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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
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**In Compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy  
and Campus Crime Statistics Act**

**Statistical Information/Criminal Offenses**

The incidence of crimes that occurred in reportable areas during the preceding three calendar years is listed in this brochure, which can be printed from the Web site [www.coastal.edu/safety](http://www.coastal.edu/safety) by clicking on the link to the Clery Report. The University's students, faculty and staff are informed of the publication by mass e-mail and directed to the site of the report. Prospective employees and students are also informed of how to access the information.

The Coastal Carolina University Department of Public Safety serves as the "clearinghouse" in the statistical gathering of crime data from campus security authorities and reporting of statistics involving pertinent criminal incidents, arrests or referrals. These offices routinely compare and reconcile gathered information to minimize multiple postings for the same reported criminal incidents or arrests. Likewise, statistics from the required geographical areas pertinent to the University are requested from the Conway, Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach and Georgetown city police departments and the Horry and Georgetown county police and sheriffs departments annually. All figures reported are incorporated in the statistical tables in this report which is published once a year on or by Oct. 1 for disclosure to the University community and the public. Offense definitions used are from the FBI's Uniform Crime Report (UCR).

This information is provided in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 and the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and their amendments. Safety on the University campus is a natural source of concern for parents, students and University employees. Education - the business of Coastal Carolina University can take place only in an environment in which each student and employee feels safe and secure. Coastal Carolina University recognizes this and employs a number of security measures to protect the members of its community. Although the area, with its small-town feel and neighborly attitude, is perceived to have a relatively low crime rate, no campus is totally isolated from crime. Consequently, crime prevention remains a high priority.

Coastal Carolina University is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our community and guests and does its part to ensure the safety of everyone. All members of the campus community share in the responsibility of making the campus a safe place to study, work and live. The campus is located in Conway, South Carolina, nine miles west of Myrtle Beach. Coastal Carolina University has more than 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled. Approximately 2,200 students live in campus residence halls. Coastal Carolina University also employs more than 1,000 full-time and part-time employees.

**Police Protection**

The primary objective of the Department of Public Safety is to provide a safe, healthy environment that enhances the campus learning experience and complements the University's educational mission.

The department provides full-service police protection to the campus community. The Police Division of the Department of Public Safety is a fully independent law enforcement agency, reporting to the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, and is responsible for law enforcement, criminal investigations, medical emergencies and campus awareness education. The Fire and Life Safety Division is tasked with fire prevention and life safety inspections, maintenance of fire and safety equipment, and fire and life safety education.

Police officers are sworn and certified officers with comprehensive arrest powers in the state of South Carolina. These officers have graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and are tasked with law enforcement activities including patrolling campus and monitoring activity, responding to calls for service and investigating criminal activity. Within their jurisdiction, which includes all University-owned, leased or controlled property as well as the adjacent streets and sidewalks, University police officers have the authority to enforce all applicable federal laws, state laws, Horry County and Conway city ordinances, and University regulations. These law enforcement powers are granted by the State of South Carolina Code of Laws in sections 59-116-10 through 59-116-120. University officers work closely with the Conway and Myrtle Beach police departments, the Horry County Police Department and the local contingent of the State Law Enforcement Division to handle any incidents that occur off-campus. The Department of Public Safety and the Division of Student Affairs ensure that safety and security policies and procedures are uniformly executed and conveyed in a clear and consistent manner to the student body.

Security officers also patrol the campus to assist the campus community. Security officers are not police officers and they do not have arrest powers although they can write campus parking tickets. Security officers are tasked with monitoring activity on campus, opening and closing buildings, providing limited motor vehicle assistance, safety escorts and controlling access at the residential areas of campus.

The fire and safety officers are responsible for fire and safety code enforcement and for fire and safety education on campus. These officers maintain and inspect the fire systems on campus, respond to fire alarms, monitor buildings for fire prevention and safety purposes and assist with medical emergencies. Some of the fire officers do have law enforcement training and those officers do have limited police powers.

Department of Public Safety officers patrol the campus 24 hours a day by motor vehicle, bicycle, golf cart, and on foot. Officers are in radio communication with each other and the Department of Public Safety communications center.

The communications center is manned 24 hours a day, every day. The communications center is responsible for taking telephone requests for service, dispatching officers, and monitoring alarm and video systems. All public safety personnel may be reached by calling 843-349-2177 (non-emergencies), or 843-349-2911 (emergencies). The offices of the Department of Public Safety are located in Atheneum Hall at 114 James P. Blanton Circle.

The on-campus emergency telephone number is 2911 (from off campus this number is 843-349-2911). This number directly connects any campus telephone with the Department of Public Safety and should be used when fire, police or medical response is required. This number is published in the University telephone directory and the Verizon and Horry Telephone Cooperative telephone directories. In addition to the telephone emergency number, outdoor emergency call boxes provide one-button instant communication with the Department of Public Safety and are located around campus.

Support services provided by the Department of Public Safety include: yearly and temporary vehicle registration for on-campus parking, assisting motorists with minor vehicle problems, providing crime prevention lectures and services, providing bicycle registration services and maintaining the University's lost and found department.

### **Access to Campus Facilities**

Except for student residential areas, most of the University facilities are open to the community during day and evening hours. When the University is officially closed, buildings are secured and only faculty, staff and pre-approved students with proper identification are admitted.

