



CHARLESTON  
SOUTHERN  
UNIVERSITY

## **Campus Security**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Charleston Southern University security department exists to serve the campus community. Our mission is to ensure a safe and secure environment for all who enter our campus: students, faculty, staff and guests. Our goal is for the members of our university to be able to learn, lead and serve in a stress free, safe and secure environment.

### **DEPARTMENT OF CAMPUS SECURITY**

The Department of Campus Security serves all students, staff, faculty and guests of the University. All criminal offenses occurring on campus or at a University event must be reported to Campus Security. Officers conduct foot and vehicle patrols on campus. The department is charged with the enforcement of applicable federal, state, and local laws and University policies and regulations. All officers are South Carolina Law Enforcement certified.

### **STATUS OF CAMPUS SECURITY**

Charleston Southern University places a high priority on the personal safety of its students, faculty, staff and visitors, and the Department of Campus Security is committed to providing a secure environment. Historically, the campus has been one of the safest campuses in the southeast.

The Campus Security Department is comprised of University employees and contract guards. The North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) serves in partnership with our security department. They are always available to respond to calls for help, assist with speed control, work special events and assist with any serious crimes and incidents. However, since it is impossible to prevent all crime, we wish to remind people that they must also take responsibility for their own personal safety. To that end, we offer several Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs.

CSU utilizes several methods of mass notification during times of imminent danger. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for Buc Alert (Immediate Response Information System), which sends notification via phones, e-mails, and text messages. In the summer of 2010 we are installing two sirens to assist with timely alerts.

The North Charleston neighborhoods and businesses that border our campus are a relatively safe environment. Yet like any place in modern age there are dangers.

### **CAMPUS CRIME REPORT AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY 2010**

Federal law requires the campus security department to tell the campus community about two of those risks: crime and drug use. The first portion of this booklet carries the Campus Safety Report, as required by the federal Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990. The second portion, mandated by the federal Drug-free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, explains the University's policy on alcohol and illegal drugs.

Please read these reports and use the information to help foster a healthy, safe environment for yourself and others on campus.

## **CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT**

The information in this publication is in compliance with requirements set forth under the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Title II- Public Law 101-542 Nov. 1990). This report is updated on an annual basis and is disseminated to all University students and employees. Upon request, this report will also be provided to any applicant for enrollment or employment.

### **SECURITY AWARENESS AND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

The University provides the following services and programs to improve safety on campus and to educate the community about security issues:

- 1)** When the siren sounds everyone should listen for one of the 7 prerecorded messages, tune in to cable channel 35 (CSU's channel), watch for Buc Alerts and follow instructions provided.
- 2)** The University employs one armed guard 24/7, 365 as well as other unarmed guards.
- 3)** Nightly, between the hours of midnight-6 a.m. the University limits access to the campus by the use of two guard stations. The guards will admit only people who are authorized to be on campus.
- 4) Escort Service-** Campus Security provides an escort service for people walking on campus 24/7, 365. Call 20# or 843-553-5896 to obtain an escort. Students, staff and faculty are asked to walk with others when possible and to choose paths that are well lit. Monday through Friday we have a student patrol roving parking lots and assisting with escorts.
- 5) New Student Orientation-** Crime prevention materials are provided and questions answered during new student orientation meetings.
- 6) Personal Safety-** Working jointly with the Residence Life staff and the Counseling staff, we offer sessions on personal safety, crime and violence prevention, crisis and emergency management planning, threat assessment, dorm safety and rape prevention, fire and life safety and first aid/CPR. Contact campus security at 843- 863-7102 for more information.
- 7) Residence Hall Security-** Residence Hall security and safety is routinely discussed in all hall meetings.
- 8) Emergency Telephones-** 19 Campus emergency phones are located throughout the campus:

