault includes non-consensual sexual contact, non-consensual sexual penetration, incest and statutory rape.

State criminal law defines a sexual assault generally as the unwilling, non-consensual penetration of any bodily opening with any object or body part that is committed by force, threat, intimidation, or through exploitation of another's mental or physical condition of which the assailant was aware or should have been aware. State law governing such actions is found in S.C. Code Ann. §16-3-600 and §16-3-652 to 655.

Non-Consensual sexual contact: the touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the Complainant, including instances where the Complainant is incapable of giving consent. Sexual contact includes: intentional contact with the breasts, buttocks, groin, genitals, or other intimate part of someone's body; or touching another with any of these body parts or an object; or making another touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts. Nonconsensual sexual contact includes forcible fondling. Non-consensual sexual contact would fall generally within the Clery Crime Category of "Forcible Fondling."

Non-Consensual sexual penetration: the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the Complainant. See University Policy CR 1.00 for additional details.

Incest: non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Statutory rape: non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent in the applicable jurisdiction.

Sexual exploitation: involves one or more of the following behaviors committed for any purpose, including sexual arousal or gratification, financial gain, or other person benefit: taking sexual advantage of another person without consent, taking advantage of another's sexuality; or extending the bounds of consensual sexual activity without the knowledge of the other individual.

Harassment: harassment is a form of discrimination, which includes Hostile Environment and/or Quid Pro Quo. Hostile environment entails unwelcome conduct (oral, written, graphic or physical) directed against any individual or group of individuals because of or based upon one or more protected class, that is sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent that it interferes with or limits the ability of an individual or group to participate in or benefit from programs, services, and activities provided by the university. Circumstances evaluated in hostile environment actions can be found detailed in University Policy CR 1.00. Quid Pro Quo occurs when submission to or rejection of unwelcome conduct is used, explicitly or implicitly, as the basis for decision affecting an individual's education; employment; or participation in a university program or activity.

Criminal Investigation

If survivors or witnesses want to file formal criminal charges against a perpetrator or request a criminal investigation, they can contact DLES via 911; activate an Emergency Call Box by pushing the large button on the front; contact law enforcement through the RAVE Guardian app; or call (803) 777-4215 for the 24-hour dispatch line. Additionally, a victim may also request assistance from law enforcement if they are at a hospital to receive medical treatment for injuries that happened as the result of a crime.

Once a crime is reported, DLES will send a uniformed officer and/or criminal investigator to the victim. DLES criminal investigators receive special training in handling sexual assault cases and relationship-based crimes. DLES may, in certain circumstances, request assistance from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), the state's primary criminal investigative agency.

A DLES **victim advocate** is there to help the survivor in a number of ways, such as explaining the investigative process; putting them in contact with SAVIP staff; and providing any additional help the victim may have in their time of need.



Rights of Victims

Under South Carolina law, victims have a number of rights, including:

- the right to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity, and to be free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse, throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process, and informed of the victim's constitutional rights, provided by statute;
- the right to be reasonably informed when the accused or convicted person is arrested, released from custody, or has escaped;
- the right to be informed of and present at any criminal proceedings which are dispositive of the charges where the defendant has the right to be present;

- the right to be reasonably informed of and be allowed to submit either a written or oral statement at all hearings affecting bond or bail;
- the right to be heard at any proceeding involving a post-arrest release decision, a plea, or sentencing;
- the right to be reasonably protected from the accused or persons acting on his behalf throughout the criminal justice process;
- the right to confer with the prosecution, after the crime against the victim has been charged, before the trial or before any disposition and informed of the disposition;
- the right to have reasonable access after the conclusion of the criminal investigation to all documents relating to the crime against the victim before trial;
- the right to receive prompt and full restitution from the person or persons convicted of the criminal conduct that caused the victim's loss or injury including both adult and juvenile offenders;
- the right to be informed of any proceeding when any post-conviction action is being considered, and be present at any post-conviction hearing involving a post-conviction release decision;
- the right to a reasonable disposition and prompt and final conclusion of the case; and
- the right to have all rules governing criminal procedure and the admissibility of evidence in all criminal proceedings protect victims' rights and have these rules subject to amendment or repeal by the legislature to ensure protection of these rights.

Beyond these rights, DLES provides additional assistance to **crime victims**, including:

- providing a free copy of incident reports when requested;
- providing information about local victim assistance providers;
- informing them of how to be compensated by the State Office of Victim Assistance (SOVA) and assistance in applying for compensation and other forms of assistance that may be available.

DLES **victim advocates** are trained in assisting victims and can serve as liaisons for them following a crime. They provide other forms of support and advocacy that make the criminal justice process less intimidating for victims.

University Administrative Inquiries

In certain circumstances, students that engage in conduct that violates the University's standards may be subject to the University's administrative process. This process typically involves an investigation, hearing, and potential disciplinary action. For incidents involving discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct a student or employee may file a report directly with DLES and/or OCR. However, in some cases, the process starts when a student seeks help from Student Health Services' Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention Office (SAVIP). Beyond providing a wide range of assistance for victims, SAVIP can assist a victim in the process of filing reports/complaints with DLES and/or OCR. More information regarding the assistance SAVIP may offer is provided in this report.

Office of Civil Rights and Title IX

The Office of Civil Rights & Title IX (OCR) is on a mission to create an environment where all people are treated with dignity and respect and have an equal opportunity to learn and work at a university free from discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct. OCR assists with prevention efforts and coordinates the response to reports of discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, and related retaliation/process abuse for the University of South Carolina community, including students, faculty, staff and third parties such as affiliates, volunteers, vendors, contractors, consultants, guests, alumni, applicants for admission or employment, or other individuals.

OCR primarily handles Title IX reports/complaints and may initiate an investigative resolution as described in University Policy. The United States Department of Education has emphasized that Title IX requires Universities to include sexual assaults, sexual harassment, sexual violence, and sexual misconduct involving members of the University Community under their investigative authority. Title IX also prohibits retaliation against an individual who, in good faith, asserts his/her/their rights under Title IX or other federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination.

Any student or employee with a report of discrimination or discriminatory harassment should contact OCR. Individuals can file complaints against faculty, staff, other students, student organizations, and any person over which the University has jurisdiction. If you believe you have experienced discrimination or harassment based on a protected

class, contact OCR at (803) 777-3854 for assistance, or submit your information to OCR using the “Report an Incident” option at https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/civil_rights_title_ix/.

Certain employees and persons associated with the University must contact the OCR if they receive a report from a student that has experienced harassment including but not limited to sexual misconduct, sexual violence, sexual assault, or any criminal behavior based on sex or discrimination. These persons with a duty to report include all employees. Failure to immediately report any Title IX matter may result in disciplinary action against any person (e.g., administrators, faculty or staff members) in a position of power over a student. To **report an allegation** of discrimination, harassment, or sexual misconduct, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Molly Peirano, or a designee in the Office of Civil Rights:

- Complete the online reporting form
- Call 803-777-3854
- Email: Civilrights@mailbox.sc.edu
- Visit or mail to: Office of Civil Rights and Title IX: 901 Sumter St, Byrnes Building Suite 401, Columbia, SC 29201

Victims/survivors/complainants have the right to report without further participation in any investigation or other university resolution. If a victim/survivor chooses to report, the university can assist. The university will make available supportive measures, regardless of whether the victim/survivor chooses to file a complaint with the University or report to the police. You can decline to make a report yourself; however, the university may be required by law to make a report to law enforcement, children services, or adult protective services.

Officials in the resolutions process must be free of conflict of interests and bias and must receive training under the Title IX regulations on:

- a. Definition of sexual harassment as defined by the regulations;
- b. Scope of the school’s programs or activities;
- c. How to conduct an investigation and grievance;
- d. How to serve impartially;
- e. How to avoid prejudgment;

- f. Any technology to be used at a live hearing;
- g. Issues of relevance of questions and evidence including training on the rape shield law;
- h. Relevance, to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence;
- i. Training material must not rely on sex stereotypes. Institutions are required to make these training materials available on its website or upon request for inspection by members of the public.

Office of Civil Rights and Title IX – Resolution Options and Disciplinary Procedures

The Office of Civil Rights and Title IX provides resolution options for harassment, discrimination, and sexual misconduct. Options for resolution include investigative resolution (outlined below), informal resolution, and other resolutions (e.g. educational conversations). To better understand these processes and your options, please contact the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX or reference the policy at <https://www.sc.edu/policies/ppm/cr100.pdf>.

Upon receipt of a report, the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX will share information about supportive measures and options for resolution with the complainant/victim/survivor, including consideration of complainant's request not to proceed with a resolution. Upon receipt of a complaint form, the university will provide written notice to the parties who are known, including the respondent(s). Proceedings will be prompt, fair, and impartial and will be conducted by trained employees. Parties will have timely and equal access to any information, including simultaneous notification of outcomes, as outlined in the policy. Both parties (complainant and respondent) have the right to be accompanied by an advisor of choice, including the right to have that advisor accompany the party at any meeting or proceeding (to which they have notice for) and to have the university provide an advisor to conduct cross-examination on the party's behalf at any live hearing.