The University's trespass policy, enforced by the Department of Public Safety, is as follows: Only those persons having legitimate business with Coastal Carolina University or its members, members of the University community and their invited guests are permitted in a building. The University reserves the right to exclude all persons not conforming to acceptable behavior standards from these premises. Those who disregard this

warning are considered in violation of criminal trespass (under South Carolina code provisions) and are liable for prosecution.

University police officers may serve verbal or written trespass notices to persons posing a threat to the community and may make immediate arrests of persons in secure areas for which they have no legitimate business. If a person served with a prior trespass notice reappears on campus, or if a person is found in a posted facility with no legitimate purpose in that building, he or she is subject to immediate arrest.

### **Campus Security Authority (CSA)**

In addition to campus law enforcement, students and employees are encouraged to report criminal offenses to campus security authorities (CSAs) on our campus. Individuals may not want to reveal their identity or press charges in certain situations and, consistent with those preferences, they can report an incident to one of the following employees, so that an anonymous report can be forwarded to the Department of Public Safety for statistical purposes: **residence hall assistants (RAs) and residence hall directors (RDs), the Assistant Director and the Director of Residence Life, the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs/Dean of Students, the Director of Judicial Affairs and Off Campus relations, the Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Director of Student Activities, faculty advisers to recognized student groups, the Athletic Director, the Assistant Athletic Directors, athletic team coaches, athletic advisors, UAC advisors, the Provost, the Multicultural Student Services Director, Campus Recreation / Intramurals Director, Career Services Director, the Director of International Programs or the Director of Health Services.** Crimes may be reported to anyone listed here. The CSA is responsible for providing statistical information on crimes reported to them for inclusion in this report. Statistical information will also be requested from area police agencies.

### **Crime Prevention Efforts**

The active cooperation and participation of all members of our community are essential in order to successfully combat crime. One of the most effective actions anyone can take to prevent crime is to quickly report anything that appears suspicious. Reports can be made to the Department of Public Safety or to any campus security authority.

Through a cooperative effort between the Department of Public Safety, Residence Life, and Counseling Services, programs on personal safety and security, rape prevention and response, date rape, substance abuse, self-defense and resistance to burglary, larceny and vandalism are available throughout the school year. Resident assistants are encouraged to offer programs throughout the year to students in their areas on varying personal safety topics.

In addition to programming throughout the year, the University participates in National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, a week devoted specifically to alcohol and substance abuse prevention. Through these awareness programs, members of the University community learn more about the University's efforts to enhance their safety and become aware of their own personal stake in their own security and that of others.

The Department of Public Safety offers a free bicycle registration program for the campus community. The program is designed to help deter bicycle theft on campus. All bicycles on campus should be registered.

Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) classes are offered by the Department of Public Safety through the physically active lifestyles classes to female students, faculty and staff during the school year.

### **The Individual's Responsibility**

Although Coastal Carolina University works hard to ensure the safety of all individuals in the community, students and employees must take responsibility for their own personal safety and that of their personal

belongings. Everyone is encouraged to report crimes so an investigation can take place. The Department of Public Safety believes that almost every violation committed on campus is avoidable. As part of the University's educational mission, the department attempts to advise community members on ways to reduce their chances of experiencing crimes against themselves or their property.

The Coastal Carolina University crime prevention program is based on two concepts: first, eliminate or minimize, whenever possible, criminal opportunities; second, encourage everyone to be responsible for their own security and the security of others. Simple, common sense precautions are the most effective means of maintaining personal security. Some examples of these precautions include: students (male or female) walking across campus or to parking lots at night should consider dialing 843-349-2177 to use the Department of Public Safety escort services, particularly if they feel something is "not right." Students living in residence halls should keep their room doors locked at all times and should never prop open room or external doors. Residents of the residence halls are expected to escort their guests at all times. Any harassing or obscene phone calls should be reported to the Department of Public Safety at once.

Bicycles should be registered with the Department of Public Safety and secured with a good lock. Cars should be locked and parked in well-lighted areas with all valuable items removed or locked in the trunk. Students and employees should notify the public safety or residence life staff of any individual present in a building or on campus who appears to have no legitimate business there, or who arouses suspicion in any way. Further information about campus safety can be obtained from the Department of Public Safety at 843-349-2711 or on-campus in Atheneum Hall at 114 James P. Blanton Circle.

### **Procedures for Reporting Emergencies and Criminal Activity on Campus**

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to report any criminal activity, suspicious situations or emergencies to the Department of Public Safety. Police officers may be reached at the following telephone numbers:

**Emergencies:** 2911 from campus buildings  
843-349-2911 from any residence hall or outside telephone

**Non-emergencies:** 2177 from campus buildings  
843-349-2177 from any residence hall or outside telephone

Emergency "call boxes" with blue overhead lights are located in conspicuous locations around campus. In addition, red emergency telephones have been placed in selected campus buildings allowing for easy access to campus police. University community members should familiarize themselves with the locations of these devices and are cautioned to use them for emergency purposes only. A listing of the available call boxes is located on the University web site at the following address; <http://www.coastal.edu/emergency/pdfs/appendix-a.pdf>

The Department of Public Safety will, when deemed appropriate, provide timely warning reports to the campus community regarding specific crimes occurring on campus. Information will be made available by the use of the University web site ([www.coastal.edu](http://www.coastal.edu)), the Department of Public Safety web page ([www.coastal.edu/safety/](http://www.coastal.edu/safety/)), the CCU Alert system, mass e-mails, the online emergency information center ([www.coastal.edu/emergency/](http://www.coastal.edu/emergency/)), campus electronic message boards, and/or announcements affixed to bulletin boards in all campus buildings.