Phone #1- Physical Plant side of Art Lab

Phone #2- Back side of Quad 1

Phone #3- Front side of Quad 3

Phone #4- Back side of Library

Phone #5- Reflection Pond side of Science Building

Phone #6- Back side of Science Building

Phone #7- Parking Lot side of Wingo/Norris

Phone #8- Parking Lot side of Ashby/Jones

Phone #9- Parking Lot side of DPW

Phone #10- Parking Lot side of Hunter Reception

Phone #11- Communications Building by pool  
Phone #12- Reflection Pond side of Strom Thurmond  
Phone #13- Softball Field end of Russell West  
Phone #14- Russell side of Women's North  
Phone #15- Parking Lot side of Women's North  
Phone #16- Softball Field side of Women's South  
Phone #17- Baseball Field Press Box  
Phone #18- Parking Lot side of Field House  
Phone #19- Stadium Center

\*Additionally, in the fall of 2010, there were 54 new emergency phones throughout the residence halls.

\*Blue lights indicate the phones.

**9) Video Surveillance-**The University utilizes multiple cameras throughout the campus. This year Cameras were upgraded and some of our current system was redesigned.

**10) Electronic Systems-** The Department of Campus Security monitors intrusion and fire alarms campuswide. Access into certain facilities, including residence halls, is controlled through use of a card key access control system.

**11) Operation Identification-** Students are strongly encouraged to mark valuables with a birth date and to record serial numbers on forms provided by campus security. We provide an engraver and will assist with marking.

**12) Crime Prevention Material-** Brochures and posters related to substance abuse, personal safety, seat belt use, motor vehicle and bicycle theft prevention and residence and office security are distributed campus wide.

**13) Community Notification of Criminal Activity** – The Campus Security Department routinely notifies the campus community of ongoing security concerns by email and flyers. If circumstances warrant, specially printed crime alerts will be prepared and distributed campus wide.

**14) Flip Chart-**Campus Security also distributes a flip chart and a one page announcement both outlining the steps to be taken in a variety of emergencies.

**15) Emergency Test and Evacuation Drills-**We will test our notification systems the first Tuesday of every month at noon.

## **HOW TO REPORT A CRIME OR EMERGENCY**

To report a crime or an emergency on campus, call the Department of Campus Security. Officers respond to all reports of crime and complete an incident report for any crime occurring on or adjacent to University property. Reports are confidential within the guidelines established by the General Education Provisions Act (Buckley Amendment). As a service to the University community, some reports are made available, free of charge, to a complainant to assist in the filing of an insurance claim.

Crime incident reports can be made at any time.

### **Anonymous reporting:**

The Department of Campus Security serves all students, staff, faculty and guests of the University. All criminal offenses occurring on campus can be anonymously reported at: [www.charlestonsouthernuniversity.edu](http://www.charlestonsouthernuniversity.edu) Click on My CSU then click on silent witness on the right side of the page and follow the instructions.

**Call Campus Safety if:**

Someone is injured or ill;  
You see fire or smell smoke;  
You see something suspicious;  
Someone is hurting another person;  
You see someone stealing something or vandalizing property; or  
You have something stolen

**Call quickly. Don't assume someone else has made the call.** Try to provide the dispatcher with accurate, detailed information about the problem.

**Stay on the line** until the dispatcher says it is ok to hang up. Depending upon the type of emergency, the dispatcher may also request assistance from the North Charleston Police Department, an ambulance, or North Charleston Fire Department.

You can contact Campus Security by calling:

On campus phone- 20#

Cell phone or off campus- 843-553-5896

**ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES**

Most campus buildings and facilities are accessible during normal business hours, excluding holidays. Athletic facilities, the computer labs, the Library, and other select University service areas have varying hours of operation. For after-hours access to certain facilities, students will need to have the appropriate authority e-mail a list of names to security authorizing entry and a valid student ID card must be presented to security personnel to be admitted. Organizations may obtain access by completing an event form for after hours scheduling.

Since the University cannot ensure that unauthorized persons will not enter into residence hall areas, students are strongly encouraged to lock their room doors at all times. The University has an open-house policy (which limits the hours friends of the opposite sex may visit in a residence hall room). The violation of this policy may result in disciplinary proceedings. Residence Hall policies may be found in the student handbook and in the handout given to all resident students.

**MAINTENANCE OF CAMPUS FACILITIES**

Campus Security officers, as part of their general patrol procedure, generate a work order to the Physical Plant when any defective lighting or unsafe condition on campus is noted.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to report any safety or security concerns directly to the security department. Safety concerns may also be addressed to the Director of Security or to the University Safety Committee.