When the investigative resolution process is used, a typical investigation will follow the timeline as outlined in the policies and procedures. Other factors may impact one or more parts of the time frame, including complexity, severity, extent of conduct, or other extenuating circumstances.

- Conducting the investigation, which includes interviewing parties (including complainant, respondent/alleged, and pertinent witnesses) and collecting and reviewing evidence (90 business days), which includes but is not limited to:

- Providing parties an equal opportunity to inspect and review evidence (10 business days);
- Providing parties opportunity to submit a written response to the preliminary investigative report (10 business days);
- Hearing (if applicable) and written determination issuance (30 business days);
- Appeals (30 business days).

The timeframes listed above are an approximation; the investigative resolution process could be longer or shorter, as many factors may affect one or more parts of the timeframe, as outlined in the corresponding procedures.

The university uses the preponderance of the evidence standard to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to establish that a respondent violated university policy. When a respondent is found in violation, sanctions will be imposed ranging from educational sanctions to dismissal (for students) or appropriate corrective action up to and including termination (for employees).

Sanctions

Sanctions commensurate with the determined violation(s). When deciding the sanction(s), the Resolution Officer and The Associate Vice President for Civil Rights & Title IX or designee, in consultation with proper university officials, account for any mitigating and/or aggravating factors.

- Sanctioning for students: consistent with sanctions in the university's Student Code of Conduct (STAF 6.26).
- Sanctioning for employees: consistent with the university's Disciplinary Action and Termination for Cause Policy (HR 1.39).
- Sanctioning for faculty: consistent with the university's Faculty Progressive Discipline Policy (ACAF 1.82).

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Appeals

Once an outcome is reached, OCR will provide a Notice of Determination, including the written determination resulting from a hearing, or a written determination resulting from a final investigative report, including the sanctions, to the parties simultaneously. Both parties may appeal a determination regarding responsibility and a dismissal of a complaint or any allegations therein, on the following bases:

- i. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;
- ii. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter;
- iii. The Investigator(s), or Resolution Officer or designee(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally, or the individual Complainant or Respondent specifically, that affected the outcome of the matter.

Informal resolution allows for a complaint to be resolved without a formal investigation and adjudication. Informal resolution is a voluntary process. Both parties must agree to participate, and the university must approve use of the process and any resolution. Informal resolution takes the form of a mediation where both parties come to an agreement about an outcome. Informal resolutions usually do not result in a formal disciplinary record for the respondent.

Other resolutions may include but are not limited to conducting educational conversations or informal coaching. Other resolutions are not disciplinary actions.

For full resolution procedure information, including information on student and employee procedure differences, advisors, hearings, and appeals, please review the Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct Resolution Procedures: https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/civil_rights_title_ix/documents/octix_resolution_procedures.pdf.

Office of Civil Rights and Title IX – Supportive Measures

Immediate safety and equal access to the university's education program or activity, which includes employment, are USC's priority. Following a report, the university will provide student and employee victim/survivor/complainant with written notification of the complainant's rights. The university may offer supportive measures (as appropriate and reasonably available) to help, including, but not limited to:

- Mutual no contact directives;
- Extensions of deadlines or other course related adjustments;
- Modification of work or class schedules;
- Change in work or housing locations;
- Change in reporting relationship;
- Leave requests;
- Referral to campus and community resources for advocacy, counseling, disability services, financial aid services, health services, immigration services, safety and transportation services, and safety planning.

Supportive measures: are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the university's education program or activities, including employment, without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the university's educational environment, or deter prohibited conduct. Supportive measures are available with or without filing a complaint and will be made available to both parties (complainants and respondents).

An Assistant Director of Civil Rights & Title IX or a Coordinator for Incident Response and Support will also provide information to individuals about resolution options and assist with filing a complaint with the office, if the person chooses, which would initiate an investigation or informal resolution.

For more information on supportive measures, please visit <https://www.sc.edu/civilrights>.



No Contact Directive, Protective Orders, and Restraining Orders

A **No Contact Directive** is an official University notice from the University restricting two University affiliates from initiating contact with each other. Requests for No Contact Directives usually come from students, and require that both students adhere to the notice.

A benefit of the No Contact Directive is that if it is violated, the University may levy sanctions against the offender, removing the burden from the accuser.

Although a No Contact Directive may be ordered during the hearing process, it is not necessary to have a hearing before one is issued. An individual who expresses fear for their safety and the potential for danger if the alleged perpetrator is within geographic proximity should always apply for a Restraining Order.

Any USC student, faculty, or staff can request a No Contact Directive; however, both involved parties must be under the jurisdiction of USC. The individual initiating the request will meet briefly with a staff member in the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX. During this meeting, the staff member will review the parameters of the No Contact Directive and provide the individual with the letter, explaining its stipulations. Individuals are not obligated to report all details of an incident to receive a No Contact Directive but enough information to determine the appropriateness of the supportive measure will be needed; therefore, an individual may not be reporting a violation/crime to receive a No Contact Directive.

Individuals interested in requesting a No Contact Directive may contact the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX at 803-777-3854. SAVIP and DLES are also available to help facilitate this process.

Beyond a No Contact Directive, an individual may obtain a **Restraining Order** from a court of law to get protection from someone who is harassing or stalking them. A Restraining Order is a civil order and does not appear on a person's criminal record. However, if the accused violates the Restraining Order, they can be arrested. A Restraining Order can be granted for up to one year.

The University cannot issue a Restraining Order, only a No Contact Directive. To obtain a Restraining Order, an individual must complete a Complaint and Motion for Restraining Order and submit it to the Magistrate's Office in the county where the victim lives or where the harassment/stalking has taken place. The SAVIP Office and DLES are available to help assist with the application process and provide support for students who pursue this option.

A protection order is granted by a judge and orders the alleged party to stay away from you, the victim/survivor. The alleged party should not enter your home or approach you at your place of work or school. If the alleged party violates the protection order, a charge could be filed and the alleged party could be arrested.

Although a judge may grant the **protection order**, it does not guarantee your safety. It is important to take steps to ensure your safety as much as possible. Resources provided by Sexual Assault & Violence Intervention and Prevention (SAVIP), Pathways to Healing, SisterCare, and others can assist with safety planning.

For information on protection orders in or near the Columbia campus, please visit https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/law_enforcement_and_safety/victim-services/orders-of-protection/index.php. For other jurisdictions, consider contacting local law enforcement, the city attorney, or other agencies that can assist with protection orders.

Note: In the state of South Carolina, in order to file an order of protection, the alleged party must be a spouse, ex-spouse, someone with whom you share a child or a live-in partner of the opposite sex (current or previous).

Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity

The Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (OSC) is a University department designed to promote individual student development and a campus climate of civility and accountability. This office encourages education and accountability by providing processes designed to uphold the behavioral expectations of the **University's Code of Conduct and Academic Honor Code**.

OSCAI reviews a wide range of student violations of the Code of Conduct from alcohol violations to assaults.

The investigation and possible prosecution of a University student in the criminal justice system does not prevent them from also being subject to sanctions imposed by the University. The University holds students to the standards outlined in the Codes while they are on campus and may apply the Codes when the behavior can affect the university community from other locations for as long as they remain students at the University.

OSCAI may begin a student conduct investigation upon receiving information that a University student has allegedly violated the Code of Conduct. Typically, OSC receives such information from DLES, University Housing, off campus police jurisdictions, or through a complaint filed by another student. University students are also required to notify OSC within 72 hours after they have been arrested by a law enforcement agency other than DLES.

A complaint form may be submitted to OSC online at https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/student_conduct_and_academic_integrity/make_a_report. Once a complaint is received, OSC will meet with the student who has been accused and individuals thought to have relevant information. OSC will assess the Code of Conduct to determine which charges most closely meet the behaviors the student is accused of and offer the option of resolution through a conduct hearing or a Carolina Judicial Council hearing.

To determine if a violation of the Code of Conduct has occurred, OSC follows a standard referred to as a preponderance of evidence. This standard is used by courts of law in civil cases. It must be demonstrated that the charged student is more likely than not to have violated the Code of Conduct.



Rights Afforded to Students Alleged to Have Violated the Codes:

- The right to be notified in writing (via email to their university account) of their rights in the conduct process;
- The right to be notified in writing of the charges against them with sufficient time to prepare for a hearing. In the event that additional charges are brought, a further written notice must be forwarded to the student(s) or student organization(s). The student(s) or student organization(s) may waive the right to separate written notice of additional charges in order to expedite the hearing process;
- The right to be notified of the date, time, and place of formal hearings at least three University business days prior to the hearing;
- The right to know the nature and source of the information used in a hearing process. This includes the right to review all documents and exhibits to be introduced at a hearing as well as a list of witnesses asked to present information at the hearing, upon the student's request;
- The right to present information on one's behalf;
- The right to elect not to appear at the hearing, in which case the hearing shall be conducted in the absence of the charged student(s);
- The right to refuse to answer any questions or make a statement. However, the hearing authority may draw inferences from this refusal;
- The right to present questions for the witnesses to answer. The Conduct Administrator/Council has some discretion on relevance of these questions; and
- The right to be accompanied by an advisor throughout the hearing process.

The accused's advisor, with written permission of the charged student(s) or student organization(s), may:

- Advise the accused regarding preparation for the hearing;
- Accompany the accused to all conduct proceedings; and/or
- Have access to information to be introduced at the hearing.

