

2012-13 ANNUAL SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY REPORT



MAINTAINING A SAFE AND SECURE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT



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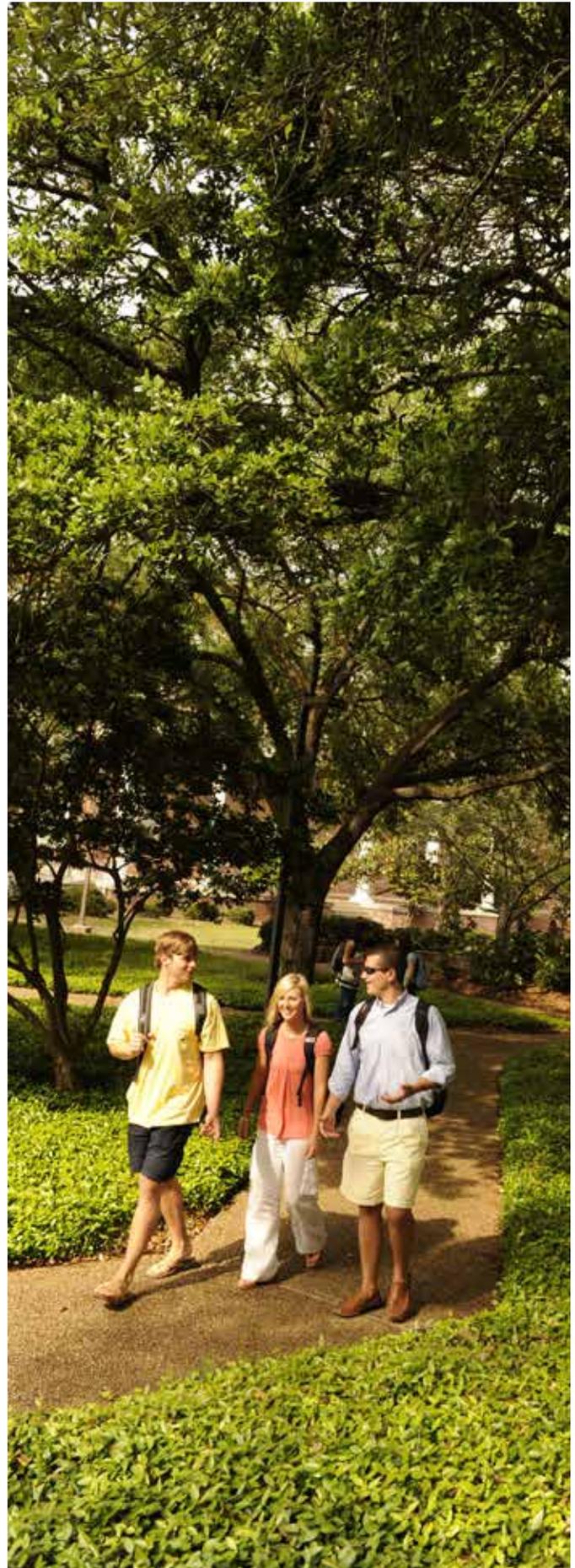


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University Police Department

- 911 (emergency)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)
- Bond Hall, First Floor West



ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT for The University of Southern Mississippi

The University of Southern Mississippi Police Department

The University of Southern Mississippi Police Department (UPD) is the police force of original jurisdiction on campus. It is staffed by 26 duly sworn, state-certified police officers with full arrest powers. Patrol and dispatch services are provided 24 hours a day with access to local emergency services.

Each officer has successfully completed the state's basic law enforcement academy and regularly attends other advanced and in-service training programs. The UPD employs a full-time staff of 14 residence hall security guards, six radio dispatchers and other support personnel.

The UPD also works very closely with other law enforcement agencies, including the Hattiesburg Police Department, Forrest County Sheriff's Department, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Mississippi Alcohol Beverage Control and the local FBI office.

The University of Southern Mississippi strives to provide a safe living, learning and working environment for its students, faculty and staff.

Emergency operations and communications plans ensure timely and appropriate assessment, response and information dissemination in the event an emergency incident occurs.

Policy for Reporting the Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

The University Police prepares the Combined Annual Security and Fire Safety Report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act and the Higher Education Opportunity Act. The full text of this report can be located on our website at www.usm.edu/police.

This report is prepared in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies surrounding our main campus and alternate sites, the Department of Residence Life, Dean of Students office, the Office of Human Resources, the Admissions office, Student Health Services, Student Counseling Services, the Department of Fire Safety, and numerous other university departments. Each entity provides updated information on their educational efforts and programs to comply with the Act. Campus crime, arrest and referral statistics include those reported to the University Police, designated campus security authorities, and local law enforcement agencies. These statistics may also include crimes that have occurred adjacent to university-owned properties. All students, staff and faculty are notified annually via email, the university Intranet and, in certain circumstances via USM Mailout, of the availability of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report on the university website. All prospective employees and students are also advised of the availability and location of this report via the Office of Human Resources or the Admissions office through the application processes. Copies of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report may also be obtained at the University Police Department located in Bond Hall West, or the Dean of Students office located in the Union, second floor.



Whom to Call in an Emergency

In the event of an emergency, you should dial 911 from any of The University of Southern Mississippi's campuses or facilities. Callers should remain on the line to ensure dispatchers have the correct location.

Calls from a land line will be directed either to University Police (Hattiesburg) or base security (Keesler Air Force Base and Stennis Space Center). Calls from a cell phone will be directed to the appropriate local jurisdiction. 911 dispatchers in the Hattiesburg area will redirect calls to University Police as soon as they determine the emergency is on campus.

Hattiesburg

University Police

- 911 (emergency)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)
- Bond Hall, First Floor West

Gulf Park Campus, Long Beach

Campus Security

- 911 (emergency, directed to Long Beach Police Department)
- 228.214.3430 (administrative office)
- 228.214.3501 (security office)
- 228.234.2068 (24-hour-duty cell phone)

Gulf Coast Student Service Center, Gulfport

Campus Security

- 911 (emergency, directed to Gulfport Police Department)
- 228.865.4519 (security office)
- 228.669.7496 (24-hour-duty cell phone)

Keesler Air Force Base

- 911 (emergency, directed to Harrison County Emergency Dispatch Center)
- 228.377.3040 (base security)

Stennis Space Center

- 911 (emergency, directed to Hancock County Emergency Dispatch Center)
- 228.688.3636 (security department)

Code Blue Telephones

The UPD has strategically placed 30 code blue phones throughout the campus. If you have an emergency, simply press the red button and begin speaking. Upon being activated, these phones will directly dial into the UPD dispatch office, where a patrol unit will be dispatched for assistance.

What to Do in an Emergency

Faculty, staff, students and others in the community should contact the University Police Department or the Office of the Dean of Students with any information regarding behaviors of a person on campus that might be viewed as cause for concern.

If you are notified of or involved in an emergency or crisis, stay calm, assess the situation and be prepared to take safety precautions based on your personal situation.