**MISSING STUDENT PROCEDURE**

This policy applies to students who reside in campus housing. This policy establishes procedures for the university's response to reports of missing students, as required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

A student will be considered missing, if a roommate, classmate, faculty member, family member or other campus person has not seen the student in a reasonable

amount of time. A reasonable amount of time may vary with the time of day and information available regarding the missing person's daily schedule, habits, punctuality and reliability. An individual will be considered missing immediately if his/her absence has occurred under circumstances that are suspicious or cause concerns for his/her safety. If the initial report that a person is missing is made to a department other than the Department of Campus Security, the employee receiving the report will ensure that the Department of Campus Security is contacted immediately.

**Procedure:** Procedures for designation of emergency contact information:

a) Students age 18 and above and emancipated minor students will be given the opportunity during each semester move-in process to designate an individual or individuals to be contacted by the university "in case of emergency." In the event a student is reported missing, college personnel will attempt to contact his/her emergency designee no more than 24 hours after the time that the student is determined to be missing in accordance with the procedures set forth below. An emergency contact designee will remain in effect until changed or revoked by the student.

b) Students under the age of 18: In the event a student who is not emancipated is determined to be missing pursuant to the procedures set forth below, the university is required to notify a custodial parent or guardian no more than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

**I. Official notification procedures for missing persons:**

a) Any individual on campus who has information that a residential student may be a missing person must notify the Department of Campus Security as soon as possible.

b) The Department of Campus Security will gather information about the residential student from the person reporting and from the person's acquaintances (description, clothes last worn, where student might be, who student might be with, vehicle description, information about the physical and mental well-being of the person, and an up-to-date photograph, class schedule, etc.) Appropriate campus staff will be notified to aid in the search for the student.

c) If the above actions are unsuccessful in locating the student within 24 hours of the report, or if it is apparent immediately that the person is a missing person (e.g., witnessed abduction), the Department of Campus Security will contact the North Charleston Police Department to report the student as a missing person, and the local law enforcement agency will take over our investigation.

d) No later than 24 hours after determining that a residential student is missing, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Athletics or the Dean of Students or his 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.

*\*Contact is contingent upon the correct emergency contact information being made available by the student.*

## **II. Campus communications about missing students:**

In all cases of a missing student, where the student is declared missing by the Department of Campus Security after an initial investigation, the law enforcement agency conducting the subsequent investigation will provide information to the media that is designed to obtain public assistance in the search for any missing student. The University Relations Office is available to provide consultation on communication with the investigating law enforcement agency. Any media requests to the university will be directed to the University Relations Office. Prior to providing the CSU community with any information about a missing student, the University Relations Office shall consult with the Department of Campus Security and with law enforcement authorities to ensure that communications do not hinder the investigation.

Note: Commuter Students: In order to avoid jurisdictional conflicts when a commuter student is believed to be missing, the reporting person should immediately notify local law enforcement authorities. The Department of Campus Security will assist outside agencies with these investigations as requested.

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT**

July 1, 1993, amendments to the *Campus Security Act* required that all institutions of higher education have campus sexual assault programs. Institutions must also establish and publish procedures to be followed when a sex offense has occurred (Pg. 63 of the Student Handbook contains CSU's sexual assault policy).

Rape is a general term used to describe any sexual act against your will or without your consent. Someone known to the victim commits about half of all rapes and sexual assaults. Many of these are termed date rapes (when a woman is coerced into unwanted sexual activity by her date). Just as in the case of preventing or stopping rape by a stranger, common sense and assertiveness are important. Rape is rape; and whether or not you know the rapist doesn't make it any less a rape. If someone you know makes unwanted advances, don't be afraid to resist strongly. If you say, NO, do whatever is necessary to get the point across. If you are going out on a blind date, or with someone you met casually, you might ask yourself a few questions, such as: Do I know anything about this person? Where are we going? Do I have enough money to get back home and/or to campus by myself? Will other people be around? Does anyone else know where I am going? A little advance thought might prevent you from finding yourself in a vulnerable situation later.

