2015 Calendar Year Safety, Fire Safety and Security Report  
(2012-2014 Statistical Reporting Period)  

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 website coastal.edu/safety by clicking on the link to the Clery Report. Coastal Carolina University's students, faculty and staff are informed of the publication by mass email 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).


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 9,900 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled. Approximately 3,200 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 Provost, and is responsible for law enforcement, criminal investigations, emergencies and campus awareness 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 to the officers who are appointed by the Governor and commissioned by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) as state constables under Title 23, Chapter 1, Article 60, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. 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 Campus Life and Student Engagement 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 and safety escorts, and controlling access at the residential areas of campus.

The Fire Safety officers are attached to the Department of Public Safety. They 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.

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 staffed 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 the Public Safety building at 255 University Blvd.

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: permanent, 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.

**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 the Live Well series ongoing education 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. These programs reinforce the training and information presented in Alcohol Edu, Haven, How ‘Bout This Party and Chant life classes. Resident Advisers are encouraged to offer programs throughout the year to students in their areas on varying personal safety topics.

The University participates in awareness programming throughout the year with programs like Mid-term meltdown, Wally’s Big day out, 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.

All incoming students, faculty and staff are provided with training that educates them on University policies that concern sexual assaults, sexual violence, sexual harassment, stalking, and violence on campus including domestic violence, Title IX issues and related topics. This education covers the definitions of crimes and offenses, options for reporting and intervention, risk reduction, indicators of abuse and the potential actions of an attacker, the University sanctions and responses to a report of any of these offenses. All current employees including student employees must also complete these trainings. Incoming students receive this information through Haven (an online training), and they receive a Sexual Violence and Title IX booklet which is distributed to all new students during CINO TIE welcome week programs and in their Chant Life classes. Faculty and staff receive this information during the employee intake process.

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.

An online property registration service for other types of property is also offered. This service is administered through the Department of Public Safety website and allows any community member to register any property that is easily stolen. The database enables the Department of Public Safety and the owner to safely maintain a record of serial numbers and descriptions in case the property is taken.

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 that investigations 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.” The Department of Public Safety employs trained students as members of the “Chauncey Patrol” whose main responsibility is the safe transport of individuals on campus.
- Students living in residence halls should keep their room doors locked at all times and should never prop open room or exterior 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. Bicycle registration is available online at [http://www.coastal.edu/safety/police/index.html](http://www.coastal.edu/safety/police/index.html).
- 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 Department of Public Safety or University Housing 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 at 255 University Blvd.

**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.

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 website, the Department of Public Safety web page, the CCU Alert system, mass emails, the online emergency information center, campus electronic message boards, the Department of Public Safety Facebook page and/or announcements affixed to bulletin boards in all campus buildings.

Information may also be reported to on call Community Coordinator or Resident Advisors (RA). 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 or 843-915-5350) 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. Anonymous reports can also be texted to, or reported to the person answering, 843-349-8477 (843-349-TIPS). All information submitted is strictly confidential.

**Fire Protection**

Fire Safety, a division of the Department of Public Safety, takes a proactive approach to ensure the University's safety. The responsibilities of this division are numerous, but the common goal is protecting the University community.
The Fire Safety Division is responsible for planning and administering the University’s fire prevention and life safety inspection programs. This includes review of all new building construction and renovations to ensure compliance with University fire protection standards and applicable state, local and national fire and life safety standards. In addition, this department is responsible for investigating the causes of fires, explosions, chemical hazards, accidents and related emergencies. Based on the investigations, Fire Safety Division staff recommend changes to improve safety standards and to reduce reoccurrence of such accidents.

Fire inspections are conducted every week. Department personnel inspect each building for fire and other safety hazards. Also, fire exit drills are conducted in University buildings. The purpose of these drills is to assure that the University is as safe as possible, and, if an emergency does occur, everyone is familiar with what actions to take. The first week of October is National Fire Prevention week, which is observed at the University.

Environmental Health and Safety is responsible for the disposal and storage of hazardous materials. Material Safety Data Sheets are maintained by the University and are accessible to all employees for review. Environmental Health and Safety also maintains health and safety policies for the University and the emergency call boxes located throughout the University grounds.

