



ANNUAL SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY REPORT

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

Message from the Chancellor



Safety and security at the University of Minnesota Crookston is of utmost importance to us. The University needs your help, cooperation, and active participation to create a safe campus environment. Be alert, and if you observe a public safety concern or a possible crime -- report it.

We strive to provide a safe and secure campus environment by protecting and providing assistance for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Our security officers are present on campus and have strong a relationship with the Crookston Police Department and Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you for helping us keep our campus safe.

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Chancellor, University of Minnesota Crookston

Rebecca Cunningham
President, University of Minnesota

University of Minnesota System

The University of Minnesota System comprises five distinct campuses—Crookston, Duluth, Morris, Rochester, and Twin Cities—serving all regions of the state. Each campus has unique strengths, enriched by its surrounding communities, and all are focused on meeting the needs of students and the state.

Collectively, the University of Minnesota System is one of the most comprehensive in the nation, with offerings to meet the interests of every student and the changing needs of our society. We're proud of our land-grant mission of world-class education, groundbreaking research, and community-engaged outreach, and we are unified in our drive to serve Minnesota.



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The flagship [University of Minnesota Twin Cities](#) is the state's land-grant university and one of the most prestigious public research universities in the nation.

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Police

Crookston Police Department
 Emergency 911
 Non-Emergency 218-281-3111
 321 W Robert St, Crookston, MN 56716

Fire

Crookston Fire Department
 Emergency 911
 Non-Emergency 218-281-4584
 620 S Main St Crookston, MN 56716

Campus Service Offices

University Public Safety
 Office 218-281-8815
 Mobile..... 218-280-4240
 1516 Evergreen Hall
<https://crk.umn.edu/public-safety>

Title IX Coordinator
 Phone..... 218-281-8424
 7 Hill Hall

Residential Life
 Phone..... 218-281-8531
 1110 Centennial Hall
<https://www.crk.umn.edu/units/residential-life>

Health Services

Health Services
 Phone..... 218-281-8512
 145-F Sargeant Student Center
<https://www.crk.umn.edu/units/health-services>

Mental Health Services

Counseling Services
 Phone..... 218-281-8571
 245 Sargeant Student Center
<https://crk.umn.edu/counseling-services>

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

Preparing the Annual Security Report and Disclosure of Crime Statistics

This report has been prepared in compliance with the “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act” (informally known as the “Clery Act”). For more information on the Clery Act visit: ope.ed.gov/campussafety

This report includes information for the Crookston campus of the University of Minnesota.

This report is published annually by the University and made available to all current and prospective students, staff, and faculty.

Statistics are compiled by the Clery officer on each campus in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over University of Minnesota Clery Geography. Additional crime information is collected from a wide range of university personnel who have been identified as Campus Security Authorities (CSAs) under the Clery Act.

The Director of Clery Compliance and campus Clery officers review and update the information contained in this report annually.

Crime Statistics reported in this document reflect specific crimes that occurred in specific geographic locations established by federal law and were reported to University of Minnesota Campus Security Authorities. Statistics reflect reports of crime and not criminal charges or convictions.

Definitions of Terms Used in this Report

Campus Security Authorities

Campus Security Authorities are individuals on campus who are required to report any allegations of crimes that they receive for inclusion in the Annual Statistical Disclosure.

The Clery Act defines four categories of Campus Security Authorities as stated below:

- A campus police department or a campus security department of an institution
- Any individual or individuals who have responsibility for campus security but who do not constitute a campus police department or a campus security department
- Any individual or organization specified in an institution’s statement of campus security policy as an individual or organization to which students and employees should report criminal offenses.
- An official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including, but not limited to, student housing, student discipline and campus judicial proceedings. An official is defined as any person who has the authority and the duty to take action or respond to particular issues on behalf of the institution.

Clery Geography

Clery Geography is the geographic area for which an institution is responsible for disclosing crime statistics. The following definitions describe the areas that cumulatively account for an institution's Clery Geography.

On Campus: Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls. Also, any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the area identified in the first part of this definition that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor).

On Campus- Residential: any student housing facility that is owned or controlled by the institution, or is located on property that is owned or controlled by the institution, and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus is considered an on-campus student housing facility

Non-Campus Property: Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

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

Personally Identifying Information

Personally identifying information is defined in Section 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 as individually identifying information for or about an individual, including information likely to disclose the location of a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, regardless of whether the information is encoded, encrypted, hashed or otherwise protected, including:

- a first and last name
- a home or other physical address
- contact information (including a postal, e-mail or Internet protocol address, or telephone or facsimile number)
- a social security number, driver's license number, passport number or student identification number
- any other information, including date of birth, racial or ethnic background, or religious affiliation that would serve to identify any individual.

Criminal Offenses

The following definitions of criminal offenses detail the elements of each crime. Crimes in the annual statistical disclosure found in this report are categorized according to the below definitions.

Aggravated Assault

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

Arson

Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Burglary

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

Motor Vehicle Theft

The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter

The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Manslaughter by Negligence

The killing of another person through gross negligence.

Robbery

The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear.

Rape

The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus, with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim

Fondling

The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Incest

Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Statutory Rape

Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Hate Crimes

Hate Crime

A criminal offense that manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator's bias against the victim. Under the Clery Act the following bias categories are used: Race, Religion, Sexual Orientation, Gender, Gender Identity, Ethnicity, National Origin, Disability.

Any criminal offense which also meets the definition of a hate crime will be included in the statistical disclosure in both the criminal offense category and in the hate crime category (i.e. an on-campus aggravated assault motivated by religious bias will be counted in the on-campus aggravated assault category and in the on-campus aggravated assault motivated by religious bias category).

Additional Hate Crime categories: In addition to the criminal offenses listed under the "Criminal Offenses" section, the following crimes are included if it is determined that the crime was motivated by bias

Larceny-Theft

The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. (Note: constructive possession is defined by Black's Law Dictionary, sixth ed. as "where one does not have physical custody or possession but is in a position to exercise dominion or control over a thing.")

Simple Assault

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

Intimidation

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

Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property (Except Arson)

To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Offenses

Dating Violence

violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

For the purposes of this definition—

- Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.
- Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence

a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed—

- By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
- By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- By a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred;
- By any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred

Stalking

engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—

- Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress. For the purposes of this definition—
- Course of conduct means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts in which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person's property.
- Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.
- Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

Unfounded Crimes

Are reported crimes which are thoroughly investigated by sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel; and found through investigation to be false or baseless, meaning that the crime did not occur and was never attempted.

Arrests and Referrals for Discipline for Weapons, Drug, and Liquor Law Violations

Weapons Law Violations

The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons.

Drug Law Violations

The Violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation, or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance.

Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs.

Liquor Law Violations

The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness.

Reporting an Emergency or Crime

The University of Minnesota encourages the accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to the University Public Safety Department and the appropriate local law enforcement agency when the victim of a crime elects to or is unable to make such a report. If the victim of a crime is unable to file a report, third parties who have information regarding the crime are encouraged to file a report to ensure that the police are aware of the crime. The prompt and accurate reporting of all crime enables the University Public Safety Department to identify and respond to patterns of crime and when necessary to distribute pertinent crime information to the community, which may help prevent similar occurrences of crime.

Report an Emergency or Crime in Progress

Dial 911

Dialing 911 will connect you with a trained public safety dispatcher. Be prepared to give the dispatcher the following information:

- Type of emergency
- Your name
- Your location and location of the emergency
- Your phone number
- If applicable (e.g., after a crime), a description of individuals involved (gender, clothing description, height, weight, hair color, tattoos, etc.)
- If applicable (e.g., after a car accident), a description of vehicles involved (color, make, model, license plate number)

Please remain on the line until the dispatcher tells you it is okay to hang up.

Based on the information provided, the dispatcher will send the appropriate help to respond to the reported incident.

Report a Non-Emergency

By phone

University Public Safety

1516 Evergreen Hall

Office: 218-281-8815

Duty phone: 218-280-4240

Crookston Police Department

321 W Robert St

218-281-3111

When reporting a non-emergency crime an officer will either be sent to your location or will request that you file a report in person. An officer will ask questions to obtain detailed information about what happened. The officer will be able to provide you with information on victim services, next steps and crime prevention information. University Public Safety can help when filing a report with the Crookston Police Department.

When reporting a crime, you will be asked many questions. Be prepared to answer the following questions:

- When the crime happened (date and time)
- Where it happened
- Your name, contact information, State Driver's License or ID number
- Details of the event
- Other people involved (suspect, if known; witnesses)
- If property was involved, who owns it
- The property owner's contact information
- For vehicles: Make, Model, Color, License Plate Number, Insurance-company name & policy number, etc.
- Property other than vehicles: Serial Number, Product Name, Manufacturer, Description, condition, etc.

Walk in

You may file a report in person at the following locations:

<i>University Public Safety</i>	1516 Evergreen Hall	Office: 218-281-8815 Duty phone: 218-280-4240
<i>Crookston Police Department</i>	321 W Robert St	218-281-3111

Online

Individuals reporting crimes are encouraged to interact directly with University Public Safety, however some individuals may find it more convenient to report online.

To submit an online report, go to:

https://publicdocs.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofMNCrookston&layout_id=2

You are not required to provide your name. You can choose to remain anonymous.

Report a Crime to a Non-Police Campus Security Authority

The University of Minnesota encourages all reports of crime to be made to the University Public Safety Department and to the appropriate local law enforcement agency; however, crimes may also be reported to individuals on campus who have been identified as Campus Security Authorities. The intent of including non-law enforcement personnel as Campus Security Authorities is to increase accessibility of crime reporting.

Campus Security Authorities include but are not limited to: Residence Hall Directors, Assistant Residence Hall Directors, Community/Resident Advisors, Advisors to student organizations, athletics coaching staff and others who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities.

Campus Security Authorities include but are not limited to: Residence Hall staff, including Area Coordinators, Residence Hall Directors, Assistant Residence Hall Directors and Community/Resident Advisors, Advisors to student organizations, athletics coaching staff and others who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities such as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging and other Student Affairs senior administrators.

While there are many non-police Campus Security Authorities on each campus, the University of Minnesota prefers reports be made to the following non-police CSAs:

<i>Title IX Coordinator</i>	7 Hill Hall	218-281-8424 jtangqui@crk.umn.edu
<i>Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs</i>	145J Sargeant Student Center	218-281-8505

For additional information, including information about different reporting processes and reporting resources visit: <https://crk.umn.edu/report>

Voluntary, Confidential Reporting

A voluntary, confidential report is a report initiated by the reporting party where the reported information is not shared beyond the person receiving the report and does not initiate any other official process. It is simply a report made for statistical and safety information purposes. A report made in this manner is forwarded to the University's Director of Clery Compliance for inclusion in the Annual Statistical Disclosure and forwarded to the University of Minnesota Police Department to be added to the Daily Crime Log and evaluated for the need to issue a Timely Warning Notice. The information forwarded to the police department would not contain any personally identifiable information.

In some cases, a non-police CSA can assist you in making a confidential report that would not initiate any additional action through the University or the criminal justice system.

Voluntary, confidential reporting is not available when:

- Reporting directly to UMPD. Police reports are public records under state law, therefore UMPD cannot hold reports of crime in confidence.
- There is an immediate threat to the safety of the reporter or other involved parties. In these situations, personally identifiable information will be shared with others on a need-to-know basis to ensure the safety of the reporter or other involved parties.
- Reporting instances of sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence and/or stalking.

All reports of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking that are made to University employees who have an obligation to report the occurrence of such crimes will be forwarded to the Title IX office or its designee. Per University policy mandated reporters are required to provide the following information to the Title IX office or designee in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking:

- The names of the complainant(s), respondent(s) and possible witnesses;
- The date, time, and location of the alleged prohibited conduct; and
- Other relevant details about the alleged prohibited conduct that the University would need to determine what occurred and address the situation.

After receiving a report of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking the Title IX coordinator or designee will contact the complainant to provide resources for personal support and information about the investigation process. In cases involving a student respondent, the campus Title IX office or its designee will only begin investigating the report after receiving verbal or written confirmation that the complainant wishes to initiate an investigation.

