2020 Campus Safety and Security Report

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Introduction

Education, the business of Coastal Carolina University (CCU), can take place only in an environment in which each student and employee feels safe and secure. CCU 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. All members of the campus community share in the responsibility of making the campus a safe place to study, work, and live.

CCU’s campus is located in Conway, S.C., nine miles west of Myrtle Beach. The University has more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled. Approximately 3,800 students live in campus residential facilities. CCU also employs more than 1,500 full-time and part-time employees.

The incidence of crimes that occurred in reportable areas during the preceding three calendar years is listed in this report. CCU’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.

CCU’s Department of Public Safety serves as the clearinghouse in the statistical gathering of crime data from campus security authorities (CSAs) and the reporting of statistics involving pertinent criminal incidents, arrests, and/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 01.

Offense definitions used are from the FBI’s Uniform Crime Report (UCR).

Police Protection: Authority, Jurisdiction and Reporting Criminal Activity

Authority and Jurisdiction

The primary objective of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) 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 and is broken down into four areas: police, security, fire, and communications.

The Police Division of the Department of Public Safety is a fully independent law enforcement agency that reports to the president of the University and is responsible for law enforcement, criminal investigations, emergency response, 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 that include 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 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 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.

Fire 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.

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.
How to Report Criminal Activity

Coastal Carolina University encourages reports of conduct that are contrary to our mission, vision, values, policies, and/or procedures, or that is criminal in nature.

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.

For non-emergencies, public safety personnel may be reached by calling 843-349-2177. The offices of the Department of Public Safety are located in the Public Safety building at 255 University Blvd., Conway, South Carolina 29526.

Crimes or suspicious activities can also be reported anonymously by using the Department of Public Safety anonymous reporting webpage. 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.

The communications center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is responsible for taking telephone requests for service, dispatching officers, and monitoring alarm and video systems.

Crime Prevention Efforts

The active cooperation and participation of all members of our community are essential in order to combat crime successfully. 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 Office 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 AlcoholEdu for College, Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates, 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 and 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 responds 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 Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates, which includes a live performance and discussion training focusing on sexual violence and bystander intervention. Faculty and staff receive this information during the employee onboarding 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 are to 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 (PALS) 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 criminal opportunities whenever possible; 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. An example of a precaution like this includes students (male or female) walking across campus or to parking lots at night considering 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 across campus.

- Students living in residential facilities should always keep their room doors locked and should never prop open room or exterior doors.
- Residents of the residential facilities are expected to follow all University Housing rules regarding their guests and must always escort their guests.
- Any harassing or obscene phone calls should be reported to the Department of Public Safety at...
Bicycles should be registered with the Department of Public Safety, have a valid decal, and be secured with a good lock. Bicycle registration is available online at www.coastal.edu/services/safety_and_security/publicsafety/trafficandparking/.

Cars should be locked and parked in well-lit 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. Public Safety employees 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

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 CCU Alert system, the mass notification system, the University website, the Department of Public Safety webpage, 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 coordinators (CC) or resident advisers (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 nonemergency issues) for incidents that occur in the city of Myrtle Beach.

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 to allow 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.

Crimes or suspicious activities can also be reported anonymously by using the Department of Public Safety anonymous reporting webpage. 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 and Statistics

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 campus.

Fire Safety Systems

All residence facilities 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, and 365 days a year by the Department of Public Safety 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 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 apart from 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.

Residential facilities with kitchens are equipped with ABC fire extinguishers in the unit, and residential facilities 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.

**Fire Statistics**

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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 advisors.
- 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, or 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 advisors.
- Campus recreation staff, including the director, the assistant director, the coordinator of intramurals, the coordinator of club sports, and the coordinator of outdoor programs.
- University administrators, including the provost, the vice president for Student Affairs, dean of students, the director of Student Health Services, the director and assistant director of Intercultural and Inclusion Student Services, the director of Career Services, career counselors, the director of the Center for Global Initiatives, 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 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 notification systems, email, door-to-door notifications, phone trees, and the University webpage.

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.
Emergency situations are 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 that may occur on campus, we can increase our efficiency as a campus if everyone is prepared. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to review the hazard-specific emergency procedures.

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 designee may authorize an emergency notification for the safety of the community before the Emergency Management Team can be assembled. The chief or 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’ cellphones. Students, faculty and staff can sign up for [CCU Alert here](https://www.ccu.edu/emergency/alert).
- **Mass notification system** – An audible message projected by speakers indoors and out to inform the campus of an emergency.
- **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 [coastal.edu](http://coastal.edu) and/or [coastal.edu/emergency](http://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 – A University information service that provides a central point of contact for information by telephone or through email at chant411@coastal.edu.
• Door-to-door notification for students living in University Housing.
• The University marquee on U.S. 501 will display emergency notifications and updates.
• Local media may 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 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 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 (EMEG) 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 EMEG provides direction and addresses any executive level policies relating to the emergency. The EMEG consists of:

• University president.
• Provost.
• Senior vice president/university counsel.
• Senior vice president for finance and administration/chief financial officer.
• Vice president for Human Resources and Equal Opportunity.
• Vice president for Executive Initiatives/chief of staff.
• Director of Athletics.
• Vice president for Student Affairs.
• Vice president for Auxiliary Enterprises.
• Vice president for University Marketing and Communication.
• Chief information and technology officer.
• Associate vice president for University Marketing and Communication.