**Fire Safety Systems**

All residence halls on the Coastal Carolina University campus are equipped with fire sprinklers and fire alarm systems. The fire alarm systems and the automatic sprinkler systems are monitored electronically 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year by the Coastal Carolina University Police Communications Center. The University employs an alarm technician who maintains and tests the fire alarms systems in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 72.

The University Fire Safety Division inspects the fire sprinkler systems in accordance with NFPA 25 and contracts with South Carolina licensed sprinkler contractors for annual testing and recertification of all fire sprinkler systems on campus. The Fire Safety Division also contracts with South Carolina licensed vendors for the annual inspection and certification of all fire extinguishers on all Coastal Carolina University campuses. They also use South Carolina licensed contractors for the testing and certification of commercial kitchen hood systems and clean agent fire extinguishing systems.

The Fire Safety Division inspects fire extinguishers on a monthly basis during its inspection of campus buildings with the exception of those located within a housing unit. The Fire Safety Division also tests all on-campus fire pumps on a weekly basis and contracts for the pumps to be annually tested and recertified.

Residence halls with kitchens are equipped with ABC fire extinguishers in the unit, and residence halls without cooking facilities are equipped with ABC fire extinguishers in the common areas.

**Fire Evacuation**

Evacuation of any University building is mandatory whenever a fire alarm sounds. Sounding of fire alarms or tampering with fire safety equipment, including fire extinguishers, fire sprinklers and fire sprinkler piping, exit signs, emergency lighting, smoke detectors and the fire alarm systems is strictly prohibited.
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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 members of the University community and their invited guests, are permitted in a University building. The University reserves the right to exclude from all premises all persons not conforming to acceptable behavior standards. 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 where 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. 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:

- University Housing staff including the Director, any Assistant or Associate Directors, Community Coordinators and Resident Advisers.
- Student Activities staff including the Director, the Director of Fraternity/Sorority life, the Coordinator of Student Leadership programs, the Coordinator of Student Programs, the Coordinators of Volunteer Services, any faculty and staff who advise student clubs and organizations.
- Athletics staff including the Director of Athletics, any Assistant or Associate Directors, all team head coaches, athletic trainers and athletic advisers.
- Campus recreation staff including the Director, the Assistant Director, the Coordinator of Intramurals, the Coordinator of Sports Clubs and the Coordinator of Outdoor Programs.
- University administrators including the Provost, the Vice President for Campus Life and Student Engagement, Vice President of Student Rights & Responsibilities/Dean of Students, the Director of Student Health Services, the Director and Assistant Director of Multicultural Student Services, the Director of Career Services, career counselors, the Director of International Programs, the Deans of the various colleges, any Assistant or Associate Deans, and accessibility coordinators.

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.
Campus Emergencies

Campus emergencies may take many forms: environmental, manmade or natural, to name only a few. In the case of any campus emergency the University will inform the community by a variety of methods. The primary methods are email and text alerts through the CCU Alert system to all subscribed members. The CCU Alert system will notify members with a short message or messages advising the nature of the emergency and the proper actions for University community members to take. Other information will be made available through indoor and outdoor electronic signage, email, door-to-door notifications, phone trees and the University web page.

Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

The University’s comprehensive emergency management program addresses the full spectrum of threats and hazards, including natural, technological/accidental, and adversarial/human caused. Hazards or emergency situations that pose an immediate threat to the health or safety of students, faculty and staff have been identified and incorporated into emergency plans and standard operating procedures.

An emergency situation may be sudden and without warning. Preparing for emergencies on campus is a shared responsibility among the faculty, staff and students. While the University is committed to managing any crises the campus might encounter, we can increase our efficiency as a campus if each individual is prepared. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to review the hazard specific emergency procedures.

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Emergency Notification

Coastal Carolina University considers the safety of its students, faculty and staff to be paramount. The Department of Public Safety officers patrol the campus 24-hours a day and are in communication with the Department of Public Safety Communications Center. The Communications Center is manned 24-hours a day, every day and is responsible for taking phone requests for service, dispatching officers, and monitoring alarm and video systems. The Communications Center also serves as the 24-hour warning point for the campus community.

