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## From the Chief of Police

 $\Upsilon$  he University of South Florida Police Department (USFPD) is a progressive law enforcement agency comprised of individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds. These individuals are tasked with carrying out the department's mission of "protecting life and property, understanding and serving the needs of any and all persons within the university community, actively seeking to identify community problems and solutions to those problems, identifying and preventing criminal activity, and improving the quality of life in this community."

The USFPD is a full service department which offers a range of police services to include: routine patrol of the campus and residential areas, service calls, traffic enforcement, accident investigation, criminal investigations, dignitary protection, and crowd control at special events. The department also has trained and certified crime prevention officers who offer special-



ized training in areas such as: Rape Aggression Defense, Burglary and Theft Prevention, and Alcohol Awareness.

As an accredited law enforcement agency in the State of Florida, the USFPD meets or exceeds over 200 standards set forth by the Commission for Law Enforcement Accreditation. We are one of over 150 law enforcement agencies in the state to meet these strict standards. This means the USFPD represents the very best in law enforcement, and can more effectively and efficiently deliver law enforcement services to its community members.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. With this in mind, we encourage you to contact the USFPD whenever you need to report a crime, want crime prevention programming, or have suggestions as to how we can work together to make the University of South Florida a better place to learn and work.

Chris Daniel Chief of Police **USF** Police Department





## **SERVICES OFFERED BY UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The University of South Florida Police Department strives to meet the needs of the university community by providing these services:

- Response to all emergencies police, fire, medical
- Investigation of all misdemeanor and felony crimes
- Assistance to all victims of crime
- Investigation of traffic crashes
- Monitoring of alarms for intrusion, robbery and fires
- Maintenance of police records information
- Contact and referral of individuals to other campus and community human services agencies
- **Assistance** and cooperation with emergency service agencies
- Planning and management of special events
- Handling of special security requests
- Security consultations and surveys
- Receipt and return of lost and found property
- Provide fingerprints for job applicant
- Off-Campus Housing A Guide to Apartment Safety

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## INTRODUCTION

Choosing a postsecondary institution is a major decision for students and their families. Along with academic, financial and geographic considerations, the issue of campus safety is a vital concern. In 1990, Congress enacted the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Title II of Public law 101-542), which amended the *Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA)*. This act required all postsecondary institutions participating in HEA's Title IV student financial assistance programs to disclose campus crime statistics and security information. This act was amended in 1992, 1998, and 2000. The 1998 amendments renamed the law the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act* in memory of a student who was slain in her dorm room in 1986. It is generally referred to as the Clery Act.

In 2008, the *Higher Education Opportunity Act or HEOA* (Public Law 110-35) reauthorized, amended, and expanded the Higher Education of 1965. HEOA amended the requirements of the Clery Act and created additional safety and security-related requirements for educational institutions such as ours.

In 1994, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (or VAWA) (Public Law 103-322) was the first major federal law to help government agencies and victim advocates work together to fight domestic violence, sexual assault, and other types of violence against women. The VAWA created new punishments for certain crimes and started programs to prevent violence and help victims. The reauthorization of the VAWA in 2013 amended the Clery Act to afford additional rights to campus victims of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. These amendments to the Clery Act went into effect July 1, 2015.

Compliance with these federal laws is not a once-a-year event. Many requirements must be satisfied before an institution can be considered in full compliance. Some requirements are ongoing, such as crime information collecting, campus alerts and crime log updating, while other requirements are less frequent, such as this report and the online survey our institution submits to the U.S. Department of Education by October 1st each year.



## **Campus Law Enforcement**

The University of South Florida Police Department (USFPD) is comprised of declared law enforcement officers of the state and have the right to arrest, in accordance with the laws of this state, on campus or within 1,000 feet of any property controlled by the university. USF contracts for Security Officers through a private corporation. Security Officers do not have any sworn law enforcement authority but do provide protective services to further the mission of providing care, welfare, safety, and security for all students, faculty, staff, visitors, and patients. The USFPD also has mutual aid agreements or memorandums of understanding with the surrounding law enforcement agencies within Hillsborough County:

- · Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office,
- Tampa Police Department, and
- Temple Terrace Police Department.

These agreements request the voluntary assistance of others in matters of routine law enforcement that do or may cross jurisdictional lines, including but not limited to, the continuation of investigations; the development of intelligence; the collection of evidence of past, present or future criminal activity; or apprehension of persons suspected of criminal activity.



## **Crime Statistics Preparation and Annual Reporting**

Each institution within the USF System has a police department responsible for submitting semi-annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) data to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for locations under their jurisdiction. See APPENDIX A for a map of the USFPD's jurisdiction for USF Tampa. The FDLE forwards this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for publication in the FBI's UCR.

In addition to this reporting, each institution's police department, through their Clery Coordinator, reports a subset of these crimes as required under the Clery Act and VAWA. These Clery-VAWA crimes and incidents are reported by the institution's Clery Coordinator by October 1st each year to the U.S. Department of Education and they are included in this annual security report. Each institution's police department has a Clery Coordinator specially trained in classifying and compiling annual crime statistics under Clery and VAWA. Below is contact information for our Clery Coordinator:

#### **USF Tampa Clery Coordinator**

Edwin Lovett, Communications & Records Manager **USF** Tampa Police Department 4202 E. Fowler Ave., UPB002 | Tampa, FL 33620-8750 (813) 974-3959 | Fax: (813) 974-5616 eglovett@usf.edu | usf.edu/police

Clery Coordinators receive reports of crimes and incidents from students, employees, the community, Campus Security Authorities (CSAs), and external law enforcement agencies.

## **Annual Crime Statistics Compilation**

Clery Coordinators determine, on behalf of our institution, whether or not the information being reported to them constitutes a Clery-VAWA crime or incident. This determination is based on the information available to them at the time their determination is made; and the specialized training they have received for classifying Clery-VAWA crimes or incidents. When a Clery-VAWA crime or incident is reported as having occurred within our Clery Geography, then it is included in our annual crime statistics. While Clery Act does **not** require crimes to be reported anonymously, it prohibits personally identifiable information from being included in our institution's disclosure of crime statistics. Crime reports made to our Clery Coordinators or our CSAs may include personally identifiable information to aid in investigating the report. However, the Clery Coordinator omits this information from the annual security report and the web-based data collection. Likewise, the Clery Coordinator does not identify the victim or the person accused of committing the crime when disclosing the number of reported crimes as part of our annual crime statistics.

## **Daily Crime Log**

USFPD maintains a Daily Crime Log of all incidents reported to them. This log provides the following information regarding criminal incidents and alleged criminal incidents reported to USFPD:

- Date the crime was reported,
- Date and time the crime occurred.
- General location of the crime; and,
- Current disposition of the complaint, if known.

Crime log entries, additions to previous entires, or changes in the disposition of a complaint are recorded within two business days of the reporting of the information to USFPD. The only exceptions to this rule are if disclosure on the log is 1) prohibited by law or 2) would jeopardize the confidentiality of the victim. A business day is Monday through Friday, except for days when the institution is closed (e.g. weekends, holidays, or during other campus closures).

The crime log for the most recent 60-day period is available for public inspection in the lobby of USFPD free of charge during normal business hours. Anyone has access to our crime log, whether or not they are associated with USF Tampa, including the media. Any portion of the Daily Crime Log older than 60 days is also available for public inspection upon request. Logs are archived for seven years or as required under State of Florida law, whichever period is greater in accordance with USF System Policy 5-012: *Records Retention and Disposition*, available online here: regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-5-012.pdf.

### **Clery-VAWA Crime or Incident**

Clery-VAWA crimes and incidents are organized into three categories: criminal offenses; hate crimes; and arrests and disciplinary referrals for violations of weapons, drug, and liquor laws.

#### **Criminal Offenses**

We report the following criminal offenses as part of our annual crime statistics under the Clery Act and VAWA:

- Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter
- Negligent Manslaughter
- Sex Offenses (Rape, Fondling, Incest, or Statutory Rape)
- Dating Violence
- Domestic Violence
- Stalking
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson

#### **Hate Crimes**

We report hate crimes for all of the above-listed criminal offenses as well as the following additional criminal offenses as part of our annual crime statistics under Clery and VAWA:

- Larceny-Theft
- Simple Assault
- Intimidation
- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

A hate crime is a criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias. Bias is a preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity/national origin. Although there are many possible categories of bias, Clery and VAWA limit these categories for the purpose of annual crime statistics reporting to the following: race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, and disability.

## Arrests and Disciplinary Referrals for Violations of Weapons, Drug, and Liquor Laws

We report the number of arrests and number of persons referred for disciplinary action for the below-listed violations of law as part of our annual crime statistics under the Clery Act and VAWA:

- Weapons Law Violations;
- Drug Abuse Law Violations; and
- Liquor Law Violations.

Definitions of these crimes and incidents under the Clery Act, VAWA, State of Florida law, and the FBI's UCR, are provided in APPENDIX B.

### **Clery Geography**

Each institution within the USF System discloses statistics for reported Clery-VAWA crimes that occur in the following locations:

- On-Campus
- On-Campus Residential (a subset of On-Campus)
- Non-Campus buildings or property that our institution owns or controls
- Public Property within or immediately adjacent to the campus

The definitions for these geographic categories are *Clery Act*-specific and are the same for every institution within the USF System regardless of its physical size or configuration. These definitions are provided in APPENDIX B. A map of the Clery Geography for USF Tampa is provided in APPENDIX C.