Advisors are not permitted to participate directly in the hearing process.

Possible Sanctions

The OSC disciplines students who violate the Code of Conduct based on the details in each individual case. Sanctions range from a written warning to suspension or possible expulsion from the University.

Possible sanctions for violations include:

- Campus restrictions;
- Conduct probation;
- Assessment with a counseling agency;
- Removal from University Housing;
- Suspension; and/or
- Expulsion.

These sanctions are separate from any criminal charges or sentences imposed against the student in criminal court.

Appeals

Hearing outcomes from the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity or designee (including the Carolina Judicial Council) that meet the criteria for appeal must be submitted via an appeal form within five University business days from the date the decision letter is received. The OSC will forward it with a response memorandum to the Vice President of Student Affairs or their designee.

An appeal may be made for one or both of the following reasons:

- A procedural error was committed that has significantly prejudiced the findings of the Hearing Council;
- OR
- New evidence that could not have been available at the time of the hearing and would have a significant effect on the outcome of the case becomes available.

Decisions not appealed within five University business days are final.

Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention Office (SAVIP)

Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention (SAVIP) provides **confidential** interpersonal violence advocacy and prevention education at the University of South Carolina, as part of the Healthy Campus Initiatives department within Student Health & Well-Being. The SAVIP office is located in the **Center for Health & Well-Being** (1401 Devine Street). SAVIP provides confidential interpersonal violence advocacy for all students on the USC-Columbia campus who are/have been impacted by sexual assault, relationship violence (all forms of relationships), stalking, and harassment. SAVIP also provides primary prevention education on topics including healthy relationships, consent, bystander intervention and survivor support.

SAVIP provides survivors options for counseling, medical treatment (if needed) and reporting:

- **Counseling options** include on and off-campus options:
 - For on-campus, Counseling and Psychiatry Services (CAPS) provides mental health services to enrolled students at USC Columbia.
 - For off-campus, there are community partners who provide counseling with licensed clinicians who have specialized trauma training.
- **Medical treatment** options include on and off-campus options:
 - For on-campus, Student Health provides a wide range of medical services and a dedicated team of health care experts.
 - For off-campus, sexual assault survivors may have the option to complete a sexual assault forensic exam at a local emergency room.
- **Reporting options** include law enforcement and the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX.
 - For law enforcement reporting, survivors must report in the jurisdiction in which the crime occurred.
 - For Civil Rights & Title IX (OCR) reporting, survivors can report to the OCR office if a USC student, staff or faculty member is the alleged respondent.

Advocacy services offered include:

- A 24/7 confidential hotline that is staffed by SAVIP advocates Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and staffed by UWill licensed counselors' overnights, weekends and holidays that SAVIP is closed;
- Academic, housing, workplace and financial assistance;
- Hospital, Law Enforcement, Title IX meeting and hearing accompaniment;
 - Recommended hospital for a Forensic Medical Exam (within 72 hours of a Sexual Assault) is Prisma Health Richland, located at 5 Medical Park Dr., Columbia, SC 29203
- Safety planning;
- Consultation; and
- Referrals to other campus and community resources.

Prevention Education Services offered include:

- Interpersonal violence prevention education to all students, faculty and staff on campus;
- Workshops and training sessions for all University employees, academic classes and student organizations;
- Topics include:
 - Bystander Intervention (also known as Gamecocks Stand Up)
 - Healthy relationships, communication, and consent
 - Survivor support

If you have any questions about services mentioned or would like to receive additional information, call Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention at 803-777-8248 (available 24/7) or go to the Center for Health and Well-Being during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and one of the advocates in the office will be able to provide assistance. Information and resources for those impacted by interpersonal violence can be found at

<https://bit.ly/2Jx6vdX>.

Guidelines for Assistance for Sexual Assault Victims

If you or someone you know is sexually assaulted:

- Get to a safe place as soon as you can, and call 911 to contact emergency services if needed or to call an ambulance if you believe you may be seriously injured; you may call SAVIP (24/7) at (803)777-8248 to receive support and discuss options for immediate care and for reporting, if that is what the survivor wishes. A SAVIP advocate may provide accompaniment to the hospital if that is what the survivor wants.
- Try to preserve physical evidence. Do not wash, use the toilet, or change clothing if you can avoid it. If you do change clothes, put all clothes you were wearing at the time of the assault in a paper, not plastic bag.
- Get medical attention as soon as possible to make sure you are physically well and to permit collection of important evidence in the event you may later wish to take legal action.
- Contact a law enforcement agency to report the assault.
- Talk with an advocate or counselor who will maintain confidentiality, help explain your options, give you information, and provide emotional support.
- Contact someone you trust for initial and ongoing support.

If an individual does not want to file a criminal complaint with DLES, they may still seek restorative justice by filing a complaint directly with the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX and inquiring with SAVIP about their options. Help and support are always available through SAVIP, Counseling and Psychiatry services, and other community resources.

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Sexual Assault, Relationship, and Dating Violence Programs

The University of South Carolina prohibits dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. To raise awareness of those issues and to assist survivors of such violence, the University offers a number of resources to the campus community. The University utilizes a website to inform the campus community of issues involving interpersonal violence.

The website <http://www.sc.edu/interpersonalviolence> is a one-stop destination for interpersonal violence resources, to include interpersonal violence prevention and education programs and resources for survivors. One of the primary University support units dealing with all forms of interpersonal violence is **Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention (SAVIP)**. SAVIP is located in the Center for Health & Well-Being. Its advocates offer support and services to students who are primary and secondary survivors of interpersonal violence which includes sexual assault, relationship/dating violence, domestic violence, stalking and/or harassment.

SAVIP provides educational programming and training throughout the year. SAVIP also coordinates annual campus-wide campaigns to raise awareness and promote prevention of interpersonal violence. Notable campaigns include Relationship Violence Awareness in October; Stalking Awareness in January; and Sexual Assault Awareness in April. SAVIP recognizes **Relationship Violence Awareness Month (RVAM)** in October with events designed to increase awareness about relationship violence as a major social issue. RVAM events include tabling and educational sessions designed to raise awareness of dating and relationship violence, how to recognize warning signs, as well as how to foster healthy relationships, and how to find services for those impacted by relationship violence.

SAVIP recognizes **National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM)** in January with tabling and educational events aimed at fostering understanding about stalking and harassment. They educate the University Community about stalking methods, including the use of technology, the Rave Guardian app, options for those who are stalked and how to find services for those impacted by stalking.

SAVIP recognizes **Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)** in April with events aimed at fostering understanding of the effects of sexual assault while promoting a culture of healing and accountability. SAAM events encourage members of the University Community to utilize bystander intervention methods to prevent sexual assault and other forms of interpersonal violence. Through education, campaigns and bystander intervention, SAVIP actively seeks to foster a Carolina community of respect, trust, equality and healthy relationships.

Gamecocks Stand Up – Bystander Intervention Program

SAVIP promotes bystander intervention through **Gamecocks Stand Up**, bystander intervention education that includes four bystander intervention strategies and resources on and off-campus for those involved in harmful or negative situations.

The scope of Gamecocks Stand Up is diverse, offering informational material, training for students, faculty, and staff, classroom presentations and outreach events.

A “bystander” is a person who observes a situation or event but is not directly involved in it. For example, if you’re walking down the sidewalk and see two cars collide but you don’t get involved you are a bystander to the event. At the other end of the spectrum are “active bystanders.” These are people who notice a harmful situation is about to happen, is currently happening or has already happened, and then they make a conscious decision to step in and intervene. In the previous scenario, an active bystander would see the collision but would stop to call USCPD and report the incident.

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Changing Carolina Peer Leaders

Changing Carolina Peer Leaders (CCPL) program is a student-run organization that works to educate, advocate for, and engage with peers by connecting students to on-campus resources. Students work toward inclusive and diverse programs on sexual health, healthy relationships, mental health and general wellness to promote health equity for all members of the campus community.

SAVIP Presentations and Training

Consent Education & Healthy Relationships Program: SAVIP promotes healthy relationships, communication, and consent through this presentation. Topics include consent; relationship characteristics; warning signs of unhealthy relationships; the definition of interpersonal violence and the five types of abuse; the relationship between alcohol and sexual assault; and resources on campus for interpersonal violence survivors.

How to Support a Survivor: SAVIP empowers the Gamecock Community to support survivors of interpersonal violence and help create a culture that does not tolerate interpersonal violence. In this presentation, there is an in-depth overview of SAVIP services, support skills strategies to assist interpersonal violence survivors, and on- and off-campus resources for interpersonal violence survivors.

Online Required Community Education: These highly interactive and engaging training courses educate students on creating a safe and healthy campus environment and are based in research around the best practices for college students. Topics include substance misuse, sexual assault and interpersonal violence, mental well-being, and belonging. Failure to complete these courses may result in registration holds. All incoming students must complete the SAPU/SAPG and Alcohol EDU courses.

Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates (SAPU): an online sexual assault prevention education course that presents realistic and interactive skill-building scenarios, tailored for undergraduate students.

Sexual Assault Prevention for Graduate Students (SAPG): an online sexual assault prevention education course that presents realistic and interactive skill-building scenarios, tailored for graduate students.