Here are some tips to follow:

- Stay away from the area of the emergency or crisis.
- Find a safe place and stay there until you are notified that the emergency is over.
- If you are directly affected by the emergency, call 911 or UPD as soon as it is safe to do so. Provide as much information as you can and stay on the phone until told to hang up.
- Alert others if you can without endangering yourself.
- Evacuate the area by a safe route if possible.
- If the emergency is an active threat and you are unable to evacuate the area, attempt to seek an area of safe refuge.
- If you must seek refuge, secure doors and windows as quickly as possible and barricade as many items between you and the threat.
- Do not attempt to make contact with the individual(s) responsible for the threat unless no other option is available.
- Once in a secure location, do not open the door for anyone but the police.



Emergency Management Planning and Response

The University of Southern Mississippi has a number of planning documents related to its emergency response and management procedures:

- Emergency Incident Response Plan (PDF)
- Gulf Coast Disaster Preparedness Plan (PDF)
- Gulf Coast Research Lab Hurricane Plan (PDF)

The University Police Department and the Division of Student Affairs manage a Critical Incident Response Team that will respond in the event of an emergency situation.

StormReady Designation

The University of Southern Mississippi is designated as StormReady by the National Weather Service. Mississippi has 29 StormReady designations, including 14 communities, 11 counties, The University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Mississippi.

To be recognized as StormReady, a location must have the following:

- 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center
- multiple ways to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts to alert the public
- formal hazardous weather plan

Campus Facilities and Grounds

The University of Southern Mississippi is a public institution and, with the exception of the residence halls, is open to the public during the day and evening hours when classes are in session. During the times that the university is officially closed, its buildings are usually locked, and only faculty, staff and certain students may be admitted. The University Police provides regular patrol of university property, buildings and parking facilities.

The safety and security of our residents is a top priority of the Residence Life staff. All residence halls offer controlled, card-access entry that records the date, time and person entering the building. Visitation is from 11 a.m. - midnight, Sunday - Thursday, and 11 a.m. - 1 a.m., Friday - Saturday; however, residence hall staff members are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. University Police officers assist with desk operations on a nightly basis and patrol the exterior and interior of our halls. Students also have access to a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week escort service. Residence Life at Southern Miss strives to provide a safe environment that allows for the development of student relationships; fun, living-learning communities; and friendships that last a lifetime!

Campus lighting is a high priority, and improving lighting conditions is a continual effort throughout the year. There are lighted routes to all academic buildings and residence halls.

Shrubbery control is an ongoing project for the Physical Plant and the University Police Department. Hedges, trees and shrubbery are trimmed regularly to enhance visibility and lighting on campus.

UPD officers conduct a security survey of the campus at the beginning of each semester. Recommendations from this survey are forwarded to the Southern Miss Physical Plant upon completion. You may report any lighting problems by accessing the Southern Miss University Police Department website at www.usm.edu/police.

Reporting a Crime

The university encourages prompt and accurate reporting of all crimes, suspected crimes and other emergencies.

All reports are responded to quickly by the appropriate emergency personnel. When reporting a crime or other emergency, the following information should be provided:

- Nature of the crime or emergency
- Name, address and phone number of caller
- Location of the incident
- Description of the scene and suspects
- Description of any vehicles involved, especially license plate numbers

Southern Miss Crime Stoppers

The Crime Stoppers program allows members of the university to anonymously report criminal activity occurring on campus and to receive a monetary reward of \$25 to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.

The Crime Stoppers hotline is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday by calling 601.266.6504 or 601.266.5787.

To report criminal activity 24 hours a day, call 601.266.4986 or 911.

Criminal Activity Off Campus

When a Southern Miss student is involved in an off-campus offense, Southern Miss police officers may assist with the investigation in cooperation with local, state or federal law enforcement. Hattiesburg Police Department and the Forrest County Sheriff's office routinely work and communicate with our officers on any serious incidents occurring on-campus or in the immediate neighborhood and business areas surrounding campus or university-owned or controlled property.

Student Affairs maintains contact with recognized fraternity and sorority organizations through the efforts of the Greek Life office. There are no officially recognized or approved off-campus fraternity or sorority houses affiliated with The University of Southern Mississippi. The University of Southern Mississippi does not own or operate any off-campus housing or off-campus student organization facilities. However, many students live in the neighborhoods surrounding the main campus. While the local law enforcement has primary jurisdiction in all areas off campus, Southern Miss officers can and do respond to student-related incidents that occur in close proximity to campus. Southern Miss police officers have direct communication with the local police, fire department and ambulance services to facilitate rapid response in any emergency.

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CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITIES

Campus Security Authorities include the following:

1. A campus police department or campus security department of the university
2. Any individual who has responsibility for campus security but who is not a member of the campus police department or the campus security department
3. Any individual specified in the university's statement of campus security policy as an individual to which students and employees should report criminal offenses
4. Any individual of the university who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities

The following individuals are designated as Campus Security Authorities for the Hattiesburg campus:

University Police Department

Chief of Police
All Sworn Police Officers
All Communication Officers
Campus Security Officers (CSO)

Athletics Department

Director of Athletic Programs
Senior Associates of Athletic Programs
Associate Directors of Athletic Programs
Head Coaches for Athletic Teams
Assistant Coaches for Athletic Teams
Assistant Directors of Athletic Programs

Physical Plant

Director of Fire Safety
Director of Custodial Services
Supervisor of Custodial Services

Colleges

Deans of Colleges
Assistant Deans of Colleges
Chairs of Departments
Academic Advisors
Commanding Officers of Military Studies

Division of Student Affairs

Dean of Student's Office
Director of Career Services
Director of Residence Life
Associate Directors of Residence Life
Residence Life Coordinators
Assistant Directors of Residence Life
Hall Directors of Residence Life
Assistant Hall Directors
Office of Student-Oriented Services
Enrollment Management Area
Director of Student Health Services
Director of Parking Management
Director of Disability Accommodations
Director of Recreational Sports
Associate Directors of Recreational Sports
Assistant Directors of Recreational Sports
Assistant Dean for Greek Life
Greek Life Coordinator
Union and Programs

The following individuals are designated as Campus Security Authorities for the Gulf Park campus and other teaching sites:

Campus Management

Director of Campus Management
Campus Security

Colleges

Deans
Associate Deans
Assistants to the Deans
Directors

Administrative Departments

Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs
Student Activities Coordinator
Events Coordinator
Associate Vice President of Financial Administration
Vice President's Office
Director of Physical Plant

CAMPUS SAFETY TIPS

Safety is a shared responsibility. As members of the campus community, everyone should help to make the campus a safer place. Using some simple safety precautions will greatly reduce your chance of becoming a victim of crime.

Personal Safety

- Walk or jog with a friend, not alone.
- Avoid isolated areas.
- Use campus escort services.
- Know your limits on dates and communicate them to your partner.
- Know your limits with alcohol and do not accept drinks from others.
- Tell a friend where you are going and when you will return.
- Carry a whistle or noise maker. Do not be afraid to scream if you need help.
- Use a help phone or raise the hood and stay in your car if it breaks down. If people stop to assist, ask them to call the police.
- Be aware of your surroundings.