#### **Campus Security Authorities**

"Campus Security Authority" is a Clery-specific term that encompasses four groups of individuals and organizations associated with our institution who must report Clery-VAWA crimes and incidents to our institution's Clery Coordinator. These groups of individuals and organizations include the following:

- 1) A campus police department or a campus security department of an institution, e.g., University Police.
- 2) Any individual or individuals who have responsibility for campus security but who do not constitute a campus police department or a campus security department, e.g., an individual who is responsible for monitoring the entrance into institutional property. This includes individuals who provide security at a campus parking kiosk, monitor access into a campus facility, or act as event security or escort students around campus after dark.

- 3) 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.
- 4) 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" in this context 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.

Examples of individuals who meet the criteria for being Campus Security Authorities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A dean of students who oversees student housing, a student center, or student extracurricular activities.
- A director of athletics, a team coach, or a faculty advisor to a student group.
- A student resident advisor or assistant or a student who monitors access to dormitories.
- A coordinator of Greek affairs.

Examples of individuals who would **not** meet the criteria for being Campus Security Authorities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A faculty member who does not have any responsibility for student and campus activity beyond the classroom.
- Clerical or cafeteria staff.

### **Exemption for Pastoral and Professional Counselors**

There are two types of individuals who, although they have significant responsibility for student and campus activities, are not considered Campus Security Authorities under the Clery Act.

- Pastoral counselor: A person who is associated with a religious order or denomination, is recognized by the religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling, and is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor.
- Professional counselor: A person whose official responsibiliteis include providing mental health counseling to members of the institution's community and who is functio-

ning within the scope of his or her license or certification. This definition applies even to professional counselors who are not employees of the institution, but are undercontract to provide counseling at the institution.

The pastoral or professional counselor exemption is intended to ensure that these individuals can provide appropriate counseling services without an obligation to report crimes they may have learned about. This is similar to the privilege provided under certain circumstances to doctors, counselors, and attorney when they may learn of crimes from patients or clients. This exemption is intended to protect the counselor-client role. However, even these legally-recognized privileges acknowledge some exemptions, and there may be situations in which counselors are infact under a legal obligation to report a crime.

### **What Campus Security Authorities Do**

The function of a Campus Security Authority (CSA) is to report to our institution's Clery Coordinator allegations of Clery-VAWA crimes and incidents on our Clery Geography that he or she concludes were made in good faith. Obviously, in the event of an emergency, Campus Security Authorities should contact 9-1-1 first.

### What Campus Security Authorities Should **NOT Do**

CSAs are not responsible for determining authoritatively whether a crime took place — that is the function of law enforcement personnel. CSAs should not try to apprehend the alleged perpetrator of the crime. That, too, is the responsibility of law enforcement. It's also not a CSA's responsibility to try to convince a victim to contact law enforcement if the victim chooses not to do so.

CSAs play a vital role in the timely and accurate reporting of certain crimes and incidents for each separately-accredited institution within the USF System. To access more information about what might make you a CSA, training resources, and more CSAcentric information, consult the following webpage dedicated to **USF** System resources:

usf.edu/police/your-safety/campus-security-authority.aspx



# Total Clery-VAWA Crimes Reported by USF Tampa Police Department, Campus Security Authorities, and Other Law Enforcement Agencies

(Reported in accordance with Uniform Crime Reporting Definitions and pursuant to the Clery Act and the Violence Against Women Act)

	on the USF Campus				<b>l</b> B	Non-Campus Buildings and Properties			On Public Property			Total Clery Crimes Reported			Unfounded* Crimes			
Clery Crimes Reported	20	16	20	17	20	18	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
(includes attempts)	Residential	Campus	Residential	Campus	Residential	Campus	2010	2017	2010	2010	2017	2010	2010	2017	2010	2010	2017	2010
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense-Rape	4	4	7	8	14	16	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	8	18	0	0	0
Sex Offense-Fondling	3	3	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	0
Sex Offense-Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense-Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	2	4	2	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	4	2	0	1	1
Dating Violence	2	3	6	13	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	13	5	0	0	0
Stalking	0	7	0	4	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	7	0	0	0
Robbery	0	4	0	1	0	1	3	0	3	1	0	0	8	1	4	2	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	1	1	10	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	3	0	0	0
Burglary	13	23	3	17	2	11	9	3	3	0	0	0	32	20	14	1	7	1
Arson	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	10	0	20	0	6	4	2	0	0	1	0	14	23	6	1	6	2

2016: No Hate Crimes reported.

**Hate Crimes** 

2017: One on-campus Criminal Mischief incident characterized by race bias.

2018: No Hate Crimes reported.

#### Number of Arrests and Referrals for Weapons, Drug, and Liquor Law Violations Non-Campus On Public Total On-Campus Buildings Properties in the Arrests and Referrals Reported and Properties Area of Campus **Arrests and Referrals** (Listed by reporting 2016 2017 2018 2016 2017 2018 2016 2017 2018 Residential Campus Residential Campus Residential Campus category) **Weapons Law Violations** Arrests Referrals **Drug Law Violations** Arrests Referrals **Liquor Law Violation** Arrests Referrals

<sup>\*</sup>If a reported Clery Crime is investigated by law enforcement authorities and found to be false or baseless, the crime is "unfounded" and is not included in our institution's above crime statistics. Only **sworn commissioned law enforcement personnel** may "unfound" a crime pursuant to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, **The Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting**, 2016 Edition, Washington, DC, 2016, pgs. 3-51.

## **How to Report Crimes or Other Emergencies on Campus**

All members of the USF System community are encouraged to promptly report known or suspected crimes to USFPD or the external law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. Any emergency involving a threat to life or property should be immediately reported by calling 9-1-1. All campus phones may be used to dial 9-1-1 at no charge. The caller should stay on the line until the dispatcher terminates the call. Do not hang up. The USFPD responds to all emergency situations involving our campus, regardless of whether the situation requires police, fire, or medical assistance.

We have **Emergency Blue Light Phones** located throughout campus, which are equipped with location indicators. Consult APPENDIX D for a map of emergency blue light phone locations on the USF Tampa Campus.

In response to reports of criminal activity, potential emergencies, or dangerous situations on campus, USFPD takes the required action by either dispatching an officer or asking the caller to report to USFPD headquarters to file an incident report. Incidents should be reported even when the victim of a crime elects to or is unable (physically/mentally) to make such reports. USFPD investigators investigate a report when deemed appropriate. Reporting incidents to USFPD facilitates timely determination of the existence of a significant emergency or dangerous situation and assess for timely warning notices to aid in the prevention of similar crimes. It also allows criminal offense information to be appropriately included in our annual disclosure of crime statistics.

All other police business (crimes not in progress, suspicious persons, questions, etc.) may be directed to USFPD at (813) 974-2628 or by visiting their main office located at 4202 E. Fowler Avenue UPB002, Tampa, FL 33620.

## **Mandatory Reporters of Clery-VAWA Crimes** or Incidents

All members of the USF System are strongly encouraged to report crimes to the police. Certain USF System employees are required to report Clery-VAWA crimes and incidents to their institution's Clery Coordinator because, under the Clery Act and VAWA, they are Campus Security Authorities (CSAs). Employees who are not sure whether or not they are a CSA should contact their institution's Clery Coordinator. Their contact information can be accessed online at the following address: usf.edu/police/your-safety/camp us-security-authority.aspx.

In an emergency situation, CSAs should always call 9-1-1. In a non-emergency situation or once an emergency situation has been de-escalated, CSAs must report Clery-VAWA crimes or incidents which occur on our Clery Geography using the CSA report form available online at: usf.edu/police/documents/cler y-reporting-form.pdf.

Reports of Clery crimes and incidents to the Clery Coordinator do not need to contain names of those involved; only a description of the situation and location of the incident. If you are unsure of which form to use or which Clery Coordinator to contact, just report it on the form you have. Our Clery Coordinators will sort it out. The important thing to remember is to report a Clery-VAWA crime or incident to the Clery Coordinator as soon as possible.

#### **AlertUSF**

AlertUSF is the USF System's Emergency Notification System (ENS). It was established to notify our community in the event of a campus emergency. It allows USF System students and employees to receive emergency updates via text message. All official USF emergency notifications are sent out through AlertUSF. USF strongly recommends all USF System students and employees subscribe to this important service.

To register for AlertUSF or to update your contact information, follow these instructions:

- 1. Login to the NetID Account Services website via netid. usf.edu/una/ using your NetID.
- 2. Click Update Emergency Notification Settings
- 3. Follow instructions to opt in, provide mobile phone number, and select campus locations for alerts.
- 4. Click Submit.

## **USF Safe App & Tips**

USF Safe is the official safety app for the University of South Florida. This free mobile safety app provides guick access to:

> Emergency Contacts (On and Off Campus) Numbers Customized for Each Campus Safety Resources in One Place Access to Existing Support Resources **USF Bulletin Board for Ongoing Situations** Interactive and Searchable Maps Location Sharing and Friend Walk Mobile Blue Light (Beacon)

Smartphone users who download the app can report tips to USF Police, make emergency phone calls, and other safety resources all in one place.