Confidentiality, Privacy and Responsibility

Victims and witnesses can receive confidential services through the **Counseling and Psychiatry Department** (803) 777-5223, **Student Health Services** (803) 777-3175, and SAVIP (803) 777-8248 (24/7). SAVIP staff can explain the reporting process, the rights of victims and witnesses and options. Confidentiality will be maintained when speaking to any of these offices, except under very rare circumstances.

Other University personnel, however, may have reporting and response obligations. University staff, depending on their role, may be required to share information regarding sexual harassment or misconduct with administrative authorities for investigation and follow up. The University wishes to support students who have experienced assault, harassment, or abuse in pursuing justice, to the extent possible.

The University will protect the confidentiality of an alleged victim by not disclosing the alleged victim's information to anyone outside the University, to the maximum extent permitted by law. The University must balance a victim's request for confidentiality with its responsibility to provide a safe and non-discriminatory environment for the University community. When the University cannot take disciplinary action against someone accused of discrimination or harassment because of a victim's wish for confidentiality, the University will pursue other steps to limit the effects of the alleged sexual misconduct and attempt to prevent its recurrence.

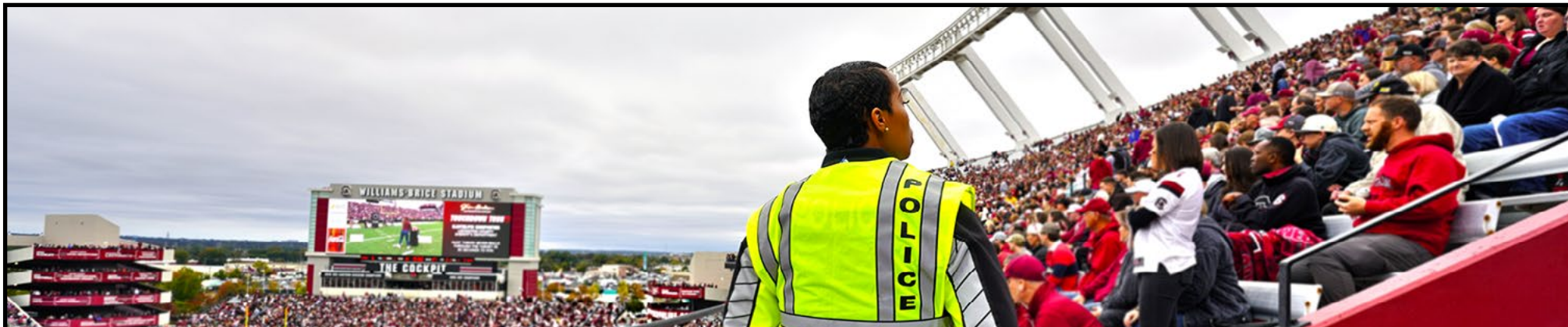
SAVIP can provide safe and confidential support, explain common reactions to crises, and discuss coping methods that may assist immediately following the assault and later. SAVIP advocates will not reveal the victim's identity to anyone without the victim's permission, except under limited exceptions (e.g., if an immediate threat to the victim or others is present, if the alleged is a repeat offender, or if the victim is a minor).

Mandatory reporters are afforded the opportunity to submit a report through the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX's website. However, the reporter should know that, during the course of an investigation, his/her/their identity may be discovered. The reporter will receive confidentiality safeguards provided in state law and privacy safeguards offered to those who make a formal report. University policy CR 1.00 (Appendix 7) provides additional resource information on privacy and confidentiality with regards to reporting. Reports submitted through any of the entities listed above are included in the University's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report.

Anonymous tips regarding criminal activity can be made to the **Midlands Crimestoppers** by dialing 1-888-CRIME-SC or by visiting www.midlandscrimestoppers.com. Individuals may also use the RAVE Guardian app to send anonymous tips or to provide law enforcement with concerns regarding suspicious activity. DLES does not generally investigate anonymous allegations of criminal activity outside of CRIMESTOPPERS and the RAVE Guardian app. Anonymous tips without further corroboration are not included in the University's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report.

The University does not have procedures to encourage pastoral or professional counselors to inform persons they are counseling of how to report Clery crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the University's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. The University does not prohibit pastoral or professional counselors from doing so when those individuals deem such advice appropriate.

The University's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report does not include personal identifying information of victims or reporters. Further, South Carolina law prohibits the publication of the name of a sexual assault victim.



Crime Prevention



Role of DLES in Crime Prevention

The Division of Law Enforcement and Safety (DLES) conducts crime prevention and safety presentations throughout the year to faculty, staff and students. Additionally, DLES distributes educational and crime prevention materials at display tables during campus events throughout the year. This also provides opportunities for students to ask questions, register property, and obtain important safety information.

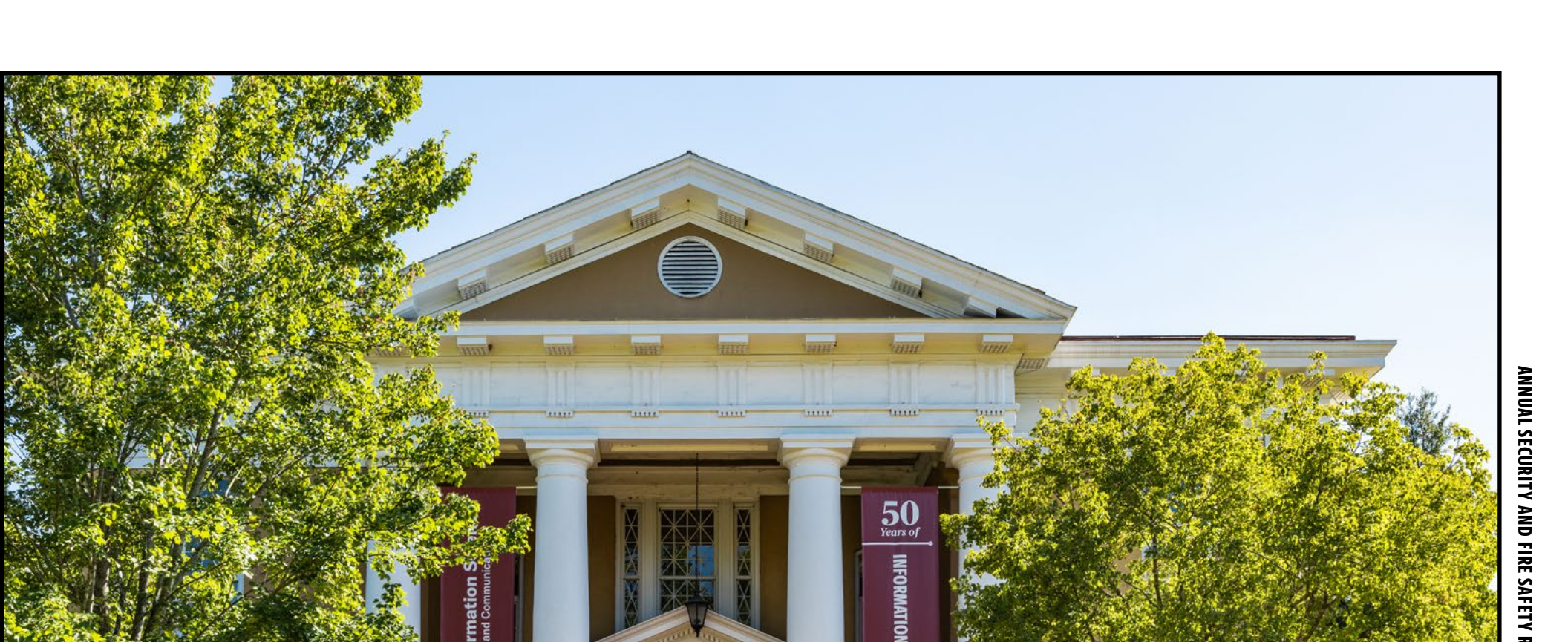
The following programs are designed to inform students and employees about the prevention of crimes:

- **Residential Safety and Security:** methods of securing resident living space both on-campus and off-campus and the process of reporting suspicious activity and people.

- **Building Safety and Security:** methods and procedures for keeping the workplace and classroom safe and the process of reporting suspicious activity and persons.
- **Garage/Parking Lot Safety:** precautions for preventing theft and vandalism of parked vehicles and risk reduction to increase personal safety in and around garages and parking lots.
- **Campus Safety:** general and specific methods of personal protection and risk reduction. Identifies areas that are safe for the community, identifies tools available to enhance personal safety, and outlines the process of reporting suspicious activity and individuals.
- **Active Shooter Workshops:** identifies what behaviors to avoid in an active shooter situation and teaches personal safety in a shooting event.
- **Property Registration:** offers free engraving and registration for personal and University property. DLES also maintains a database of engraved items in order to help individuals protect their valuables from property theft.
- **Self Defense Workshops:** increases recognition and response to potentially dangerous situations, increasing confidence in everyday activities and encouraging risk reduction practices. The University's Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention (SAVIP) Office has partnered with DLES to offer a Self Defense Workshop. Call 777-8248 to sign up.

To get more information about these programs or to schedule a program, contact the DLES **Community Services Unit** at 803-777-4215.

The DLES Community Services Unit also assists in providing safety education to all incoming freshmen and new students through University 101 (U101).