Protection from Date Rape Drugs

- Never leave your drink unattended. Because they are colorless and odorless, date rape drugs can be slipped into any type of beverage.
- Do not accept drinks from anyone but a bartender or server.
- Try to attend bars or parties with a group of friends, arranging beforehand to watch each other's drinks.
- If you think your drink has been tampered with, seek medical attention immediately and request the hospital conduct toxicology testing.

Residential Safety

- Lock your dorm room or apartment whenever you leave and when you are sleeping.
- Do not prop card-reader doors.
- Call 911 if you see someone in the building who does not belong.
- Do not allow strangers to follow you into the building.

Workplace Safety

- Keep personal items (purses, book bags) locked up.
- Secure the work area when no one is in it.
- Report suspicious people to the police.
- Watch our "Active Shooter" video at www.usm.edu/police.

Protecting Your Property

- Record the serial numbers of your valuables.
- Engrave valuables with your license number.
- Register your bike with Parking Management.
- Keep your vehicle locked when it is parked and when you drive.
- Make sure all valuables inside the vehicle are either in the trunk or well-hidden.
- Do not leave textbooks, purses or book bags unattended.
- Do not leave laptop computers unattended.

Campus Watch

"Campus Watch: Partners in Safety," modeled after the National Neighborhood Watch Program, encourages individual vigilance and informed awareness regarding crimes and suspicious activity. Enclosed display panels are located at 24 sites to provide timely information regarding crimes occurring on campus, including information about offenders at large who may pose a threat to the campus community. This information is also available on the University Police Department (UPD) website.

Emergency Notification System / Timely Warnings

It is the policy of the university to notify the campus community in a timely manner of any significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on the campus involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees. Campus police or first-responders can identify certain threats that allow for the immediate activation of the notification system. However, other threats that would allow for the activation need to be assessed, and consultation with other experts may be required. The timely warning of an emergency event will be issued without delay utilizing Eagle Alert and take into account the safety of the campus community. The only exception is if doing so would compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to or otherwise mitigate the emergency. When an emergency situation arises, the Emergency Operations director or his/her designee will determine the nature and severity of the situation, and if appropriate, will declare an immediate campus threat and authorize activation of the Emergency Notification System. Once immediate notification has been made, more detailed follow-up information will be released on the university website, www.usm.edu, or via email.

Eagle Alert is a mass notification system comprising email, voice and text-messaging that is designed to send emergency messages to the university's employees and students in a matter of minutes. It will be used in conjunction with existing university avenues of emergency communication, including outdoor warning sirens, public address systems, news alerts and the university's website. Southern Miss students and employees have the option to participate by providing a primary mobile phone number for text-messaging and up to three other phone numbers for voice messages. Students or employees with a valid university ID and SOAR password may sign up online at www.usm.edu/eaglealert.

The University of Southern Mississippi schedules drills, tests and exercises internally and with outside agencies (Forrest County EMD, et. al.) to evaluate the procedures and response plans. Some activities occur monthly, such as testing the outdoor warning system, with larger scale tests and exercises occurring less frequently (e.g. annually, bi-annually).

Crime Prevention, Health and Safety Education for the Community

The University Police Department, Department of Health Services, Department of Residence Life, Dean of Students office, Department of Fire Safety and Student Counseling Services encourage all students, faculty and staff to become involved in crime prevention. These departments sponsor and participate in 85 educational programs, activities and crime prevention events on alcohol and drug awareness, personal and property safety, sexual assault prevention, fire safety and other requested topics throughout the main campus and residence halls throughout the academic year. They address our students and staff to explain the university's security, public safety and fire safety measures and procedures.

Personal Safety

This program is to discuss the various aspects of personal safety and awareness both on and off campus. Participants will be provided with educational materials on personal safety principles.

Operation ID

In this program, officers will assist participants in labeling and recording personal property and valuables that have been brought to campus. The officers use hand engravers for this program. Record your itemized possessions on a file card. Retain file cards in a safe location in the event the information is needed.

Drugs, Alcohol and the Law

This program is to discuss various state laws that apply to the campus community. Officers will also discuss the dangers of certain types of drugs. Visual aids will be used during this program to educate students on what certain drugs look like.

Crime Prevention and the Workplace

This program emphasizes key components that are vital to workplace safety. Officers will conduct security surveys of the departments and suggest implementation that might be used to deter crime.

Escort Service

The UPD provides a 24-hour escort service, seven days a week. Escorts are provided upon request to those who have legitimate concerns for their personal safety when moving about campus. Red escort phones are conveniently located throughout the campus. If you need an escort, call 601.266.5919.

Lock It Up

This program is designed to increase security awareness by reducing vulnerability. Officers use 3" x 5" cards and/or door hangers that alert would-be victims to their potential security and/or theft risk. Unlocked doors, wallets or purses, book bags, bikes or anything left exposed to a potential thief would receive a "Lock It Up" card.

Daily Crime Log

The University Police maintains a daily crime log for review 24 hours a day on the University Police website at www.usm.edu/police. The crime report is also available to the public in an ongoing log located at Bond Hall, first floor west, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Each entry includes the nature of the crime, the date and time the crime occurred and was reported, the general location, and the disposition of the complaint. All entries are open to public inspection within two business days of the initial report, except when disclosure of such information is prohibited by law or such disclosure would jeopardize the investigation. The University Police provides weekly synopses of police activities and crime reports to *The Student Printz*, the campus newspaper; the Office of University Communications; the vice president for Student Affairs; and other university officials.

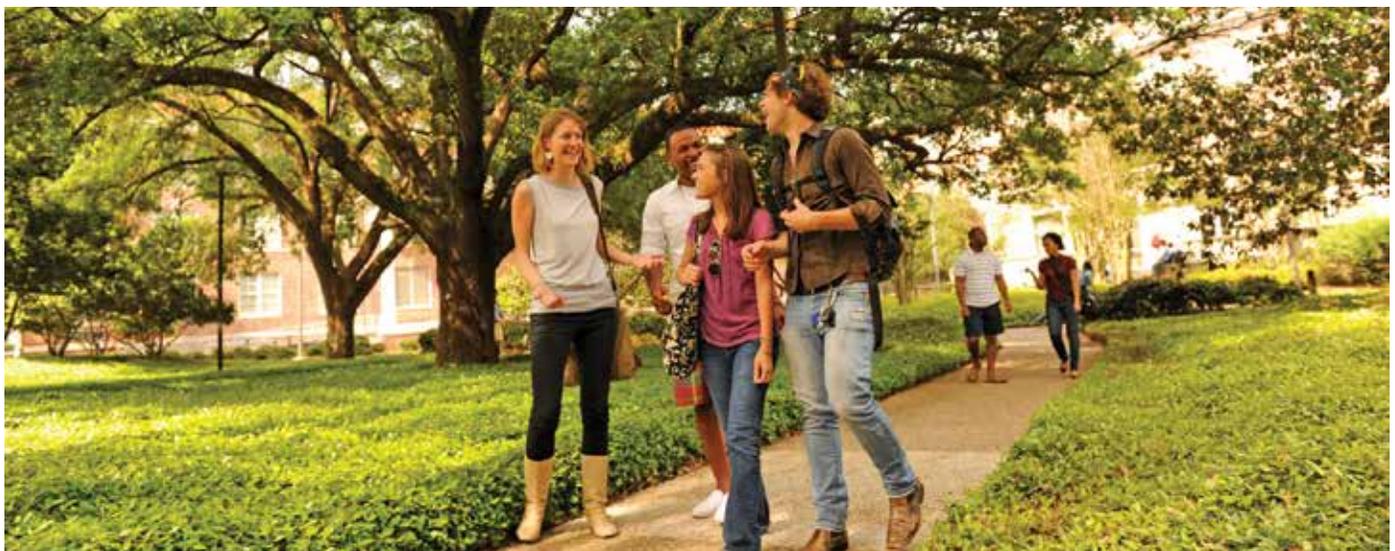
Student Counseling Services

The university provides assistance to all students, faculty and staff through Student Counseling Services and the University Clinic for Family Therapy. These centers provide individual counseling, group counseling, assessment and referral services. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students can be seen on a walk-in basis. For more information, call 601.266.4829.