To report a crime tip, start by downloading the USF Safe app on your Apple or Android smart phone. Choose the campus in which which you are on, then click "Report a Tip." If you don't have an Android or Apple smart phone, you can text a TIP to the USFPD. Simply draft a message and send to 67283. Please note standard text messaging rates apply based on your individual plan. For more information regarding the USF Safe App, please visit https://www.usf.edu/administrative-services/university-police/ your-safety/usf-safe-app.aspx

### **Protecting the Confidentiality of Victims**

The USF System will protect the confidentiality of victims and other necessary parties, including how our institution will complete publicly available recordkeeping and, for the purposes of the Clery Act reporting and disclosure, without the inclusion of identifying information about the victim pursuant to the Clery Act under VAWA, and other applicable federal and State of Florida laws.

The USF System will maintain as confidential any accommodation or protective measures provided to the victim, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of our institution to provide the accommodations or protective measures.

#### **Prohibition on Retaliation**

The USF System encourages an atmosphere of open dialogue and expression, including the promotion of good faith filing of a grievance, complaint, or report by employees and students of violations of law, rule, regulation, policy, or other misconduct.

In support of an environment of open communication within the USF System community, the USF System will not tolerate retaliation retribution, or reprisals against an employee or student who submitted such a good faith filing. Employees and students who learn of retaliation should report it immediately. For more information, consult USF System Policy 0-020: Retaliation, Retribution or Reprisals Prohibited, available online at regulationspoli cies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-0-020.pdf.

## What Happens to Employees or Students **Who Violate Our Retaliation Policy?**

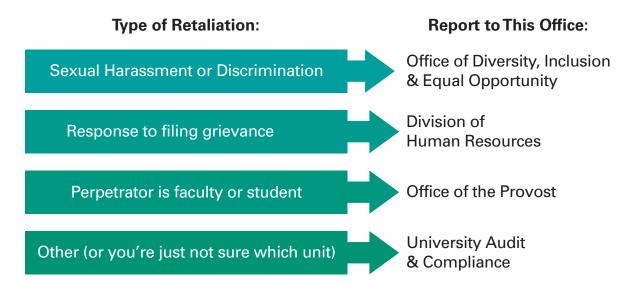
Employees who engage in retaliation in violation of USF System Policy 0-020 will be subject to disciplinary action up to dismissal from employment. Students who engage in retaliation in violation of USF System Policy 0-020 will be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for potential adjudication under the Student Code of Conduct process.

## **How to Report Retaliation**

An employee or student who believes retaliation may have been taken against them as a result of filing a grievance, complaint, or report of violations of law, rule, regulation, policy, or other misconduct, should immediately report the retaliation to their next level supervisor, if feasible. Otherwise, reports of retaliation should be made as shown in the chart below.

An appropriate, timely review and response will be provided to an employee or student who alleges retaliation, consistent with USF System policy, rules, and regulations.

## Report Retaliation Based on the Type of Retaliation Being Experienced



<sup>1</sup>The term "accommodation" used within the context of the Clery Act and the VAWA (Clery/VAWA) is reasonably understood to mean temporary supportive services or interim measures for victims of sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking occurring within our Clery Geography. When this term is used within the context of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), its meaning differs from the use of this term under Clery/VAWA. Under the ADA, this term refers to reasonable, permanent accommodations for those who have a qualifying disability under the ADA. For more information concerning ADA-related accommodations, contact Student Disability Services. More information concerning Clery/VAWA-related accommodations is provided in this report.

## **Timely Warnings**

Our institution issues timely warnings for any Clery Act crime that occurs on our Clery Geography that is:

- Reported to Campus Security Authorities (CSAs) or local police agencies; and
- Considered by our institution to represent a serious or continuing threat to students and employees.

The intent of timely warnings is to enable members of the USF System campus community to protect themselves. Timely warnings essentially are crime awareness and prevention bulletins to the USF System community, thus the warning will be issued as soon as possible even if the facts are not yet known.

Timely warnings are issued on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Chief of USF Police or designee in light of all facts surrounding a crime, including factors such as:

- The nature of the crime.
- The continuing danger to the campus community.
- The possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts.

USFPD decides the content of the timely warnings. These warnings include information that promotes safety and would aid in the prevention of similar crimes including, but not limited to, information about the crime that triggered the warning.

USFPD issues timely warnings to our institution-issued email accounts. All enrolled USF System students and employees are provided an active email account. USFPD will also use these email accounts to issue updates to timely warnings.

Since our timely warnings are sent to institution-issued email accounts, it is imperative that all enrolled students and current employees have such an email account. For assistance with student and employee email accounts, please contact:

#### **USF Tampa Information Technology**

Help Desk: help@usf.edu Phone: (813) 974-1222 Web: usf.edu/it

For more information concerning timely warnings policies and procedures, please consult USF Emergency Management Policy 6-010, available at the Office of General Counsel's website: regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/ policy-6-010.pdf.

## **The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Timely Warning** Requirement

The Clery Act does not require confidential reporting of crimes. Although personally identifiable information is general precluded from disclosure, such information may be released in an emergency situation.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which protects student education information from disclosure, does **not** preclude our institution's compliance with the timely warning provision of the Clery Act. FERPA recognizes that information can, in case of an emergency, be released without consent when needed to protect the health and safety of others. In addition, if institutions utilize information from the records of a campus law enforcement unit to issue a timely warning, FERPA is not implicated as those records are not protected by FERPA.

For more information about FERPA and the timely warning requirement under the Clery Act, consult the U.S. Department of Education's May 1996 Dear Colleague Letter on Campus Security Issues, available online via the Department of Education's website: http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7674/urlt/0064538ferpa.pdf



## **Security of and Access to Campus Facilities**

During the day and during evening hours when classes are in session, facilities within the USF System (excluding housing facilities) are generally open to the public—such as students, parents, employees, contractors, guests, and invitees. Outside of these hours, all facilities are generally locked and only those who require access are admitted. USFPD provides regular patrol of university buildings as well as parking lots. In the case of periods of extended closing, the institution will admit only those with appropriate authority.

The institution monitors our buildings and grounds with a concern for the safety and security of all persons and property. Inspections are routinely conducted and repairs are promptly made to ensure that appropriate safety and security standards are maintained. University Police assist Facilities Management personnel by reporting potential safety and security hazards, which include conducting campus lighting surveys and reporting outages. Students, faculty, and staff are also encouraged to call Facilities Management to report any safety or security hazards:

#### **Facilities Management Service Center**

University of South Florida 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, OPM100 Tampa, Florida 33620

24-Hour Service Desk: (813) 974-2845 usf.edu/fm

A representative of USFPD is involved in the review of architectural plans for new facilities or major renovations to existing buildings. Specific recommendations are made to enhance the security of all facilities before contractors begin working. USFPD also conducts physical security surveys of campus facilities that may be

vulnerable to criminal intrusion. Specific recommendations are made regarding security hardware, alarms, or procedures that serve to reduce the opportunities for crime to occur in or around campus buildings.

Resident students are issued a key at check-in so they may have access to their living unit. Students are encouraged to safeguard keys in order to enhance their personal safety and the safety of others. An effective residence hall security system program depends upon resident cooperation, staff supervision, and USFPD assistance. The best security system is one in which every member of the community takes personal responsibility for self-protection and the protection of his or her property.

Our law enforcement officers regularly patrol the residence halls and are readily available to assist on a 24-hour basis. A Resident Assistant or Night Clerk is on duty in residence hall complexes every night for security purposes. These security measures and personnel are representative of our concern for the protection of your person and property. Maintenance personnel make security inspections and corrections as needed. Students are encouraged to call the Housing Office or USFPD to promptly report security deficiencies. Remember, in an emergency, always call **9-1-1**.

#### **Housing Office Contact Information:**

Housing & Residential Education University of South Florida 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, RAR 229 Tampa, Florida 33620-7700 (813) 974-0001 | housing@usf.edu

24-Hour Service Desks Holly M: (813) 974-7000 Juniper-Poplar: (813) 974-0800

## **Programs About Campus Security Procedures**

USFPD and Emergency Management provide programming and presentations regarding campus safety procedures. This training introduces members of the USF System community to the various systems and practices our institutions put in place to enhance the safety and security of all community members.

## **Emergency Protective Actions**

The Emergency Protective Actions course provides an all-hazards overview of protection actions that students, staff, and faculty may take when faced with potentially hazardous situations. This class is available on-line via Canvas.

### **Active Threat**

Active Threat prevention and response training provides valu-

able information about the characteristics, prevention tools, and response techniques that may be used before and during an active threat situation. This course is an interactive experience with emergency management and law enforcement officials.

Visit www.usf.edu/administrative-services/emergency-management/training/ for more information.

#### **SAFE Team**

The Safe and Free Escort (SAFE) Team is dedicated to providing a heightened level of safety at the University of South Florida. During their normal operating hours, the SAFE Team constantly patrols sectors of the campus in order to deter crime, offer safe escorts to USF student, and work in conjunction with local figures to provide the Alert Cab service to USF students.