If you are raped or sexually assaulted while a student at CSU, you should seek medical attention (even if there are no injuries). Call campus security if the incident occurred on campus at 20#; if off campus call 911, Charleston Memorial Hospital at 577-0660 or contact (PAR) People Against Rape, the local rape crisis center (24 hour counseling and support for survivors of rape) at 722-7273. You can seek

support anytime following the incident (or incidences) from the following campus resources:

Counseling Center, Russell West, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	863-8010
Residence Life, Russell West 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	863-5505
Campus Security, Russell West 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	863-7102
Dean of Students, Strom Thurmond Center	863-8008
A trusted friend, faculty, or staff member	

\*A copy of CSU's sexual assault policy and procedures can be obtained from the Dean of Student's office or Residence Life and Campus Security office.

### **Sex Offender Notification:**

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, enacted on October 28, 2000, requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a state concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a state to provide notice, as required under state law, of each institution of higher education in that state at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation or is a student.

SC Law Enforcement provides registered sex offender information that can be obtained online at: <http://services.sled.sc.gov/sor/> or by calling 803-896-2601.

### **CRIME STATISTICS**

The following statistics have been compiled from incidents reported to the Campus Security office during the 2008, 2009 and 2010 calendar years. The statistics do not reflect any reports that might have been made to other departments or individuals at the University unless those individuals or departments informed campus security of the incident. Victims and witnesses may report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics. Pastoral or professional counselors, when acting as a counselor, are not required to report any crimes or incidents; however, the University urges its counselors to provide statistical information should they become aware of a sexual assault incident.

Since 1999, institutions have been required to compile and report crime statistics in four categories by location. These categories are: on-campus, in dormitories or residence halls, noncampus buildings or property, and public property. The definition of a noncampus building or property is any building or property controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution. CSU does not have any property in this category, so it is not included in the crime statistics.

**CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Arson</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Auto Theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>14***</b>	<b>24***</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Drug Arrests</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Manslaughter</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Murder</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Rape</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sexual Misconduct</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Liquor Arrests</b>	<b>19**</b>	<b>16**</b>	<b>25**</b>
<b>Weapons Arrests</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Criminal Domestic Violence</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**CAMPUS CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Alcohol Policy Violations</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Drug Policy Violations</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Theft/Larceny</b>	<b>26***</b>	<b>20***</b>	<b>22***</b>
<b>Visitation</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>

**\*\* The liquor arrests include campus violations by underage drinkers**

**\*\*\* Burglary = Thefts from rooms**

**Theft/larceny = Theft from cars, unexplained losses and misplaced items**

## **Explanation of Reported Crimes**

### **Criminal Homicide**

**1) Manslaughter by Negligence-** The killing of another person through gross negligence.

**2) Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter-** The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

**Sex Offenses, Forcible-** Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcible or against that person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

**1) Forcible Rape-** The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly and/or against that person's will where the victim is unable to give consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent physical or mental incapacity.

**2) Forcible Sodomy-** Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly and/or against that person's will where the victim is unable to give consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent physical or mental incapacity.

**3) Sexual Assault With An Object-** The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly and/or against that person's will where the victim is unable to give consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent physical or mental incapacity.

**4) Forcible Fondling-** The touching of private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly and/or against that person's will where the victim is unable to give consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent physical or mental incapacity.

**Sex Offenses, nonforcible-** Unlawful, nonforcible sexual intercourse

**1) Incest-** Nonforcible sexual intercourse between persons who are at least related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

**2) Statutory Rape-** Nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

**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.

**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 or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Aggravated Assault-** An 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 an aggravated assault when a gun, knife or other weapon is used which could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime were successfully completed.

**Motor Vehicle Theft-** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. This includes all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned (including joyriding).

**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.

**Hate Crimes-** Crimes that manifest evidence the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim's actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability as prescribed by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act and Campus Security Act.

**1) Larceny-** The unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

**2) Simple Assault-** An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither offender displays a weapon, or 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.