Student Counseling Services focuses on primary and secondary alcohol and drug abuse prevention. These efforts are to prevent the initial development of problems or to serve as early intervention to the development of dependency. Social and psychological assessments are available by the staff of the counseling center. Students may seek services on an individual basis or by referral from the Dean of Students office.

Anyone who prefers to seek assistance off campus is urged to contact Pine Belt programs for chemical dependency at 601.264.2111 or the Life Focus Center of Forrest General Hospital at 601.288.4900. Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Adult Children of Alcoholics groups meet in the Hattiesburg community. For further information about any of these services, contact Student Counseling Services, Kennard-Washington Hall, room 200 at 601.266.4829.

Safety is everyone's responsibility.
Everyone should help to make
the campus a safer place.



The University of Southern Mississippi Police Department

CRIME SUMMARY

| Crime Summary on Campus 2009-11 | '09 | '10 | '11 |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Murder/non-negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Forcible sex offenses (including forcible rape) | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nonforcible sex offenses | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Aggravated assault | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Burglary | 10 | 17 | 7 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Arson | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |

On-Campus Violations: Alcohol (except DUI), Drugs and Weapons

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|
| Liquor law violations | 67 | 35 | 17 |
| Drug law violations | 6 | 19 | 26 |
| Illegal weapons possessions | 6 | 3 | 6 |

Other Reported Crimes

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Simple assault | 4 | 15 | 10 |
| Auto burglary | 14 | 33 | 22 |
| DUI | 19 | 21 | 14 |
| Larceny (grand and petit) | 164 | 154 | 115 |

Crimes Reported in Student Housing

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Murder/non-negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Forcible sex offenses (including forcible rape) | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nonforcible sex offenses | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Aggravated assault | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burglary | 0 | 9 | 3 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arson | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |

On-Campus Arrests (not to include DUI or drunkenness)

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|----|
| Liquor law violations | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Drug law violations | 1 | 5 | 16 |
| Illegal weapons possessions | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Arrests in Student Housing

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Liquor law violations (does not include DUI and drunkenness) | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Drug law violations | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Illegal weapons possessions | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Disciplinary Action/Judicial Referrals (for the following crimes)

| | | | |
|---|----|----|----|
| Liquor law violations (excludes DUI only) | 50 | 33 | 14 |
| Drug law violations | 6 | 18 | 10 |
| Illegal weapons possessions | 1 | 1 | 2 |

Crimes reported at Non-Campus Buildings, including Gulf Park, Stennis and Gulf Coast Research Lab

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Murder/non-negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Forcible sex offenses (including forcible rape) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nonforcible sex offenses | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aggravated assault | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burglary | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Hate-Related Crime

There were no reported hate crimes for 2009, 2010 or 2011.

| Arrests at Non-Campus Buildings, including Gulf Park, Stennis and Gulf Coast Research Lab | '09 | '10 | '11 |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Liquor law violations (except DUI and drunkenness) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drug law violations | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Illegal weapons possessions | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Criminal Offenses Reported by Non-Police Officials on Campus

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Murder/non-negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Forcible sex offenses (including forcible rape) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nonforcible sex offenses | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aggravated assault | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burglary | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Criminal Offenses Reported by Hattiesburg Police Department for the City of Hattiesburg on Public Property

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Murder/non-negligent manslaughter | 5 | 3 | 10 |
| Forcible sex offenses (including forcible rape) | 26 | 18 | 12 |
| Nonforcible sex offenses | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 66 | 61 | 64 |
| Aggravated assault | 42 | 38 | 25 |
| Burglary | 461 | 433 | 477 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 90 | 74 | 97 |
| Arson | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Criminal Offenses Reported by Hattiesburg Police Department for Public Properties Abutting the Campus

| | | | |
|---|---|---|----|
| Murder/non-negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Forcible sex offenses (including forcible rape) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nonforcible sex offenses | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Aggravated assault | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burglary | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Arrests Reported by Hattiesburg Police Department for Public Properties Abutting the Campus

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Liquor law violations (does not include public drunkenness or DUI) | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Drug law violations | 9 | 1 | 3 |
| Illegal weapons possessions | 2 | 0 | 0 |

*There were no disciplinary actions/judicial referrals made for the above violations occurring in the city of Hattiesburg.

Total Number of Arrests Reported by Hattiesburg Police Department for the City of Hattiesburg

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Liquor law violations | 275 | 231 | 251 |
| Drug law violations | 732 | 672 | 605 |
| Illegal weapons possessions | 75 | 72 | 65 |

*There were no disciplinary actions/judicial referrals made for the above violations occurring in the city of Hattiesburg.

**Student housing includes residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses and family housing.

***Any crimes including university policy violations and arrests are referred for disciplinary action/judicial proceedings.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Drug and Alcohol Policy

The University of Southern Mississippi prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcoholic beverages by students and employees on its campus.

Further, any possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind in plain view shall be considered in violation of campus policy. Privacy rights of students in their residential space will be respected, but any public nuisance coming from private space related to the consumption of alcohol shall bring the full force of this policy and applicable state law into play.

The concealment of illegal alcohol consumption from plain view does not preclude the enforcement of state laws or this policy for other just cause.

Students who violate this policy may be criminally prosecuted and be subjected to disciplinary actions ranging from probation with educational sanctions to suspension to expulsion. Students accused of violating these policies are afforded full due process under the University Code of Student Conduct. The university reserves the right to assign special circumstances to each individual case.

The Office of the Dean of Students reserves the right to notify the parents of students under the age of 21 who violate alcohol and other drug provisions of the University Code of Student Conduct, or who in our professional judgment are considered to be a danger to themselves or others.

Upon receipt of an alcohol or other drug violation by a student under the age of 21, the dean of students will staff the case and make a decision regarding parental notification based on the particular circumstances of the offense and the student's history. Parents will be notified by letter or phone, depending on the circumstances of the case.

Sanctions against university employees range from a letter of reprimand to termination of employment. The university may also refer cases for criminal prosecution.