#### **SAFE Team Escort**

A SAFE Team escort is a golf cart or walking team accompanying one or two persons from one location on the University of South Florida campus to another. Information needed: name, number of riders, vour location, and destination

Phone: (813) 974-SAFE (7233)

Hours of Operation: 6:30 pm - 2:00 am

Website: usf.edu/student-affairs/student-government/services/

safe-team.aspx

#### **Alert Cab**

Alert Cab is a free taxi ride from an alcohol-serving establishment to a residence in Hillsborough County. Students must attend the University of South Florida and be 21+ to use the service. Taxi cabs only hold four people. Service is paid for by Pepin Distributing Company and the cab service used is United Cab. *Information* Needed: Name, Date of Birth, Driver's License Number, Location of Alcohol Serving Establishment, and Location of Residence.

Phone: (813) 974-SAFE (7233)

Hours of Operation: 6:30 pm-2:00 am

Website: usf.edu/student-affairs/student-government/services/

safe-team.aspx

## **Crime Prevention Programs for Students and Employees**

Our institution offers a number of programs intended to reduce the potential for personal injury and loss of property. Presentations on safety are included in incoming students and residence hall students' orientation, and are held frequently during Fall and Spring semesters for the benefit of students, faculty, and staff.

The USF System encourages all students and employees to be involved in campus crime prevention. Information on safety and security concerns and precautions are provided to students and employees regularly through seminars, films, bulletins, crime alerts, posters, brochures, and other publications.

The USFPD provides crime prevention programs each semester on the following topics:

- Date/Acquaintance Rape (for both men and women)
- Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) [Self-Defense for Women]
- Personal Safety—Reducing Your Risks
- Drinking and Driving—DUI Information
- Drugs Health Risks, Liabilities
- Burglary and Theft Prevention
- Operation ID Engraving
- USF Police Department Who We Are and What We Do
- Bike Engraving and Theft Prevention
- Cash Handling and Robbery Precautions
- Child Safety
- Violence in the Workplace
- Alcohol Awareness
- Active Threat

For more information on these education, prevention, and awareness programs, visit the USFPD website at usf.edu/police/ your-safety/educational-programs.aspx.

The Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention offers training on a variety of topics, including:

- Interpersonal Violence, including relationship, domestic & dating
- Sexual violence (including rape)
- Stalking/Harassment
- Stalking

For more information on these education, prevention, and awareness programs, visit the Center for Victim Advocacy website at https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/victim-advocacy/.

Wellness USF offers a variety of education, prevention, and awareness programs, including:

- Awareness events and campaigns
- Workshops and presentations
- Consultations on safer sexual behavior and sexually transmitted infections
- Distribution of free condoms
- Social media blogs on wellness and safety

For more information on these education, prevention, and awareness programs, visit the Center for Student Well-Being website at: https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/wellbeing/.

## **Alcohol and Illegal Drugs**

### **Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Policy Statements**

USF System Alcohol Policy prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, use, or sale of alcohol on the property of, or in connection with, any of the activities of the USF System. Such prohibitions are at all times subject to the applicable alcoholic beverages laws and ordinances of the State of Florida as well as those by the city of Tampa and Hillsborough County.

USF System Drug-Free Workplace Policy prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, use, or sale of controlled substances ("illegal drugs") on the property of or in connection with any of the activities of the USF System. The term "drugs" includes, but is not limited to, any narcotic drug, central nervous system stimulant, hallucinogenic drug, barbiturate, or any other substance treated as such and defined by the law. Further, the unauthorized possession or use of a regulated or controlled substance, including prescription drugs and paraphernalia used for drugs, is a violation of the USF System Drug-Free Workplace Policy as well as federal and state law.

#### **Alcohol Standards of Conduct**

The specific standards of conduct for the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages by USF System students, employees, and community members include, but are not limited to, the following:

- · Do not violate the underage drinking laws of the State of Florida by:
  - > Possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages if you are less that twenty one (21) years-of-age.
  - > Selling, furnishing, giving, serving, or producing alcoholic beverages to any person under twenty-one (21) vears-of-age.
  - Misrepresenting or misstating your age or the age of any other person for the purpose of inducing any licensor or his agents or employees to sell, give, serve, or deliver any alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years-of-age.
- Do not sell, or intend to sell, alcohol without a proper license issued by the State of Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.
- Do not operate a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.
- Do not be intoxicated in public.
- Do not conduct an open house party or any other event at which minors may possess or consume alcohol.

 Do not attend class, an organizational meeting, or any other USF System event that is specific for an educational gain while under the influence of alcohol.

### **Sanctions for Violating Our Alcohol Policy**

Any criminal violation of State of Florida alcohol laws may be cause for criminal prosecution. Criminal prosecution may include incarceration, criminal probation, fines, and court cost. All criminal prosecutions and sanctions are addressed by the Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Any employee or student determined to have violated USF System policy or regulation with regard to the manufacture, distribution, possession, use, or sale of alcohol shall be subject to institutional disciplinary action for misconduct. Such violations of policy by any employee or student will be reason for evaluation or treatment for an alcohol use disorder or for institutional disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements and policies and procedures or referral for prosecution consistent with local and state law.

## **Sanctions for Violating Our Drug-Free Workplace Policy**

Any criminal violation of federal or State of Florida drug laws may be cause for criminal prosecution. Criminal prosecution may include incarceration, criminal probation, fines, and court cost. All criminal prosecutions and sanctions are addressed by the Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Any employee or student determined to have violated USF System policy or regulation with regard to the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, use, or sale of controlled substances ("illegal drugs") on the property of or in connection with any of the activities of the USF System shall be subject to institutional disciplinary action for misconduct. Such violations of policy by any employee or student will be reason for evaluation or treatment for a drug use disorder or for disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements, policies, and procedures, or referral for prosecution consistent with local, state, and federal law.

In order to comply with federal law, USF System employees convicted of violating any criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace must notify their dean, director, or supervisor no later than five (5) days after such conviction. The USF System will discipline any employee who is so convicted and/or require the employee's satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

### Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Policy Resources

Our alcohol and drug-free workplace policies, and the enforcement thereof, are codified in the below listed USF System policies and regulations:

- USF System 30-023 Alcohol Policy: regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-andprocedures/pdfs/policy-30-023.pdf
- USF System 0-610 Drug-Free Workplace Policy: regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-andprocedures/pdfs/policy-0-610.pdf
- USF System Regulation 6.0021 Student Code of Conduct: regulationspolicies.usf.edu/regulations /pdfs/regulation-usf6.0021.pdf

## **Illegal Drug or Alcohol Abuse Prevention Programs**

The USF System is committed to the safety and well-being of the campus community. All institutions in the USF System have developed education, prevention, and treatment resources to support students and staff in making healthy and informed decisions related to alcohol and illegal drugs. Below is more information about the drug or alcohol abuse prevention and education programs available to USF System students and employees:

#### **Prevention and Education Programs for Students**

As part of the university's alcohol education program, all incoming students are required to complete an online course called AlcoholEdu for College. This course uses science-based research to educate participants about alcohol and its effects. Whether students drink or not, the course will provide information to help them make informed decisions about alcohol as well as negotiate the drinking behavior of their peers.

#### **Counseling for Students**

The USF Tampa Counseling Center offers free assessment and treatment to currently registered students who may have alcohol or substance abuse problems. Students may be self-referred or referred by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities or other campus departments. Students who need more intensive assistance will be referred to community providers. For more information about drug and alcohol counseling services for students, visit the Counseling Center in person or visit their website at usf. edu/sa/counseling-center.

#### **Counseling for Employees**

The Division of Human Resources (DHR) has partnered with Magellan Health Services to provide all USF System employees with an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Magellan's EAP program offers confidential alcohol and substance abuse screening,

assessment, and referral to all USF System employees, in addition to other solution-focused help and resources for all types of life issues. The Magellan program is available for all USF system employees free-of-charge, 24 hours a day, seven days a week online at MagellanHealth.com/member or by calling 1-800-327-8705.

The Magellan program includes a comprehensive online resource library of articles, screening and self-assessment tools, tip sheets, calculators, resource guides, on-demand learning, and personalized improvement plans. Employees and their families have up to three counseling sessions. If an employee needs additional assistance beyond the scope of what the Magellan program provides, the employee may be referred to other resources such as their health benefits or community resources like Alcoholics Anonymous. USF System managers and supervisors can provide referrals for their employees through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). An employee's use of EAP services is confidential. They cannot provide information back to USF about who uses the program.

For more information about the drug and alcohol abuse services and other services provided to USF System employees through the EAP, visit the Division of Human Resources EAP web page at https://www.usf.edu/hr/benefits/eap.aspx.

## **Health Risks Associated with Alcohol Abuse** and the Use of Illicit Drugs

The information below was extracted from the publication "What Works: Workplaces Without Drugs," U.S. Department of Labor, 1991. This information is also available on line at https://usfweb.usf.edu/human-resources/resources/showfi le/1/38.

#### Alcohol

Alcohol consumption causes a number of marked changes in behavior. Even low doses significantly impair the judgment and coordination requires to drive a car safely, increasing the likelihood of an accident. Low to moderate doses of alcohol also increase the incidence of a variety of aggressive acts, including spouse and child abuse. Moderate to high doses of alcohol severely alter a person's ability to learn and remember information. Very high doses, or low doses combined with other depressants of the central nervous system, can cause respiratory depression and death. Repeated use of alcohol can lead to dependence. Sudden cessation of alcohol intake is likely to produce withdrawal symptoms, including severe anxiety, tremors, hallucinations, and convulsions. Alcohol withdrawal can be life threatening. Long-term consumption of large quantities of alcohol, particularly when combined with poor nutrition, may permanently damage vital organs such as the brain and liver. Mothers who drink while pregnant may give birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome. These infants have irreversible physical abnormalities and mental retardation. In addition, research indicates that children of alcoholic parents are at greater risk than other youngsters of becoming alcoholics.