Information may also be reported to on-duty residence hall directors or resident assistants. These individuals have contact with the Department of Public Safety and can assist student residents after normal working hours. Off-campus crimes are reported to the appropriate agency:

- Conway Police Department (843-349-1790) for incidents in the city of Conway
- Horry County Police Department (dial 911 for emergencies) for incidents in the unincorporated areas of Horry County

- Myrtle Beach Police Department (911 for emergencies or 843-918-1382 for non-emergency issues) for incidents that occur in the city of Myrtle Beach.

### **Anonymous Reporting Program**

Crimes or suspicious activities can also be reported anonymously by using the Department of Public Safety anonymous reporting Web page at [www.coastal.edu/safety/witness](http://www.coastal.edu/safety/witness). All information submitted is strictly confidential.

### **Timely Warnings**

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community, the Department of Public Safety may post a notice on the campus-wide e-mail system and on the online emergency information center, send a text message through the CCU Alert System (students, faculty and staff may register at [www.coastal.edu/emergency/](http://www.coastal.edu/emergency/)) providing the University community with more immediate notification, and on the University Web site at [www.coastal.edu](http://www.coastal.edu). In such instances, a copy of the notice may also be posted in each residence hall and classroom building and on the campus electronic message boards. This information will be shared through other means such as bulletins, crime alert notices, the Department of Public Safety Web page, and/or the campus newspaper.

### **Crime Log Information**

The University community is kept aware of reported incidents on campus through a variety of sources as listed above. In addition the police crime log information appears on the Department of Public Safety Web site at; <http://www.coastal.edu/safety/police/index.html?type=logs>. For those without access through the Internet, or those wishing to view a hard copy of the most current information, the Department of Public Safety will make the crime log for the most recent 60 day period open for public inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Portions of the log beyond 60 days, if not immediately available, will be made accessible within two business days of a request for public inspection. The log will not leave the premises, but notes may be taken of entry information. Other efforts to advise community members about campus crime and crime related problems include: the Chanticleer (student newspaper) which publishes a summary of criminal incidents in each edition, or by reading the information provided in this report. This report can be viewed on the Department of Public Safety Web pages at [www.coastal.edu/safety](http://www.coastal.edu/safety), or a hard copy report is available upon request at the Department of Public Safety office in Atheneum Hall.

Victims have the option of keeping their report of sexual assault in confidence, protecting their right to anonymity, when making a report or seeking services through the University's counseling services or student health services departments. Reports made to these entities will be kept completely confidential, if requested. Reports made to the Department of Public Safety are treated confidentially, except as appropriate, necessary and required to investigate the allegations. When notified of a crime, the assigned investigator will work closely with the victim to resolve the problem. The victim retains the right to drop or decline prosecution of the case at any time and to choose whether to pursue the case through the criminal justice system, the campus judicial system, or both.

### **Crime Victims Rights**

These rights are provided under the South Carolina Constitution.

- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy and informed of your legal rights.
- 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 all criminal proceedings where the defendant has the right to be present.
- The right to be allowed to submit either a written or oral statement at all hearings affecting bonds or bails.
- The right to be heard at any proceeding involving a post-arrest decision, a plea or sentencing.
- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused or persons acting on his/her behalf throughout the criminal justice process.
- The right to confer with the prosecution, after the crime has been charged, before the trial or before any disposition and be informed of the disposition.
- The right to have reasonable access after the conclusion of the criminal investigation to all documents related to the crime against you before trial.
- The right to receive prompt and full restitution from the convicted person or persons.
- The right to be informed of any proceedings involving post-conviction action or hearing and to be present at any hearing.
- The right to a reasonable disposition and prompt and final conclusion of the case.

### **Alcohol and Drug Policies**

The University recognizes, supports, and enforces all laws related to alcohol and other drugs. The University does not offer a safe haven from applicable laws of criminal behavior. A detailed explanation of the policies governing possession, use and distribution of alcohol and other drugs at Coastal Carolina University can be found in the Coastal Carolina University Student Handbook and the Residence Life Living Guide both of which are also available on the Web at [www.coastal.edu/students/](http://www.coastal.edu/students/). No alcoholic beverages or alcoholic beverage containers are permitted in the residence halls located on-campus (no matter the age of the person possessing them).

South Carolina state statutes prohibit certain activities regarding alcoholic beverages or drugs. Convictions for these violations of South Carolina law could result in fines, loss of driver's license and imprisonment. University sanctions could include penalties ranging from fines to suspension/expulsion from the University.

Coastal Carolina University is committed to work against the illicit use of drugs and alcohol among students and employees. University police officers enforce all South Carolina laws and University policies concerning the purchase, possession, consumption, sale and storage of alcoholic beverages and drugs, including the following:

- Public intoxication.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Purchase or possession of alcoholic beverages by a person under 21.
- Selling, giving or providing alcoholic beverages to a person under 21.
- Presentation of false or improper identification in order to obtain alcoholic beverages.
- Distribution, use or possession of drugs, controlled substances and drug paraphernalia.
- Possessing an open container of beer, wine or other alcoholic beverage in a moving vehicle or in an area where such possession is prohibited.
- Providing or selling alcoholic beverages any person who at the time of sale or exchange is visibly under the influence of alcohol.
- The unlawful or unauthorized manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of alcohol and other drugs in the workplace is prohibited.
- Impairment in the workplace from the use of alcohol or other drugs (except the use of drugs for legitimate medical purposes) is prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be possessed, distributed or consumed at events open to the general University community and held on University property, except when specific written approval has been obtained for the event in advance.
- Sponsors of an event where alcohol is present are responsible for assuring that all persons in attendance at the event comply with state alcohol law and University alcohol policy.