When a complainant requests that their identity be kept confidential or that the University refrain from investigating, the campus Title IX office or its designee will make an individualized determination of whether to conduct an investigation, including consideration of the complainant's wishes, the University's responsibility for providing a safe and non-discriminatory campus environment, and whether the University possess other means to obtain relevant evidence. In making this determination, the campus Title IX office or its designee will consider the following factors, among others; whether the respondent is alleged to have used a weapon while committing prohibited conduct; whether the respondent is alleged to have used force while committing prohibited conduct; and whether the respondent has been alleged or found to have committed prohibited conduct against other complainants.

Voluntary, confidential services (i.e. places designed to help, but not to file a report) are available on campus at the following locations:

Counseling Services

245 Sargeant Student Center
2900 University Ave

218-281-8571
umccoun@crk.umn.edu

Professional Mental Health Counselors and Pastoral Counselors Exemption

Campus professional mental health counselors and pastoral counselors, when acting in their professional capacity, are not required to report crimes for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics.

The Clery Act defines a Professional Mental Health Counselor is defined as an employee of an institution whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the institution's community and who is functioning within the scope of the counselor's license or certification.

A Pastoral Counselor as an employee of an institution, who is associated with a religious order or denomination, recognized by that denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and who is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor.

Professional Mental Health counselors at the University of Minnesota are encouraged if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion in the annual statistical disclosure.

Professional counselors can be found at the following campus location:

Counseling Services

245 Sargeant Student Center
2900 University Ave

218-281-8571
umccoun@crk.umn.edu

University of Minnesota Public Safety Department

University Public Safety

Authority

University Public Safety Officers are not licensed or sworn peace officers and do not have arrest powers. Officers are authorized to make a citizen's arrest when appropriate.

Jurisdiction

University Public Safety is responsible for providing security and safety services to the University of Minnesota Crookston campus. Security officers provide services in directed, proactive patrol, crime prevention and investigation, law enforcement, and emergency response. University Public Safety patrols the Crookston campus by squad car and foot.

Relationship with other Law Enforcement Agencies

University Public Safety works closely with the Crookston Police Department and other applicable local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in providing security and law enforcement services to the University of Minnesota Crookston campus.

UMC has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Crookston Police Department for the investigation of crimes of sexual violence.

Monitoring of Noncampus Locations

University Public Safety works cooperatively with the Crookston Police Department and other area law enforcement agencies to share information about criminal activity that occurs off-campus but may affect members of the UMC community. This information includes that pertaining to officially recognized UMC student organizations that have non-campus residential sites unaffiliated with UMC Residential Life. Students accused of criminal misconduct may additionally be subject to the University student conduct process. This process neither substitutes nor interferes with the outside legal processes. The Student Code of Conduct outlines the jurisdiction the University has to apply disciplinary action in these cases.

Response to Reported Crime or Emergencies

Crimes reported to University Public Safety and other Campus Security Authorities will be considered for the need to issue a Timely Warning Notification, documented on University Public Safety Daily Crime Log, and all applicable crimes will be included in the annual statistical disclosure. These public disclosures will not include any personally identifying information of any reporting parties, witnesses or victims.

Students accused of criminal misconduct may additionally be subject to the University student conduct process; this process neither substitutes nor interferes with the outside legal processes. The major objective of the disciplinary system at the University of Minnesota is to maintain standards of conduct and order commensurate with the educational goals of the institution.

Daily Crime Log

University Public Safety maintains a Daily Crime log, the log is maintained at 236 Sargeant Student Center and is available for public review during regular business hours Monday- Friday. The Daily Crime Log is also available online on the University Public Safety webpage, [here](#).

The daily crime log includes information for crimes which have been reported to University Public Safety.

The Daily Crime Log includes case number, nature of the offense, the date and time the offense occurred, the date the incident was reported to University Public Safety, a general description of the location in which the incident occurred, as well as the disposition of the case, if known.

Entries in the Daily Crime Log do not include personally identifying information of the victim, witnesses or reporting party.

Timely Warning Notification

The University of Minnesota Crookston issues Timely Warning Notifications to the campus community for reported Clery Act crimes that occur within the University of Minnesota Crookston Clery Geography and are believed to pose a serious or continuing threat to the University community. Timely Warning Notifications are designed to give the University community information which may aid in the prevention of similar crimes.

When Public Safety is informed of a Clery crime, information about the crime will be sent to the Chancellor or Officer of the Day. The Chancellor or Officer of the Day will evaluate reported Clery crimes on a case-by-case basis to determine if the reported crime poses a serious or continuing threat to the campus community. When the Chancellor or Officer of the Day determines that a Timely Warning Notification is warranted, the Communications Specialist will compose and distribute the message.

Timely Warning Notifications will be electronically distributed to all students, staff and faculty at the Crookston campus via the University of Minnesota email system.

Timely Warning Notifications may include the following details (if available):

- Date and time of the incident
- Location
- Type of crime
- Description of the incident
- Physical description of suspect
- Apparent connection to previous incidents, if applicable
- Pertinent crime prevention tips

Personally Identifying Information of victims and reporting parties will not be disclosed in a timely warning. Except in instances where the information is relevant to the crime— for example, in crimes which are motivated by Bias the victim's inclusion in a protected class may be released if this information is not determined to be explicitly personally identifiable.

While there is no specific agreement between UMC and local law enforcement agencies, UMC has a close relationship with local law enforcement agencies who routinely inform UMC if a reported crime may warrant a timely warning notification.

Emergency Response, Notification & Testing

Emergency Response

Emergency response operations include coordination of campus and community resources to save lives, protect property, and provide for the continuity of University operations.

The University uses the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as its standard for responding to incidents. University Public Safety officers and supervisors and University administrators who have responsibility during an incident have been trained in NIMS.

When an incident occurs that causes an immediate threat to the campus, the first responders to the scene are usually from University Public Safety. Depending on the incident, other University departments and/or other local or federal agencies may be involved in responding.

While there is no specific agreement between UMC and local law enforcement agencies, UMC has a close relationship with local law enforcement agencies who routinely inform UMC if there has been an incident which may require an emergency response.

Emergency Notification Systems

The University of Minnesota Crookston has several methods for communicating important safety information quickly in the event of a significant emergency or dangerous situation that poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of the campus community. The situation will dictate which notification methods are used, in some situations multiple notification systems will be used.

SAFE-U

SAFE-U is the University's emergency mass notification system. SAFE-U is used specifically to notify University students and employees of emergencies or dangerous situations which are likely to impact campus as a whole or impact University operations. SAFE-U enables the University to quickly send communications via email, text message, and/or phone messages. Students, faculty, and staff who have provided contact information are automatically registered to receive SAFE-U communications. Only University of Minnesota students, faculty, staff and those with a legitimate need are registered for SAFE-U.

Campus Email

In an emergency situation, campus email may be utilized to communicate important safety information.

Campus-Wide Emergency Alert System (CWEAS)

CWEAS is the University of Minnesota's outdoor emergency notification system. CWEAS is not a tornado siren; it is an outdoor warning system that can convey both an alert tone and voice messages. If you hear the outdoor warning system, it means go inside and seek more information.

Tone Alert Radio

The University uses Tone Alert Radios strategically placed throughout campus to add another layer of alert coverage. The University of Minnesota Public Safety Emergency Communications Center (PSECC) will activate the radios when there is urgent information that needs to be transmitted (e.g., severe weather, building evacuation). Tone Alert Radios also provide emergency notification that can be received in areas that are out of cellular service.

Social Media

Emergency information may also be communicated on University social media feeds.

Digital Signs

UMC has installed LCD monitors throughout high traffic areas within buildings and dining services to help communicate campus programs and activities. This system will also be utilized to pass along details of any current health or safety/emergency issues.

Web Announcements

Weather-related closings and other emergency information may be announced on the University of Minnesota Crookston website.

On-Scene Emergency Personnel

On-scene emergency personnel may be able to provide valuable emergency communication depending upon the emergency situation.

Activation of Emergency Notification Systems

Prior to issuing an emergency notification, the Chancellor or Officer of the Day will confirm the existence of an emergency or dangerous situation via University Public Safety, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Director of Facilities or emergency professionals on the scene, video monitoring, or notification from the National Weather Service. Information obtained from these sources is used to determine the scope and content of the notification.

Upon confirmation of an emergency or dangerous situation the Chancellor or Officer of the Day will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the appropriate notification system(s).

Notification may be delayed if issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

The primary method of emergency notification is the SAFE-U system. When SAFE-U is activated, it will deliver emergency messaging to all students and employees. The activation of other emergency notification systems such as CWEAS and Tone Alert Radios, which can be activated by the Public Safety Emergency Communications Center (PSECC), may be activated to supplement notifications delivered via SAFE-U.

SAFE- U notifications will consist of basic information about the type of emergency or dangerous situation and information on how to avoid danger. Updated information will be disseminated as it becomes available and as time allows or when the immediate threat has been mitigated.

While there is no specific agreement between UMC and local law enforcement agencies, UMC has a close relationship with local law enforcement agencies who routinely inform UMC if there is a situation which may require an emergency response.

Dissemination of emergency information to the larger community (i.e., parents and residents from surrounding neighborhoods) will take place as time allows. Depending on the nature of the incident, the University could utilize such avenues as the University internet homepage or the media. The first concern of the University will be to disseminate information to those people directly affected by the emergency.

Emergency Response Testing

The University Department of Emergency Management, in conjunction with University Public Safety, conducts an exercise to test the emergency response and evacuation procedures of the Crookston campus at least once annually. These tests are designed to assess and evaluate the emergency plans and capabilities of the institution. Tests of the emergency procedures may be announced or unannounced.

The Department of Emergency Management is responsible for documenting and analyzing the effectiveness of each test. The Department of Emergency Management retains documentation of each test including a description of the test, the date and time of the test, and whether the test was announced or unannounced.

A campus wide emergency response test was conducted on August 15, 2023. During this test, members of the University's Department of Emergency Management and University Administrators with responsibility for emergency response participated in an exercise related to responding to a cyber security attack on campus.

Emergency and Evacuation Plans

The Department of Emergency Management coordinates the development of emergency plans.

There are three levels of emergency plans at the University of Minnesota:

Building Emergency Plans - Each building on campus has a Building Emergency Plan. The plan outlines evacuation procedures, assigns specific tasks to building personnel to facilitate building evacuation, designates areas of refuge for those who are unable to safely navigate stairways and assigns a building evacuation assembly point.

Continuity of Operations Plans - Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) outline the steps critical operating units must take to keep their department running in the event of an emergency. Departments that are deemed "critical operating units" must complete a Continuity of Operations Plan, per the University's Policy.

Emergency Operations Plan - The campus Emergency Operations Plan is the overall plan that guides University administrators in the event of an emergency. The University is required by the state Homeland Security and Emergency Management agency to have an Emergency Operations Plan.

The Department of Emergency Management tasks each area of the University to develop and maintain emergency procedures and guidelines for their buildings and employees. The following are general evacuation procedures, for building specific evacuation procedures, consult that building's Building Emergency Plan.

General Building Evacuation Procedure

At the sound of the emergency alarm, it is the responsibility of all building occupants to evacuate immediately and proceed to predetermined assembly points, away from the building.

Building occupants are also responsible for ensuring that their visitors, customers, and contractors in their department follow the evacuation procedure described herein and leave the building along with all other occupants.

Faculty and instructors are responsible for dismissing their classes and directing students to leave the building by the nearest building exit upon hearing the building alarm or being notified of an emergency.

Designated essential personnel needed to continue or shut down critical operations, while an evacuation is underway, are responsible for recognizing and/or determining when to abandon the operation and evacuate themselves.