#### **Anabolic Steroids**

Anabolic steroids are powerful compounds closely related to the male sex hormone testosterone. Developed in the 1930s, steroids may be taken orally or injected. Current legitimate medical uses are limited to certain kinds of anemia, severe burns, and some types of breast cancer. When combined with a program of muscle-building exercise and diet, steroids may contribute to increases in body weight and muscular strength. Athletes have used steroids since the 1950s, hoping to enhance performance. Today, many young people use steroids to accelerate physical development. Steroid users may develop more than 70 side effects, ranging in severity from liver cancer and sterility to acne. Psychological effects include very aggressive behavior, known as "roid rage," and depression, While some side effects appear quickly, others, such as heart attacks and strokes, may not show up for years. Signs of steroid use include quick weight and muscle gains; behavioral changes, particularly increased aggressiveness and combativeness; jaundice; purple or red spots on the body; swelling of feet or lower legs; trembling; darkening of the skin; and persistent, unpleasant breath odor.

#### **Cannabis**

All forms of cannabis have negative physical and mental effects. Physical effects of cannabis include increase in heart rate, bloodshot eyes, dry mouth and throat, and hunger. Smoking marijuana is damaging to the lungs and respiratory system. The tar in marijuana smoke is carcinogenic. Use of cannabis may impair short-term memory and comprehension, alter sense of time, and reduce ability to perform tasks requiring concentration and coordination, such as driving a car. Knowledge retention may be lower when information is given while a person is "high." Motivation and cognition are altered, making the acquisition of new information difficult,. Marijuana can also produce paranoia and psychosis. Long-term users may develop psychological dependence. Marijuana smoke contains more cancer-causing agents than tobacco smoke.

#### Cocaine

Cocaine stimulates the central nervous system, and long-term use can lead to psychological dependence. Its immediate effects include dilated pupils, elevated blood pressure and body temperature, and increased heart rate. Chronic use can cause ulceration of the mucous membrane in the nose. Injecting cocaine with unsterile equipment can transmit AIDS, hepatitis, and other infections. Preparation of freebase, which involves the use of highly volatile solvents, can result in fire or explosion. Crack or freebase rock, a concentrated form of cocaine, is extremely potent. Its effects are felt within 10 seconds of administration. The drug produces the same physical effects as cocaine, as well as insomnia, loss of appetite, tactile hallucination, paranoia, and seizures. Cocaine use may lead to death through disruption of the brain's control of the heart and respiration.

#### **Depressants**

The effects of depressants are similar to those of alcohol in many ways. Small amounts can produce calmness and relaxed muscles, but larger doses can cause slurred speech, staggering gait, and altered perception. Very large doses can cause respiratory depression, coma, and death. The combination of depressants and alcohol can increase the effects of the drugs and multiply the risks. The use of depressants can cause both physical and psychological dependence. Regular use may result in tolerance to the drug, leading the user to increase the quantity consumed. When regular users stop taking depressant drugs, they may develop withdrawal symptoms ranging from restlessness, insomnia, and anxiety, to convulsions and death.

Babies born to women who abuse depressants during pregnancy may by physically dependent on the drugs and show withdrawal symptoms shortly after birth. These children often have birth defects and behavioral problems.

#### **Designer Drugs**

Illegal drugs are defined in terms of their chemical formulas. To circumvent these legal restrictions, underground chemists modify the molecular structure of certain illegal drugs to produce analogues knows as "designer drugs." These drugs can be several times stronger than the drugs they imitate. Many can cause severe neurochemical damage to the brain. The narcotic analogues can cause uncontrollable tremors, drooling, impaired speech, paralysis, and irreversible brain damage. Analogues of amphetamines and methamphetamines cause nausea, blurred vision, chills, or perspiration and faintness. Psychological effects include anxiety, depression, and paranoia. As little as one dose can cause brain damage. The analogues of phencyclidine cause illusions, hallucinations, and impaired perception.

#### **Hallucinogens**

Phencyclidine (PCP) interrupts the function of the neocortex, the section of the brain that controls the intellect and keeps instincts in check. Because the drug blocks pain receptors, violent PCP episodes may result in self-inflicted injuries. PCP often causes distance and space estrangement, lack of muscular coordination, and dulled senses. Time and body movement are slowed, and speech is blocked and incoherent. Chronic users or PCP report memory and speech difficulties. Some of these effects may last a year following prolonged daily use. Mood disorders such as depression, anxiety, and violent behavior also occur. Long-term chronic users may become paranoid and violent and experience hallucinations. Large doses may produce convulsions, coma, or heart and lung failure.

Lysergic acid (LSD), mescaline, and psilocybin cause illusions and hallucinations. Physical effects may include dilated pupils, elevated body temperature, increased heart rate and blood pressure, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, and tremors. Sensations and feelings may change rapidly. It is common to have a bad psychological reaction to LSD, mescaline, and psilocybin. The user may experience panic,

confusion, suspicion, and anxiety. Delayed effects, or flashbacks, can occur even after use has ceased.

#### **Inhalants**

A variety of psychoactive substances have been inhaled as gases or volatile liquids. Many popular commercial preparations such as paint thinners and cleaning fluids are mixtures of volatile substances, making it difficult to be specific about their various effects. Immediate negative effects of inhalants may include nausea, sneezing, coughing, nose bleeds, fatigue, lack of coordination, and loss of appetite. Solvents and aerosol sprays may also decrease the heart and respiratory rates and impair judgment. Amyl and butyl nitrate cause rapid pulse, headaches, and involuntary passing of urine and feces. Long-term use may result in hepatitis or brain damage, weight loss, fatigue, electrolyte imbalance, and muscle weakness. Repeated sniffing of concentrated vapors over time can lead to permanent damage of the nervous system.

#### **Narcotics**

Narcotics initially produce a feeling of euphoria followed by drowsiness, nausea, and vomiting. Users may experience constricted

pupils, watery eyes, and itching. An overdose may produce slow and shallow breathing, clammy skin, convulsions, coma, and death. Tolerance to narcotics develops rapidly and dependence is likely, The use of unsterilized syringes may result in transmission of diseases such as AIDS, endocarditis, and hepatitis. Addiction in pregnant women can lead to premature, stillborn, or addicted infants.

#### Other Stimulants

Stimulants can cause increased heart and respiratory rates, elevated blood pressure, dilated pupils, and decreased appetite. User may perspire and experience headaches, blurred vision, dizziness, sleepiness, and anxiety. Extremely high doses can cause rapid or irregular heartbeat, tremors, loss of coordination, and physical collapse. An amphetamine injection creates a sudden increase in blood pressure that can result in stroke, very high fever, or heart failure. Users also report feeling restless, anxious, and moody. Persons who use large amounts of amphetamines over a long period of time can develop an amphetamine psychosis that includes hallucinations, delusions, and paranoia. These symptoms usually disappear when drug use ceases.

## **Information about Registered Sex Offenders**

Under Florida Statutes, Section 1006.695, and in compliance with the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, each institution within USF System is required to inform new students and employees at orientation and on its website of the existence of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Sexual Predator and Sexual Offender Registry website and the toll-free phone number that gives access to sexual predator and sexual offender public information. This information is as follows:

#### Florida Department of Law Enforcement Florida Sexual Offenders and Predators

Website: https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/

Toll-free number: 1-888-357-7332

Local: 1-850-410-8572

Email: sexpred@fdle.state.fl.us

TTY/TTD users dial 711to connect with the telecommunications relay service (TRS)

In compliance with this law, USFPD provides this information to all new students and employees during orientation. Likewise, USFPD maintains this information on their website: https://www.usf.edu/ administrative-services/university-police/your-safety/sexualpredators.aspx

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act also requires sexual predators and offenders 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 at that institution. USFPD will notify the university community when a registered sexual predator or offender has registered as being on campus in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 1005.10.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these laws, please call USFPD at (813) 974-2628.



## **Missing Student Notification Procedure**

Under the Higher Education Act (HEA), USF System institutions with on-campus student housing must comply with HEA missing student notification regulations. These regulations apply only to students who reside in on-campus housing. They do not address students living in any non-campus student housing our institution might own or control. Only USF System institutions with on-campus student housing facilities must comply with these HEA regulations. In essence, the HEA requires that if a student who lives in on-campus housing is determined to have been missing for 24 hours, our institution has 24 hours after receiving this information in which to initiate specific notification procedures. This requirement does not preclude our institution from making a determination that a student is missing before the student has been missing for a full 24 hours, or from initiating notification procedures as soon as it determines that a student is missing. In other words, our institution must initiate HEA-related procedures if a student has been determined to be missing for 24 hours; however, we may act sooner.