In the case of a rapidly developing emergency, like an active shooter incident, the Chief of the Department of Public Safety or their designee may authorize an emergency notification for the safety of the community before the Emergency Management Team can be assembled. The Chief or his designee will use information gathered from: officers at the scene, calls received in dispatch, eyewitness information and/or personal observation to determine if an immediate emergency notification must be sent. The type of incident and the immediate and ongoing threat to the community will be the factors used to determine if this is needed. If an emergency notification is determined to be needed, the CCU alert and other available and appropriate systems will be used to alert the community of the incident. The location of the incident and the type of threat will determine the content of the message sent. The message will include the appropriate instructions for members of the community to follow. As soon as practical the Office of the President will be notified of the incident and the reasons for the alert to the community.

The University has a comprehensive emergency notification system that utilizes multiple methods of communication. Coastal Carolina University will notify and/or warn students, faculty and staff utilizing the following methods of communications within the emergency notification system:
CCU Alert – emergency text messages provide time sensitive notifications to subscribers’ cell phones. Students, faculty and staff can sign up for CCU Alert at www.coastal.edu/emergency/emergencynotification/ccualert.html

Mass Emergency Emails - The University has the ability to send mass distribution emails to all students, faculty, staff and all CCU Alert subscribers who provide an email address.

University Website - The University homepage www.coastal.edu and/or www.coastal.edu/emergency will provide pertinent status updates and information related to ongoing emergencies or incidents.

Social Media - Follow us on Twitter: @CCUchanticleers and on Facebook: /Coastal Carolina University

Chant411 – Is a service that provides a central point of contact for information or through email at Chant411@coastal.edu.

Emergency Hotline 843-349-2079 - Recorded message that provides the most current information during an emergency

Door to door notification for students living in campus residence halls

The University marquee on Highway 501 will display emergency notifications and updates.

Local media will provide emergency notifications and updates via live television, radio, and on their websites.

Emergency Response

For small-scale emergencies, the area administrator or dean of a college working with the Department of Public Safety may be sufficient to resolve the crisis. In the event of a potential emergency on campus, the administrative officials at the scene will coordinate and communicate with the Department of Public Safety and the University Administration. If the emergency situation continues to develop, the Emergency Management Director will be notified to coordinate and request additional resources. As soon as is practical the Office of the President will be notified of any emergency. Only the University President or his representative has the authority to declare an emergency.

Procedures and processes are in place for the effective delivery of comprehensive emergency management to support the University community in the event of an emergency or disaster. The Emergency Management Director will convene the Emergency Management Executive Group and the Emergency Management Team (EMT) for campus emergencies that require a coordinated response or for potential emergencies that may affect the campus community or facilities. The Emergency Management Executive Group provides direction and addresses any executive level policies relating to the emergency. The Emergency Management Executive Group consists of:

University President
Provost and Executive Vice President
University Counsel
Vice President for Finance and Administration
Vice President for University Compliance and Human Resources

CCU has a dedicated team of staff and faculty to provide a mechanism where information can be shared and resources can be organized to support the University’s emergency response and recovery efforts. The Emergency Management Team (EMT) has the authority to make decisions, communicate with the University community and the public, and determine the scope of the University’s response and involvement in any emergency. The members of the EMT are listed below:

Emergency Management Executive Group and

Vice President for University Communications
Vice President of Campus Life and Student Engagement
Vice President of Student Rights & Responsibilities/Dean of Students
Assistant Vice President of Transportation, Safety and Training
Chief Information & Technology Officer
Chief of Public Safety
Fire Marshall
Executive Director of Student Life
Director of Athletics
Director of Campus Recreation
Director of Conference Services
Director of Counseling Services
Director of Environmental Health and Safety
Director of Facilities Planning and Management
Director of Food Services
Director of News and Public Affairs
Director of Procurement Services
Director of Transportation
Director of University Housing
Senior Manager of Contractual and Business Services
Student Government Association President

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 and fire extinguishers. Apartments are equipped with smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

Severe Weather

There are hazards that pose an immediate threat to the health or safety of students, faculty and staff in which warnings are issued and preparedness actions can be taken before the University community is at risk. If the National Weather Service (NWS) issues a Severe Thunderstorm Warning or a Tornado Warning for Conway or the Red Hill area, the Department of Public Safety will notify the University community and provide actionable information for individuals to stay safe. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to review the Severe Thunderstorm and Tornado emergency procedures.