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.
• Chief of Public Safety.
• Coordinator of Risk Management and Strategic Planning.
• Fire marshal.
• Executive director of Student Life.
• Dean of students.
• Director of Accessibility and Disability Services.
• Director of University Recreation.
• Director of CHANT411.
• Director of Scheduling and Event Services.
• Director of Counseling Services.
• Director of Environmental Health and Safety.
• Director of Facilities Planning and Management.
• Director of Facility Operations.
• Director of Financial Services.
• Director of Food Services.
• Director of Human Resources.
• Director of Procurement Services.
• Director of Student Health Services.
• Director of Transportation Services.
• Senior Director of University Housing.
• Director of Contractual and Business Services.

Emergency Operations Center

If the incident complexity and/or severity escalate and local resources are exhausted, activation of the Emergency Operations Center may be required. The EOC consists of staff selected to represent their areas in the EOC and able to direct personnel and requisition material to support the EMT in operating before, during, and after an emergency. The members of the EOC have been selected to fit into the national standard Emergency Support Functions (ESF) defined by FEMA.

The EOC acts as a central clearinghouse of information during an emergency allowing for the efficient application of resources to resolve the incident. The EOC members can physically assemble in a specially prepared space to facilitate face-to-face communication or they members may work remotely if their function allows it. Only the members of the EOC needed to resolve the incident are activated to support the EMT.

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

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 Building Evacuation Procedure. The evacuation of residential facilities will also involve University Housing representatives with community coordinators and resident advisors performing specific tasks as stated in University Housing Crisis Response Guidebook of Testing Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures.

An evacuation drill is conducted for residential facilities once a semester and once in the summer for residential facilities 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 locations of smoke detectors and fire extinguishers locations, and make sure the students know their 911 address, which is different than 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. Resident advisors 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 Building Evacuation 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 webpage, and/or the campus newspaper/website.

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 social media, and the Annual Safety and Security Report. This report can be viewed on the Department of Public Safety webpages, 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 offenses 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 legal 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, Student Affairs, 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-related 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 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, Student Affairs, 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, 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 Be On the Lookout (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 4,600 students reside in 62 residential facilities on the Coastal Carolina University campus or in University Place, which is located half a mile from campus. 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, 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 residential facilities 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 guests must be discussed and approved by the roommates and/or suitemates prior to the guest’s arrival.

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. Residents must escort their guests at all times. All University residence facilities are closed during holidays and vacations and when the University is closed. 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 residential facilities 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.

- Report unusual activities to the Department of Public Safety.
- Never admit unfamiliar people into hallways.
- Lock room doors and windows when leaving.
- Report lost keys immediately to University Housing staff.
- Report solicitors or unfamiliar people to the Department of Public Safety.
- Ensure that residence hall exit doors are NOT propped open.
- Become familiar with the locations of emergency call boxes.
- Ask visitors to identify themselves and who they are visiting.
- Be aware of your surroundings and of other people around you.
- Always carry your keys and NEVER loan 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 lit, 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, 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 University Housing policies and procedures are located on University Housing’s website. 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 is:
  - 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 is:
  - 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.
- 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.
Getting assistance

If you are a survivor of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault, you should:

1. Go to a safe place.
2. Contact a trusted person.
   The survivor has the right to choose who to talk to and who not to talk to at any point.

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 Campus Security Authority (CSA), 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 taking action against 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.

Confidential Resources:
- Counseling Services, 843-349-2305
- Student Health Services, 843-349-6543

Other Resources:
- Department of Public Safety, 843-349-2177
- Dean of Students Office, 843-349-4161
- Title IX coordinator, 843-349-2383
- University Housing Staff
- Call 911

3. Memorize as much detail as possible about the attacker, surrounding area, and events.
   The preservation of evidence is important in these cases; therefore, survivors not take any action that would damage or destroy evidence. This includes, but is not limited to, bathing, douching, brushing of teeth, deleting messages, deleting photos, or disposing of clothing the victim was wearing at the time of the incident.

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.

**Investigations**

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. The standard of proof used to determine a violation has occurred is “a preponderance of the 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.

In all cases, the identities of the parties and the supportive measures, outcomes, and disciplinary measures taken will be kept as confidential, except as necessary to carry out the required or requested investigation and/or measures.

**Department of Public Safety Involvement**

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, the victim may change his/her 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 we 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 process is detailed here on the Dean of Students webpage. 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.

**Preventative and Proactive Measures**

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 residential facilities, 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 Student Affairs.
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 to 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 Oct. 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.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov)
- [http://www.scag.gov](http://www.scag.gov)
- [http://sheriff.horrycounty.org](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 offender’s 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 or 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, SC 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 they have used or under which they 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.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov),

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.

**Weapons Possession**

Firearms and dangerous weapons of any type are not permitted in the residential facilities 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 3 inches 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_

**2017** – A total of four incidents; two incidents of trespassing and disturbing a school that involved racial bias, one incident of a hostile work environment involving a racial bias, and one student conduct violation that involved sexual orientation bias.

**2018** - No bias-related crimes were reported.

**2019** - No bias-related crimes were reported.

_Unfounded cases_

**2017** – A total of 16 cases were unfounded: three larcenies; three stolen bicycles; two assaults; one missing vehicle; one theft from a motor vehicle; one property damage; one stalking, one harassment; one missing person; one found property; and one fraud.

**2018** – A total of eight criminal cases were unfounded: four larcenies; three stolen bicycles; and one sexual assault.

**2019** – A total of nine criminal cases were unfounded: one theft from motor vehicle; three damage to property; one assault; one suspicious vehicle; two stolen bicycles; and one burglary.
**Crime Statistics 2017**

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