Evacuation Instructions

Whenever you hear the building alarm or are informed of a building emergency:

- Do not panic.
- Do not ignore the alarm.
- Leave the building immediately, in an orderly fashion.
- Do not use elevators.
- Classes and meetings in session must be dismissed and students directed to leave.
- Follow quickest evacuation route from where you are (see posted floor evacuation diagram/map).
- Do not go back to your office area for any reason.
- Proceed to the designated emergency assembly point for your area. If the designated assembly point/area is unsafe or blocked due to the emergency, proceed to the alternate assembly point.
- Report to your Building/Work Area Rep at the assembly point to be checked off as having evacuated safely; also report any knowledge you may have of missing persons or those located in an Area of Refuge.
- Return to the building only after emergency officials or building coordinator give the all-clear signal. Silencing the Alarm does not mean the emergency is over.

Chemical Spill Lab Evacuation instructions

In the event of the release of hazardous chemical substances which threaten human health, and the immediate lab needs to evacuate, but other building occupants are safe, please follow the steps below:

- Notify other lab occupants in immediate area
- Everyone who can safely leave, should leave lab away from spill
- While exiting, close double doors leading into other labs
- A lab occupant leaving the lab should immediately call 911 (or head to area of refuge button (near freight elevator on each floor) if applicable)
- Notify operator of spill and location
- Operator can remotely activate fire alarm (for some buildings) and send emergency personnel
- Evacuate building according to general evacuation procedures

Building Emergency Instructions

In the event of a loss of power, water leak or flood, elevator failure or other building emergency:

- Call Facilities and Operations at 218-281-8483 to notify them of the emergency. Call 911 for emergencies with injuries.
- Notify staff that is located near the emergency so they may take appropriate precautions.
- Follow evacuation instructions, if evacuation is necessary.

Shelter Emergency Instructions

In the event of notification of severe weather, safely discontinue work and go to the nearest designated safe shelter location.

Active Threat Instructions: Run, Hide, Fight

The guidelines below should be considered during this type of emergency, but your specific situation may require deviation from these suggestions.

Run

- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Keep your hands visible.
- Run to a place of refuge, well beyond the norm.

Hide

- If running is not possible, hide.
- Lock and barricade doors; shut off lights.
- Remain silent, yet vigilant.
- Avoid huddling together.

Fight

- Fighting is a last resort, use only when your life is in imminent danger.
- Use improvised weapons, i.e. chair, fire extinguisher.
- Attempt to incapacitate the active threat.
- There is strength in numbers; work together against the active threat.

Call 9-1-1

- Call ONLY if safe and with information about the active threat.
- Clarify you are on the University of Minnesota campus and where you are.
- Give the location of the active threat(s).
- Provide physical description of active threat(s).
- Describe type of weapons held by the active threat(s).
- Notify the dispatcher of victims and their location.

How to React When Law Enforcement Arrives:

- Remain calm; follow officers’ instructions.
- Keep your hands up and out in front of you, assuring your hands are empty.
- Keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid making quick movements towards officers such as attempting to hold on to them for safety.
- Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling.
- Move quickly towards the nearest exit or where directed to by police.
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or directions when evacuating.

Once in a Safe Place

Once you are in a safe place, DO NOT LEAVE. Emergency responders need to account for everyone. As the event unfolds and is better understood, law enforcement will provide additional instructions as to where you should be or when you will be able to leave. Please be patient. Your safety is our most important concern.

Crime Statistics

Criminal Offenses

2023 Crookston	On campus (Total)	On campus (Residential only)	Non-campus	Public
Murder & Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	1	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0

2022 Crookston	On campus (Total)	On campus (Residential only)	Non-campus	Public
Murder & Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	0

2021 Crookston	On campus (Total)	On campus (Residential only)	Non-campus	Public
Murder & Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	1	1	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Burglary	1	1	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0

Bias Crimes

2023

There were no reported Hate Crimes occurring on UMC Clery Geography.

2022

There were no reported Hate Crimes occurring on UMC Clery Geography.

2021

There were no reported Hate Crimes occurring on UMC Clery Geography.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Offenses

2023 Crookston	On campus (Total)	On campus (Residential only)	Non-campus	Public
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0

2022 Crookston	On campus (Total)	On campus (Residential only)	Non-campus	Public
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	1	0	0	0
Stalking	1	0	0	0

2021 Crookston	On campus (Total)	On campus (Residential only)	Non-campus	Public
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0
Stalking	1	1	0	0

Arrests and Referrals for Disciplinary Action

2023 Crookston	On campus (Total)	On campus (Residential only)	Non-campus	Public
Liquor law violations				
Arrest	0	0	0	0
Referral	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations*				
Arrest	1	1	0	0
Referral	0	0	0	0
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.				
Arrest	0	0	0	0
Referral	0	0	0	0

*Minnesota legalized recreational cannabis for adults 21 and older on August 1, 2023

2022 Crookston	On campus (Total)	On campus (Residential only)	Non-campus	Public
Liquor law violations				
Arrest	0	0	0	0
Referral	2	2	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations				
Arrest	0	0	0	0
Referral	3	3	0	0
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.				
Arrest	0	0	0	0
Referral	0	0	0	0

2021 Crookston	On campus (Total)	On campus (Residential only)	Non-campus	Public
Liquor law violations				
Arrest	0	0	0	0
Referral	2	2	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations				
Arrest	0	0	1	0
Referral	0	0	0	0
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.				
Arrest	0	0	0	0
Referral	0	0	0	0

Unfounded Crimes

A reported crime is only considered unfounded if sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel, investigate the reported crime and make a formal determination that the report is false or baseless.

2023

No unfounded crimes

2022

No unfounded crimes

2021

No unfounded crimes

Security of and access to campus facilities

Access to Campus Facilities

There are three distinct levels of access to buildings, public hours, university hours and restricted hours. Building hours vary according to building use.

Public Hours

During Public Hours, buildings will remain open to everyone in the University community and to the general public. Public Hours will generally coincide with the standard business day of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For classroom buildings, Public Hours will generally be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to accommodate evening classes. Libraries, museums, galleries, and the like will have public hours that match their business hours.

University Hours

University Hours are the hours just before and just after Public Hours in the morning and the evenings. As an example, University Hours in a classroom building would typically be 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. During University Hours, a U Card will be required to enter the building.

Restricted Hours

During Restricted Hours, buildings are closed to the general public and to the general University community. Only people who have been previously granted permission to enter the building are allowed to do so. Typically, the people granted access during Restricted Hours are the people who would logically have permission to enter a building when it is locked, for example, faculty who teach or staff who work in a specific building. Again using a classroom building as an example, the Restricted Hours would be between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Security of Campus Facilities

The University controls and monitors access to its space by using traditional key systems, electronic card reader systems, and intrusion alarm systems. Exterior doors of newer University buildings are equipped with electronic card access control systems. Many older buildings are being retrofitted with such systems.

Campuses, departments and units are required to manage all keys and access control devices held by their employees. Each campus, department or unit has a Department Facilities Representative to enforce this policy at the local level.

Individuals are prohibited from unauthorized possession, use, duplication and changes to keys or access control devices. Individuals are also prohibited from bracing open doors equipped with access control devices. Violators of this policy will be subject to disciplinary actions for the University or criminal charges where appropriate.

Students, faculty and staff are required to carry their University issued UCard when in University buildings outside of public hours. The UCard must be presented upon request by law enforcement or security personnel, or by a University employee acting within the purview of their job responsibilities. Anyone in a University building that is unable to present their UCard outside of public hours may be asked to leave. Additional restrictions may apply to areas deemed to have a higher security standard.

Access & Security in Student Housing Facilities

The University of Minnesota Crookston has two traditional halls, two apartment facilities and one suite-style living facility.

During the academic year Skyberg, Evergreen and Heritage lobby doors are open from 8am-8pm Monday-Friday. Lobby doors in these buildings are locked on the weekend beginning at 8pm Friday through 8am Monday. Centennial Hall (Main office of Residential Life) lobby doors are open 8am-11:30pm, Monday-Friday and are open 2pm-11:30pm on Saturday and 2pm-10pm on Sunday.

All residence halls are fob/card access. Guests and visitors may access residence hall living areas only when escorted by a resident of that hall.

The information desk in Centennial Hall is staffed 8 a.m. - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday by office assistants during the academic year. In addition, there are security cameras in the lobbies and residential access points as well in other remote areas of the buildings.

During the academic year, each hall has a community advisor on duty each night. Security guards are on site and do rounds of the building between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Security guards, and on-duty community advisors work together to ensure that safety and security needs are met during the evening and night hours.

Security Considerations used in the maintenance of campus facilities

Public Safety routinely inspects exterior lighting, campus telephones, and building security hardware including doors, locking mechanisms, and electronic security device to ensure they are functioning properly. Anyone who is aware of a building or facility issue should contact facilities & operations immediately to ensure that the issue is addressed promptly.

To report a building or facility issue contact:

Facilities & Operations

2 Kiser Building

218-281-8483

Crime Prevention and Safety Programming

The following units offer annual programming to inform the campus community about campus security procedures and practices, to encourage the campus community to be responsible for their own security and the security of others, and to inform students and employees about methods of crime prevention.

University Public Safety

University Public Safety will periodically send out informational emails in order to remind members of the campus community of valuable crime prevention tips.

Residential Life

Each fall, during the first floor meeting, students residing in University housing will discuss safety and security related policies and procedures as well as discuss crime prevention techniques which are geared toward the needs of students living on campus.

University Policy on Drugs and Alcohol

The University is committed to providing a healthy learning and working environment for all students and employees and strives to meet this commitment through prevention and awareness programs. Alcohol abuse and illegal drug use endangers the health and safety of all students and employees.

Students, faculty, and staff are prohibited from engaging in:

- the illegal possession, use, or distribution of alcohol, drugs, and drug paraphernalia on all University premises, in University-supplied vehicles, and as part of University activities and business; and
- the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance on all University premises, in University-supplied vehicles, and as part of University activities and business.

University students, employees, and others who conduct research and teaching activities with controlled substances must comply with Administrative Policy: Using Controlled Substances for Research in order to ensure that they follow all applicable regulations and safely handle and prevent diversion of controlled substances.

University community members are expected to refer suspected illegal situations to University police or local law enforcement agencies for criminal investigation leading to possible prosecution.

On the Twin Cities campus, the University of Minnesota Police Department is responsible for enforcing state laws related to underage drinking and state and federal law regulating the possession, use and sale of illegal drugs.

For more information on the University of Minnesota Drug Free University policy visit:

<https://policy.umn.edu/operations/drugfree>

Health Risks

To make informed choices about drug and alcohol use, students and employees should educate themselves about the serious health consequences of the use, misuse, and abuse of alcohol and other drugs as described in the Drug and Alcohol Health Risks Chart below.

Alcohol

Alcohol is a depressant that slows down a person's central nervous system, including breathing and heart rates. Short-term risks of alcohol use include: impaired judgment, poor motor coordination, emotional instability, and increased aggression. Long-term risks include: irreversible damage to brain, liver, pancreas, kidneys; memory problems and nutritional deficiencies; and high risk of fetal damage if used during pregnancy.

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention alcohol fact sheets](#)

Marijuana

Marijuana is drug that can cause changes in the way people think and feel. Marijuana use can make it harder for students and employees to function in school and work-related activities. It slows reflexes and impairs visual perceptions.

[National Institute on Drug Abuse marijuana information](#)

Cocaine

Cocaine is an illegal drug that is a strong central nervous system stimulant. It is a powerfully addictive drug.

[National Institute on Drug Abuse health effects of commonly abused drugs](#)

Club Drugs

Club drugs, such as MDMA (Ecstasy), Rohypnol, GHB, and Ketamine sometimes are used in a nightclub, bar, or rave drug scene. They have varying effects and can cause changes to critical parts of the brain.

[National Institute on Drug Abuse club drugs information](#)

Legal Sanctions

Students and employees also should be aware that they may be subject to criminal prosecution under federal, state, and local laws that specify fines or imprisonment or loss of federal financial student aid for conviction of alcohol and drug-related offenses as described in the Drug and Alcohol Legal Sanctions Chart below. These legal sanctions are in addition to disciplinary sanctions by the University.