Hurricane Emergency

Coastal Carolina University is located less than 12 miles from the Atlantic coast and can be impacted by tropical systems. Once a tropical system forms and is forecast to threaten our area, the CCU Emergency Manager notifies and briefs the Emergency Management Executive Group and Emergency Management Team. The CCU Hurricane Genesis & Outlook (HUGO) Team provides detailed outlooks of its track and its characteristics, and the HUGO model system will predict the depth, time and location of storm surge and water inundation. If the tropical system continues to develop and our area is at risk, procedures are in place for regular briefings and meetings to discuss preparedness activities, response and recovery operations.

Each hurricane is distinct and decisions will be made based on the hazards that will affect the campus and surrounding community. The decision to cancel classes or close campus will be made by the President in close coordination with the CCU Emergency Manager and the Emergency Management Team. The campus is NOT located in a hurricane evacuation zone. However, due to the University being a public institution and pursuant of state law, the Governor could direct and compel the evacuation of the campus if necessary. The Governor is the only person in South Carolina who can issue an evacuation order and direct personnel and functions of state departments and agencies to support necessary emergency services. There will also be a risk assessment completed for each hurricane to determine the vulnerable areas of the campus. If the risk assessment shows a particular area of the campus to be vulnerable, actions will be taken to notify and safeguard the University community.
The Office of University Communication develops and coordinates all information during a hurricane emergency and will notify the University community of a change in the University schedule, closing the campus, hurricane evacuations, and other necessary information. More information regarding hurricane preparedness can be found on the Office of Emergency Management website.

Emergency Evacuation

During an emergency, an evacuation of campus buildings may be necessary. Coastal Carolina University does not inform residents in advance about the designated evacuation staging locations because they are dependent on multiple factors such as the time of day and nature of the threat or emergency. The Department of Public Safety and Fire Safety officers at the scene will provide directions for community members. The University community can familiarize themselves with the proper emergency evacuation procedures by reviewing the Evacuation/Shelter-in-Place Emergency Procedure. The evacuation of residence halls will also involve University Housing representatives with Community Coordinators and Resident Advisers performing specific tasks as stated in University Housing Crisis Response Guidebook.

Testing Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

An evacuation drill is conducted for residential halls twice a semester and once in the summer for residential halls that are in use. Evacuation drills at CCU are used as a way to educate and train occupants on issues specific to their building. Fire Safety, the Department of Public Safety, and University Housing work together to test the emergency response, evacuation procedures, and the activation of emergency systems and equipment. These drills are unannounced and conducted during daytime and nighttime hours to comply with the International Fire Code. During the drill, staff directs the evacuees to the identified evacuation meeting point to address the students. Fire Safety personnel teach/review the evacuation meeting point location, inform the students about the sprinkler system and define the misuse of the sprinklers, point out the smoke detectors and fire extinguishers locations, and make sure the students know their 911 address – not the building name.

Fire Safety documents drill information such as the location, start and end time, number of people participating, the unannounced status, and any issues that arose. If any emergency systems fail or malfunction during the drill, the CCU Alarm Tech is notified. All findings, including areas for improvement are documented in a report and filed in the Fire Safety Office. The report is also used to follow through with the Fire Safety Office, Department of Public Safety and University Housing on the identified areas of improvement before the next drill. Residents Assistants and Community Coordinators also have mandatory hall meetings to address safety and emergency procedures throughout the year. University Housing maintains emergency response and evacuation procedures within the University Housing Crisis Response Guidebook. The Guidebook is publicized annually for University Housing staff as well as other first response agencies. Members of the University community can familiarize themselves with the basic emergency evacuation procedures by reviewing the Evacuation/Shelter-in-Place Emergency Procedure.

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 issue a timely warning utilizing all methods of communication through the emergency notification system (listed above), and 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 website. For those without access to 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 outlets that inform community members about campus crime and crime-related problems include: the Chanticleer (student newspaper), which publishes a summary of criminal incidents in each edition, and the Annual Safety and Security Report. This report can be viewed on the Department of Public Safety web pages, or a hard copy report is available upon request at the Department of Public Safety office at 255 University Blvd.

Victims have the option of keeping their report of sexual assault in confidence, protecting their right to anonymity, only 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 student conduct system or both.