Sexual Misconduct Policy

The university provides educational programs on a year-round basis to promote awareness of rape, acquaintance rape and other sex offenses. These programs are conducted by the University Police Department, Department of Residence Life, the Office of Greek Life, Student Counseling Services and Student Health Services in residence halls and with student and employee organizations.

Southern Miss strongly encourages prompt reporting of sex offenses to the proper authorities. Victims should seek medical attention immediately and notify either the UPD or other law enforcement agencies. The UPD is available 24 hours a day to assist victims in obtaining medical attention and in reporting offenses.

The UPD, the Office of General Counsel and Student Counseling Services are also available to assist victims and answer questions about the criminal justice process.

Students and employees of the university who engage in sexual misconduct may be disciplined or discharged, notwithstanding the judicial remedies offered by criminal authorities.

Campus disciplinary action is possible only when the complainant is willing to make a written statement describing the specific incident. The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during university disciplinary proceedings, and both will be notified of the outcome of such proceedings.

When the university determines that the presence of a student or employee would reasonably constitute a clear and present danger to the university community, the university may take immediate action to suspend the student or employee on an interim basis, pending the final outcome of disciplinary or legal proceedings.

When requested by a victim, the university will assist in changing academic and living arrangements whenever possible.

Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act

The CSCPA provides requirements relating to registration and community notification for sex offenders who are enrolled in or work at institutions of higher education.

Effective October 2003, the law required institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a state concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. This information can be obtained by accessing the Mississippi Sex Offender Registry.

The University of Southern Mississippi Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Policy Statement

The University of Southern Mississippi does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs and activities. The university, in an effort to foster an environment of respect for the dignity and worth of all members of the university community, is committed to maintaining an educational environment free of sexual harassment. It is the policy of the university that no member of its community shall engage in sexually harassing or sexually violent behavior toward another. Any student or employee who violates this policy is subject to disciplinary action, which may include expulsion from the university or termination of employment. Sexual harassment, including sexually violent behavior, is illegal under both state and federal law.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulations prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. Title IX protects students in connection with all the academic, educational, extracurricular, athletic and other programs of the university, whether those programs take place in a university facility or at a class or training program sponsored by the university at another location. Sexual harassment of students, including acts of sexual violence, is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX.

Sexual harassment has been defined as unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature. It can include unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Sexual violence refers to physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person's will or where a person is incapable of giving consent due to the victim's use of drugs or alcohol. A number of different acts fall into the category of sexual violence, including rape, sexual assault, sexual battery and sexual coercion.

Any student or employee who wishes to file a claim of sex discrimination, or who has questions about the application of Title IX, should contact:

Officer of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employment
Dr. Rebecca N. Woodrick, Director
rebecca.woodrick@usm.edu
McLemore Hall (MCL) 310
118 College Drive #5168
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001
Phone: 601.266.6618

or

Officer for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Atlanta Federal Center, S.W.
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303-8909
Phone: 404.562.7886
Fax: 404.562.7881
TDD: 404.331.2867

In addition to filing a claim of sexual discrimination, as set forth above, anyone who wishes to file an allegation of sexually violent behavior may report such conduct directly to the University Police Department:

University Police Department
The University of Southern Mississippi
Phone: 601.266.4986
Physical Location:
103 Black and Gold Blvd.
Bond Hall, First Floor
Mailing Address:
118 College Drive #5061
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

Missing Persons Policy

If a member of the university community has reason to believe that a student who resides in on-campus housing is missing, he or she should immediately notify the University Police Department at 601.266.4986. University Police will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation.

After investigation of the missing person report, University Police will notify the student's emergency contact, or confidentially identified individual, immediately after the student is determined to be missing. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, University Police will notify the student's parents or legal guardian immediately after they have determined the student is missing. The University Police Department will inform local and surrounding law enforcement agencies immediately of any student determined to be missing.

In addition to registering an emergency contact, students residing in on-campus housing have the option to identify, confidentially, an individual to be contacted by Southern Miss in the event they are determined to be missing. Students who wish to identify a confidential contact can do so through the Residence Life website. This confidential contact information will be accessible only to authorized campus officials and law enforcement, and it will not be disclosed outside of a missing person investigation.

Firearms Policy

Possession of firearms on campus is prohibited by state law and university policy. Failure to comply with university policy or state law will result in disciplinary action or criminal prosecution. Section 97-37-17 of the Mississippi Code makes it a felony for any student to possess or carry, whether openly or concealed, any firearm on university property.

Community and State Resources

Fire and Emergency Management

Forrest County
601.544.5911
Hattiesburg Fire Department
601.582.3311
Lamar County Emergency Management
601.794.5378
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
601.933.6362
800.222.6362

Law Enforcement

Forrest County Sheriff's Department
601.544.7800
Hattiesburg Police Department
601.544.7900
Lamar County Sheriff's Department
601.794.1005
Mississippi Department of Public Safety
601.987.1212

Medical and Counseling

Forrest General Hospital
601.288.7000
Hattiesburg Clinic
601.264.6000
Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention
601.264.7777
Wesley Medical Center
601.268.8000

Red Cross

South Central Mississippi
601.582.8151
Mississippi Gulf Coast
228.896.4511

ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT for The University of Southern Mississippi



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FIRE SAFETY REPORT

| Residential Facilities | Total Fires | Fire Number | Cause of Fire | Deaths | Injuries | Property Damage |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------|----------|-----------------|
| Century Park #1 – 2901 W. 4th St. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Century Park #2 – 2901 W. 4th St. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Century Park #3 – 2901 W. 4th St. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Century Park #4 – 2901 W. 4th St. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Bolton – 106 Eagle Walk | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Bond – 103 Black And Gold Blvd. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Elam Arms – 3028 Hardy St. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Hattiesburg – 108 E. Memorial Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Hickman – 112 E. Memorial Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Hillcrest – 6263 U.S. Hwy 49 | 1 | 1 | Heating Fan | 0 | 0 | 500 |
| Jones – 107 College Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Mississippi – 116 E. Memorial Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Oseola McCarty – 103 Eagle Walk | 1 | N/A | Light Fixture | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Panhellenic – 6173 U.S. Hwy 49 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Pulley – 110 Smalling Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Roberts – 105 Eagle Walk | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Scott – 106 Black And Gold Blvd. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Vann – 107 Black And Gold Blvd. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Pinehaven B – 101 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Pinehaven D – 103 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Pinehaven F – 105 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Pinehaven H – 100 Westhaven Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Pinehaven J – 102 Westhaven Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Pinehaven K – 101 Westhaven Dr. | 1 | N/A | Trash | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pinehaven L – 103 Westhaven Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Pinehaven M – 105 Westhaven Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Pinehaven N – 104 Westhaven Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Cedarbrook A – 313 N. 37th Ave. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Cedarbrook B – 311 N. 37th Ave. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Cedarbrook C – 309 N. 37th Ave. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Cedarbrook D – 307 N. 37th Ave. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Cedarbrook E – 305 N. 37th Ave. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Cedarbrook G – 303 N. 37th Ave. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Village A – 3589 Montague | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Village B – 3571 Montague | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Village C – 102 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Village D – 104 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Village E – 106 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Village F – 108 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Village G – 110 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Village H – 112 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Village J – 114 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Village K – 116 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Village L – 118 Pinehaven Cr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| SN – 106 Ross Blvd. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| PKP – 208 Ross Blvd. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| KA – 217 N. 34th Ave. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| PKT – 101 Fraternity Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| SAE – 105 Fraternity Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| KS – 107 Fraternity Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| PKA – 109 Fraternity Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| SPE – 111 Fraternity Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| DTD – 113 Fraternity Dr. | 1 | N/A | Roof | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ATO – 115 Fraternity Dr. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| SC – 118 Fraternity Dr. | 1 | N/A | Candle | N/A | N/A | 10,000 |
| APA – 421 N. 37th Ave. | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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FIRE LOG