Students—Disciplinary Sanctions

Students who violate the prohibitions of the Drug Free policy are subject to progressive disciplinary procedures as described in the Student Conduct Code: warning; probation; required compliance; confiscation of goods; restitution; restriction of privileges; University housing suspension or expulsion; suspension or expulsion; withholding of diploma or degree; and revocation of admission or degree.

Employees—Disciplinary Sanctions

Employees who violate the prohibitions of the Drug Free policy are subject to discipline ranging from an oral warning, written warning, or unpaid suspension up to termination consistent with policies, rules, and contracts governing the terms and conditions of their employment. Supervisors also may require an employee to provide documentation of satisfactory participation in an alcohol or drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

Employees who are convicted of any criminal drug statute violation in the workplace must report it to a supervisor within five days of the conviction. Supervisors, department heads, and principal investigators who are aware of any drug crime convictions of individuals (students or employees) who work on sponsored projects for violations that occurred in the workplace must report them to the Office of the Associate Vice President for Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA) within three calendar days of their notice of the conviction.

Medical Amnesty

Medical Amnesty to ensure that minors at medical risk as a result of alcohol intoxication receive prompt and appropriate medical attention, Minnesota law provides immunity from prosecution for minors under certain circumstances. Refer to Minnesota Statutes 340A.503 subd. 8 for further details.

The University of Minnesota maintains the discretion to refer these individual(s) for appropriate educational intervention(s).

Relevant Laws and Related Civil and Criminal Sanctions

In addition to disciplinary sanctions by the University, students and employees who violate the administrative policy: Drug Free University may be subject to criminal prosecution under federal, state, and local laws that specify imprisonment, fines, and loss of federal benefits for conviction of alcohol and drug-related offenses. To ensure students and employees are aware of these legal sanctions, this appendix briefly describes some relevant laws with sanctions and provides links to more information.

Federal Laws and Sanctions

Controlled substance convictions under federal laws carry penalties ranging from up to one year imprisonment and a minimum fine of \$1,000 for simple possession to up to life imprisonment and a minimum fine of \$2,000,000 for an individual engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise. Federal controlled substance convictions also can lead to forfeiture of both real and personal property; the denial of federal benefits, such as grants and student loans; and the denial of federally-provided or supported professional and commercial licensures. The seriousness of the offense and the penalty imposed generally depends on the type and amount of the drugs involved.

[Controlled Substances Act](#)

[Federal trafficking penalties](#)

Minnesota Laws and Sanctions

Controlled substance convictions under Minnesota laws carry penalties including a prison sentence for not more than 30 years and a maximum fine of \$1,000,000 for sales and possession crimes. Subsequent controlled substance convictions result in commitment to the commissioner of corrections for four to 40 years and a maximum fine of \$1,000,000.

[Minnesota controlled substances laws and sanctions](#)

The misuse of alcohol also can result in criminal penalties under Minnesota laws. Anyone under 21 years of age is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a minimum fine of \$100 if convicted of purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol or misrepresentation of age in order to purchase alcohol. Anyone who provides alcohol to individuals under 21 years of age also is subject to criminal sanctions.

[Minnesota law – underage alcohol offenses](#)

[Minnesota law – violations and penalties related to liquor laws](#)

In addition, Minnesota state law imposes stiff penalties on individuals who are convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or a hazardous substance. For example, a felony conviction of first-degree driving while impaired carries penalties of imprisonment for not more than seven years and a minimum fine of \$14,000. Administrative penalties for driving under the influence convictions include driver's license suspension, revocation, cancellation, denial, or disqualification.

[Minnesota law – driving while impaired, including underage drinking and driving](#)

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education Programs

The University demonstrates its commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy campus environment by offering a variety of drug and alcohol abuse prevention and education services for students and employees, including confidential diagnosis and assessment, short-term counseling, referral, and access to community support groups.

UMCs Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) Program is an educational program tasked with educating students about the potential negative consequences of drug and alcohol use and/or abuse. The ATOD Program offers counseling, peer support groups, and other resources.

For more information, go to <https://www.crk.umn.edu/units/alcohol-tobacco-and-other-drugs>

AlcoholEDU

All incoming first-year undergraduate students and transfer undergraduate students under age 21 must complete AlcoholEdu, an online, interactive, evidence-based prevention course. This course covers the effects of alcohol, cannabis, and e-cigarettes with emphasis on the substance's effects on decision-making and bystander intervention.

This course covers the following topics:

- Standard Drink Definition
- Risk Factors and Choices
- How Choices Affect Goals
- Factors that Influence Drinking Decisions
- BAC Basics
- Sexual Assault and Understanding Consent
- Creating an Action Plan
- Laws & Policies
- How to Take Care of Yourself and Others

Alcohol Awareness

Alcohol Awareness by Everfi an evidence-based, personalized, online prevention resource offered to all students. The campus Conduct Office utilizes this resource in conjunction with minor first offense alcohol violations.

Learn to Live

All UMN students have access to Learn to Live, a website that offers cognitive behavioral therapy modules for mental health and well-being. Learn to Live offers live and on-demand webinars including a recurring and recorded webinar "When Substance Use Becomes a Concern."

University of Minnesota Resources

Counseling Services

Counseling Services provides free personal, crisis, and developmental counseling services to students. All new clients are screened for substance use using the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT) and the Counseling Center Assessment of Psychological Symptoms (CCAPS) which includes 4 or 6 questions on substance use (depending on which version is administered).

Counseling Services maintains strong campus-community partnerships with Alluma and Riverview Recovery Center for referral and outreach needs.

Health Services

Health Services is staffed by a Registered Nurse during business hours. Students are able to see health care providers (nurse practitioners) at no cost on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Students coming in for healthcare appointments are screened for alcohol and tobacco use as a standard part of establishing care.

Care Team

Faculty and staff can refer students to the Care Team for multidisciplinary case staffing and referral planning for students needing additional support

Employee Assistance Program

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides free professional consultation and referral services for University employees and faculty who are experiencing work or personal-related difficulties. Spouses, partners, and immediate family members are also eligible for EAP services.

Confidential consultation:

- Work productivity
- Interpersonal relationships
- Work relationships
- Family
- Supervisory challenges
- Loss and bereavement
- Conflict resolution
- Alcohol/substance abuse
- Mental health

For more information, go to <https://humanresources.umn.edu/benefits/employee-assistance>

Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

The University of Minnesota prohibits the crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, as those crimes are defined by the Clery Act. The University of Minnesota issues this statement of policy to inform the community of its comprehensive plan to address the crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. This section includes information on University of Minnesota primary and on-going prevention and awareness programs, important information for victim/survivors of these crimes and the relevant procedures pertaining to the University's response to reports of these crimes.

No one acting on behalf of the University may retaliate against an individual for having made a report in good faith under this policy or having participated in an investigation of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Retaliation against any individual for reporting under this policy is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action. Reports of retaliation will be reviewed and investigated in the same manner in which other allegations of misconduct are handled.

Definitions

VAWA Crime Definitions

For the purpose of classifying incidents for inclusion in the Annual Statistical Disclosure, the following definitions are used.

Dating Violence

The term “dating violence” means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and; the existence of such a relationship shall be based on the reporting party’s statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

For the purposes of this definition—

Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

Any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

Domestic Violence

The term “domestic violence” means

Felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed—

- By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim; By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- By a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; (iv) By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; or
- By any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

Sexual Assault

Sexual assault means an offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting system. A sex offense is generally defined as sexual contact directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Rape

the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

Fondling

the touching of the private parts of another person for the purposes of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of their age or because of their temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Incest

nonforcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Statutory Rape

nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Stalking

Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—
fear for the person’s safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.

For the purposes of this definition—

- “Course of conduct” means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts in which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person or interferes with a person’s property.
- “Substantial emotional distress” means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.
- “Reasonable persons” means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.

Minnesota State law definitions of VAWA Crimes and Terms

The following definitions are for the purpose of educating readers regarding jurisdictional crime definitions. Legal citations are given to enable the reader to access information on where the applicable definitions can be referenced under Minnesota law. Some terms are not explicitly defined under Minnesota law; in these instances information is given to help readers situate VAWA terms in Minnesota State law.

Consent

MN 609.341 Subd. 4.

“Consent” means words or overt actions by a person indicating a freely given present agreement to perform a particular sexual act with the actor. Consent does not mean the existence of a prior or current social relationship between the actor and the complainant or that the complainant failed to resist a particular sexual act.

A person who is mentally incapacitated or physically helpless as defined by this section cannot consent to a sexual act.

Corroboration of the victim’s testimony is not required to show lack of consent.

Dating Violence

Minnesota law does not define dating violence.

Domestic Violence

MN 518B.01 Subd. 2

“Domestic abuse” means the following, if committed against a family or household member by a family or household member:

- physical harm, bodily injury, or assault;
- the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or assault; or
- terroristic threats, within the meaning of section 609.713, subdivision 1; criminal sexual conduct, within the meaning of section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, or 609.3451; or interference with an emergency call within the meaning of section 609.78, subdivision 2.

“Family or household members” means:

- spouses and former spouses;
- parents and children;
- persons related by blood;
- persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past;
- persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time;
- a man and woman if the woman is pregnant and the man is alleged to be the father, regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time; and
- persons involved in a significant romantic or sexual relationship.

Additional Information

Minnesota State Statute 609.2242 DOMESTIC ASSAULT: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=609.2242>

Minnesota State Statute 518B.01 DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=518b.01>

Sexual Assault

The term sexual assault is not defined by Minnesota Law. The comparable crimes of rape, fondling, statutory rape, and incest are generally coded as criminal sexual conduct in the state of Minnesota.

“Minnesota law classifies the crime of criminal sexual conduct into five categories: first- through fifth-degree criminal sexual conduct, with first-degree carrying the most severe penalties and fifth-degree the least. Minn. Stat. §§ 609.342 to 609.3451.”

“Generally speaking, the first-degree and third-degree crimes apply to sexual conduct involving sexual penetration of the victim; the second-, fourth-, and fifth-degree crimes apply to sexual conduct involving sexual contact with the victim without sexual penetration.”

“Criminal sexual conduct in the first and second degree typically apply to conduct involving personal injury to the victim; the use or threatened use of force, violence, or a dangerous weapon; or victims who are extremely young.”

“Criminal sexual conduct in the third, fourth, and fifth degree typically address less aggravated conduct and apply to other situations in which the victim either did not consent to the sexual conduct, was relatively young, or was incapable of voluntarily consenting to the sexual conduct due to a particular vulnerability or due to the special relationship between the offender and the victim.”

The above information is from the following source: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/ss/ssovrcsc.pdf>

Stalking

MN 609.749 Subd. 1

“stalking” means to engage in conduct which the actor knows or has reason to know would cause the victim under the circumstances to feel frightened, threatened, oppressed, persecuted, or intimidated, and causes this reaction on the part of the victim regardless of the relationship between the actor and victim.

Affirmative Consent as defined by University of Minnesota Policy

Board of Regents Policy: *Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Relationship Violence* defines Affirmative consent as freely and affirmatively communicated words or actions given by an informed individual that a sober reasonable person under the circumstances would believe communicate a willingness to participate in the sexual contact.

The following factors will be considered when determining whether affirmative consent was given.

- Each individual who wishes to engage in sexual contact is responsible for obtaining consent from the other individual or individuals who intend to be involved in the sexual contact.
- A lack of protest, the absence of resistance, and silence do not by themselves indicate consent.
- The existence of a present or past sexual, dating, or other romantic relationship between the individuals involved does not by itself imply consent to sexual contact.
- Consent must be present throughout the sexual contact and may be given and withdrawn at any time.
- When consent is withdrawn, all sexual contact must stop. Where there is confusion about the state of consent, sexual contact must stop until the individuals have verified the affirmative consent of all individuals involved.
- Consent to one form of sexual contact does not by itself constitute consent to another form of sexual contact.