- No person shall possess or distribute an illegal drug, as defined by South Carolina law. Such possession or distribution is prohibited in any building or on any property owned or operated by the University. Possession is defined to include any area or property for which the person is responsible.

Many physical and psychological health risks are associated with the abuse of alcohol and other substances, including such things as difficulty with attention and learning; physical and psychological dependence; damage to the brain, liver and heart; unwanted sexual activity; and accidents due to impaired judgment and coordination. The Student Counseling Center or the Office of Student Affairs can provide more information. Student Health Services provides assessment of medical conditions and limited medical assistance to students. Educational programs addressing alcohol and drug related issues, procedures and penalties are in accordance with the Coastal Carolina University alcohol and drug policy contained in the Student Handbook available in the Office of Student Affairs or on the Web at [www.coastal.edu/students](http://www.coastal.edu/students). The Student Handbook details offenses and discipline for students – ranging from sanctions under University procedures (probation, suspension and dismissal) to incarceration for criminal violations. All community members are required to abide by the terms of the published policies as a condition of employment or student status. These handbooks meet federal standards of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments and the Drug Free Workplace Act as amended.

### **Dating Violence**

Coastal Carolina University is committed to providing on-campus security, education, training and victim services to combat violence against all persons. “Dating violence” is defined as violence committed by a person “who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim;” and “where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.” 20 U.S.C. 1152 (f) (1)

The University Counseling Services Center offers support and counseling for individuals who have experienced dating violence. That support may be through individual or group counseling. Counseling is also available for friends and partners of people who have experienced this kind of violence.

A student victim of dating violence has the right, in addition to filing charges through the criminal justice system, to file a complaint with the University’s Office of Student Affairs, relative to an act of violence toward them or another committed by Coastal Carolina University student(s). It does not matter whether the act of violence occurred on or off-campus since the University reserves the right to hold students accountable for certain types of off-campus behavior. Disciplinary action will result if a student’s behavior jeopardizes the educational atmosphere or mission of the institution. Examples of such off-campus behavior would include, but not be limited to, crimes of violence, sexual assault and/or alcohol or drug violations. Judicial response to act(s) of dating violence can result in charges against the accused under the Coastal Carolina University Code of Student Conduct.

To lessen the impact of criminal acts on the victims and witnesses of crimes and to ensure that such individuals receive fair treatment while participating in the judicial system, Department of Public Safety personnel can outline what being a victim or witness can mean and the agencies available to assist in criminal justice procedures. The campus student affairs staff, including the counseling center, can provide assistance. The State of South Carolina Victim’s Advocate Program may also be of service.

### **Emergencies Involving Students**

If a member of the University community believes that a student is missing, whether or not the student resides on campus, all possible efforts are made to locate the student to determine his or her state of health and well-being through the collaboration of the Department of Public Safety and the Office of Student Affairs. If the student is an on-campus resident, the University police will make a welfare entry into the student’s room. If the student resides off-campus, the Department of Public Safety will formally enlist the aid of the appropriate neighboring police agency having jurisdiction. Concurrently, University officials will endeavor to determine the

student's whereabouts through contact with friends, associates and/or employers of the student. Whether or not the student has been attending classes, labs, recitals, and scheduled organizational or academic meetings, or appearing for scheduled work shifts will be established.

If located, verification of the student's state of health and intention of returning to the campus will be made. If appropriate, a referral will be made to Counseling Services and/or Student Health Services. If not located, notification of the family within 24 hours of receiving the initial report is made to determine if they know the whereabouts of the student. If the student is an off-campus resident, appropriate family members or associates are encouraged to make an official missing person report to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. The University police will cooperate, aid and assist the primary investigative agency in all ways prescribed by law. If the missing student is an on-campus resident, the Department of Public Safety will open an investigation as the primary investigative unit.

All pertinent law enforcement agencies (neighboring municipal, county or state) located along suspected travel corridors or place of original domicile will be notified and requested to render assistance, through direct telephone contact or visit, and/or radio transmission with a comprehensive BOLO message. Upon closure of the investigation, all parties previously contacted will be advised of the status of the case.

### **Fire Emergency**

The first rule is don't panic. Become familiar with emergency exits, fire alarm and extinguisher locations in your residence and in your academic buildings. In the event of a fire, pull the nearest fire alarm to notify others and leave the building immediately. Evacuate and call the Department of Public Safety at 843-349-2911 (or 2911 from on-campus telephone) to ensure the alarm was received. All residence halls are equipped with smoke detectors, fire hoses and fire extinguishers. Apartments are equipped with smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

### **Residential Facilities and Policies**

More than 2,200 students reside in 31 residence halls and apartment buildings on the Coastal Carolina University campus or in University Place which is located half a mile from campus. Students living in residence halls have a special responsibility for each other. Services and programs intended to enhance the quality of life and assure the safety of the resident student body are a major priority for student affairs, housing and Department of Public Safety staff. The University does not supervise off-campus housing, such as homes or individual apartments. Residence life staff live in the residence halls and are on call 24 hours a day. Each building is staffed by a resident assistant. Residence life staff have radio contact with the University's Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety operates security checkpoints on the roads entering the campus residence living areas. The checkpoints serve as a screening site to permit resident students to enter the residence hall area, while screening persons who do not have a legitimate reason to be in the area. Residence hall visitation hours are from 10 a.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m., Friday and Saturday. Overnight visitation by guests of the same sex is permitted with the approval of the director of residence life or a designated member of the residence life staff. All resident students are issued room keys. During extended vacation periods, all door locks of unoccupied rooms are "plugged" to prevent unauthorized entry.