| Date of Fire | Time | Date Reported | Building | Location | Nature of Fire | Damage Estimate | Injuries | Deaths |
|--------------|------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|--------|
| 2-23-09 | 1900 | 2-23-09 | Vann | Bathroom | Exhaust Fan | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| 7-30-09 | 1905 | 7-30-09 | Hillcrest | Bathroom | Exhaust Fan | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| 9-18-09 | 1945 | 9-18-09 | Scott | Outside Wall | Water in Power Line | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 10-02-09 | 1900 | 10-02-09 | Pinehaven H | Kitchen | Pot Left on Stove | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| 10-21-09 | 2200 | 10-21-09 | PKP | Sign on Deck | Arson | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 10-29-09 | 2248 | 10-29-09 | PKT | Adjacent to Building | Burning Paper Off Wire | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1-18-10 | 2015 | 1-18-10 | Hillcrest | Bathroom | Exhaust Fan | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| 1-24-10 | 1847 | 1-24-10 | Hillcrest | Hallway | Smoke Smell-No Fire | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11-28-10 | 1800 | 11-28-10 | Hillcrest | Laundry | Over-Loaded Washer | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 1-15-11 | 1550 | 1-15-11 | Hillcrest | Bedroom | Heating Fan | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| 1-22-11 | 0404 | 1-22-11 | SC | Bedroom | Candle | 10,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 7-10-11 | 0710 | 7-10-11 | Pinehaven K, Apt. 102 | Kitchen | Trash | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7-25-11 | 1438 | 7-25-11 | DTD | Roof | Straw | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10-18-11 | 1825 | 10-18-11 | McCarty | Room 311 | Light | 50 | 0 | 0 |

FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS

| Residence Hall | Central Monitored Alarm Smoke and Heat | Fire Sprinkler System | Fire Extinguishers | Fire Pump | Stand-Alone Smoke Detectors | Number of Fire Drills Per Year |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mississippi | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| Hickman | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Hattiesburg | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| Jones | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Bolton | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| Pulley | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| Panhellenic | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Roberts | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Hillcrest | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| Bond | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| Scott | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| Vann | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| Elam Arms | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| McCarty | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| Pinehaven | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | 0 |
| Del Del Del | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Chi Oma | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| CON-Honors | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Ka Del | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Al Ka Al | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Del Gam | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Phi Mu | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Al Del Pi | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Pi Bet Phi | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Scholar | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| Duplex | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | 2 |
| PKA | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| SN | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| KA | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| APA | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| PKT | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| SAE | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| KS | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| SPE | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| DTD | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| ATO | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| SC | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| PKP | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 2 |
| Century Park | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | 8 |
| Cedarbrook | No | No | Yes | No | Yes | 0 |

All residence halls have a fire alarm system that includes heat and smoke detectors. The system is monitored 24/7 at the University Police Department. The systems consist of horns, bells and strobes. The sprinkler systems are monitored with tamper and flow device.

STUDENT HOUSING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

3.4 Smoking Policy

In compliance with the university smoking policy, all residence halls are smoke-free. Students wishing to smoke are required to do so outside the buildings (at least 20 feet from the building).

3.6 Fire and Safety Equipment

The State Fire Code prohibits anyone from tampering with fire and safety equipment in the residence halls or in any campus building. Tampering includes pulling false fire alarms, discharging fire extinguishers, removing exit signs and interfering with smoke detectors. Interference with smoke detectors mandates immediate attention. Students responsible will be assessed for the damages and for the hourly rate of the repair person's labor. All violators are subject to disciplinary action and possible criminal prosecution. The civil penalty for malicious use of fire and safety equipment is a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

Air Conditioners/Space Heaters – Individual air conditioners and/or heaters are not permitted in the residence halls at any time. Due to fire hazards, items of this type will be confiscated if they are found in the halls. Although all the halls are air-conditioned, residents may wish to bring small fans for use in their rooms.

Combustible Materials – Due to the threat of fire, combustible decorative materials, such as dry vegetation, natural Christmas trees, excessive trash and similar materials are not permitted in the residence halls.

Cooking and Appliances – Due to the nature of residence hall living, the physical facilities of the halls, and the concerns for fire and safety standards, only microwave cooking is permitted in student rooms. MicroFridges are provided in the residence halls. Small refrigerators and MicroFridges (combination microwave, refrigerator and freezer)

are allowed. Cooking appliances (such as percolators, toasters and hot plates) are not allowed in student rooms. George Foreman grills or similar products also are not permitted.

Electrical Requirements – Only heavy-duty, single-receptacle extension cords should be used in residence hall rooms. Due to threat of fire, extension cords should never be placed under carpets. Outlet-multiplier cubes and household extension cords are prohibited. A power strip with a built-in circuit breaker should be used if more receptacles are needed. All appliances must be UL-approved.

Halogen Lamps – Due to high operating temperatures that could result in threat of a fire, halogen lamps are prohibited in the residence halls.

Incense/Candles – Incense, candles and heated potpourri pots are not permitted in the residence halls. Burning substances in any form creates a fire hazard.

3.7 Fire Alarm Procedures

1. Leave your room immediately, as required by state law.
2. Leave the wall or overhead light on.
3. Close the room door and lock it (only if time permits).
4. Walk quietly and quickly outside via the stairwells.
5. Do not use the elevators.
6. Remain outside until the signal is given to return to your room.
7. For your own protection, obey all fire regulations. Failure to evacuate a hall when an alarm sounds, and failure to comply with staff directors, constitutes grounds for disciplinary action, which may include eviction from the residence halls. Residence Life staff and University Police reserve the right to enter student rooms to locate the source of the problem and to ensure that everyone has evacuated the building.
8. Smoking should not occur on front steps or entrances to buildings, including under the entry awnings.



The most important tool to remember in case of fire is to stay calm and know your exits.

If You Hear a Fire Alarm

1. Immediately evacuate the building via the shortest and safest route.
2. Do not use elevators.
3. If you notice smoke, use the alternative escape route.
4. As you leave the building, knock on doors and yell "Fire!"
5. Do not hesitate or stray from your path as you leave.
6. Do not stop or go back for belongings.
7. Test doors with the back of your hand before opening them. If the door is warm or if you notice smoke, use an alternative escape route. Check paths for safety before proceeding and close doors behind you.
8. Crawl low if you have to go through smoke.
9. Go to a safe area or to a pre-assigned exterior area for your building. If you suspect that someone is missing or trapped, contact the emergency personnel outside the building.
10. If you are trapped during a fire emergency, close all doors between you and the fire. Stuff cracks around the doors to keep out smoke. Wait at a safe window and signal/call for help. If there is a phone in the room, call the fire department or 911 and tell them exactly where you are.
11. Stop, drop and roll if your clothing catches fire.