Consent is not obtained where:

- An individual is compelled to engage in unwanted sexual contact through the use of coercion. Coercion may consist of physical force, intimidation, threats, or severe or persistent pressure that would reasonably cause an individual to fear significant consequences if they refuse to engage in sexual contact.
- An individual involved in sexual contact is incapacitated due to the influence of drugs or alcohol, and a reasonable person would know of this incapacitation. Incapacitation due to the influence of drugs or alcohol is a state beyond mere intoxication or impaired judgment. Some indicators of incapacitation due to the influence of drugs or alcohol may include:
 - A lack of control over one's physical movement (for example, an inability to walk or stand without stumbling or assistance).
 - An inability to effectively communicate (for example, where one's speech is heavily slurred, incomprehensible, or nonsensical).
 - A lack of awareness of one's circumstances or surroundings (for example, a lack of awareness of where one is, how one got there, who one is with, and how or why one became engaged in sexual contact).
- An individual involved in sexual contact is unable to communicate or understand the nature or extent of the sexual situation because of a physical or mental condition.
- An individual involved in sexual contact is asleep, unconscious or involuntarily physically restrained.
- Sexual intercourse occurs with an individual who is not of legal age to give consent pursuant to Minnesota state law.
- Sexual intercourse occurs between parties who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by Minnesota state law.

Education and Prevention Programs

All incoming students and all employees are required to complete an educational module on issues related to sexual misconduct and to attend an orientation session that discusses issues surrounding dating and sex on a college campus and builds bystander skills.

The University also engages in additional comprehensive, intentional, and integrated programming, initiatives, strategies, and campaigns intended to end dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking such as the annual Bystander Training, the Sexual Health and Guidance Day event held every spring, as well as lessons included in UMC 1200 curriculum, a mandatory course for all first-year students.

Primary Prevention and Awareness Programming

The University utilizes online educational primary prevention and awareness programs for all employees and incoming students. Incoming students must complete the Haven or HavenPlus module. Employees must complete a training developed by EverFi for the University of Minnesota titled “Preventing and Responding to Sexual Misconduct.” Each of these trainings were developed to be compliant with the requirements of the Clery Act and to educate individuals about the following topics:

- Identify domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking as prohibited conduct;
- Use definitions provided both by the Department of Education as well as state law to define what behavior constitutes dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- Defines what behavior and actions constitute consent to sexual activity in the State of Minnesota and/or using the definition of consent found in the Student Code of Conduct if state law does not define consent
- Provides a description of safe and positive options for bystander intervention. Bystander intervention means safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual or individuals to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- Bystander intervention includes recognizing situations of potential harm, understanding institutional structures and cultural conditions that facilitate violence, overcoming barriers to intervening, identifying safe and effective intervention options, and taking action to intervene
- Information on risk reduction. Risk reduction means options designed to decrease perpetration and bystander inaction and to increase empowerment for victim/survivors in order to promote safety and to help individuals and communities address conditions that facilitate violence.

More information on Haven can be found at <http://www.everfi.com/haven>.

In addition to the online educational module, students attend an orientation session that examines issues surrounding like mutual consent, safe words, bystander intervention, characteristics of healthy relationships, difficult breakups, true friendships, sexual orientation, and more. The goal of this program is to encourage mindfulness, inclusivity, a culture of consent, and mature decision-making in an exciting, humorous, and challenging way.

Ongoing Prevention & Awareness Education

The Office for Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EOAA)

EOAA delivers three workshops that include training and information on Sexual Misconduct:

- Sexual Harassment: Awareness, Prevention and Response,
- Responding to Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault and the
- EOAA Supervisor’s Toolkit.
- Speak Up: Understanding and Preventing Sexual Violence

Student Affairs Bystander Intervention Programming and Marketing Campaign

University of Minnesota Crookston regularly provides bystander intervention training focused on educating the campus community of safe and positive options of bystander intervention through student affairs programs. To support the culture of empowering bystanders to take action, UMC has initiated a poster campaign promoting the ideals of bystander intervention.

Annually, Student Affairs partners with various community services to host the “Clothesline project.” The Clothesline Project is a national art project started by women in Massachusetts as a memorial to the victims and survivors of domestic violence. The project involves designing shirts to remember the women and children murdered as a result of domestic violence and child abuse. The shirts then are hung on a clothesline and displayed in a public location. The purpose is to create a visual memorial to the casualties and survivors of the war against women

Counseling Services

Counseling Services provides outreach and guest speaking in UMC 1200: Introduction to University Life courses. During these sessions students are informed of available services on campus and in the community for survivors.

Safe and Positive Options for Bystander Intervention

“Bystander intervention” means safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual or individuals to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Bystander intervention includes:

- recognizing situations of potential harm
- understanding institutional structures and cultural conditions that facilitate violence
- overcoming barriers to intervening
- identifying safe and effective intervention options
- taking action to intervene

Active bystanders recognize emergency situations and non- emergency situations and have the skills to intervene directly or indirectly.

How Can I Prevent Violence?

Be a good bystander. If you recognize an emergency or non-emergency situation happening, use the “3 Ds” to determine how to act.

Direct

- If you feel safe, confront the situation directly
- Be calm, confident and respectful- the main goal is to stop the behavior
- Ask if the involved parties are okay, seek to help

Distract

- Diffuse the situation- interject humor
- Change the subject- ask the parties involved about a class assignment or current event
- Interrupt the flow of the behavior- spill a drink, create noise, any action which will interrupt the negative behavior

Delegate

- Ask others for help when you don't feel safe or comfortable approaching the situation alone
- There is strength in numbers, enlist the help of friends
- Call 911

Risk Reduction

The following represent simple steps to reduce risk for becoming a victim of crime

Walking

- Keep your eyes up and ears open, be alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Walk with purpose and confidence.
- Walk with others.
- Walk well-illuminated and heavily traveled routes populated by others.
- Keep valuables and money out of public view- carry money or wallets in an inside or front pocket. Wear purses or bags across the body instead of over one shoulder, turn any flaps, zippers, or pockets toward your body.
- Cross the street if you see anything on your side that makes you nervous.
- Call 911 if you witness a crime in progress or if you observe suspicious activity that makes you feel unsafe.

Driving

- Keep car doors locked and windows rolled up most of the way.
- Reduce distractions, be alert and aware of your surroundings including other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.
- If someone tries to break into your car while you are in it, honk the horn in repeated short blasts.
- If you are being followed, do not go home. Call 911 and drive to the nearest safe place with people visibly present.
- Do not pick up hitchhikers or interact with panhandlers on the street.
- Park your car in well-lighted parking areas and lock all doors. Store valuables in a locked trunk or make sure they are hidden from plain view.

At Home

- Make sure your doors have dead bolts, security chains, and peepholes.
- Change old locks when you move into a new residence.
- Lock your doors and windows anytime you leave, even if it is just for a few minutes.
- If you will be away, use variable light timers to make it appear as though someone is home.
- Do not hide spare keys outside.
- Never prop exterior doors to apartment buildings, if you see doors propped remove the prop and contact building management.
- Do not allow others to tailgate into your secure building, do not assume they are residents.
- If you believe someone has broken into your home, do not go inside, call 911.

When you go out

- Plan ahead! Know where you are going, who you are going with, where you will be staying the night and how you will be getting there safely.
- Communicate the plan with your friend group.
- If you are uncomfortable with the plan, speak up.
- Stay with your planned friend group and do not deviate from the plan without first communicating with your friend group.
- Drink only from pre-packaged containers or drinks you make yourself, so you know the alcohol content.
- Do not leave your drink unattended, do not accept drinks that you did not prepare yourself or that you saw being prepared.
- Stick with your plan, look out for your friends and have them look out for you.
- Get involved if you believe that someone is at risk. If you see someone in trouble or someone pressuring another person, don't be afraid to intervene - or get help to do so.

Most sexual assaults involving college-aged people occur between people who know each other, and many assaults occur while one or both people involved are under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Here are some tips to help keep you and your friends safe:

Reduce the Risk of Sexual Assault

- Physical force is sometimes used to commit an assault, however, in college sexual assaults each of the following tactics are more commonly employed. Manipulation (encouraging someone to drink more to lower their inhibitions), Coercion (trying to talk someone into an activity they are reluctant to participate in), Threats (saying you will tell others something about the person)
- Take time to hear what the other person has to say. If you feel they are not being direct or are giving you a “mixed message” ask for clarification.
- Obtain clear consent for each activity. Consent for one activity does not imply consent for all.
- If someone seems uncomfortable, is not engaged, or is not reciprocating, stop and check in with them.
- Communicate with your partner directly. It is okay to say yes to some activities and no to others. You are the only one who knows your intentions, preferences and limits.

Advocacy Support, Safety, Medical Assistance & Evidence Preservation

Advocacy

Polk County Coordinated Victim Services works in partnership with several organizations offering 24-hour victim advocacy, safe shelter and safety planning services. Visit <https://www.co.polk.mn.us/494/Crime-Victim-Resources> to learn more about available resources.

Safety

To ensure your safety, call 911. Even if you do not want to file a report, police will arrive on scene, ensure your safety and provide you with additional resources and can transport you to the hospital to seek medical attention, if requested. Officers can complete a police report if you would like.

Medical Assistance

After an incident of sexual assault and/or domestic violence, the victim/survivor should consider seeking medical attention as soon as possible. Health care providers can treat injuries and take steps to address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted disease, even if victim/survivors do not opt for forensic evidence collection. Victim/survivors are encouraged to seek medical assistance at a medical facility of their choice.

In Crookston victim/survivors can be treated at:

RiverView Health Emergency Room

323 S Minnesota Street
Crookston, MN 56719

Medical Forensic Exam

Victim/survivors of sexual assault whose assault occurred within the last 7 days are eligible for a medical-forensic exam. To obtain an exam, visit any hospital emergency department and tell them that you have been sexually assaulted. You do not need to report the assault to law enforcement in order to receive an exam. You have the right to a victim advocate during your exam. The hospital will contact them on your behalf once you reach the hospital, but you may also contact them. The medical-forensic exam ensures that a specially trained nurse who is sensitive to the victim/survivor's needs will treat the victim/survivor. It also ensures the proper collection of forensic evidence and protects the chain of custody of that evidence if the victim/survivor chooses to report to law enforcement. The medical-forensic examinations are paid for by the county per Minnesota Statute 609.35.

Victim/survivors are not obligated to file a police report or pursue action through the criminal justice system. That is the choice of the victim/survivor. If a victim/survivors chooses not to report to law enforcement, their kit will be restricted and not tested by the BCA lab. They can choose to un-restrict it if they choose to report later on. Kits are held for at least 2.5 years in Minnesota. If a victim/survivor chooses to report to law enforcement, their kit will be un-restricted, sent to the BCA lab for processing, and utilized in the criminal investigation to help determine a charging decision. Kit testing typically takes several months.

Evidence Preservation

Trained investigators may look for evidence at locations that are relevant to the case, such as the scene where the assault took place. In order to preserve evidence it is important to not wash or clean the bed/linens/area and clothing worn when the sexual assault occurred.

DNA evidence can be collected from blood, saliva, sweat, urine, skin tissue, and semen. That's why it's important to try to avoid bathing, cleaning your fingernails, or urinating until after a sexual assault forensic exam has been performed.

Victim/survivors of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking are encouraged to preserve evidence by saving text messages, instant messages, social networking pages, other communications, and keeping pictures, logs, or other copies of documents. These documents can be helpful in proving the alleged crime and are helpful in obtaining court orders for protection.

As time passes, evidence may dissipate or become lost or unavailable, thereby making investigation, possible prosecution, disciplinary proceedings, or obtaining protection from abuse orders related to the incident more difficult. If a victim/survivor chooses not to make a complaint regarding an incident, they nevertheless should consider speaking with law enforcement to preserve evidence in the event that the victim changes her/his mind at a later date.

Reporting Options

Victim/survivors of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking are encouraged to report the incident promptly to local law enforcement or Title IX office. While all non-confidential University employees are required by University policy to forward reports of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking of which they are made aware to the campus Title IX office; victim/survivors are encouraged to report directly to the Title IX office. The campus Title IX office is the best location on campus for victim/survivors to directly report crime information and obtain appropriate resources and support.