Live-in resident assistants and members of the University's residence life staff receive training in enforcing residence hall security policies, community development, fire safety and making the campus living experience better. They are available during weekend and evening hours to assist students. University housing provides coeducational housing in a variety of configurations with set visitation hours. Residents must escort their guests at all times.

All University residence facilities are closed during holidays and vacations and when the University is closed. During low occupancy periods, such as the summer terms, students remaining on campus are moved into concentrated areas of the residence life complex to enhance security effectiveness. Those few students

authorized to live on campus during periods of low occupancy are registered with residence life, and special security procedures are established. The Department of Public Safety and residence life facilities management personnel work diligently to make the residence halls safe, but their efforts can be easily negated through lack of cooperation of residents. The involvement of students in the campus security program is critical. Violations of the following precautions can expose residents to loss of property or possible physical harm. Students must assume responsibility for their safety, the safety of others and the security of property by taking simple, common sense precautions such as: reporting unusual activities to the Department of Public Safety; never admitting unfamiliar people onto hallways; locking room doors and windows when leaving; reporting lost keys immediately to residence life staff; reporting solicitors or unfamiliar people to the Department of Public Safety; ensuring that residence hall exit doors are NOT propped open; becoming familiar with the locations of emergency call boxes; asking visitors to identify themselves and whom they are visiting; being aware of your surroundings and of other people around you; carrying your keys at all times and NEVER loaning them to others; traveling at night with a friend in well-lit areas or calling for a public safety escort.

Inspections surveying the security integrity of University housing are conducted periodically. Repairs are made promptly, locks quickly replaced when keys are reported lost or stolen, and reports of potential safety hazards, such as broken windows, receive immediate response. Access to on-campus housing by University employees is on an "as needed" basis. All University repair and maintenance personnel must be in uniform to allow for easy identification by residents.

The Coastal Carolina University campus is well lighted and further improvements in campus lighting are continually being considered, including the placement of high-intensity metal halide or sodium vapor lights on buildings, in parking lots, in areas with heavy landscaping and along sidewalks and pathways frequently traveled by students. Representatives from segments of the campus community, including students, student affairs, facilities management and public safety staffs, conduct lighting and shrubbery tours at least annually. Safety and security concerns are identified and recommendations for improvements made.

Visitors are always welcome both in academic buildings and residence areas. Information regarding residence life policies and procedures are in the Student Handbook. Residents must adhere to the guest visitation policy, escort guests at all times and maintain responsibility for the actions of their visitors. Safety and security procedures, room security precautions and other topics are discussed with residents in crime prevention seminars, in residence hall meetings conducted by the resident assistants and housing staff and in printed materials.

### **Off-Campus Student Residences**

Off-campus housing includes apartments, private homes and individual rooms or apartments within private homes. Crime prevention programs emphasizing what residents can do to help themselves are available. Conway and Myrtle Beach police, the Horry County police or other local law enforcement respond to and investigate criminal incidents at off campus residences. The University reserves the right to charge an organization or individual with a violation of campus policy for off-campus infractions based upon sufficient evidence but does not provide supervision for off-campus housing.

### **Severe Weather**

**Hurricane:** If a hurricane warning is issued that may affect Coastal Carolina University, an evacuation of the housing area and/or University closing may be necessary. Plans are in place to evaluate all circumstances before an evacuation decision is made. Once evacuation is called for, the University will notify campus residents to evacuate to appropriate shelters. After the storm, the directors of public safety and facilities management will inspect the situation and determine if it is safe for students to return to their residence hall or apartment.

**Thunderstorms:** The Department of Public Safety will notify the University community when severe thunderstorms are predicted and the weather becomes threatening. Normally, evacuation of buildings is not necessary, but everyone should be aware of the dangers of going outside during this type of storm.

Tornado: Tornado watch means that conditions are favorable for tornado activity. Tornado warning means that a tornado has been sighted in the area. The Department of Public Safety will advise persons in University buildings.

## **Sexual Harassment**

Definition: Sexual harassment is defined as any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or academic status, or submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for employment or academic decisions affecting that individual, or such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonable interference with an individual's work performance or educational experience, or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive work or educational environment.

Examples: Prohibited acts take a variety of forms from subtle pressure for sexual activity to physical assault. Examples include, but are not limited to, threats or intimation of sexual relations or sexual contact which are not freely or mutually agreeable to both parties; continued or repeated verbal abuses or comments of a sexual nature; and threats or insinuations that the person's employment, grade, wages, promotional opportunities, class or work assignments, may be adversely affected by not submitting to sexual advances

Policy: Sexual harassment is unacceptable conduct and will not be tolerated. It may involve behavior of a person of either sex against a person of the opposite or same sex, when that behavior falls within the definition above. As a place of work and learning Coastal Carolina University must be free of all forms of sexual intimidation, exploitation and harassment; the University does not condone sexual harassment and individuals who engage in it are subject to disciplinary action. For employees of the University these actions may include, but are not limited to, oral or written warnings, demotions, transfers, suspension without pay or dismissal for cause. Students of the University may face sanctions under the Student Code of Conduct. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination, prohibited under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for employees and under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 for students. The South Carolina State Human Affairs Law also prohibits sex discrimination. Each dean, department chair, director and supervisor is responsible for providing a work and educational environment free from sexual harassment.