DLES assigns police officers to specific campus areas and buildings through the Community Resource Officer Program. Community Resource Officers (CROs) interact with students and residence life staff. CROs offer direct support from a familiar face, providing educational programs, and serving as mentors. The CROs use community policing and problem solving to address quality-of-life issues and build positive relationships that help students understand how the resources we offer can help keep them and their property safe.

Residential communities are a priority under the CRO program with CROs assigned to academic and administrative buildings, as staffing allows. These officers build partnerships and improve safety by attending community meetings (residence hall meetings, employee safety committees, etc.) and by making positive community contacts and disseminating crime trend and safety information. CROs pay special attention to their assigned communities and actively solicit input and information from community members on perceptions of crime and safety issues.



Role of Housing Staff in Crime Prevention

It should be noted that violent crime on campus is not common. The most prevalent crime our community experiences is **theft**. University Housing advises resident students that they should lock residence hall rooms and that anyone parked on campus should remove valuables from their vehicles. It is also noteworthy to remember that several facilities around campus are open to the public, like the Thomas Cooper Library. It is not uncommon to see non-students in these areas. Care should be taken in these areas to keep personal property under close watch.

The following security awareness and training programs are offered by University Housing to train/educate Housing staff and students residing on campus about campus security procedures.

Training for Housing Staff

All staff members are required to complete an online training course on **Crisis Management and Emergency Procedures**. At the end of each session, employees are required to pass a test on the materials presented.

All Housing staff members participate in another seminar during formal job training on crisis management and University-specific procedures.

All Housing staff members participate in experiential sessions where they problem-solve through different situations and must discern when to apply the procedures they have learned. Training scenarios include: roommate issues; fire safety; alcohol overdose; suicidal students; drugs; sexual assault; and medical emergencies.

All Housing staff members are trained on the emergency and safety protocol and procedures specific to the building where they work. Also included are the security systems in each area, including cameras and card access devices.

All full-time staff and graduate staff members who live and work in a residence hall are required to complete and pass Incident Command System (ICS) training offered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

All staff members who serve in an emergency response capacity are trained in the Housing duty system.

Housing staff members are trained on how to identify and report security issues they discover when working within their assigned buildings.

Housing staff members are trained on the **Visitation Policy** for their specific buildings.

Crime Prevention Education for Residential Students

All residential buildings on campus have an orientation that covers many topics, including campus safety. When students move into residential halls on campus, each hosts an orientation that addresses campus safety. Residential hall floors continue to meet during the academic year to reinforce safety information and discuss new topics and concerns as needed.

Several methods are used to distribute and reinforce information given to students to educate them on safety matters. They include: one-on-one meetings with students; video boards located in residence halls; email blasts sent to students; print newsletters; flyers; programs and activities; brochures; and room inspections. Housing staff conduct room inspections in residence halls, during which they check for prohibited items and look for any health and safety concerns. Traditional residence halls are inspected twice a semester by Housing staff, while apartment-style residence halls are inspected monthly. **Fire extinguishers** are checked monthly in apartment style residences.

All students are informed about the Visitation Policy for their specific residence, and held accountable for violations of the policy.

Students who violate Housing policy, or who create safety hazards, are met with individually to be held accountable for their actions and to reinforce their roles as responsible members of our Housing and University Community.

Other Crime Prevention Programs

The University does not have any official student organizations that have housing facilities off-campus. There are several recognized student organizations that occupy privately owned houses within the campus boundaries of **Greek Village**; DLES responds to calls for services from these houses.

Some official student organizations, including faith-based organizations, own private, non-residential facilities off campus. If a local law enforcement agency is called to respond to one of those facilities, they may notify the DLES of the situation, although this would be done as a courtesy and not obligation. DLES works with neighboring jurisdictions in identifying criminal activity by students at non-campus locations. Reporting procedures are established between neighboring jurisdictions and DLES to allow for the documentation of criminal activity by University students in those jurisdictions so that information can be provided to the **University's Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity**.

Access to Campus Facilities

Residence Halls

Most residence hall entrances are staffed with Housing personnel. These employees are charged with the responsibility of checking the identification of those entering the residences and have direct contact with the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety (DLES) by telephone. Some residence halls, such as DeSaussure, Thornwell, and Woodrow, are apartment-style and have no security guard or Housing staff at their entry. All residence halls are within a designated patrol sector and patrolled by DLES officers day and night. The Greek Village is also patrolled by **campus police officers** day and night, and some of the houses located there are equipped with access control systems. They are locked at night and can only be accessed by authorized students and staff.

Classrooms

Classroom buildings and individual rooms are under the protection of the DLES. These buildings are within designated patrol sectors and are patrolled twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Academic buildings with access control systems can only be entered by authorized persons after hours.

Libraries and Other Public Buildings

To maintain a secure campus environment, DLES gives extra attention to University areas open to the public in the routine patrol plan. Staff located in these areas assist with monitoring the campus environment as well. The Thomas Cooper Library uses **Closed Circuit TV (CCTV)** cameras and staff check packages and bags as visitors exit the building. All public buildings on campus are staffed with University personnel who are instructed on the best method of contacting DLES. DLES patrols all public areas and buildings on campus, providing a twenty-four hour law enforcement presence.

Athletic Stadiums, Coliseums, and Arenas

CCTV and/or alarm devices monitor most of the areas in which athletic contests are held. Before, during, and after events, DLES officers and/or contract security personnel patrol and maintain a presence in the area to promote a safe environment and report any security issues. Suspicious activity observed by contract security personnel is reported to DLES by two-way radio or telephone. Security measures are customized for the activity to be held.

Garages/Parking Lots

Some garages and parking lots have CCTV cameras, and most have Emergency Call Boxes placed in conspicuous locations. People using the garages and parking lots are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to DLES. Officers regularly patrol the University's garages and lots.

General Campus

In addition to the routine patrol plan of the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety, certain days of the week and weekends are chosen in which **high visibility patrols** are implemented. These patrols are designed to exhibit a concentrated law enforcement presence in areas of the campus frequented by students at night. Special campus events are also common sites of high visibility patrols. DLES officers and/or contract security, at the request of organizations sponsoring events, provide security at many campus activities.

Security Considerations in the Maintenance of Campus Facilities

Facilities and landscaping are maintained in a manner that minimizes hazardous or unsafe conditions. DLES regularly patrols the campus and reports unsafe physical conditions to **Facility Services** or Housing for correction. Housing residents or other members of the University Community also report equipment problems or potentially hazardous conditions to DLES, Housing, or Facility Services.





Reporting Missing Students

When anyone has reason to believe that a student who resides in campus housing is missing, they should immediately **notify DLES** at 803-777-4215 or **call 911**. DLES will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation.

When a resident student is missing, reports should be made immediately to any **Residence Life** staff member or directly to DLES. In the event that Residence Life staff is made aware that an on-campus residential student is missing, they will immediately contact DLES and file a missing person report.

Housing staff are required to provide law enforcement with the following information:

- The name, building, and room number of the student who is considered missing;
- The name(s) of those who initially reported the student missing (friends, roommates, family, etc);
- Contact information of person(s) provided by student in the event the student is determined to be missing (which is optionally given and kept confidential) as listed in the assignment database; and
- Emergency contact information of the missing student (which is kept confidential).

Courtesy and Student Welfare Inspections

Parents or legal guardians of a resident student who are unable to contact their child and, who believe that the student may be in danger or have suffered a medical debilitating condition may contact DLES. DLES will dispatch an officer to the student's on-campus address to determine whether he/she needs emergency assistance. The parent or legal guardian will be informed of the student's status subject to any limitations under federal or state law.

Policies for Making Timely Warning Reports to Members of the Campus Community

The University of South Carolina makes **timely warnings** to the University Community regarding certain crimes considered to be a serious or continuing threat to students, faculty, staff, and visitors when reported to the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety (DLES), and such warnings will not compromise an on-going criminal investigation.

Generally, DLES will issue a timely warning for the following crimes, when there is reason to believe that perpetrators of crime may present a threat to the University Community and such disclosures would not harm the investigation of the incident or apprehension of the subject:

- Murder and non-negligent manslaughter;
- Manslaughter by negligence;
- Sex offenses;
- Robbery;
- Aggravated assault;
- Burglary;
- Motor vehicle theft; and
- Arson.



A number of factors are considered to determine if there is an ongoing threat to the University Community that would make it necessary to issue a timely warning. Although the University is not required to provide notification for non-*Clery Act* crimes or when the incident does not occur within *Clery Act* geography, DLES may decide that a warning must be issued if a crime has the potential to compromise the safety of the University.

Circumstances for Which a Warning Will Be Issued

The following factors and circumstances will be considered when issuing a timely warning:

- The nature of the crime;
- The continuing danger to the campus community; and
- The possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts.

When determining the content of the warning, the University will include as many available details as possible, including:

- Type of alert;
- Location;
- Suspect(s) description;
- Incident summary; and
- Any information that promotes safety and aids in the prevention of similar crimes

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Ways Warnings are Disseminated

The University may send timely warnings by various communication media including:

- University e-mail;
- Carolina Alert social media;
- Carolina Alert RSS feed;
- Carolina Alert website; and
- DLES website.