Victims have the right to:

- **Notify proper law enforcement authorities; including on- campus and local police**
- **Be assisted by campus authorities in notifying law enforcement, if the victim chooses**
- **Decline making a report to law enforcement**

Police

Victim/survivors of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking are encouraged to file a report with the Crookston Police Department

Crookston Police Department

321 W Robert St

218-281-3111

Although the University strongly encourages all members of its community to report violations of this policy to law enforcement it is the victim/survivor's choice whether or not to make such a report to law enforcement, and victims have the right to decline involvement with the police.

If a victim/survivor chooses not to make a complaint regarding an incident, they nevertheless should consider speaking with law enforcement to preserve evidence in the event that the victim changes her/his mind at a later date. As time passes, evidence may dissipate or become lost or unavailable, thereby making investigation, possible prosecution, disciplinary proceedings, or obtaining protection from abuse orders related to the incident more difficult. Timely reporting and a medical examination within 168 hours (7 days) is critical in preserving evidence of sexual assault and enhances the effectiveness of an investigation. While timely reporting aids the University of Minnesota in responding to crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking an individual can report an incident at any time.

University Public Safety

University Public Safety will assist any victim/survivor with notifying local police where appropriate upon the request of the victim/survivor.

University Public Safety

1516 Evergreen Hall

Office: 218-281-8815
Duty phone: 218-280-4240

Title IX Coordinator

Victim/survivors of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are interested in pursuing action through the University should report the incident promptly to the Title IX coordinator.

Title IX Coordinator

7 Hill Hall

218-281-8424
jtangqui@crk.umn.edu

Making a report to this office will allow the complainant the opportunity to receive resources, the option to request supportive measures, and the opportunity to learn more about the option of initiating a University and/or police investigation.

UReport (Anonymous reporting)

Reporting incidents of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking can be difficult. You can make an anonymous report through UReport, a resource that was established by the University of Minnesota for reporting such matters in a way that is protective of your concerns and identity.

When utilizing UReport, you are not required to provide your name or other information that might identify you. However, if you choose to remain anonymous, the University will be limited in the scope of its investigation and response. The reporting website will not track the identity of the computer you use.

If you do provide your name, or if your identity becomes known during an investigation, the University might become obligated to use your identity in the process of investigating any alleged misconduct. However, the University forbids retaliation against people who make good faith reports of violations of law or University policy. Therefore, if you experience retaliation or other negative consequences as the result of providing information through UReport or having your identity revealed in the process, you should report it. Information you provide will be used to help determine whether there has been a violation of law or policy.

Information may be shared with persons within the University if they have a need to know. Other persons, organizations, or agencies may obtain access to this information if they have statutory or judicial authority to do so.

For more information or to make a report, go to: <https://compliance.umn.edu/report>

Do not use the UReport site to report immediate threat to life or property. Reports submitted through this service may not receive an immediate response. If you require emergency assistance, please call 911.

Public Reporting and Disclosures and Personally Identifying Information

Crimes reported to Campus Security Authorities at the University of Minnesota are recorded on a publicly available crime log and if applicable are included in the campus annual statistical disclosure. If it is determined that the alleged incident presents a serious and/or continued threat to the campus community, a SAFE-U Notification may be distributed according to policy. However, information included in these public disclosures will not include any personally identifiable information of the survivor or witnesses, unless it is relevant to the case (particularly for bias motivated crimes).

Supportive Measures and Accommodations

The University will provide supportive measures designed to restore or preserve equal access to the University's programs and activities, protect the safety of all parties or the educational environment, and/or deter prohibited conduct. Supportive measures are non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services provided to a party that do not unreasonably burden another party. They are offered to individuals as appropriate and reasonably available. Supportive measures may include the following:

- counseling and support services;
- academic or course-related adjustments, such as extensions of deadlines;
- modifications of work or class schedules;
- campus escort services;
- restrictions on contact between the parties;
- changes in work or housing locations;
- leaves of absence;
- increased security and monitoring of certain areas of campus; and
- assistance in making a report to law enforcement or obtaining a protective order.

Supportive measures may be implemented because an individual has requested them, the campus Title IX office has recommended them, or a local unit or department has identified a need for them. Supportive measures are available regardless of whether a complainant files a formal complaint with the campus Title IX office or pursues any related process.

Complainants and respondents may seek these supportive measures by contacting the campus Title IX office, which is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures. Campus or local victim-survivor advocacy offices may also be able to assist complainants in requesting supportive measures. Alternatively, complainants and respondents may seek supportive measures directly from the departments or individuals with the ability to provide the requested supportive measures, such as the campus housing and residential life office or the appropriate faculty member, supervisor or human resources representative.

The departments or individuals with the ability to provide the requested supportive measures will determine which supportive measures to take depending on the circumstances of each case and can seek assistance from the campus Title IX office.

The University will maintain the confidentiality of any supportive measures to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the accommodations or protective measures.

The campus Title IX office staff are also available to meet with University members to address questions or concerns about the provision of accommodations or protective measures.

Requests for accommodations can be made at:

Title IX Coordinator

7 Hill Hall

218-281-8424
jtangqui@crk.umn.edu

University Process for Resolving Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking Complaints

This section describes the University of Minnesota process for resolving complaints of Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence and Stalking. This section gives an overview of the University of Minnesota Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Relationship Violence Administrative Policy. The entire policy can be found [here](#).

Filing a report with the campus Title IX Office

A complainant may file a formal complaint to request a grievance process.

A complainant files a formal complaint by submitting a document to the campus Title IX office that: 1) alleges that an individual engaged in prohibited conduct toward the complainant; and 2) requests that the University investigate the allegation of prohibited conduct. The document must contain the complainant's physical or digital signature or otherwise indicate that the complainant is the individual filing the formal complaint.

The formal complaint may be filed with the campus Title IX office in person, by mail, by e-mail, or online.

Title IX Coordinator

7 Hill Hall

218-281-8424
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Rights and Options

When the campus Title IX office learns about alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking it will promptly contact the complainant to:

Provide information about available supportive measures, including:

- information about supportive measures and counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid resources within the institution and in the community that are available with or without the filing of a formal complaint, including
- information about how to request supportive measures, including changes to academic, living, transportation and working situations,
- information about the University's services related to no-contact orders, orders for protection, or other similar lawful orders,
- information about how the University will maintain the confidentiality of supportive measures provided to the complainant, and
- an invitation to the complainant to discuss supportive measures and share their wishes with respect to supportive measures with the campus Title IX office;
- Where applicable, provide information about the various processes offered by the University to address prohibited conduct;
- Where applicable, explain the process for filing a formal complaint or requesting an informal problem-solving process;
- Provide information about how the University will complete publicly available recordkeeping, including Clery Act reporting and disclosures, without the inclusion of personally identifying information about the complainant;
- Provide written notification about the importance of preserving evidence that may assist in a legal or campus disciplinary proceeding or may be helpful in obtaining a protective order;
- Provide information about the complainant's right to seek medical treatment, as appropriate; and
- Provide written information to the complainant about their right to contact law enforcement, to decline to contact law enforcement, to be assisted by campus representatives in contacting law enforcement, and to seek a protective order, as appropriate.

When a complainant does not respond to the communication from the campus Title IX office providing the information described above, the campus Title IX office will generally presume that the complainant does not want to initiate a grievance process or an informal problem-solving process.

Confidentiality

The University is committed to protecting the privacy of all individuals involved in an informal problem-solving process or grievance process to the greatest extent legally permissible. In order to carry out an informal problem-solving or grievance process and/or to otherwise to comply with legal obligations, it is often necessary for the University to share the identities of the parties and/or witnesses, as well as information provided by the parties and/or witnesses, with the parties and other participants in the process. The identities of these individuals and the information provided during these processes also may be included in an investigation report or other document relating to the case, which may be provided to others as appropriate.

The University will keep private the identity of complainants, respondents, witnesses, and third-party reporters in cases involving Title IX-based prohibited conduct except when necessary to: 1) carry out an informal problem-solving or grievance process; 2) disclose data as required by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA); or 3) otherwise comply with legal obligations.

The University does not restrict the ability of complainants or respondents to discuss allegations that have been reported or to gather and present relevant evidence. At the same time, the University and the participants in the grievance process have a compelling interest in protecting the integrity of the grievance process, protecting the privacy of parties and witnesses, and protecting parties and witnesses from harassment, intimidation, or retaliation during a grievance process. To further these goals, witnesses and parties are encouraged to limit their sharing of information about a matter (including the allegations, the identities of the parties and witnesses, and the questions asked in interviews) while the grievance process is ongoing. Parties and witnesses are also cautioned not to discuss the allegations in a manner that constitutes retaliation or unlawful conduct. Further, parties and their advisors are not permitted to disseminate the evidence provided to them.

Training

Individuals responsible for resolving complaints of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking receive training in the following areas:

- the definitions of prohibited conduct, including the definitions of Title IX-based prohibited conduct;
- the scope of the University's education programs and activities;
- how to conduct an investigation and grievance process including hearings, appeals, and informal resolution processes, where applicable;
- how to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest, and bias;
- technology to be used at a live hearing, where applicable;
- issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant; and
- issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence, where applicable.
- Individuals who conduct the University's grievance process (including Title IX Coordinators, investigators, hearing panel members, University Authorities, Appellate Officers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process) will also be trained annually on issues related to prohibited conduct and on how to conduct a grievance process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability.

Upon receiving a report of sexual misconduct, the campus Title IX Office takes one of the following three actions:

Take no further action beyond offering supportive measures

In certain cases where a complainant does not want an informal problem-solving or grievance process, or when the campus Title IX office does not have sufficient information to effectively initiate such a process, the campus Title IX office may decide not to take any action beyond offering supportive measures to the complainant.

Initiate an informal problem-solving process

The campus Title IX office may initiate an informal problem-solving process when a grievance process has not been initiated or has been dismissed. In an informal problem-solving process, the campus Title IX office does not determine whether a respondent has violated University policy. However, the campus Title IX office may provide resources to help address the concerns raised and make recommendations for responsive action, including actions aimed at preventing misconduct from occurring.

For example, informal problem-solving processes may include:

- gathering additional information about the alleged prohibited conduct to determine how to most effectively respond to the alleged prohibited conduct or to provide relevant information to the individuals involved;
- notifying a respondent about the concerns raised, and about any reported impact of the concerns on a complainant or community;
- providing education or coaching to a respondent or complainant;
- providing recommendations that are aimed at preventing further concerns from arising to an appropriate individual who oversees a respondent or complainant; and/or
- establishing a plan to monitor for future misconduct.

Even if the campus Title IX office originally initiates an informal problem-solving process, the Title IX Coordinator may decide, after the campus Title IX office has gathered additional information about the alleged prohibited conduct, that it is appropriate to sign a formal complaint and initiate a grievance process.

Initiate a grievance process

The campus Title IX office will initiate a grievance process when the complainant has filed a formal complaint requesting that the University investigate alleged prohibited conduct or when the Title IX Coordinator has signed a formal complaint. The grievance process includes an investigation, opportunity for a live hearing, and opportunity for an appeal. In certain cases, the parties may also be offered an informal resolution option and/or an administrative resolution option after the investigation is complete.

The University is committed to providing all parties with robust procedural fairness protections in the grievance process, including notice of the report and investigation, the opportunity to present evidence and identify witnesses, and an impartial and unbiased investigation and adjudication process.

The University's grievance process applies the preponderance of the evidence standard when determining whether sexual misconduct occurred in violation of University policy. "Preponderance of the evidence" means that it is more likely than not that a policy violation has occurred.

Complainants and respondents may be accompanied to meetings and hearings in the grievance process by: 1) an advisor of their choice; and/or 2) a support person, who cannot be a fact witness in the case. When a party does not have an advisor at a live hearing, the University provides an advisor at no cost to make opening and closing statements, and to conduct direct and cross-examination on behalf of that party.