If You Discover a Fire

1. Leave the fire area and close the door to the area.
2. Sound the fire alarm.
3. Immediately evacuate the building via the shortest and safest route.
4. Proper use of fire extinguishers within extinguisher limits and by trained individuals is optional but should not be attempted until building alarm is actuated and people are evacuated.
5. Do not use elevators. A fire can disrupt the operation of elevators and trap occupants inside.
6. If you notice smoke, use the alternate escape route.
7. Test doors with the back of your hand before opening them. If the door is warm or if you notice smoke, use an alternative escape route. Check paths for safety before proceeding and close doors behind you.
8. Crawl low if you have to go through smoke.
9. Go to a safe area or to a pre-assigned exterior area for your building.
10. From the nearest phone in a safe area, call 911.
11. Await emergency response personnel at a safe location and direct them to the scene.
12. If you suspect that someone is missing or trapped, contact the emergency personnel outside the building.
13. If you are trapped during a fire emergency, close all doors between you and the fire and stuff cracks around the doors to keep out smoke. Wait at a safe window and signal/call for help. If there is a phone in the room, call 911 and tell them exactly where you are.
14. Stop, drop and roll if your clothing catches fire.

Once You Have Evacuated

1. From the nearest phone in the safe area, call 911.
2. If you suspect that someone is missing or trapped, contact fire-fighters on scene or at the fire engine, police officers or ambulance personnel.
3. Await emergency response personnel at a safe location and direct them to the scene. Report the fire to the hall office or the nearest available resident advisor. Do not re-enter the building until instructed to do so by the fire department.
4. Follow directions of fire and police personnel.
5. Report to the person who is taking roll.
6. Never re-enter the building to save your personal belongings.
7. Stay calm.

Your safety is our number one concern.

LIFE SAFETY GUIDELINES AND POLICIES FOR RESIDENCE HALLS

1. **Never prop or block open fire doors.**
 - If it has an automatic door closer, then it should be closed. In the event of a fire, these doors will help control the spread of smoke and fire.
 - Hallways, stairways and exits must be kept clear at all times.
 - Bicycles should never be stored in hallways or stairways. (Use bike racks.)
2. **Exits can never be blocked or locked.**
3. **Never store flammable liquids inside the house.**
 - Examples include gasoline, kerosene, propane bottles, flammable paints, paint thinner, mineral spirits, charcoal lighter fluid or any other liquid that has flammable on the label.
 - Tiki lamps are prohibited.
 - All paper towels or cleaning cloths that have been used with oils or flammable liquids must be promptly disposed of outside the building.
4. **Limit the amount of combustibles you keep in your room.**
 - Examples include excess amounts of boxes, books, papers or an excess of clothing. Limit the amount of posters on walls; this greatly increases the spread of fire.
 - Vegetation is a fire hazard and is prohibited from use in or around the fraternity houses. This includes live Christmas trees.
5. **Do not use electrical outlet multipliers or outlet cubes.**
 - If you need more outlets than you have, use a power strip with a built-in circuit breaker.
6. **All electrical extension cords must be heavy-duty, single-receptacle.**
 - They should never extend through walls, ceilings or doorways.
 - They should never run under rugs or carpet; this creates a fire hazard.
 - All extension cords used outside must be protected by a GFCI.
 - Never use frayed or broken extension cords.
 - Do not join or overload extension cords.
7. **Exit signs and emergency lighting should never be covered or blocked from view.**
8. **Smoke machines are prohibited. They decrease visibility, causing a hazard, and they may cause a false fire alarm.**

9. **Halogen lamps are prohibited from use on this campus.**
10. **Never have a fire ignition source in the house.**
 - Examples include candles, incense, fireworks, space heaters, etc.
 - All personal appliances should be unplugged when not in use (irons, curling irons, hair dryers, etc.).
 - Coffee pots, hot plates, toaster ovens, etc., must be kept and used in the kitchen.
11. **Smoking is not allowed inside the residence halls.**
12. **Always exit the building during a fire alarm. This is a state law and university policy.**
 - Always know the location of the nearest fire extinguisher and two ways out of the building.
 - All discharged fire extinguishers must be reported to the Safety Department.
13. **Never tamper with or attach anything to any life safety equipment, smoke alarms, sprinklers systems, etc.**
 - All sprinkler closets must be locked and not used for any storage.
14. **No bonfires, camp fires or open fires are allowed.**
15. **All alterations inside or outside of the building, construction, excavation, etc., must be pre-approved by the Safety Department.**
 - Examples include haunted houses, platforms, stages, room changes, etc.
16. **A minimum of 36 inches of clear space shall be maintained in front of all electrical boxes.**
17. **Electrical and mechanical rooms should be locked and never used for storage.**
18. **Any raised platform or stage higher than 30 inches shall require a 42-inch high guardrail. Platforms shall not be more than 48 inches high.**
 - All structures shall be secured and have no sharp edges.

LIFE SAFETY GUIDELINES AND POLICIES FOR FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

1. **Never prop or block open fire doors.**
 - If it has an automatic door closer, then it should be closed. In the event of a fire, these doors will help control the spread of smoke and fire.
 - Hallways, stairways and exits must be kept clear at all times.
 - Bicycles should never be stored in hallways or stairways (Use bike racks.)
2. **Exits can never be blocked or locked.**
3. **Never store flammable liquids inside the house.**
 - Examples include gasoline, kerosene, propane bottles, flammable paints, paint thinner, mineral spirits, charcoal lighter fluid or any other liquid that has flammable on the label.
 - Tiki lamps are prohibited.
 - All paper towels or cleaning cloths that have been used with oils or flammable liquids must be promptly disposed of outside the building.
4. **Limit the amount of combustibles you keep in your room.**
 - Examples include excess amounts of boxes, books, papers or an excess of clothing. Limit the amount of posters on walls; this greatly increases the spread of fire.
 - Vegetation is a fire hazard and is prohibited from use in or around the fraternity houses. This includes live Christmas trees.
5. **Do not use electrical outlet multipliers or outlet cubes.**
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6. **All electrical extension cords must be heavy-duty, single-receptacle.**
 - They should never extend through walls, ceilings or doorways.
 - They should never run under rugs or carpet; this creates a fire hazard.