### **Missing Student Policy Statement**

Under USF Student Policy 30-025: Missing Student Reporting, a student is presumed missing if the student is overdue in reaching home, campus, or another specific location past the student's expected arrival for more than 24 hours, or additional factors lead a reasonable person to believe the student is missing. For the purpose of this policy, a **student** is any person who is currently enrolled as a full- or part-time student in the USF System. This policy applies to all missing students regardless of whether they live on or off campus. This policy is available on the Office of General Counsel's website at regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-30-025.pdf.

## **How to Report a Missing Student**

Any person may report a missing student; however, all USF System students and employees who receive a report that a student is missing, or has independent information that a student is missing, *must immediately report* the information or evidence to one of the below-listed institutional organizations. Every report of a missing student must be forwarded to the below-listed institutional organizations regardless of how long the student is believe to have been missing:

- Their institution's designated Police Department;
- Their Dean of Students or Student Services Office\*, and/or
- Their Housing and Residential Education (HRE) Office\*, if the student is a resident student, meaning the student

resides in on-campus student housing under a housing contract and is currently enrolled either full- or part-time as a USF System student.

\*Note: Asterisked offices have a duty to immediately report to the designated Police Department.

Contact information for these organizational units at our institution is provided below:

#### **University Police Department (USFPD)**

Campus location: 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, UPB 002,

Tampa, FL 33620 Phone: (813) 974-2628

#### **Dean of Students Office**

Campus location: 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, MSC 4301

Tampa, FL 33612 Phone: (813) 974-6677

#### Office of Housing and Residential Education

Campus location: 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, RAR 229,

Tampa, FL 33612-7700 Phone: (813) 974-0001 Email: housing@usf.edu

### **How to Designate a Missing Student Contact**

All USF System students are asked to designate an Emergency Contact in OASIS/Banner, our student information system, during orientation and upon enrollment for classes. Residential students will designate a Missing Student Contact in their housing registration process. Students are advised that their Emergency Contact does not have to be the same person as their Missing Student Contact. The option to designate a Missing Student Contact is provided even if the student has already identified a general Emergency Contact.

All USF System students may update their Emergency Contact information in OASIS/Banner at any time. Students are reminded every 180 days, as part of their acceptance of the OASIS/Banner Terms of Usage, that they are responsible for regularly monitoring their Emergency Contact.

Students who move into on-campus housing, *regardless of age*, are advised at the time they move into housing that they may designate one individual to be their Missing Student Contact as part of their documentation to live on campus. Students living in on-campus housing may update this information at any time by completing the Missing Student Contact Information form located on the housing portal as well as updating OASIS/Banner. Step-bystep instructions for updating your Emergency Contact and Missing Person Contact in OASIS/Banner is provided in APPENDIX K.

## **Missing Student Contact Information Confidentiality and Information Release**

Missing Student Contact information is registered confidentially in housing records if the student elected to provide such data upon application or at any time by completing the form on the housing portal. This information will only be accessible to authorized campus officials. These officials may disclose the Missing Person Contact information only to law enforcement officials and only for the purpose of a missing student investigation. By registering a contact person as their Missing Student Contact, the student is, in effect, also providing permission for law enforcement personnel to contact the identified individuals for the purpose of a missing student investigation.

To protect confidentiality, general Emergency Contact information is kept separately from Missing Student Contact information, even if the student has registered the same person for both purposes. Because HEA requires the information to be kept confidential, it has greater privacy protections than the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) provides.

### **Missing Student Investigation Procedures**

In collaboration with the Dean of Students Office and/or the Office of Housing and Residential Education (if the Missing Student is a Resident Student) or the office designated with student affairs oversight and housing, all efforts will be made immediately to locate a student reported as missing to determine his or her state of health and well-being. These efforts may include, but are not limited to:

- Checking the student's residence hall room, class schedule, friends, and ID card access;
- Locating the resident's vehicle;
- Reviewing email contacts;
- · Calling a cell phone number; and
- Contacting the Dean of Graduate or Undergraduate Studies and the Dean of the College, if applicable.

When the missing student is an off-campus student, appropriate family members and/or associates will be encouraged to make an official missing person report to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction which will serve as the primary investigative agency. The designated police department for the student's institution will cooperate, aid, and assist the primary investigative agency in all ways prescribed by law.

When the missing student is an on-campus resident student, the designated police department for the student's institution will open an official investigation and retain status as the primary investigative agency.

An **on-campus resident student** is any student who resides in on-campus housing under a housing contract and is currently enrolled.

**On-campus housing** refers to any student housing facility that is owned or controlled by the USF System, or is located on property that is owned or controlled by the USF System, and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up USF System campuses, is considered an on-campus student housing facility.

### **Missing Student Notification Procedures**

#### **Missing Student Contact Notification**

If the student is not located, the student's Missing Student Contact — indicated in the OASIS/BANNER system and/or in their Housing Emergency Contact Information — it will be made within 24 hours of the USFPD's receipt of the initial report. If the missing student has not designated a Missing Student Contact, then the student's designated Emergency Contact will be contacted. When there is a discrepancy between the Emergency Contact designated in OASIS/Banner and the Missing Student Contact provided to Housing, the student's designated Emergency contact in OASIS/Banner is first contacted. If this contact cannot be reached, then the Missing Student Contact provided to Housing is contacted. If the missing student has neither designated an Emergency Contact nor a Missing Student Contact, then the student's parents, legal guardian, or next of kin will be contacted.

The USFPD, in consultation with the Dean of Students, is responsible for determining whom to contact and when.

If the missing student is under the age of 18 years of age and is not emancipated (i.e., they are not legally independent of their parents), our institution is required to notify a custodial parent or guardian within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing, in addition to notifying any additional contact person designated by the student. Thus, if it has been determined that such a student has been missing for 24 hours, our institution will notify both the student's custodial parent or guardian and the student's Missing Student Contact person, if he or she has registered one, that the student is missing.

#### **Local Law Enforcement Notification**

Once a determination has been made that any student living in on-campus student housing is missing, our institution notifies the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction in the area within 24 hours that the student is missing. The only exception is when it was the law enforcement agency that made the determination. This statement addresses any missing student who lives in on-campus student housing regardless of age or status, and regardless of whether he or she registers a confidential contact person.

## Policies, Programs, and Procedures for Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking

### **Policy Prohibitions and Definitions**

The crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking are prohibited under USF System Policy 0-004: regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-0-004.pdf. These crimes are prohibited in all academic, educational, extracurricular, athletic, and other programs of the USF System, whether those programs take place in university facilities, at a class or training program sponsored by the university at another location, or elsewhere. Below are the definitions of these crimes and the term "consent" in the context of sexual activity as provided under Florida Statues.

**Sexual Assault** is called "Sexual Battery" under Florida Statues and is defined as follows:

The oral, anal, or vaginal penetration by, or union with, the sexual organ of another or the anal or vaginal penetration of another by any other object without that person's consent. Sexual batter does not include an act done for bona fide medical purpose.

**Consent** in the context of the above definition of sexual battery means intelligent, knowing, and voluntary consent and does not include coerced submission; it is not deemed or construed to mean the failure of the alleged victim to offer physical resistance to the offender. State of Florida statutes clarify that consent is NOT obtained in the following circumstances:

- 1. The victim is physically helpless to resist.
- The offender coerces the victim to submit by threatening to use force or violence likely to cause serious personal injury on the victim, and the victim reasonably believes that the offender has the present ability to execute the threat.
- 3. The offender coerces the victim to submit by threatening to retaliate against the victim, or any other person, and the victim reasonably believes that the offender has the present ability to execute the threat in the future.
- 4. The offender, without the prior knowledge or consent of the victim, administers or has knowledge of someone else administering to the victim any narcotic, anesthetic, or other intoxicating substance that mentally or physically incapacitates the victim.
- 5. The victim is mentally defective, and the offender has reason to believe this or has actual knowledge of this fact.
- 6. The victim is physically incapacitated.
- 7. The offender is a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or correctional probation officer or is an elected official or any other person in a position of control or authority in a probation, community control, controlled release, detention, custodial, or similar setting, and such officer, official,

or person is acting in such a manner as to lead the victim to reasonably believe that the offender is in a position of control or authority as an agent or employee of the government.

For more information about Florida sexual battery statutes, visit leg.state.fl.us/statutes (Chapter 794).

#### **Domestic Violence** is defined under Florida statutes as:

Any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another family or household member. "Family or household member" means spouses, former spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together as if a family or who have resided together in the past as if a family, and persons who are parents of a child in common regardless of whether they have been married. With the exception of persons who have a child in common, the family or household members must be currently residing or have in the past resided together in the same single dwelling unit.

#### **Dating Violence** is defined under Florida Statutes as:

Violence between individuals who have or have had a continuing and significant relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the consideration of the following factors:

- 1) A dating relationship must have existed within the past 6 months;
- 2) The nature of the relationship must have been characterized by expectation of affection or sexual involvement between the parties; and
- 3) The frequency and type of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship must have included that the persons have been involved over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship.

#### **Stalking** is defined under Florida Statutes as:

A person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows, harasses, or cyberstalks another person commits the offense of stalking.

In this context, the term "harass" means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person which causes substantial emotional distress to that person and serves no legitimate purpose. Likewise, the term "cyberstalk" means to engage in a course of conduct to communication, or to cause to be

communicated, words, images, or language by or through the use of electronic mail or electronic communication, directed at a specific person, causing substantial emotional distress to that person and serving no legitimate purpose.