**3) 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.

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

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

**Drug Abuse Violations-** Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine,

heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (Barbituates, Benzedrine).

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

## **Drugs and Alcohol**

### **DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

CSU is a drug and alcohol free campus. With the discovery of any illegal substance in the room, car or on the person of the accused (including, but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, LSD, crack or legal drugs used illegally), CSU officials will charge individuals involved with a campus violation and notify the North Charleston Police Department. If found responsible by a CSU hearing panel or official, *regardless of the actions taken by civil authorities*, the individual **will be suspended** from the University. A student suspected of illegal drug use may be requested to provide a urine and/or hair sample for drug analysis testing. Refusal to supply a urine and/or hair sample will be considered a positive result for drugs.

### **SAFE HARBOR**

Safe Harbor is a program that permits students to refer themselves for help and treatment for the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or legal drugs being abused or used illegally. If the student comes forward of his or her own free will, help is available, and the student will not be subject to disciplinary sanctions provided **ALL** provisions of the Safe Harbor are strictly adhered to.

To enter into Safe Harbor, students should contact the Dean of Students. *At that point*, the student will enter into an agreement and sign a consent form outlining the guidelines and provisions of the Safe Harbor Program. The student is considered to be in Safe Harbor at that point and *all provisions of the program are applicable from that point on*.

Entry into the Safe Harbor Program affords students the opportunity to receive professional counseling, educational programming and provides accountability. An individual treatment plan will be developed between the student and his or her counselor. The counselor will determine the duration of the program.

Students are advised that they will be subject to random drug testing while in the Safe Harbor Program. A positive drug test during Safe Harbor will result in applicable disciplinary sanctions being imposed. Students may **NOT** enter into the Safe Harbor Program after being notified of his or her participation in an impending drug test or after being charged with a drug or alcohol-related disciplinary offense. Students are still encouraged to seek free and confidential treatment and/or referrals from the Office of Counseling Services at any time.

## **Criminal Sanctions for Drug and Alcohol Offenses**

The **City of North Charleston** prohibits the following acts and prescribes the corresponding penalties:

1. The possession of less than one ounce of marijuana is punishable by 30 days in jail.
2. It is unlawful to advertise, sell, manufacture or possess drug paraphernalia. Violation of this law is subject to a \$500 fine.
3. The consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places, which are not licensed for the consumption of alcohol, is prohibited.
4. The consumption of alcohol from an open container at any commercial establishment between the hours of 2 and 7 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday is prohibited.
5. No person shall be intoxicated in any street, public building, place of amusement or worship or any other public place in the city.

The **State of South Carolina** prohibits the following acts and prescribes the corresponding penalties:

1. The purchase or possession of beer, wine or liquor by persons under 21 years of age carries a fine of up to \$200 and mandatory driver's license suspension of 90 days to six months.
2. Giving false information about your age in order to purchase alcoholic beverages or giving or purchasing alcoholic beverages to someone under 21 years of age is punishable by 30 days in jail and up to a \$200 fine and mandatory driver's license suspension of 90 days to six months.
3. It is unlawful for anyone to have beer or wine in an open container in a moving vehicle. This offense is punishable by a fine of \$100 and/or 30 days in jail.
4. Public intoxication is punishable by a \$100 fine or 30 days imprisonment.
5. Driving under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs can result in a two to 30-day jail term and a \$200 fine for the first offense and up to one to five years in prison for the fourth offense. In addition, driving under the influence may result in the temporary or permanent suspension of your driver's license.
6. Causing injury or death to another while driving under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs carries a penalty of up to 25 years in prison and a fine of up to \$25,000.
7. Obtaining drugs through fraud or misrepresentation is punishable by a fine of up to \$2000 and five years in prison.

8.The distribution or possession of certain controlled substances including marijuana, cocaine, crack or heroin can be punishable by 15-40 years in prison and/or \$200,000 fine.

9.The distribution of illicit drugs or controlled substances to minors is a separate crime punishable by a fine of \$30,000 and/or a sentence of up to 20 years.

10.The distribution of illicit drugs or controlled substances within one-half mile of a school is a separate crime punishable by a jail term of up to 15 years and a fine of not less than \$10,000.