Additionally, warnings or advisories affecting the University Community will be posted on the DLES website on the crime alert page: <http://bit.ly/1JGV46m>.

The DLES Associate Vice President-Chief of Police or his/her designee will be responsible for authorizing and issuing timely warnings, on behalf of the University.

Emergency Response, Notifications and Evacuations

When it is determined that there is a **dangerous situation** that poses an imminent threat to the safety or health of the Carolina Community, in accordance with University Policy LESA 4.2, specific University personnel are responsible for activating the **Carolina Alert System**. The University will immediately notify the appropriate segment(s) of campus using one or more of the communication mediums in the Carolina Alert System.

Upon receiving a report or notification regarding a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the safety or health of the University of South Carolina Community, the University will confirm the emergency or dangerous situation and determine the content before initiating an emergency notification. Notification may not be made if it would compromise or impede efforts to assist victim(s), or contain, respond to, or mitigate the emergency.

Activation Authority

It is the responsibility of the following authorized persons to confirm an emergency, determine the appropriate segment(s) of the campus community to receive a notification, determine the content of the message, and initiate the selected communication media within the **Carolina Alert** emergency notification system:

- University's Division of Law Enforcement and Safety On-Duty Supervisor;
- University's Division of Law Enforcement and Safety (DLES) Emergency Management Coordinator;
- DLES Officer with the rank of Lieutenant or above;
- DLES Deputy Chief;
- DLES Associate Vice President/Chief of Police; and
- Chairperson, University's Executive Policy Group.

When it is appropriate, the authorized individuals (or their designees) will consult the next person in the chain of communication before sending an emergency message. However, if the next person is unavailable, or if time does not allow for a delayed warning, approval is not necessary.

Confirmation of an Emergency

If the person(s) authorized to send a message has not confirmed the emergency first-hand, they will contact the DLES on-duty shift supervisor to receive an update. They may also choose to contact surrounding law enforcement agencies and emergency response agencies for more information.

Determining Where on Campus to Send Notifications

Those authorized to send a message will also determine which segment(s) of campus will be notified.

The entire campus community may be notified if there is the potential for a very large segment of the community to be affected by the situation, or when the situation threatens the operation of the entire campus.

If **emergency conditions** are isolated to a specific part of campus, notifications may be made to that specific area instead of notifying the entire campus. As the incident progresses, personnel will monitor the situation and notify additional areas of the campus if needed.



Communication Media

The following is a list of communication media the University may use to send an emergency notification:

- Carolina Alert Website: <https://www.sc.edu/CarolinaAlert>;
- Facebook;
- Twitter;
- University Website: <https://www.sc.edu>;
- Outdoor Warning Sirens;
- Tone Alert Radios;
- Voice Over Fire Alarms;
- Digital Signage;
- Alert FM;
- Text Alerts;
- E-mail;
- Emergency Information Line;
- 90.5 WUSC Radio;
- Blackboard Announcement;
- Fire Alarm;
- Vehicle Public Address Speakers;
- Bullhorns; and/or
- Media Advisory.



Not all media will be used for every notification. **Every incident is unique**, and authorized personnel will use communication methods based on their reach, effectiveness, and location.

The following guidelines are used to assist authorized personnel with selecting communication media, and to provide the community an understanding as to which forms of communication may be used in different scenarios.

Requires Action

If a situation exists that poses an immediate safety risk and requires persons to change their behavior (e.g. seek shelter, evacuate), information may be pushed using disruptive media (e.g. sirens, Alert FM, text messages).

Public Notification

If a situation exists where persons should be notified about an incident that is not immediately life threatening (e.g. crime alerts, situations that have already been contained), media such as the Carolina Alert website, social media, or others may be used to communicate the information.

Determination of Message Content

The person(s) authorized to send a message will also determine the content of the message. There are a number of pre-scripted, pre-approved messages from which authorized person(s) may choose from.

Initiating the Notification System

Once the authorized person has confirmed the emergency, selected the areas of campus that need to be notified, chosen the appropriate communication media to use, and determined the content of the message, he/she will call the personnel responsible for physically activating each individual communication method.

Immediate safety risk = disruptive media.

Follow-Up Communication

Once a **mass notification** is issued, the person who authorized the notification will immediately contact the University Emergency Management Team Executive Policy Group.

The initial notification should be followed by a subsequent message(s) that provides greater detail of the incident and/or protective action recommendations. If the incident requires an extended response time, subsequent information releases should be done so at the discretion of the **University Public Information Officer** or designee.

Disseminating Information to the Surrounding Community

If a dangerous situation exists on campus that has the potential to affect the surrounding Columbia community, the person who authorized the alert will notify DLES dispatch to call **Columbia – Richland Emergency Communications Center**, or the appropriate authority dependent on the nature and type of emergency, to make the determination to initiate its community notification process.

Emergency Notification Tests

The Carolina Alert System is **tested** at least once a year to ensure the system is operational and to introduce members of the Carolina community to the methods in which they can receive notifications during an emergency. The test also provides information regarding what to do in the event of an actual emergency.

A summary of the University's emergency response and evacuation procedures is distributed in conjunction with at least one annual test per year. After each test or activation of the Carolina Alert system, a brief after action report is written to evaluate the event against measurable goals.

This document includes: purpose, date / time, whether the test was announced or unannounced, participants, description, successes, shortcomings, and corrective action recommendations.

Additional information concerning Carolina Alert can be found at: <https://www.sc.edu/CarolinaAlert>.

Policies and Programs To Prevent Alcohol and Drug Misuse

Maintaining health and wellness is critical to meeting the mission of the University of South Carolina. The possession or use of illegal drugs, or the misuse of drugs that may otherwise be legally possessed, negatively impacts the University environment, as well as the individual potential of our students, faculty, and staff. The University is in compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and has established the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention and Education (SAPE), under the guidance of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Academic Support.

The University's drug and alcohol policy is available at <https://sc.edu/policies/ppm/staf302.pdf>. Students, faculty, and staff are notified of the policy and campus resources twice each year. The University provides a comprehensive spectrum of substance misuse services, including prevention, education, early intervention, referral to treatment, and recovery support. Additional information is available by calling (803) 777-3933 or at <https://www.sc.edu/sape>.

Our **standards of conduct** prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees. The Division of Law Enforcement and Safety (DLES) works closely with the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (OSC) and SAPE to educate the student population concerning the responsible use of alcohol. Although every situation is different, officers typically refer student violators of the state's alcohol laws to OSC for brief educational interventions, counseling and student discipline. Violations of the state's underage drinking laws may be enforced through filing appropriate criminal charges and are usually handled by OSC with a referral from law enforcement. Violations of drug laws are usually handled through the local criminal justice system. The vast majority of first-time offenders are usually allowed to enter a diversionary program, referred to as Pre-Trial Intervention, which is coordinated by the local solicitor's office. Student violators of drug laws are also referred to OSC.

Policy Regarding the Possession, Use, and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages

No person under the **age of 21** may purchase, possess, or consume any alcoholic beverages, and no person shall sell or give alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21 years of age anywhere at the University of South Carolina – Columbia.

Persons and their guests 21 years of age and older may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in individual campus residence hall rooms or apartments on campus, but not in the communal areas of a residence hall on campus such as lounges, balconies, decks, or bathrooms.

Common source containers of alcohol (e.g., kegs) are not permitted on the University of South Carolina – Columbia premises any time.

All events sponsored by a university entity that involve alcoholic beverages in university owned, -leased or -controlled buildings, grounds or other facilities must be registered through the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention and Education by submitting the **Alcohol Event Registration Form**. All events with alcohol must include monitoring for legal age, provide food and non-alcoholic drinks, and last no longer than four hours.

Events on campus must purchase and serve alcohol through the contract of a trained, qualified and properly insured caterer or bartender with an appropriate liquor license from the Department of Revenue. University faculty, staff or students are not permitted to serve alcohol unless employed by the contracted bartending service.

No alcohol may be served or consumed in any University building or open space except as provided in the Alcohol Event Registration Form. This includes personal consumption as well as consumption at a private party event.

Any container of alcohol being transported must be sealed and covered while on University premises.

No person, organization or corporation may sell any kind of alcoholic beverage on the campus of the University, unless there is an alcohol permit to do so.

Guidelines for Students

Students must adhere to the **Student Code of Conduct** and the General Guidelines for the University Community as well as all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances. In addition, students should be aware that under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), the University may disclose the result of a disciplinary proceeding to a parent or guardian so long as the student is under the age of 21 at the time of the incident and the proceeding has resulted in a violation of University drug or alcohol policies or any federal, state, or local law. The University may also notify a parent or guardian of a student under the age of 21 of any sanction that places the student on housing or conduct probation (official notice that any additional offense may affect the student’s ability to live on campus or attend the University), or that results in removal from University Housing or the institution (e.g., housing removal/relocation, suspension, or expulsion).

The University may also notify a parent or guardian upon a **second violation** of the University alcohol policy. Finally, the University’s Student Care and Outreach Team will notify a parent or guardian of a student under the age of 21 where the consumption of alcohol has resulted in the hospitalization of the student. For more information or for the Consent to Release Information waiver, refer to the Office of Student Conduct.