## **Prevention and Awareness Trainings and Campaigns**

The USF System provides programs to prevent sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking ("VAWA Training") to all incoming USF System students and employees in accordance with the VAWA amendments to the Clery Act. Likewise, the USF System provides ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns ("VAWA Campaigns") for these same crimes to current USF System students and employees.

For more information on VAWA trainings and campaigns for USF System students and employees, including how to schedule these trainings and campaigns for your area or group, contact the Office of Title IX at (813) 974-4373. Below is a brief overview of the VAWA trainings and campaigns provided during the 2018 calendar year.

#### Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates

Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates by Everfi covers the importance of values, aspects of (un)healthy relationships, gender socialization, sexual assault, consent, bystander intervention, and on-going activism. The program satisfies the U.S. federal government mandate that all new students be given education and resources on violence prevention and response. It is disseminated to all new, incoming students each fall and spring semester.

#### **Bystander Intervention Training**

The USF Center for Victim Advocacy provided an interactive Bystander Intervention Training program to USF-Tampa students throughout the year. The **goal** of the Bystander Intervention training program is to equip USF students with the tools and confidence to safely intervene to decrease instances of interpersonal violence on USF's campus. This program of bystander intervention training is offered monthly in an open format, as well as by request. It lasts approximately 1.5 hours and is facilitated by trained student facilitators.

#### 'Got Consent?' Campaign

The 'Got Consent?' campaign is a marketing campaign aimed at increasing visibility on the necessary component of a sexual relationship: obtaining consent.

#### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month -- October**

Domestic Violence Awareness month covered how to prevent violence, get connected to resources, and recognize warning signs of domestic and dating violence. Departments and organizations submitted proposals for their events to CVAVP for calendar and marketing inclusion.

#### **Sexual Assault Awareness Month -- April**

Sexual Assualt Awareness Month emphasized the importance of raising awareness about sexual violence and how to prevent it at the university all while supporting survivors of sexual assault. A Sexual

Assault Awareness Month committee was developed and facilitated by the Violence Prevention Specialist to increase cross-campus collaboration and resource sharing.

#### **Denim Day -- April 24th**

This event shined a light on a young girl who was raped by her driving instructor in Italy and the Italian Supreme Court ruled it as consensual because her jeans were so tight she would have had to help him remove them. Participants wore denim on Denim Day to stand in solidarity with her and all survivors of sexual assault and to show that what we wear is not an invitation to sexual assault. While this event was used as a fundraising opportunity through faculty and staff, it is primarily used for awareness and survivorsupport for students. Departments participated throughout campus with the support of CVAVP.

#### Take Back the Night

Our institution hosted its annual *Take Back the Night*, a safe place for survivors and allies of gender-based violence to speak out about their experience and come together as a campus community.

#### **USF Annual Title IX Conference**

The USF System Office of Title IX hosted their annual Title IX conference. Staff from the Center for Victim Advocacy presented on topics of gender-based violence. USF students and employees are encouraged to attend this annual conference and are provided free or significantly discounted registration. The conference is open to members of the USF community as well as national attendees. For information on the annual Title IX conference and other diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunity (DIEO) events, visit usf.edu/diversity/events.

#### **Orientation**

The Center for Victim Advocacy provides violence prevention, awareness, and resources are facilitated at every first year, transfer, and international student orientation in differing formats with direct support from CVAVP. Orientation expo participation is also requested requested each semester.

#### **Violence Prevention Trainer Program**

The Center for Victim Advocacy recruits undergraduate and graduate graduate students yearly to volunteer as a violence prevention trainer. The goal of this peer to peer model program is to utilize students to teach their peers how to step in and intervene to prevent violence, recognize unhealthy and abusive characteristics in relationships, and how to ask for consent.

#### **Red Flag Campaign**

The Red Flag Campaign uses a bystander intervention strategy to address and prevent sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking on college campuses. The Center for Victim Advocacy hosted this campaign, which aims to reach students where they are through pop-up displays of red flags, informational tables, and workshops.

#### **Additional Trainings Provided**

The Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention delivers ongoing training sessions and educational programs to USF-Tampa students and employees. These sessions and programs include topics such as bystander intervention, consent, sexual violence, domestic violence, victimology, and crime prevention to students, staff, and faculty. Information on how to schedule these sessions and programs for your unit, group, or area is available on the Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention website: usf.edu/advocacy.

#### **Key Topics Covered in Prevention and Awareness Trainings and Campaigns**

The USF System's prevention and awareness trainings and campaign programs address the below listed key topics as required under the VAWA amendments to the Clery Act for our students and employees:

- The USF System's policies prohibiting the crimes of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.
- 2. The definitions of consent (in reference to sexual activity), dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking per Florida statutes.
- 3. Safe and positive options for bystander intervention.
- 4. Information on risk reduction to recognize warning signs of abusive behavior and how to minimize risk for potentially violent situations.
- Information on possible sanctions or protective measures the USF System may impose following a final determination of an institutional disciplinary procedure regarding sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking.
- Procedures victims should follow if a sex offense, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking has occurred.
- Procedures for institutional disciplinary action in cases of alleged sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking.
- 8. Information about how the institution will protect the confidentiality of victims.
- Written notification of students and employees about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services available for victims both on campus and in the community.
- 10. Written notification of victims about options for, and available assistance in, changing academic, living, transportation, and working situations, if so requested by the victim and if such accommodations are reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to USFPD or local law enforcement.

More information on all these key topics is provided in this and subsequent sections of this report.

## Safe and Positive Options for Bystander Intervention

#### **Bystander Intervention Steps**

The five steps of bystander intervention (adapted from Darley & Latane) are provided below and are incorporated into our prevention and awareness trainings and campaign:

Step 1: Notice a situation – pay attention to your surroundings.

Step 2: Interpret the situation as someone is in danger or there is a potential for danger. Many situations are ambiguous It's okay if you're wrong and it's not an emergency.

Step 3: Assume responsibility to help. Decide that YOU personally should do something to help the victim or that, if you don't help, no one will.

**Step 4: Know how to help.** Try Bystander Intervention Techniques. (We give you some examples below.)

Step 5: Decide to safely intervene.

#### **Bystander Intervention Techniques**

Our prevention and awareness trainings and campaigns discuss and provide examples of bystander intervention techniques, such as:

#### Distract

- Ask for directions
- -Spill a drink
- -Engage them in conversation
- Women: Invite the female to go to the restroom with you;
   once there, ask if she needs help

#### Delegate

- -Involve others if you don't feel safe intervening alone
  - Ask friends to help you distract or confront
  - Find the person-at-risk's friends and tell them you are concerned about the safety of their friend

#### Direct

- Directly confront the situation (think about how you would directly stop someone from driving drunk)
  - "I don't like how you treat your girlfriend [or wife]—it's abusive and needs to stop." Offer to help find an intervention program.
  - "I'm getting her friends to take her home now."

#### **One Love Student Organization**

Escalation Workshop: a powerful, film-based workshop that opens people's eyes to the warning signs of relationship abuse. The workshop consists of a film, Escalation, followed by a guided discussion led by a trained facilitator. The advisor of this student organization is the Violence Prevention Specialist.

#### **Hungry for Consent**

The overall goal of Hungry for Consent is to equip USF \*incoming\* students to demonstrate healthy, mutual consent in sexual and romantic relationships. This was hosted as a large scale event at the beginning of the fall semester, and by request throughout the year.

#### **Coffee and Consent**

The overall goal of Coffee and Consent is to equip students to demonstrate healthy, mutual consent in sexual and romantic relationships. These are offered throughout the year as pop up events by request.

#### **Consent Concoctions**

The overall goal of Consent Concoctions is to equip students to demonstrate healthy, mutual consent in sexual and romantic relationships, specifically involving alcohol. These are offered throughout the year as pop-up events by request.

#### **Survivor Love Letters**

The goal of USF's Survivor Love Letters campaign is to increase the perception of a survivor-supportive campus so that students feel comfortable preventing violence and seeking out resources.

For more information on our violence prevention education, workshops, and trainings please visit usf.edu/advocacy or email va@usf.edu.



#### Warning Signs of an Abuser

- Intensity: "Too much, too soon"
  - Pushes for a quick relationship—wants to move in together or marry soon after meeting
  - "Sweeps you off your feet"—expensive gifts; constant messaging and calling; wants to be with you all the time
  - Uses conversation that is inappropriately intimate

#### Power and Control:

- Jealousy (It is not a sign of love but of possession)
- Demands your undivided attention; even at inappropriate times
- Doesn't want you to spend time with your friends or family
- Invades your personal space sits or stands uncomfortably close, touches you constantly or in ways that make you uncomfortable.
- Refuses to take responsibility for own behavior or mistakes – blames you and/or others when something goes wrong
- Wants to be in control and make all decisions

#### Sexual Entitlement:

- Sexualizes non-sexual situations and relationships, e.g., in the workplace
- Makes inappropriate comments about people's bodies or sexuality
- Pushes you to have sex when you don't want to; makes you feel guilty when you refuse sex
- Wants you to have sex in a way that make you uncomfortable or is painful
- "Playful" use of force during sex
- Believes in male superiority over women; believes in rigid sex roles

#### Anger and Hostility:

- Becomes angry easily and quickly
- Does not tolerate frustration or disappointment well
- Teases animals, children, or other adults in a mean or physical way and doesn't stop when asked; may be cruel to animals
- Yells, calls you names, or belittles you
- Looks at you or acts in ways that intimidate you
- Gets into physical fights with other people
- Drives in a dangerously aggressive way

#### Risk Reduction Tips

- 1. Consent is necessary regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation of the parties involved.
- 2. Know your sexual intentions and limits. You have the right to say "No" to any unwanted sexual act. If you are uncertain about what you want, ask the other person to respect your need to wait until you are sure.
- 3. Listen carefully. Take the time to hear what the other person is saying. If you don't understand whether consent has been given, ask for clarification.