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 - Never use frayed or broken extension cords.
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 - All personal appliances should be unplugged when not in use (irons, curling irons, hair dryers, etc.).
 - Coffee pots, hot plates, toaster ovens, etc., must be kept and used in the kitchen.
 11. **No bonfires, camp fires or any open fires are allowed.**
 12. **Smoking is not allowed inside the fraternity houses.**
 13. **Always exit the building during a fire alarm. This is a state law and university policy.**
 - Always know the location of the nearest fire extinguisher and two ways out of the building.
 - All discharged fire extinguishers must be reported to the Safety Department.
 14. **Never tamper with or attach anything to any life safety equipment, smoke alarms, sprinklers systems, etc.**
 - All sprinkler closets must be locked and not used for storage.
 15. **All alterations inside or outside of the building, construction, excavation, etc., must be pre-approved by the Safety Department**
 - Examples include haunted houses, platforms, stages, room changes, etc.
 16. **No platforms or diving boards are allowed around swimming pools.**
 17. **A minimum of 36 inches of clear space shall be maintained in front of all electrical boxes.**
 18. **Electrical and mechanical rooms should be locked and never used for storage.**
 19. **Spring Party Pools:**
 - Pools should be a minimum 20 feet away from the house.
 - Pools should be no more than 24 inches at the deepest point. Side walls of pool maximum height is 30 inches. Materials used to form sides of pool, such as cross ties or lumber, must be secured, braced and sturdy (no cement blocks.)
 20. **Any raised platform or stage higher than 30 inches shall require a 42-inch-high guardrail. Platforms shall not be more than 48 inches high.**
 - All structures shall be secured and have no sharp edges.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

In order to minimize the potential fire hazards associated with some holiday seasons, the following decoration guidelines should be followed for the protection of those students living in the residence halls:

- Cut or live trees and wreaths are not allowed in residence halls. No cut or live vegetation is allowed in residence halls.
- Students are allowed to have artificial trees in their rooms, but they must be marked UL-approved and fire resistant.
- Only nonflammable or fire-retardant holiday decorations may be used.
- Electric miniature lights are permitted, but are limited to three strands per connection or less as listed on the manufacturer's instructions.
- All electrical decorations must bear the UL label and should only be used as rated for indoor applications.
- All cords and lighting strings should be checked for fraying, bare wires, loose connections and cracked plugs. Use only UL-approved, heavy-duty extension cords with built-in overload protection (breakers).
- Doors shall not be gift-wrapped. Excessive decorations or decorations made of highly flammable materials (crepe paper, leaves, etc.) are not permitted.
- Decorations will not be attached to, blocking or suspended from sprinkler pipes, smoke detectors, electrical systems, ceilings, stairways, exits, etc.
- All lights and decorations should be kept away from combustibles.
- All decorations must be turned off before leaving the room.
- All decorations must be removed before leaving for holiday break.



The university police officers and the fire/safety officers have the right to seize prohibited materials and/or shut down any party found to be in violation of safety rules.

The University of Southern Mississippi

General Information on FIRE and SAFETY

Two (2) Fire Drills per Semester

One fire drill is scheduled during each semester in every residence hall. The local fire department is involved.

Another fire drill is done sometime during the semester. This drill is random.

A room-to-room inspection is done in each residence hall during each fall semester.

All fire/safety policies and rules are listed in detail in the Resident Handbook.

Checklists, dorm safety guidelines, etc., are posted on the Safety Web page.

Mandatory training is required for all hall directors and RAs. They are trained in all aspects of fire safety.

Fire safety classes, fire extinguisher classes and general safety classes are given at any time upon request.

Fire Drills

During the 2011 year, the fire/safety departments conducted two fire drills per residence hall for a total of 82 fire drills.

Training

In addition to monthly inspections, the fire/safety departments conduct classes upon request for university departments and organizations. Most requested classes are as follows:

- Proper use of fire extinguishers
- What to do if fire alarm sounds
- What to do if you discover a fire
- Lab safety
- Dorm safety
- Fraternity safety

The fire/safety departments also conduct fire drills throughout the year in dorms and fraternity houses.

Once a year we meet with all hall directors, their staffs and fraternity officers. During this time, we fill a dorm or fraternity house with

theatrical smoke and let them see what it would be like to be in a smoke-filled building.

Fire drills are also a part of the alarm systems test.

Inspections

Academic and administration buildings—once a year

Science buildings—twice a year, common areas; twice a year, all rooms

Dorms and fraternity houses—common areas, once a month

Dorms and fraternity houses—each room, twice a year

Pinehaven apartments—once a year

Persons to Be Notified in Case of Fire

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| University Police Department | Bob Hopkins, Chief |
| Physical Plant | Rodger Jackson, Associate Director |
| Fire/Safety | Clint Atkins, Safety Officer |
| Residence Life | Scott Blackwell, Director |
| Fraternity Housing | Gary Kimble, Director |
| Housing Maintenance | Ernie Olivares, Asst. Director |
| Physical Plant | Cris Crenshaw, Director |
| Chief Financial Officer | |
| Dean of Students | Eddie Holloway |
| Student Affairs | Joe Paul, Vice President |
| University Communications | Jim Coll, Chief Communication Officer |

Future Improvements

All existing residence halls that do not have sprinkler systems will be retrofitted as monies become available.

All new construction will have fire alarm systems and fire sprinklers.

We will be making new taps to the city's water system to increase water pressure on campus.

We have recently installed a new fire alarm monitoring system in the University Police dispatch.



Definitions of Criminal Offenses

As per the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook

Aggravated Assault – Aggravated assault is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife or other weapon is used, which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if the crime were successfully completed.

Arson – Arson is any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property, etc.

Burglary – Burglary is the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes the following: unlawful entry with intent to commit larceny or a felony, breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, housebreaking, safecracking, and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Motor Vehicle Theft – Motor vehicle theft includes the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned, including joy riding.)

Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter – This includes the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Manslaughter by Negligence – This involves the killing of another person through gross negligence.

Robbery – Robbery is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force, violence and/or causing the victim fear.

Larceny – Larceny is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

Vandalism – Vandalism is to willfully or maliciously destroy, injure, disfigure or deface any public or private property, real or personal, without the consent of the owner or person having custody or control by cutting, tearing, breaking, marking, painting, drawing, covering with filth, or any other such means as may be specified by local law.

Weapons Law Violations – This includes the violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as manufacture, sale or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Drug Abuse Violations – This includes violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include the following: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadones); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzadrine).

Liquor Law Violations – This includes the violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the following: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing and possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

Offense Definitions Relating to Hate/Bias-Related Crime Statistics as per the UCR Hate Crime Reporting Guidelines

Simple Assault – Simple assault is an unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration or loss of consciousness.

Intimidation – Intimidation is to unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

Geography Definitions from the Clery Act

On-Campus – On-campus is defined as (1) any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of or in a manner related to the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls; and (2) any building or property that is reasonably contiguous to the area identified as paragraph 1, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or retail vendor).

Non-Campus Building or Property – A non-campus building or property is defined as (1) any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or (2) any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of or in relation to the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

Public Property – Public property is defined as all public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks and parking facilities, that is within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

Sex Offenses as per the National Incident-Based Reporting System Edition of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program

Sex Offenses—Forcible:

Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent

Forcible Rape – The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (or because of his/her youth)

Forcible Sodomy – Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

Sexual Assault with an Object – The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly against the person's will where the victim is

incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

Forcible Fondling – The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity

Sex Offenses—Non-Forcible:

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

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The University of Southern Mississippi is firmly committed to promoting a safe campus environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors. Southern Miss takes great pride in its long history of safe campus conditions. Public safety involves a cooperative effort between law enforcement, the community and individuals.

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