**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 [University Policies](#).

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 counseling or educational programming to suspension/expulsion from the University. The University follows a policy of core action plans for drug and alcohol offences for student violations.

Coastal Carolina University adheres to strict policies 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 to 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 offices of Counseling Services, Campus Life and Student Engagement or the Dean of Students Office 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 offered in accordance with the Coastal Carolina University alcohol and drug policy outlined in the Student Handbook, available in the Dean of Students Office or on the web at 2015-2016 Teal Pages (Student Handbook). The Student Handbook details offenses and discipline for students – ranging from actions 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.

Missing Student Policies

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, the Division of Campus Life and Student Engagement and the Dean of Students Office. All campus resources will be guided by the Missing Student Policy.

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 student’s emergency contact 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 emergency contacts 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.

Residential Facilities and Policies

More than 4,000 students reside in 62 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 Campus Life and Student Engagement, University Housing and Department of Public Safety staff. The University does not supervise off-campus housing, such as homes or individual apartments. University Housing staff members live in the residence halls and are on call 24 hours a day. Each building is staffed by a Resident Adviser. University Housing staff has 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 screening sites 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. Overnight visitation by guests of the same sex is permitted with the written approval of all roommates and University Housing.

Live-in Resident Advisers and members of the University Housing staff receive training in enforcing residence hall security policies, community development, fire safety and in improving the campus living experience. 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 hall complex to enhance security effectiveness. Those few students authorized to live on campus during periods of low occupancy are registered with University Housing, and special security procedures are established.

The Department of Public Safety and University Housing facilities management personnel work diligently to make the residence halls safe, but their efforts can be easily negated through residents' lack of cooperation. 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 University Housing 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
- if traveling at night, travel with a friend in well-lit areas or call for a 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 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, Campus Life and Student Engagement, 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 University Housing policies and procedures is in the Teal Pages. 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 Advisers 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, Horry County police or other local law enforcement agencies 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.

**Sexual Offenses**

The University recognizes that sexual violence is a serious threat to the University community, is a violation of University policy, is prohibited by Title IX and is a criminal act.

**Definitions**

Sexual Violence/Assault - Both sexual violence and sexual assault are gender-neutral.

- **Non-consensual Intercourse**
  - Any sexual penetration or intercourse (anal, oral or vaginal)
  - however slight
  - with an object
  - by a person upon another person
  - that is without consent and/or by force

  Sexual penetration includes vaginal or anal penetration by a penis, tongue, finger or object, or oral copulation by mouth to genital contact or genital to mouth contact.

- **Non-Consensual Sexual Contact**
  - any intentional sexual touching
  - however slight
  - with any object
  - by a person upon another person
  - that is without consent and/or by force

  Sexual touching includes any bodily contact with the breasts, groin, genitals, mouth or other bodily orifice of another individual, or any other bodily contact in a sexual manner.

Sexual Harassment - Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

- Submission to or rejection of such conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or academic standing; or
- Such conduct unreasonably interferes with an individual's work or academic performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or academic environment.

Dating Violence - violence by a person who has been in a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim that will be gauged by its length, type, and frequency of interaction.
Domestic Violence - asserted violent misdemeanor and felony offenses committed by the victim's current or former spouse, current or former cohabitant, person similarly situated under domestic or family violence law, or anyone else protected under domestic or family violence law.

Stalking - A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for her, his or others’ safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

The victim of a sexual offense has the following and other rights under University policy:

- To review the statements of the subject of the alleged violation
- To present evidence supporting his or her version of the alleged violation
- To a prompt investigation and to a written outcome of the proceedings, including any sanctions
- To appeal

The accused has the following and other rights under University policy:

- To review of the statement of the accuser of the alleged violation
- To a prompt and equitable investigation and resolution
- To receive written notification of the outcome of the complaint procedure
- To appeal

In addition, University policy provides that the investigation and other proceedings will be administered by University officials who receive annual training in the issues related to sexual violence and its related offenses. The accuser and the accused are entitled to equal advisement during any proceedings. For students, the standard of proof used to determine a violation has occurred is “a preponderance of evidence.” The accused and the accuser will be provided with written materials that delineate their options for reporting and proceeding, the process that will be applied to determine an outcome, the results of any process applied to the incident, and any available University resources. Sanctions or protective measures that may be imposed as a part of disciplinary proceedings include:

- Moving alleged victim or accused to accommodate the victim’s safety and security
- Providing counseling services or referral to complainant
- Prohibiting the accused student from attending class for a period of time
- Assistance in attaining a protection order or no contact order
- Response to retaliatory harassment
- Personal escort to victim’s car, residence hall, etc.
- Suspension or termination from the University

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 website at www.coastal.edu/safety

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.
- Go to a safe location.
- Report the alleged incident to the University’s Department of Public Safety, Student Health Services, Dean of Students Office, University Housing, Counseling Services, Title IX Coordinator or local law enforcement by calling 911.
- Memorize as much detail as possible about the attacker.
- Help to preserve evidence.
  - Victims of a sexual assault are encouraged not to:
    - Bathe or douche
    - Urinate
    - Drink anything
  - If oral contact has occurred, the victim is encouraged to refrain from smoking, eating or brushing teeth.
  - If clothes are changed, soiled clothes should be placed in a paper bag (plastic destroys crucial evidence).
- The victim of a sexual assault is strongly encouraged to go to the hospital. With the victim’s consent, hospital personnel will perform an exam using a sexual assault evidence collection kit. If the sexual assault occurred within seventy-two (72) hours, a rape protocol exam can still be administered at local hospitals. Even if the victim does not decide to press charges right away, the preservation of evidence is crucial.
- Contact the Office of Counseling Services for assistance and/or a referral.

How to Help: When someone who has been sexually assaulted comes to you, encourage him/her to seek medical attention, pursue counseling and report the incident. If the victim does not wish to report the assault themselves, 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 of hair, semen and other trace evidence. The hospital will collect the clothing worn next to the skin during the 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 violations through the University student conduct process, 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
- Dean of Students Office 843-349-4161
- Student Health Services 843-349-6543
- Title IX Coordinator 943-333-6229

Reporting the incident: 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.
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 unincorporated areas of Horry County, contact the police at 911.

Incidents may also be reported to any Coastal Carolina University CSA, the Office of Counseling Services, Student Health Services, the Dean of Students or the Title IX Coordinator. If the suspect is a student, the student victim is encouraged to contact the Dean of Students office immediately. Student victims who desire anonymity are encouraged to call Counseling Services at 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 student conduct 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 the progress of the investigation or prosecution and your rights and options.

Student Conduct Proceedings: University Student Conduct action, criminal prosecution and civil suit are all options available to victims of sexual assault. To begin University Student Conduct action, the victim should contact the Dean of Students Office 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 to pursue official action, that is his or her 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 student conduct. The accuser and the accused are entitled to have others present during a campus disciplinary hearing. If faced with criminal prosecution, the accused may have the right to the presence of an attorney. If that option is chosen, the victim may also have an attorney present. Both the accused and the accuser are notified in writing 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 pursued and the suspect found guilty, University discipline will be determined in a separate process. If charges are not pursued 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: 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. These include 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 Orientation. The University sponsors a number of education and awareness programs regarding sexual assault. For more information on these programs, contact Counseling Services or the Office of Campus Life and Student Engagement.

**Dating/sexual Violence**

Coastal Carolina University is committed to providing on-campus security, education, training and victim services to combat violence against all persons. Coastal Carolina University has a policy of "zero tolerance" toward any type of violence including dating violence. Any reported incidents of these types of actions will be investigated in accordance with applicable University policy and state law. The University sanctions for these actions would follow the University's written policies and may result in suspension or termination.

**Definition**

Dating Violence - violence by a person who has been in a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim which will be gauged by its length, type, and frequency of interaction.

The University will provide assistance in arranging hospital treatment or other medical needs, privately contacting counseling, personal safety, advising and other available resources according to University policies and state and federal statutes in compliance with Title IX. Any interim steps that need to be taken may also be determined at this stage, and the University may provide the following:

- Moving alleged victim or accused to a new class or a different residence hall;
- Providing counseling services or referral to complainant;
- Prohibiting the accused student from attending class for a period of time;
- Assistance in attaining a protection order or no contact order;
- Response to retaliatory harassment; and/or
- Personal escort to victim's car, residence hall, etc.