Procedure: Any unwelcome behavior that may be construed as sexual harassment should be reported; however, willful false accusations will not be condoned. Inquiries about sexual harassment need not begin with a formal complaint or necessarily result in a complaint. Questions can be asked without disclosing specific details such as names and places. Any University employee who feels that she or he has been sexually harassed and who wishes further information or who wishes to file a complaint should contact the executive director of human resources and organizational development. Students should contact the associate vice president for student affairs, the executive director of human resources and organizational development, or the director of counseling services. Any faculty or staff member receiving a complaint of sexual harassment should seek the advice of the vice president of organizational development and human resources. No one may be subject to restraint, interference, coercion, or reprisal for seeking information about sexual harassment, filing a sexual harassment complaint or serving as a witness.

## **Sexual Offenses**

Anyone can be the victim of sexual assault. Sexual assault is a flagrant violation of the University's standards of conduct. When the assailant is an acquaintance, a survivor often has mixed feelings concerning the incident and what to do about it. Besides feeling frightened, angry, hurt and ashamed, survivors can feel betrayed and even guilty for having "facilitated" the assault. In some cases, they do not even acknowledge that they have been assaulted until long after the incident has occurred. For more information check the public safety Web page at [www.coastal.edu/safety](http://www.coastal.edu/safety)

Definition: Sexual assault is any actual or attempted non-consensual sexual activity including but not limited to intercourse, attempted intercourse or sexual touching by a person known or unknown to the victim. Rape is an

act of sexual intercourse with a person against his or her will and consent, whether a person's will is overcome by force or fear resulting from the threat of force, or by drugs administered without consent, or when a person is unconscious, intoxicated or otherwise physically unable to communicate willingness. Having sexual relations with someone who is unable to give consent by being mentally incapacitated or unconscious (passed out) is rape.

**Getting Assistance:** Victims of a sexual assault may be unsure of how to deal with the assault and may wonder what courses of action are available to them and appropriate for their situation. An unfortunate result of this insecurity is that many victims elect not to tell anyone about their ordeal and decline to seek the help they need - on a physical and emotional level - to deal with the terrible hurt they have suffered. All students, faculty and staff should be aware of both the consequences of sexual assault and the options available to the victim. Seeking assistance in connection with a sexual assault from the hospital, the police, the University or anyone else does not obligate further action.

If a sexual offense should occur, the victim should: go to a safe place, contact a friend or family member, get prompt medical attention, call the Department of Public Safety (or the local police if the incident occurred off campus), tell someone all details you remember about the assault or write down all details as soon as possible, keep the clothes worn during the offense. If clothes are changed, place clothes in a paper bag (evidence deteriorates in plastic), do not shower, bathe or douche. If possible, do not urinate, do not eat, drink liquids, smoke or brush teeth if oral contact took place, do not destroy the physical evidence that may be found in the vicinity of the crime. If the crime occurred in the victim's home, the victim should not clean or straighten up until law enforcement has had an opportunity to collect evidence.

**How to Help:** When someone who was sexually assaulted comes to you, encourage him/her to seek medical attention, pursue counseling and report the incident. No victim should suffer alone. If the victim does not wish to report the assault, anyone can inform the Department of Public Safety. When a third party makes the complaint, it is important for that individual to document the "nameless" report to the Department of Public Safety within 24 hours. Coastal Carolina University will work closely with the victim and will assist in changing the victim's academic or living situation if the changes are requested and are reasonably available.

**Medical Attention:** Any victim of a sexual offense is encouraged to seek medical assistance. This is the first step in regaining control over your life. Even if the victim decides not to report the assault to law enforcement, it is very important to seek medical attention immediately for possible internal injuries or sexually transmitted diseases. To keep all options available, the collection of medical evidence becomes critical in the event you choose, even later, to prosecute. At the emergency room, the doctor or nurse will collect samples; hair, semen and other trace evidence. The hospital will collect the clothing worn during your assault so it is helpful to bring a change of clothes with you. Going to the hospital and having evidence collected does NOT obligate the victim to complete other actions. This simply aids in keeping options open until the victim decides how to proceed. Options include choosing to pursue criminal charges against the perpetrator, or student conduct violations through the University judicial system, or both.

**Counseling:** Remember, sexual assault is a crime committed against you, not by you. Do not blame yourself. Emotional trauma is severe after a sexual assault. The violation, loss of trust and loss of control can have serious long-term impact on the victim. It is not unusual for a person to feel guilty, distrustful or withdrawn from others, particularly in an acquaintance rape. There are, however, trained persons, on and off campus, who can provide counseling and support during recovery. Agencies that may be of assistance to you include: Counseling Services 843-349-2305; Department of Public Safety 843-349-2177; Student Affairs 843-349-2302; Student Health Services 843-347-6543; and Human Resources 843-349-2034.