11.Anyone convicted of the distribution or transportation of illicit drugs or controlled substances is subject to forfeit all his or her money, equipment or other personal property used in the distribution of the controlled substance.

12.The possession of drug paraphernalia is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

**Federal law** prohibits the following acts and prescribes the corresponding penalties:

1.The unlawful distribution or possession of substances such as: cocaine, heroin and LSD are punishable by a sentence of up to life in prison and an \$8 million fine, depending on the quantity and type of drug involved.

2.The simple possession of an illicit drug or controlled substance without a medical prescription is subject to a penalty of up to 20 years in prison.

3.The distribution of illicit drugs or controlled substances to people under age 21 doubles the severity of the punishment described in item one above.

4.Distributing illicit drugs or controlled substances within 100 feet of any school or college or within 100 feet of any playground, video arcade or swimming pool is a separate offense punishable by a prison term of one to three years for the first offense and up to life in prison for the second offense.

5.Working in cooperation with five or more other people in violation of one or more of the above stated federal laws can result in an additional penalty of 20 years to life in prison.

### **Health Risks Associated with Drug or Alcohol Use**

The use of illicit drugs and alcohol can result in severe injury and death. Consumption of alcohol can cause addiction and/or accidents as a result of impaired ability and judgment, heart and liver damage and possible death when consumed in excessive quantity or when mixed with other depressants.

The use of cocaine or crack is highly addictive. Cocaine and crack can cause heart attacks, seizures, lung damage, severe depression, paranoia and death.

Smoking marijuana causes impaired short-term memory, addiction and panicked behavior.

The use of hallucinogens such as LSD and PCP causes anxiety, panic, nausea, emotional instability, violent and unpredictable behavior and death. Inhaling gasoline, glues, or aerosols can result in unconsciousness, suffocation, nausea and vomiting, damage to the brain and central nervous system and sudden death. Using narcotics such as heroin, Demerol or dilaudid causes addiction, lethargy, weight loss and the threat of AIDS from shared needles and death.

The abuse of stimulants like speed, uppers or nicotine can be addictive. They cause exhaustion, paranoia, depression, confusion, hallucinations and death. Depressants such as barbiturates and tranquilizers are addictive. They can cause loss of muscular control, depressed respiration and heart rate and can cause death when combined with alcohol.

### **Substance Abuse Counseling**

Persons wishing to seek voluntary, confidential counseling and referral in regard to substance abuse problems should contact the University's counseling service at 863- 8010.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT** **CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT**

### **Overview**

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) became law in August 2008. It requires all United States academic institutions to produce an annual fire safety report outlining fire safety practices, standards, and all fire-related on-campus statistics. The following public disclosure report details all information required by this law as it relates to Charleston Southern University.

### **General Statement of Charleston Southern University Residence Halls**

At CSU, all residence halls (Russell East, Russell West, Women's North, Women's South and the Quads) are equipped with individual room smoke detectors, and smoke/heat detectors are in the common areas.

### **Fire Safety Improvements and Upgrades**

CSU Campus Security, in cooperation with the Physical Plant personnel, annually reviews the fire systems in our residence halls and will make upgrades, repairs or revisions when problems are identified. This past year all hallway alarms in Russell East and Women's South were upgraded.

### **Residence Hall Fire Drills**

Fire drills are held once a semester for each residence hall. Fire drills are mandatory supervised evacuations of a building for a fire. The fire drill is scheduled with Campus Security, the individual residence hall staff and the local fire station.

Evacuation route maps are posted in each room showing where the closest exit route is and the assembly area outside.

Students who fail to leave the building during a fire drill are reported to the residence life staff for corrective action.

### **Fire Safety Education**

Residence Life policy on fire safety is to prohibit usage of electrical cooking appliances, candles and specific electrical equipment in individual rooms. Candles or open flames are prohibited. There are limits on the number of electrical appliances allowed in a specific room.