The University Counseling Services Center offers support and counseling for individuals who have experienced dating/sexual 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.

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 student conduct 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 Life and Student Engagement staff and the Dean of Students Office can provide assistance. The State of South Carolina Victim’s Advocate Program may also be of service.

**Sexual Harassment**

Coastal Carolina University prohibits sexual harassment of employees or students. In addition, willful false accusations of sexual harassment will not be tolerated and may be prosecuted. The University does not condone sexual harassment, and individuals who engage in it are subject to disciplinary action.
All members of the Coastal Carolina community should contact HREO if they observe or encounter conduct that may violate the University’s Sexual Harassment Policy. Reports of alleged violations may also be made to an immediate supervisor. Complaints may be made to the next level supervisor if the immediate supervisor is the alleged harasser.

Students can report alleged violations to deans or department chairs or to staff in Counseling Services. Any University employee who receives a complaint of sexual harassment is required to notify HREO in order to have complaints promptly processed under the informal and/or the formal complaint procedure.

Information essential to an investigation must be provided to HREO upon request.

Alleged sexual harassment must be reported as soon as possible. Prompt reporting enables the University to more effectively investigate the facts, determine if a violation of policy has occurred, and provide an appropriate remedy or take appropriate disciplinary action.

Definition
Sexual Harassment - Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

- Submission to or rejection of such conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or academic standing; or
- Such conduct unreasonably interferes with an individual's work or academic performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or academic environment.

Prohibited acts of sexual harassment may take a variety of forms ranging from subtle pressure for sexual activity to physical assault. Examples of the kinds of conduct included in the definition of sexual harassment include but are not limited to:

- Threats or intimidation of sexual relations or sexual contact that are not mutually agreeable to both parties;
- Continual or repeated verbal abuses of a sexual nature including graphic comments about a person’s body, sexually suggestive objects or pictures placed in the work or study area that may embarrass or offend the person, sexually degrading words to describe the person or propositions of a sexual nature; and
- Threats or insinuations that the person’s employment, pay, promotional opportunities, academic grading, classroom or work assignments, or other conditions of employment or academic life may be adversely affected by not submitting to sexual advances.

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.

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 Title IX Coordinator. 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.

**Domestic Violence**

According to South Carolina State Law prohibits the following as Criminal Domestic Violence:
SECTION 16-25-20. Acts prohibited; penalties; criminal domestic violence conviction in another state as prior offense.

(A) It is unlawful to:
(1) cause physical harm or injury to a person’s own household member; or
(2) offer or attempt to cause physical harm or injury to a person’s own household member with apparent present ability under circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent peril

Coastal Carolina University has a policy of “zero tolerance” toward any type of violence including domestic violence. Any reported incidents of these types of actions will be investigated in accordance with applicable University policy and state law. The University sanctions for these actions would follow the University’s written policies and may result in suspension or termination.

Definition
Domestic Violence - asserted violent misdemeanor and felony offenses committed by the victim’s current or former spouse, current or former cohabitant, person similarly situated under domestic or family violence law, or anyone else protected under domestic or family violence law.

Stalking
Definition
Stalking - A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for her, his or others’ safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

This type of conduct is a violation of state law and University policy. Any reports of this type of behavior will be investigated in accordance with applicable University policy and state law. The University sanctions for these actions would follow the University’s written policies and may result in suspension or termination.

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.
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 websites:

- www.sled.state.sc.us
- http://www.scag.gov/
- http://sheriff.horrycounty.org/

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 by SLED to determine whether the requestor is qualified to receive information on additional offenses for offenders under age 17. Requestors qualified to receive this information include: 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. 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 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://sheriff.horrycounty.org/

The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) website 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 his or her 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 available only 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.

Hate Crimes Reporting

2012 – No bias related crimes were reported.
2013 - No bias related crimes were reported.
2014 – No bias related crimes were reported.

Unfounded cases

2014 - 1 unfounded Sexual Assault after the victim retracted their initial statement and a Law Enforcement investigation determined no evidence of a crime existed.
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.

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Includes reports to the Department of Public Safety and to other campus resources
FOR MORE INFORMATION

More information about campus safety and security may be obtained from the Coastal Carolina University Department of Public Safety website at coastal.edu/safety, or from one of the following offices:

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