Policy Regarding the Possession, Use, and Sale of Illegal Drugs

The University of South Carolina – Columbia supports strict enforcement of laws concerning the possession, consumption, and distribution of illegal drugs and controlled substances, as set forth in the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 44, Chapter 53. Students, as citizens, are responsible for knowing about and complying with South Carolina laws concerning illegal drugs and the use of other controlled substances.

Students are responsible for abiding by the Student Code of Conduct and local, state, and federal laws whether on or off campus. Failure to do so can result in criminal, civil, and University proceedings and sanctions. Students and student organizations that are in violation of the law are also violating the Student Code of Conduct and can be held accountable under both separate systems. Violations of the University's drug policy as well as other regulations contained in the Carolina Community will be referred to appropriate University offices.

The risks associated with the misuse of alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription medications, and other substances are numerous and include physical and mental impairment, emotional and psychological deterioration, addiction, infectious disease, and adverse effects on pregnancy. There are obvious risks, such as suffering a hangover, driving under the influence or committing other crimes, and sustaining or causing personal injury. There are a number of less obvious risks associated with alcohol and other drug misuse that students and employees may not realize, including: poor academic and/or job performance, initiating non-consensual sexual activity, and jeopardizing future career prospects. In addition, alcohol and other drug misuse puts the user at considerable health risk, which can include nausea, vomiting, cancer, liver damage, elevated blood pressure, psychotic episodes, hallucinations, and overdose leading to death. A chart on the uses and effects of controlled substances can be found <https://bit.ly/2VkeJJb>.

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Substance Abuse Prevention and Education

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Education Office (SAPE) is located on the third floor of the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center and Carolina Coliseum 4001 and is open Monday through Friday during regular business hours. SAPE provides a comprehensive spectrum of substance misuse services, including prevention, education, early intervention, referral to treatment, and recovery support. Additional information is available by calling (803) 777-3933 or at <https://www.sc.edu/sape>.

Educational Programs

Students Taking Initiative and Responsibility (STIR): the purpose of STIR is to help students identify high-risk behavior, reflect on their substance use, and reduce potential negative consequences. Using the BASICS model, STIR includes two individualized meetings with trained facilitators. Participants are typically sanctioned to the STIR program by their conduct administrators for an alcohol or drug violation, but students may also voluntarily take part to explore their choices about substance use.

AlcoholEdu: AlcoholEdu is a required educational program. This highly interactive and engaging training educates students on creating a safe and healthy campus environment and reducing their risks related to alcohol. The course is taken in two parts, both of which are completed online. Part I takes about two hours to complete, and is done before the student arrives on campus. Part II takes approximately 15 minutes, and is taken 45 days after the first part is completed. All new and transfer undergraduate students must complete AlcoholEdu. Failure to complete both parts may result in a registration hold.

Gamecock Recovery: promotes a nurturing campus and community environment to ensure that all students in recovery can achieve academic and personal success. Our student community supports one another through peer support meetings, social events, informal gatherings, and participation in campus traditions. Individual recovery coaching is also available for students in recovery, seeking recovery, and impacted by addiction in their relationships.

Gamecock Recovery also offers regular speakers, campus events, and the Recovery Ally program to help build a more inclusive campus environment for people in recovery.

Sexual Assault Prevention: this program is a required educational and training module about sexual assault prevention. The course uses realistic scenarios and skill-building exercises. Similar in structure to AlcoholEdu, it is broken into two parts. Part I takes around an hour to complete. After a 45 day waiting period, students must complete Part II, which takes about 15 minutes. All new and transfer undergraduate and graduate students must complete Sexual Assault Prevention. Failure to complete both parts may result in a registration hold.



Criminal Statistics

How We Compile These Statistics

A primary part of the **Annual Security and Fire Safety Report** is the statistics related to crime that have occurred at the University during the preceding calendar year. To assist in evaluating the statistics in context, the preceding three calendar years are provided for your review.

DLES, in compiling the annual statistics, coordinates with law enforcement partners as well as University Campus Security Authorities. DLES, along with the Richland County Sheriff's Department and the City of Columbia Police Department, share information about criminal incidents through the **Lexis/Nexis Community Crime Map**.

Community Crime Map

The Community Crime Map (<https://www.communitycrimemap.com>) is a crime mapping program made available to both the general public and law enforcement. The program allows site visitors to see crime data over a map of the county. Through the Community Crime Map system, DLES, the Richland County Sheriff's Department, and City of Columbia Police Department can share crime data, crime intelligence, and criminal reports. This program also allows DLES, when compiling the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, to directly retrieve information about crimes occurring off campus or on public property investigated by another agency.

A public version of the **Community Crime Map** program is also available. The public system allows a user to search crimes by address or by clicking on Columbia, South Carolina. The user interface shows a map of a particular area with incidents clearly marked. By clicking on the incident location pin, the user obtains basic information about the incident such as: type of crime; location type; block-level address; and incident date and time.

Sex Offender Data

Sex offender data is maintained and provided by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), which may be accessed via the following link: <https://scor.sled.sc.gov>.

Registered sex offenders are prohibited from living in Campus Student Housing. Individuals found in the registry are not necessarily students, faculty, or staff. Individuals registered may carry on a vocation at the University of South Carolina such as a contractor or subcontractor.

Crime Data

The *Clergy Act* requires the University to report data regarding specific crimes that happen within a defined geographical

area to the United States Department of Education and then disclose the data to the general community. This area is referred to as “Clery Geography” and encompasses On-Campus (including the subset of On-Campus Residence Halls), Non-Campus, and Public Property. These terms create consistency in the way crime data is collected and reported across college campuses.

For purposes of the *Clery Act* and understanding disclosed data, the following definitions are used:

1) On-Campus is defined as either –

a. Any property –

Owned or controlled by the University;

That is reasonably contiguous to other University owned property; and

That is used by the University in direct support or in relation to the University’s educational purpose.

OR

b. Any property –

Owned but not controlled by the University;

That is used frequently by University students; and

That is used to support the University’s educational purpose.

2) Non-Campus is defined as either –

a. Any property –

Owned or controlled by the University;

That is used by the University to support its educational purposes;

That is frequently used by students; and

Is not considered part of the core campus.

OR

b. Any property –

Owned or controlled by a student organization; and

That the student organization is officially recognized by the University.

3) Public Property is defined as any property

Owned or controlled by governmental entities such as thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities;

That is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

An example of On-Campus property would be many of the University classrooms and buildings located throughout its core campus. Non-Campus areas include medical facilities outside core campus that are owned/controlled by the University. Public property would be the public sidewalk located in front of the Horseshoe.



The crimes are collectively referred to as “Clery Crimes”, The Clery Crimes consist of four categories of offenses: 1) Index Crimes; 2) Violence Against Women Act crimes; 3) Hate Crimes; and 4) Possession Crimes.

The **Index Crimes** include: 1) Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter; 2) Manslaughter by Negligence; 3) Sexual Assault 4) Robbery; 5) Aggravated Assault; 6) Burglary; 7) Motor Vehicle Theft (including Mopeds); and 8) Arson. The Violence Against Women Act Crimes include: 1) Domestic Violence; 2) Dating Violence; and 3) Stalking. Hate Crimes are defined as “a criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender’s bias.” Where hate is a motivating factor, the University is required to report Hate Crimes that involve any Index Crime as well as any of the following: 1) Larceny-Theft; 2) Simple Assault; 3) Intimidation; or 4) Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property.

Possession arrests and referrals include violations of law for the following crimes: 1) Weapons Possession; 2) Drug Offenses; and 3) Alcohol Offenses.

Criminal Statistics for Index Crimes

Criminal Offenses	Total On-Campus			On-Campus Residence Halls			Non-Campus			Public Property		
	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	8	13	9	8	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	4	4	7	3	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Arson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	8	13	14	1	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	19	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	1

Criminal Statistics for VAWA Offenses

Criminal Offenses	Total On-Campus			On-Campus Residence Halls			Non-Campus			Public Property		
	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23
Domestic Violence	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dating Violence	2	12	5	2	10	3	2	0	0	2	0	1
Stalking	11	17	22	3	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0

Criminal Arrests for Violations for Illegal Weapons, Drugs & Alcohol

Criminal Offenses	Total On-Campus			On-Campus Residence Halls			Non-Campus			Public Property		
	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23
Illegal Weapons Possession	6	4	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	11	16	7
Drug Law Violations	6	4	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	27	13	11
Liquor Law Violations	4	1	4	1	1	1	2	1	0	16	5	4

Disciplinary Referrals for Illegal Weapons, Drugs & Alcohol

Criminal Offenses	Total On-Campus			On-Campus Residence Halls			Non-Campus			Public Property		
	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23	'21	'22	'23
Illegal Weapons Possession	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	112	119	61	70	65	35	17	0	0	17	3	2
Liquor Law Violations	564	770	589	455	662	492	3	0	0	6	2	0

Hate Crimes

In 2023, the following Hate Crimes were reported to the University (four on campus/vandalism/harassment, one on campus residence halls):

Vandalism – Sexual Orientation: Someone spray painted a set of biased words on a dumpster behind a University Housing Living Learning Community. The incident occurred near 820 Henderson St., Columbia SC on 03/16/23.