**Reporting to the Police:** Following an incident, victims are encouraged to make a report to campus and/or local police. This action does not obligate prosecution, but it does make legal action possible if the decision to prosecute is made at a later date. The earlier an incident is reported, the easier it is to collect valuable evidence. Incidents may also be reported to any Coastal Carolina University CSA, the Office of Counseling Services or Student Health Services. If the suspect is a student, the student victim is encouraged to contact the associate vice president for student affairs immediately. Department of Public Safety officers will aid the victim in

completing the report and/or contacting other agencies that can help. Off-campus incidents should be reported to the local police. If the assault happens in the cities of Conway or Myrtle Beach, or in Horry County, contact the police at 911. Student victims who wish anonymity are encouraged to call counseling services 843-349-2305 for help or advice. When a sexual offense is reported, the University will make every effort to see that the victim is offered medical and psychological care as well as information about prosecuting the suspect through both University judicial channels and the criminal justice system. Victims have the option of keeping their report of sexual assault in complete confidence, protecting their right to anonymity, when making a report through the University's counseling services office.

The Department of Public Safety believes a victim deserves the right to a professional investigation. Victims are often confused about how to deal with their trauma. Reporting the assault to the police and obtaining medical attention are not synonymous with criminal prosecution. The victim retains the right not to pursue prosecution even if these steps are taken. Even if the victim decides not to pursue charges, reporting the assault is a step in regaining a sense of personal control. Providing information about the assault may help someone else avoid becoming a victim. If the offender does repeat, you may change your mind about pressing charges. If you are a victim, the Department of Public Safety will aid you in arranging for medical care, contacting counseling and other available resources. Public safety personnel will meet with you privately, at a place you choose to take a report, and will do our best to meet your request to speak to a male or female officer. The officers you encounter will treat you and your case with sensitivity and professionalism and continue to be available to you to answer questions and explain the processes involved. The department will investigate your case, perhaps leading to arrest and prosecution of a suspect. Finally, public safety personnel will keep you up-to-date on progress of the investigation or prosecution and your rights and options.

Campus Judicial Proceedings: University judicial action, criminal prosecution and civil suit are all options available to victims of sexual assault. To begin University judicial action, the victim should contact the associate vice president of student affairs and report the assault with a request that charges be filed. The victim may request only to receive medical and/or psychological assistance. If the student/victim does not wish any official action, that is their choice. Reports will be included anonymously in statistics required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

Students accused of sexual offenses can be charged with violating Coastal Carolina University's code of conduct. The accuser and the accused are entitled to have others present during a campus disciplinary hearing. If the accused also faces criminal prosecution they may have the right to the presence of an attorney. If they choose that option, the victim may also have an attorney present. Both the accused and the accuser are notified of the results of the campus disciplinary proceeding brought as a result of the charges. The victim is allowed to make a "victim impact statement" as part of the hearing process.

If criminal charges are pressed and the suspect found guilty, University discipline will be in line with the conviction. If charges are not pressed but the victim identifies the assailant, disciplinary action will be in line with the severity of the offense upon completion of the investigation and substantiation. Possible University disciplinary action may include: fines, dismissal from housing or dismissal from the University. A student perpetrator living off-campus may be fined or dismissed from the University. For a faculty or staff perpetrator, disciplinary action may include termination.

There are a number of proactive measures you can take to minimize the potential for becoming a victim. Actions like reporting suspicious persons to the Department of Public Safety, and letting someone know where you are going and when you will return. Try to avoid working, studying or being alone in buildings or isolated areas. If you "feel" uncomfortable - trust your feelings - contact the Department of Public Safety and request to be accompanied to your destination. Get to know where emergency call boxes are located throughout the campus.

You should be cautious when dating someone you don't know well; get information about that person from a mutual acquaintance or try to arrange a double date or group activity. Remember that leaving a party or other social event with someone you have just met can be dangerous. Avoid excessive use of alcohol; most acquaintance rapes involve drugs or alcohol use by one or both parties. Men and women should avoid excessive alcohol in dating situations. Don't have your good judgment impaired. Do not use illicit drugs or abuse

prescription drugs; they can interfere with clear thinking and clear communication. Know your sexual desires and limitations and communicate them clearly to your partner. Finally, walk with confidence and alertness, assailants are less likely to target a person who appears assertive and difficult to intimidate.

Prevention, intervention and education programs specifically addressing rape, acquaintance rape and other sexual offenses are sponsored by a variety of organizations at Coastal Carolina University throughout the year. Programs on sexual assault occur in residence halls and the topic is addressed at Freshman Orientation. The University sponsors a number of education and awareness programs regarding sexual assault. For more information on these programs, contact the Office of Student Affairs.

### **Sex Offender Registry and Access to Related Information**

Incarceration may remove a sex offender from the streets but it does nothing to prevent the offender from committing another crime when released. The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, enacted on October 28, 2000, requires 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. It also requires sex offenders already ordered to register in the state to provide notice, in compliance with state law, to each institution of higher education in that state at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student. In South Carolina, convicted sex offenders must register with the county Sheriff's office where they reside. The sex offender information can be found on these Web sites:

- [www.sled.state.sc.us](http://www.sled.state.sc.us)
- <http://www.scattorneygeneral.org/>
- <http://www.horrycounty.org/depts/sheriff/index.aspl>

In addition, all persons convicted of violations under the laws of the United States or any other state substantially similar to an offense for which registration is required shall provide to the local agency (Horry County Sheriff's Office) all necessary information for inclusion in the State Sex Offender Registry within 10 days of establishing a residence within South Carolina. Any person required to register shall also be required to re-register within 10 days following any change of residence.