Residence Life policy on evacuation from residence halls is in the student handbook and is discussed with residents when they move into the residence hall, as follows:

In case of a fire, please sound the nearest fire alarm and evacuate the building. Evacuation procedures are as follows:

- Know the emergency routes from your room and hall.
- Check to see if your door is hot or has smoke around it. If so, stay in your room and wait to be evacuated by firefighters.
- Shut your door tightly when you leave.
- Exit your building and follow the directions of staff members.
- DO NOT remain in courtyards or in close proximity to the buildings. Remain in designated locations until cleared for re-entry by either the resident assistant (RA), or a member of the residence life staff acting on behalf of your RA or by campus security.
- If you can use a fire extinguisher in your hall without endangering yourself, please do so. However, our first concern is your safety. Do not attempt to extinguish a fire if your personal safety becomes threatened.

A fire safety inspection is conducted annually to ensure residents are abiding by all fire safety regulations. Residence Life staff training on fire safety is held annually by the Director of Residence Life.

### **Fire/Life Safety Inspections**

Annually, a fire marshal conducts an inspection of all buildings on campus. Physical Plant personnel inspect fire extinguishers monthly. Residence Life staff conduct random health and wellness inspections that include fire code violations. Should a violation be found, you will receive a letter indicating what the violation was, and you will be expected to meet immediate compliance. If the violations have not been corrected after an unannounced re-inspection, you and/or your roommate will be fined and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Some common violations are as follows:

- Extension cords and multitap electric units without a breaker
- Blocking of electrical panels
- Blocking of exit pathways
- Evidence of burning candles, incense or tobacco products
- Evidence of cooking or cooking appliances even if unused

- Evidence of a heavy load of combustibles in a room, on the walls or ceiling
- Covering a door with paper or other combustible materials
- Use of electrical wiring, devices, appliances which are modified or damaged
- Use of a portable heater
- Tampered with smoke detector
- Unsafe lofting or raising of beds- including rooms with no guardrails
- Strings of lights, twinkle lights, holiday lights
- Any other situation deemed unsafe by the staff inspector

Additional Upgrades: CSU has improved/upgraded fire alarms/strobes in the Field House and Student Success Center

### Smoking Policy

CSU is a tobacco free campus.

### Reporting a Fire

Students reporting a fire should contact Campus Security or 911. If the fire event is no longer a danger, they should contact the RA or Resident Director (RD) to report the incident to campus security.

### Statistics and Reports of on-campus student housing fire(s)

*Yearly Fire Related Damage Report*

#### 2010 Fire Statistics- One Reportable Incident

Residence Hall	Total Fires in Each building	Date/Time of incident	Cause of Fire	Number of injuries That require Medical treatment	Number of Deaths related to fire	Value of property damage caused by Fire
Russell East	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Russell West	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Women's North	1	N/A	N/A	1	0	0
Women's South	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Quad 1	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Quad 2	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Quad 3	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0

### Definitions

**Fire-** Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.

**Fire drill-** A supervised practice of a mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire.

**Fire-related injury-** Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of a fire, including an injury sustained from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue or escaping from the dangers of the fire. The term person may include students, faculty, staff, visitors, firefighters or any other individuals.

**Fire-related death-** Any instance in which a person is killed as a result of a fire including, death resulting from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of a fire, or deaths that occur within 1 year of injuries sustained as a result of a fire.

**Fire safety system-** Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire or the control of a fire including: Sprinkler or other fire extinguishing systems, fire detection devices, stand-alone smoke alarms, devices that alert one to the presence of a fire, such as, horns, bells, or strobe lights, smoke control and reduction mechanisms and fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of a fire.

**Value of Property Damage-** The estimated value of the loss of the structure and contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quantity, including: contents damaged by fire, related damages caused by smoke, water and overhaul. However, it does not include indirect loss, such as business interruption.

**Fire Log-** A fire log is kept at the Campus Security office and is open to the public during normal business hours.

The Campus Security Department maintains a fire log that records any fire that occurred in an on-campus student housing facility and includes information such as the nature, date, time and general location of each fire.

The fire log entry, or an addition to an entry, shall be made within two business days of the receipt of information.

The fire log for the most recent 60-day period shall be open to public inspection during normal business hours. Any portion of the log older than 60 days will be available within two business days of a request for public inspection.