Intimidation – Race: Someone sent racially biased words and images via social media to a University employee on campus. The incident occurred at 1051 Blossom St., Columbia SC on 04/02/23.

Vandalism – Race: Someone drew portions of a racial slur on a wall in a University Housing Residence Hall. The incident occurred at 1520 Devine St., Columbia SC on 06/06/23.

Vandalism – Race: Someone drew antisemitic symbols on posters attached to generators near the Bull Street Garage. The incident occurred near 1611 Bull St., Columbia SC on 06/30/23.

Unfounded

The University's Division of Law Enforcement and Safety unfounded or determined the following number of crimes, otherwise reportable were unfounded:

2021 = 0 Unfounded Cases; 2022 = 2 Unfounded Cases (one on campus, one non-campus); 2023 = 1 Unfounded Case (on campus)



Annual Fire Safety Report



Fire Log

The Housing facility fire log is kept at the DLES Records Unit located at 1415 Henderson Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29208. The log includes the nature, date, time, and location of each fire.

Education, Training, Drills, Evacuation, Reporting

All **Resident Mentors** for each housing facility are trained in the use of fire extinguishers (to include use of with a live fire exercise), building evacuation, proper reporting of fires, the prohibitive use of extension cords and oversized light bulbs, blocking of fire sprinklers, and fire alarm equipment. The training each Resident Mentor receives is then provided to residents of each residence hall in the first weekly meeting after move-in.

DLES Fire Safety provides training to faculty, staff, students, and food service vendors on campus. The training is tailored to the audience to provide the most applicable information related to their environment. The training consists of how to safely evacuate a building during a fire situation or other emergency, by outlining exit awareness and potential obstacles. The training also includes how to minimize the opportunity for fire and the proper procedures for reporting a fire. The class is finalized with fire extinguisher training that includes a summary on the types of fire extinguishers and the proper technique for discharging them, with the participants having the opportunity to discharge a fire extinguisher on a controlled fire.

In accordance with state law and for the safety of students, fire drills are conducted at various times throughout the semester. All persons must vacate the building during drills and remain outside until instructed to return by residence hall staff. Evacuation procedures are posted in each residence hall.

DLES hosts and promotes programs and events on fire safety as requested by University departments/faculty/staff/students.

All students and employees must evacuate the building or residence hall in the event of a fire and follow the below procedures:

Some of these actions can be taken simultaneously:

- The building shall be evacuated. In those buildings that have coded alarm systems in which the alarm rings only on the floor where the pull station is activated, the general alarm shall be sounded to alert all occupants to evacuate;
- DLES shall be notified by dialing 911;
- Supervisory personnel should search the area in which the alarm was activated to determine the location of the fire;

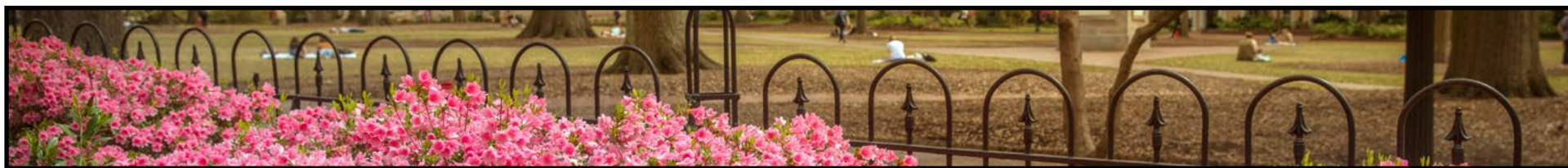
- The determination if an alarm is a “nuisance fire alarm” shall be made by DLES – Fire Safety Office in consultation with the Columbia Fire Department; and
- The fire alarm shall be silenced and reset only by a representative from the Columbia Fire Department or DLES when directed to do so by one of the aforementioned entities.

The University requires any fire to be immediately reported to the appropriate local authorities to include DLES.

Portable Electrical Appliances and Open Flames

The cooking of food in residence halls is primarily restricted to **established kitchens**. The only cooking equipment allowed in rooms are Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved appliances that have no exposed heating coils (such as coffee pots and sandwich makers), and microwave ovens which do not exceed one cubic foot and/or 700 watts of power. One privately owned refrigerator per resident is permitted, provided it does not exceed limitations established by the University. Extension cords and multiple socket plugs are prohibited due to electrical circuitry design limitations as well as health, fire, and safety regulations. Surge protectors with a circuit breaker and an on/off switch are approved for use in rooms or apartments. Only one **surge protector** may be plugged into a socket and at no time may one surge protector be plugged into another surge protector.

In conjunction with University Policy, **smoking** and the use of tobacco products is prohibited on all campus property. All members of the University residence hall community, including visitors and vendors working on campus, are expected to comply with this policy.



No person shall start a fire or create a fire hazard on University property without University authorization. This regulation is also intended to prohibit the possession and/or use of candles, torches, incense burners, other open flame apparatus, as well as extension cords and other devices or materials which may create a fire hazard if used without authorization or in unauthorized areas including, but not limited to, residence hall rooms.

Misuse of Fire Alarms and Safety Equipment

No person shall make, or cause to be made, a false fire alarm, or emergency report of any kind. No person shall tamper with, damage, disable or misuse fire safety equipment including, but not limited to, fire extinguishers, fire hoses, fire alarms, and fire doors.

Plans for Future Improvement

There are no current plans to modify the University's residential fire detection and warning systems at this time.

Fire Alarm System Monitoring and Fire Extinguishers

All fire alarm systems in residence halls are monitored through central reporting. All residence halls have fire extinguishers installed per national standards and undergo four fire drills per year.



University Residential Facilities

The following residential facilities have fire safety systems with addressable fire alarms and are fully sprinkled. The term “addressable fire alarm” as used in these statistics includes devices that provide exact location, for example, suite number, bedroom number, flow switch location, etc. of alarm initiation. The location of the residence facility is also provided with the name of the facility. All University residential facilities undergo four **fire drills** per calendar year.

Residence Hall	Address	Automatic Fire Alarm System	Automatic Fire Sprinkler System	Fire Extinguishers	Smoke Detectors	# of Fire Drills	Fire?
Harper/Elliott	902 Sumter St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Sims	1501 Devine St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Delta Zeta	514 Lincoln St	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Thornwell	1420 Pendleton St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Patterson	1520 Devine St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Kappa Kappa Gamma	520 Lincoln St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Nada Apartments	820 Henderson St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
South Tower	614 Bull St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Beta Theta Pi	527 Lincoln St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
McClintock	720 Bull St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
South Quad	500 Sumter St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Phi Mu	6 Fraternity Circle	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Preston College	1323 Greene St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
East Quad	1500 Wheat St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Sigma Nu	515 Lincoln St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Rutledge College	902 Sumter St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Green Quad A	1216 A Wheat St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	509 Lincoln St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Maxcy	1332 Pendleton St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Green Quad B	1216 B Wheat St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Alpha Delta Pi	508 Gadsden St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
DeSaussure	902 Sumter St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no

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Green Quad C	1216 C Wheat St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Kappa Delta	514 Gadsden St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Capstone	902 Barnwell St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Park Place	506 Huger St.	yes (monitored by city)	yes	yes	yes	4	no
YOUnion/SAGA	1000 Whaley St.	yes (monitored by city)	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Alpha Gamma Delta	502 Lincoln St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Bates House	1423 Whaley St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Delta Delta Delta	520 Gadsden St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Columbia Hall	918 Barnwell St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Bates West	1405 Whaley St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	yes
Pi Beta Phi	526 Gadsden St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Woodrow	1415 Greene St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Wade Hampton	1528 Greene St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Chi Psi	508 Lincoln St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Pinckney/Legare	902 Sumter St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Honors Residence	1215 Blossom St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Gamma Phi Beta	527 Gadsden St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
McBryde A	1309 Blossom St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Alpha Chi Omega	515 Gadsden St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Pi Kappa Phi	4 Fraternity Circle	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
McBryde B	1311 Blossom St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Chi Omega	509 Gadsden St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Kappa Alpha	521 Lincoln St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
McBryde C	1313 Blossom St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Kappa Sigma	808 Mark Buyck Way	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
McBryde F	611 Marion St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Zeta Tau Alpha	814 Mark Buyck Way	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
650 Lincoln Building A/B	650 Lincoln St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	yes
650 Lincoln Building D	700 Lincoln St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
McBryde G	613 Marion St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Alpha Xi Delta	820 Mark Buyck Way	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no

Campus Village 1*	1531 Whaley St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Campus Village 2*	1513 Whaley St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Campus Village 3*	1531 Whaley St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no
Campus Village 4*	1531 Whaley St.	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no

* Opened Fall 2023

Fires at University Residential Facilities

Fires	Case Number	Description	Location	Address	Summary
02/09/23	23-00193		Bates West	1405 Whaley St.	There was a fire inside a trashcan on the outside of the building possibly due to residents carelessly putting out a cigarette. The fire was extinguished upon officer arrival.
02/12/23	23-00194		Bates West	1405 Whaley St.	There was a small fire in room due to a cooking incident. Smoke was reported in the area and other rooms. The fire was extinguished
07/15/23	Firework		650 Lincoln	650 Lincoln St.	Student set off roman candle firework. There was minor damage, no injuries.



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