Grievance Process

The grievance process is guided by following principles:

- Title IX Coordinators, campus Title IX office staff who conduct investigations, decision-makers and individuals designated to facilitate informal resolution processes (where available) who: 1) do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or individual complainants or respondents specifically; and 2) are trained in accordance with the University of Minnesota Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Relationship Violence administrative policy and applicable laws.
- A burden of proof that rests on the University.
- A burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a decision on responsibility and disciplinary sanctions, if any, that rests on the University.
- An equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses.
- A presumption that a respondent is not responsible for the alleged prohibited conduct until a decision on responsibility and disciplinary sanctions, if any, is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.
- An objective evaluation of all relevant evidence.
- Relevant evidence is information pertinent to proving whether facts material to the allegations are more or less likely to be true.
- Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not considered relevant, unless such questions and evidence: 1) are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant; or 2) concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent.
- No consideration of information protected under a legally recognized privilege, or questions seeking disclosure of this information, unless the person holding the privilege waives it.
- No access to or consideration of a party's records that were made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other professional in connection with the provision of treatment to the party, unless that party provides voluntary, written consent.
- Credibility determinations, where applicable, that are not based on an individual's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness.

Investigation

Investigations into formal complaints will be conducted by the campus Title IX office, except that investigations into stalking and relationship violence of a non-sexual nature will be conducted: 1) for student respondents, by the campus office or official that investigates non-sexual Student Conduct Code complaints; 2) for employee respondents, by a human resources representative or a supervisor; and 3) for other University members, by the University official who retains or oversees their participation in University programs or activities. If a prohibited conduct investigation reveals possible misconduct other than prohibited conduct under this policy, the campus Title IX office will forward this information to the campus office, human resources representative, or supervisor responsible for investigating that possible misconduct. However, amnesty is provided for certain drug and alcohol related offenses that come to light during a prohibited conduct investigation.

Written notice to the parties

Upon receipt of a formal complaint that alleges prohibited conduct in violation of this policy, the campus Title IX office will provide written notice to the parties who are known. The written notice will provide the parties with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview, and will include:

- Notice that a grievance process is being initiated.
- Information about the grievance process.
- Notice of the allegations of prohibited conduct, including the identities of the parties involved in the incident, if known, the alleged prohibited conduct, and the date and location of the alleged prohibited conduct, if known.
- Notice of the decision on whether the reported conduct will be designated as Title IX prohibited conduct, the reasons for this decision, and the parties' right to appeal this decision;
- A statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged prohibited conduct and that a decision on responsibility and on disciplinary sanctions, if any, is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.
- Notice that the parties may be accompanied to meetings and hearings in the grievance process by: 1) an advisor of their choice who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and who may inspect and review evidence and 2) a support person who cannot be a fact witness in the case.
- Information about applicable supportive measures and advisor resources, and an opportunity to discuss them with the campus Title IX office.
- Notice that this policy prohibits knowingly or intentionally filing a false formal complaint or providing false or misleading information during a grievance process.

If, during the course of an investigation, the campus Title IX office decides to investigate additional allegations of prohibited conduct, the campus Title IX office will provide notice of those additional allegations to the parties whose identities are known.

Investigation process

The nature and scope of an investigation will be determined based on the formal complaint and any additional information gathered during the investigation, and will include the following elements:

- Written notice to the parties
- One or more requested interviews of a complainant, where the complainant will have the opportunity to describe the allegations giving rise to the formal complaint, provide evidence, and identify witnesses.
- One or more requested interviews of a respondent, where the respondent will have the opportunity to respond to the allegations, provide evidence, and identify witnesses.
- Gathering of other evidence, such as through witness interviews, if other evidence exists.
- An equal opportunity for the parties and their advisors to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in the formal complaint
- Provision of a final investigation report to each party, the party's advisor, if any, that fairly summarizes the relevant evidence, provides an analysis of the evidence, and a recommended decision on responsibility.

The campus Title IX office strives to complete investigations within 90 business days. However, depending on the complexity of the investigation, the number of witnesses, the availability of evidence and other factors, some investigations may take additional time. When an investigation will not be completed within 90 business days, the campus Title IX office will notify the parties and provide the reason for the extended timeline in writing.

Post-Investigation Informal Resolution Process

Based on the final investigation report, the parties may be provided with a proposed informal resolution. If both parties agree in writing to the proposed informal resolution, the grievance process ends. If either party does not agree to the proposed informal resolution, the matter will proceed to a hearing or administrative resolution.

Administrative Resolution Process

In all cases except those that involve a student complainant and a non-student employee respondent, the parties will be offered the opportunity to agree to resolve the case after the investigation through an administrative resolution process. In an administrative resolution process, a hearing chair will make the decision on responsibility based on the investigative report, the parties' written responses to the investigative report (if any), and the evidence gathered by the campus Title IX office as part of its investigation of the formal complaint.

Hearing

If there is no post-investigation informal resolution or administrative resolution, the parties will be provided a live hearing. The parties will be permitted to submit a written response to the final investigation report to the hearing panel.

Hearing format. The University may conduct live hearings with all parties physically present in the same geographic location or with any or all parties, witnesses, and other participants appearing virtually, with technology enabling participants to simultaneously see and hear each other. At the request of any party, the parties will be located in separate rooms during the hearing with technology enabling the hearing panel members and parties to simultaneously see and hear the party or the witness answering questions.

Access to evidence at the hearing. The University will make all evidence directly related to the allegations available to the parties at any hearing.

Advisor and support person. Each party may be accompanied to the hearing by one advisor of their choice. Advisors are permitted to make opening and closing statements and conduct direct and cross-examination during the hearing. If a party does not have an advisor present at the hearing, the University will provide that party, free of charge, with an advisor of the University's choice, to conduct cross-examination on behalf of that party. A party's advisor may appear and conduct cross-examination even when the party whom they are advising does not appear. Each party may also be accompanied at the hearing by a support person, who participates in the hearing in a non-speaking capacity. A support person cannot be a fact witness in the case.

Cross-examination. Cross-examination at the live hearing will be conducted directly, orally, and in real time by the party's advisor and never by a party personally. Each party's advisor is permitted to ask the other party and any witnesses all relevant questions.

Failure to submit to cross-examination. If a party or witness does not submit to cross-examination at the live hearing, the hearing panel and Appellate Officer (where applicable) will not rely on any statement of that party or witness in reaching a decision on responsibility. The hearing panel and Appellate Officer (where applicable) will not

draw an inference about the decision on responsibility, if any, based solely on a party's or witness's absence from the live hearing or refusal to answer cross-examination or other questions.

Recording or transcript. The University will create an audio or audiovisual recording, or transcript, of any live hearing and make it available to the parties for inspection and review.

Decision on responsibility and disciplinary sanctions

Both parties will be simultaneously provided with the hearing panel's (or in the case of an administrative resolution, the hearing chair's) written decision on responsibility and the written decision on disciplinary sanctions, if any. Together, these written decisions on responsibility and disciplinary sanctions will constitute the "Written Determination" that may then be appealed by either party.

The Written Determination will include:

- the allegations of prohibited conduct;
- a description of the procedural steps taken by the University from its receipt of the formal complaint through the Written Determination, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather evidence, and hearings held;
- findings of fact supporting the decisions on responsibility and disciplinary sanctions;
- conclusions regarding the application of this policy to the facts;
- a statement of, and rationale for, the decisions on responsibility and disciplinary sanctions;
- a statement of the decision on whether the University will provide remedies to the complainant; and
- the University's procedures and permissible bases for the parties to appeal the decisions on responsibility and disciplinary sanctions.

If an appeal is not filed, the Written Determination becomes final on the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered.

Informal Resolution Processes

The University may offer informal resolution processes to parties at any time after a formal complaint is filed and before a final decision on responsibility and on disciplinary sanctions is made. Except, the University will not offer informal resolution processes to resolve allegations that an employee engaged in Title IX-based prohibited conduct toward a student.

Before initiating an informal resolution process, the University will provide the parties with a written notice disclosing:

- the allegations in the formal complaint;
- the requirements of the informal resolution process;
- the circumstances under which the informal resolution process precludes the parties from resuming the grievance process arising from the formal complaint;
- the parties' right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the grievance process with respect to the formal complaint, and
- any privacy-related and recordkeeping-related consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared.

In addition, before initiating an informal resolution process, the University must obtain the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process.

Disciplinary Sanctions, Remedies and other Responsive Actions

Responsive action is intended to eliminate prohibited conduct, prevent its recurrence, and promote accountability while supporting the University's educational mission and legal obligations. Responsive action may include disciplinary, rehabilitative (including educational), restorative, and monitoring components.

Possible disciplinary sanctions in cases with student respondents include the following:

- an oral or written warning;
- probation;
- required compliance with work assignments, community service assignments, or other discretionary assignments;
- restitution;
- restriction of privileges;
- University housing suspension or expulsion;
- suspension or expulsion from the University;
- withholding of a diploma or degree; and
- revocation of admission or a degree.

Possible disciplinary sanctions and other responsive actions in cases with employee respondents (including student employees) may include one or a combination of the following:

- coaching or education;
- mentoring;
- changes to work duties or locations;
- monitoring to ensure that prohibited conduct is not occurring;
- probation;
- transfer of position;
- removal of administrative appointment;
- salary reduction;
- demotion;
- oral or written reprimand
- suspension; and
- termination of employment.

For labor-represented employees, the disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed are those set forth in their union contract.

Possible disciplinary sanctions or other responsive actions in cases with third-party respondents may include restrictions on a third-party respondent's: 1) participation in University programs or activities; 2) attendance at University events; or 3) ability to enter campus spaces, among other things.

Remedies

Where a decision has been made that a respondent is responsible for prohibited conduct, the University will provide remedies to a complainant that are designed to restore or preserve the complainant's equal access to the University's education programs and activities. Such remedies may include supportive measures, as well as measures that prevent the respondent from having contact with the complainant, and other measures. The campus Title IX office is responsible for effective implementation of any remedies.

Appeals

Either party may initiate the appeal process.

Appeals are not intended to allow for a second review of the same information provided during the investigation, and the Appellate Officer will not substitute their judgment for that of the hearing panel, or that of the hearing chair in the case of an administrative resolution. Appeals are limited to the grounds set forth below.

- Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome.
- New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time of the Written Determination which could have affected the outcome.
- A sanction that is grossly disproportionate to the offense.
- A decision on responsibility that is not based on substantial information. Substantial information means relevant information that a reasonable person might accept as adequate to support a conclusion. The Appellate Officer must respect the credibility determinations of the hearing panel (or of the hearing chair in the case of an administrative resolution) and must not substitute the Appellate Officer's judgment for that of the hearing panel or chair.
- The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, hearing panel members, and/or University Authority had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent that affected the outcome.

The Appellate Officer will issue a written decision that 1) affirms, in whole or in part, the decision on responsibility, 2) overturns, in whole or in part, the decision on responsibility, 3) affirms, overturns, or adjusts the decision on disciplinary sanctions, or 4) remands the matter to remedy procedural errors or consider new evidence.

The decision of the Appellate Officer is the final University decision.

Orders for Protection, Harassment Restraining Orders and Enforcement

The University of Minnesota complies with Minnesota law in recognizing Orders for Protection and Harassment Restraining Orders. Any person who obtains an order should provide a copy of the order to University Public Safety or should have a copy of the order present when calling to enforce the order.

A person who wishes to obtain an Order for Protection or Harassment Restraining Order can seek assistance from, from the campus Title IX Office, Polk County Victim Services, or may choose to petition the court independently. Information on how to file a petition with the court can be found at mncourts.gov.

A person may file a petition in the district court of the county where the complainant (person experiencing harassment) lives, the respondent (the person doing the harassing) lives, or where the harassment occurred.

Any person who witnesses a violation of an Order for Protection or Harassment Restraining Orders should immediately call 911 for police response.