Nonresident offenders entering a state for employment, to carry on a vocation, or as a student attending school who are required to register in their state of residence or who would be required to register under this section if a resident of South Carolina shall, within 10 days of accepting employment or enrolling in school in the state, be required to register and re-register pursuant to this section (at the Horry County Sheriff's office). For purposes of this section "student" means a person who is enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis, in any public or private educational institution, including any secondary school, trade or professional institution, or institution of higher education.

Pursuant to South Carolina Code Ann. Paragraph 23-3-400 et seq., Information on all registered adult sex offenders age 17 and over is provided on the SLED Sex Offender site. Information also is provided on the site for registered sex offenders ages 12 to 16 for committing certain offenses. Requests for information on any other registered offenders under age 17 must be evaluated to determine whether the requestor qualified for information on additional offenses for offenders under age 17 as victims of or witnesses to the offense, public or private schools, child day care centers, family day care centers, businesses or organizations that primarily serve children, women or vulnerable adults, or whether the offender, if age 11 or under, has a prior conviction or adjudication of delinquent. Completing this evaluation requires the requestor to complete and furnish a written request on a specified form to SLED or a Sheriff's office. A copy of this form may be obtained online and mailed or faxed to: Sex Offender Registry, c/o SLED, P.O. Box 21398, Columbia, S.C. 29221. The fax number is 803-896-7022.

SLED maintains a system for making certain registry information available by means of the internet. The information made available includes the offender's name; if the offender is considered a predator; the offender's sex, race, age, date of birth, height, weight, eye color, hair and skin color; last reported address; any scars,

marks or tattoos, all aliases which he has used or under which he may have been known; the date of conviction; the statute violated; and photograph, if available. The system is secure and is not capable of being altered except by or through SLED. Web addresses are:

- [www.sled.state.sc.us](http://www.sled.state.sc.us)
- <http://www.scattorneygeneral.org/>
- <http://www.horrycounty.org/depts/sheriff/index.aspl>

The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Web site allows you to search for offenders by name, city, county or zip code.

Registry information provided under law shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, for the screening of current or prospective employees or volunteers or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular. Use of the information for purposes not authorized by law is prohibited and willful violation with the intent to harass or intimidate another can result in prosecution.

The Coastal Carolina University housing contract states that the University reserves the right to refuse a student's being admitted to or remaining in housing if the student fails to meet University requirements or to adhere properly to University policies or regulations.

### **Traffic Regulations**

Coastal Carolina University has a high ratio of automobiles to students. The traffic regulations provide for maximum use of existing facilities and ensure safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles. Everyone who operates a motor vehicle on campus is subject to the laws of South Carolina and University regulations. Detailed information regarding campus "Rules of the Road" are in the Traffic and Parking Regulations and the Student Handbook. Vehicles found without proper Coastal Carolina University registration may be stopped and the operator asked to explain their purpose for being on campus. Officers have equipment to attempt to jump-start or unlock vehicles; however there is no guarantee of success. This service is free, but only available on campus.

### **Weapons Possession**

Firearms and dangerous weapons of any type are not permitted in the residence halls or other University facilities, except when carried by law enforcement officers within their jurisdictions. Possession of a firearm on campus is a felony within South Carolina. Intentional use, possession or sale of firearms or other dangerous weapons by students are strictly forbidden and violate University policy and state law. Violations can result in arrest and confiscation/destruction of the weapon/ ammunition/prohibited item. Other weapons prohibited on campus include BB guns, air guns, hatchets, knives (blades 2" or longer), bows/arrows, explosives, fireworks, dangerous/noxious chemical mixtures, incendiary devices, propelled missiles or other dangerous substances. Approval for temporary possession or use in extremely limited and specific situations is considered on a case-by-case basis and must be made to the Department of Public Safety.

## Crime Statistics 2006 – 2008

This information is furnished in compliance with the Clery Act. Reports do not necessarily mean that a crime occurred or that arrests or convictions resulted

Reported Crimes	On Campus			Residential Facilities*			Non Campus			Public Property		
	06	07	08	06	07	08	06	07	08	06	07	08
Murder/non negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex offenses, Forcible	3	3	8	3	3	8	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sex offenses, Non-forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Aggravated assault	2	15	3	1	12	2	0	1	1	0	1	0
Burglary	38	23	57	31	22	56	2	0	1	8	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal weapons possession arrests	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Drug law violation arrests	47	22	15	11	19	14	1	0	1	4	7	4
Liquor law violation arrests	35	62	41	13	42	26	0	0	4	2	39	6
Illegal weapons possession referred for disciplinary action	4	1	9	***	***	***	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug law violations referred for disciplinary action	74	5	100	***	***	***	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor law violations referred for disciplinary action	602**	259**	687	***	***	***	0	0	1	0	0	0

\* Crimes reported in the "Residential Facilities" column are included in the "On Campus" category

\*\* Difference from the previous years is due to implementation of a more efficient reporting system by Residence Life

\*\*\* Statistics in this category are no longer reported as a separate line item, but are included in the "On Campus" category



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

More information about campus safety and security may be obtained from the Coastal Carolina University Department of Public Safety Web site at [www.coastal.edu/safety](http://www.coastal.edu/safety), or from one of the following offices:

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*Associate Vice President, Student Affairs*

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Office of Residence Life

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*Director of Residence Life*

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Additional copies of this report are available in the Office of Student Affairs, Residence Life, Admissions, the Department of Public Safety, and on the University's Web site:

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