Resources

On-Campus Resources

<i>Title IX Coordinator</i>	7 Hill Hall	218-281-8423 jtangqui@crk.umn.edu
<i>University Public Safety</i>	1516 Evergreen Hall	Office: 218-281-8815 Duty phone: 218-280-4240
<i>Residential Life</i>	1110 Centennial Hall	218-281-8531
<i>UMC Counseling Center</i>	245 Sargeant Student Center	218-281-8571
<i>Campus Nurse</i>	145F Sargeant Student Center	218-281-8512

Off Campus Resources

<i>Polk County Coordinated Victim Services</i>	Victim advocacy, support, legal	218-281-1554 Crisis: 877-625-8092
<i>RiverView Health</i>	Health Care, forensic evidence collection	218-281-9200
<i>Sexual Violence Center</i>	Advocacy, Counseling, Support	Web: www.sexualviolencecenter.org 612-871-5100 Crisis: 612-871-5111
<i>MNCASA (Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault)</i>	Education, Policy, Prevention	Web: www.mncasa.org Business: 651-209-9993
<i>Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN)</i>		http://www.rainn.org

Note: Resources are listed only for your information. The University of Minnesota does not endorse any off-campus programs.

Sexual Offender Registration

Certain felony level sex and other predatory offenders are required by law to keep law enforcement agencies apprised of their current residence, employment, and school address, as well as any changes to that information. Some of these offenders have demonstrated by their past behavior that they are part of a group who pose the greatest risk to the public when released. This does not mean that they will commit a new crime, just that they are part of a group of persons who might.

State and federal law requires UMC to inform the campus community that a registration list of sex offenders is available at the following link: <https://coms.doc.state.mn.us/publicregistrantsearch>

These individuals are not wanted by law enforcement at this time and have served the sentence imposed upon them by the court. The use of this information to threaten, harass, or intimidate such individuals may be a crime and will not be tolerated.

Release disciplinary outcome to victims of crimes of violence or non-forcible sex offenses

The University of Minnesota will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence (as that term is defined in Section 16 of Title 18, United States Code), or a non-forcible sex offense (incest or statutory rape), the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the University of Minnesota against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of the offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such of the offense, the next of kin of the victim is permitted to make the request.

Residential Life Missing Person Policy

The Residential Life Missing Person Policy establishes procedures for the University of Minnesota Crookston's response to reports of missing students. This policy applies to students who reside in University owned housing facilities.

Under the policy, a student may be considered a "missing person" if the person's absence is suspiciously different from his/her usual pattern of behavior and/or unusual circumstances may have caused the absence.

Procedures for Student Designation of Emergency Contact Information

Students age 18 and above and emancipated minors—Student residents will be given the opportunity to designate an individual or individuals to be contacted by the University no more than 24 hours after the time that the student is determined to be missing in accordance with the procedures set forth below. The designation will remain in effect until changed or revoked by the student or at the time the student is no longer a resident of University housing (or under the age of 18).

Students under the age of 18—Student residents under the age of 18 who are not emancipated are required to provide contact information for a custodial parent. The University is required to notify a custodial parent or guardian no more than 24 hours after a student is determined to be missing in accordance with the procedures set forth below. The custodial parent or guardian contact information will remain in effect until the student reaches the age of 18 or is no longer a resident of University housing.

This contact information will be registered confidentially, and will be accessible only to authorized campus officials. This information will not be disclosed, except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing person investigation.

To Report a Missing Student

In the case of a missing student, individuals should notify University Public Safety or Housing & Residential Life staff members.

<i>Residential Life</i>	1110 Centennial Hall	218-281-8531
<i>University Public Safety</i>	1516 Evergreen Hall	Office: 218-281-8815 Duty phone: 218-280-4240

Official notification procedures for missing persons:

Any individual on campus who has information that a University housing student may be a missing person must notify the University Public Safety as soon as possible.

If a report of a possible missing person is made to a Residential Life staff member, the staff member will:

- Conduct a life safety/wellness check on the resident,
- Attempt to make contact via cellular phone, email, or other means,
- Contact other students who may be aware of the missing person's whereabouts (e.g., roommate, friends, classmates).

If the missing person cannot be found within 24 hours, University staff will contact Crookston Police Department to report a possible missing person.

University Public Safety will gather all essential information about the University housing student from the reporting person(s) and from the student's acquaintances (description, clothes last worn, where student might be, who student might be with, vehicle description, information about the physical/mental well-being of the student, an up-to-date photograph, class schedule, card access logs, dining records, video surveillance, etc.). Appropriate campus staff, such as Residential Life staff, may be notified to aid in the search for the student.

No later than 24 hours after determining that a University housing student is missing, the Director of Residential Life or designee will notify the emergency contact (for students 18 and over) or the parent/guardian (for students under the age of 18) that the student is believed to be missing.

Fire Safety Report

On Campus Student Housing Facilities

The University of Minnesota Crookston has 4 on campus facilities for student housing, one traditional residence hall, two are apartment-style residence halls and one suite style living facility.

Traditional Residence Halls

Skyberg Hall
2900 University Ave, Crookston, MN 56716

Apartments

Centennial Hall
2900 University Ave, Crookston, MN 56716
Evergreen Hall
2900 University Ave, Crookston, MN 56716

Suite Style Living

Heritage Hall
2900 University Ave, Crookston, MN 56716

Reporting Fires

Active fires should be reported immediately to the Crookston Fire Department by contacting 911, extinguished fires can be reported to the Crookston Fire Department non-emergency number 218-281-4584.

The following phone numbers should only be used to report fires which have already been extinguished.

Residential Life

1110 Centennial Hall

218-281-8531

University Public Safety

1516 Evergreen Hall

Office: 218-281-8815
Duty phone: 218-280-4240

On-Campus Student Housing Facility Fire Safety Systems

The charts below summarize each facility's fire safety system and the number of fire drills held during the 2022 calendar year.

Crookston On-Campus Student Housing Facilities	Fire Alarm Monitoring	Full Sprinkler System	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguisher Devices	Evacuation Plans/ Placards	Number of Drills
Skyberg Hall	x	x	x	x	x	3
Centennial Hall	x	x	x	x	x	3
Evergreen Hall	x	x	x	x	x	3
Heritage Hall	x	x	x	x	x	3

Fire Alarm Monitoring indicates if the fire alarms are monitored at a central location.

Full Sprinkler System is defined as having sprinklers in both the common areas and individual rooms.

Evacuation Plan indicates if a location has evacuation plans for fire evacuation.

Housing Regulations Regarding Portable Electrical Appliances, Smoking, and Open Flames

Electrical Appliances

The residence hall rooms are not wired to support the use of large electrical appliances (air conditioners or large fridges). All appliances brought to campus must be in good working order. Please be sure not to overload the electrical outlets with adapters or extension cords (all extension cords must be UL approved).

Residents may use electrical appliances in Residence Halls if the appliance does not have an open heating element, use grease or cooking oil, or have an open flame. Appliances with automatic turn-off timers are highly encouraged.

Items that are not allowed include, but are not limited to: electric grills, hot plates and toaster ovens. Apartment buildings may use the items listed above in the designated kitchen area only.

Students may bring one (1) refrigerator per residence hall room. The refrigerators must be 4.3 cubic feet or smaller. Students may also bring one (1) microwave oven per room. The microwave must use no more than 700 watts. Extension cords must be UL approved. No other major appliances, including air conditioners or dishwasher units, are permitted in any hall.

Due to potential for fire, concealed extension cords and multiple outlet adapters are also prohibited. Residents may possess multiple strip outlets that are fused with at least 14-gauge wire, are UL approved, and are grounded.

Cooking

Residence hall rooms are not equipped for students to safely and sanitarily cook. For the safety of all students, cooking is NOT permitted in residence hall rooms. Cooking is permitted only in University-designated kitchen areas.

Smoking

To create a healthier, cleaner, and more inclusive environment for everyone, smoking any substance or creating smoke is not permitted in resident rooms or apartments. Smoking any substance or creating smoke is also prohibited on apartment patios, apartment balconies, and/or public areas within residence halls and apartments. This includes electronic cigarettes, vaporizers and tobacco. Smoking and tobacco use is not allowed on the University of Minnesota campus.

Hookahs or any smoking paraphernalia that has the potential for an open flame are not allowed in the residence halls or apartment communities.

Open Flames

For the safety of all students living in the halls, it is prohibited to have open flames or other materials that constitute fire hazards on University housing property including candles, candle warmers, incense, or other materials (such as live fresh cut evergreen trees, and wreaths). Any candles or incense found may be confiscated or destroyed. Housing and Residence life staff will not store these items for you. Motorized vehicles (e.g., mopeds, motorcycles, etc.) may not be brought through or stored within the residence halls/apartments or on apartment patios and balconies

Prohibited Lighting

Due to hazardous materials in various lighting devices, and the potential for fire, and chemical safety hazards, the following items are not allowed: halogen lamps, torchiere lamps, neon lighting, black lights, strobe lights, and lava lamps. Lighting fixtures and devices must be UL listed, in good working condition per original manufacturing, and of no greater than 75 watts.

Evacuation in case of a fire

In the event of a building alarm, fire departments cannot begin their job until everyone is out of the building. Failing to leave the building puts others at risk. In compliance with Minnesota State Fire Code and state law, everyone is required to leave the building in the event of a building alarm.

- Upon activation of a fire alarm, immediately proceed to the nearest, safest exit
- Before opening doors, feel the door; if it is hot do not proceed through the door. If the door is cool, open the door slowly and proceed to nearest, safest exit
- If on upper floors of a building, do not use elevators, proceed down stairwells to exit, if heavy smoke or fumes are present, use an alternate exit route
- Exit the building and move a safe distance away from the building
- In locations managed by Housing & Residential Life, Housing staff will assist exiting residents to a nearby safe location
- Do not re-enter the building for any reason. Emergency Responders or Housing and Residential Life Staff will notify residents if and when it is safe to return to the building

Steps to Be Taken in Case of Fire

In a fire emergency:

- Pull the fire alarm if able.
- Call 9-911.
- Remain calm and act quickly.
- Wear protective clothing such as a coat and shoes, and carry a damp towel for use in heavy smoke.
- Close your room door and windows.
- Walk in an orderly manner to the nearest exit. Never use an elevator.
- Move a safe distance away from the building and out of the way of fire department personnel.
- Remain outside until you are told to return by the staff.
- If you think there is a fire in the hallway, feel the door before you open it:
- If the door does not feel hot, open it slightly, holding your head away and brace the door with your foot.
- Put your hand across the opening to test the heat of the air.
- If the door is hot and the hallway unsafe, plug any opening or cracks through which smoke may enter your room using wet towels, sheets, blankets, etc.
- If smoke does enter the room, open the window for ventilation; break it if sealed.
- DO NOT JUMP.
- Make your presence known.
- Wait for rescue

In case of minor fire:

- Pull the fire alarm if able.
- Call 9-911.
- Use a fire extinguisher located in the hallway cabinets or a blanket to smother the fire.
- Never risk your personal safety!

Fire Safety Education & Training

Each hall has fire safety presentations and residents are provided materials outlining actions to be taken in case of a fire.

Each hall operated Residential Life has evacuations procedures on-site. These procedures are covered yearly with residents and are practiced each year in scheduled fire safety drills.

Fire Statistics

Traditional Residence Halls	Number of Reported Fires		
	2021	2022	2023
Skyberg Hall	0	0	0

Apartments	Number of Reported Fires		
	2021	2022	2023
Centennial Hall	0	0	0
Evergreen Hall	0	0	1

Suite Style	Number of Reported Fires		
	2021	2022	2023
Heritage Hall	0	0	0

Fire Details

2023

1/31/2023, Evergreen Hall, vent fire most likely caused by an electrical malfunction. There were no deaths or injuries. Damage to the building was \$0.

2022

There were no reported fires in 2022.

2021

There were no reported fires in 2021.

Planned Fire Safety Improvements

Residential Life works closely with University code officials to review current systems and plan for future improvements. There are currently no plans deemed necessary for improvements in fire safety systems or procedures.

For More Information

To request copies of this report or to request this publication in an alternative format, contact:

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Engagement, and Wellness

145-J Sargeant Student Center

218-281-8505

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