- 4. Believe in your gut feelings. If you feel uncomfortable or think you may be at risk, leave the situation immediately.
- 5. It is okay to "make a scene" if you feel threatened or unsafe. Being assertive and calling attention to what is happening is a highly successful self-defense technique. If you feel you are being pressured or coerced into sexual activity you don't want, state your feelings ("I don't like that you are pressuring me") and get out of the situation. Preventing rape is worth a few moments of social awkwardness or embarrassment.
- 6. Be aware that having sex with someone who is mentally or physically incapable of giving consent is rape (called "sexual battery" in Florida). Having sex with someone who is incapacitated, drugged, passed out, incapable of saying "No," or unaware of what is happening is rape.
- 7. Be especially careful under these circumstances:
  - a. In group situations: Be prepared to resist pressure from friends to participate in violence against or violation of another person.
  - In situations involving the use of alcohol or drugs: Substances can interfere with your ability to assess situsations, to communicate effectively, and to protect yourself.
- 8. Get involved and take action if you believe someone is at risk. If you see someone in trouble at a party, or a person forcing or pressuring another person, intervene. You may save someone from being prosecuted for a crime.

#### **Procedures Victims Should Follow**

The Center for Victim Advocacy and the Title IX Coordinator have created a one-page, two-sided flyer to provide victims of sexua assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking (the "VAWA Flyer") with written information about the following:

- 1. The importance of preserving evidence that may assist in in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred or may be helpful in obtaining a protection order.
- 2. How and to who the alleged offense can be reported.
- 3. Options about the involvement of law enforcement and campus authorities, including the victims' options to
  - a. Notify law enforcement authorities, including on- campus and local police;
  - b. Be assisted by campus authorities in notifying law enforcement authorities, if the victim chooses; or
  - c. Decline to notify law enforcement authorities.
- 4. The rights of victims and our institution's responsibility for orders of protection, no-contact orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil, or tribal court or by the institution.
- 5. Existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, and other services available for victims, both within the USF System and in the community.

- USF System and in the community.
- 6. Options for, and available assistance in, changing academic, living, transportation, and work situations ("protective measures").
- 7. Students' or employees' rights and options in the event of these crimes.

When a student or employee reports to the institution that they have been a victim of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, whether the offense occurred on or off campus, the institution will provide the student or employee the VAWA flyer and the Victim's Guide, as a written explanation of the student's or employee's rights and options.

An example of the VAWA flyer used for our institution during this reporting period is provided in APPENDIX E. In addition, the Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention has developed a Guide for Victims of Sexual Assault & Harassment: Domestic, Relationship, & Dating Violence; and Stalking to provide more in-depth details about the above topics as well as those listed below. This guide is provided in its entirety in APPENDIX F.

## **Victim Resources: Confidential. Non-Confidential, On-Campus and Off-Campus**

The USF System provides written communication to its students and employees about existing on-campus and off-campus counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, and other services, both confidential and non-confidential, available for victims of sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, and other crimes via the following:

- Annual Security & Fire Safety Report
- VAWA Trainings (online and live) for students and employees
- VAWA Crimes Victim Flyer (see APPENDIX E)
- Victim's Guide (see APPENDIX F)
- Employee Assistance Program

The above list is not exhaustive. For more information about the confidential and non-confidential resources located on campus and off campus for victims of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, contact the Center for Victim Advocacy by calling (813) 974-5756; for immediate after-hours support, call the Victim Helpline at (813) 974-5757;

## **Institutional Disciplinary Action for Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking**

Our university has policies procedures in place to investigate and take institutional disciplinary action against students, employees, vendors, visitors, and third parties found responsible for committing committing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking within our Clery Geography. Our investigations and associated disciplinary actions occur independently of the criminal justice system and are aimed at ensuring the safety and security of the USF System community and providing support to victims of these acts.

The Title IX Office is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking reported to them as having occurred within our Clery Geography. The results results of Title IX investigations are provided to the USF System Office responsible for performing an institutional disciplinary proceeding and/or taking appropriate institutional action depending on the identity of the accused individual (the "Respondent") as follows:

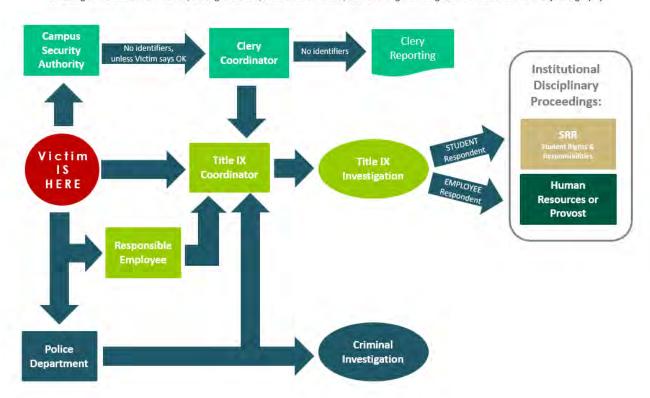
 When the Respondent is a USF System student, Title IX investinvestigatory results are forwarded to Student Rights and Responsibilities (SRR). This unit applies processes detailed in the Student Code of Conduct and determines whether to formally charge the student. If a formal charge is made, the case will be heard at a formal hearing by a trained hearing panel or an administrative conduct officer. More details about institutional proceedings, actions, and the associated appeals process under the Student Code of Conduct are provided in the SRR section below.

- When the Respondent is a USF System employee, vendor, visitor, or third party, the Title IX Final Investigative Report is forwarded to the Respondent, Complainant, and Human Resources (or, if faculty, the Office of the Provost). If the Respondent is found responsible, appropriate university offices can impose institutional disciplinary actions via processes detailed in USF System policies and procedures. More details about such institutional disciplinary actions are provided below.
- Title IX forwards a are forwarded to Human Resources (HR), the Office of the General Counsel, and, if the Respondent Respondent is a faculty member, the Office of the Provost for institutional disciplinary action.
- When the Respondent is both an USF System employee and a student, or their status as such is not clear, the Title IX Office, SRR, and HR work together to ensure the Title IX investigatory results are forwarded to the appropriate office.

How the Title IX Office receives such reports, investigates them, and forwards their investigatory results to the appropriate office for institutional disciplinary proceedings is summarized in the below chart

### Institutional Disciplinary Proceedings

for Allegations of Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking involving Victims within USF's Clery Geography



#### **Title IX Investigations**

The following information summarizes the general procedures used to investigate allegations of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. More information on Title IX investigation are found in the University of South Florida's Policy 0-004, located on the USF's Title IX website.

The Title IX Office is responsible for administrative investigations into allegations of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking when the Respondent is a USF affiliate-student, employee, vendor, visitor or third parties in certain circumstances.

Both the Complainant(s) and the Respondent(s) have the right to have one support person/advisor of their choice (baring no conflict of interest) accompany them to any meeting related to a report or investigation.

Complainants also have the right to file an external complaint with an applicable state or federal agency. All records pertaining to investigations in these matters are maintained by the Title IX Office. The privacy of investigative records is governed by Florida Statute 119, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), and other applicable University recordkeeping policies.

#### **Title IX Initial Assessment**

The Title IX Office performs an initial assessment of the report via the following steps:

- a. The Title IX Office will review any report made to its office to determine whether it has jurisdiction to investigate. If not, Title IX will advise the reporting person and will refer to the appropriate office (if applicable).
- b. The Title IX Office will contact the Complainant (victim), to discuss interim remedial and protective measures, support resources, and reporting options.
- c. The Title IX Office will contact the Complainant to invite them in for an informational meeting "info session" to discuss their rights and options. Options may include informal resolution or formal resolution through alternative resolution or investigation.
- d. If the Complainant does not respond to the Title IX Office's outreach, or responds and indicates a desire to not participate in the University's investigative process, or responds and requests that an investigation not be conducted, the Title IX Office staff will consult with the Title IX Coordinator regarding whether Title IX requires the University to continue with the investigation despite the Complainant's decision to not participate in the process or request that an investigation not be conducted.

#### **Title IX Investigation Process**

If the Complainant requests a formal disciplinary resolution through investigation the Complainant will write a statement outlining the allegations. The Title IX Office will conduct an assessment of the merits of the allegation(s) to determine whether the conduct at issue, if it occurred as alleged, would constitute a violation of University policies or regulations. This determination is guided by state and federal law. If after an initial assessment, the Title IX Office determines that the conduct would not violate University policies and procedures even if all the allegations are credited, the Title IX Office will advise the Complainant of its determination to not proceed.

The Title IX Office may notify other individuals (including the Respondent) or offices within the University of the reported allegations in order to mitigate the impacts of any potentially discriminatory conduct (such as implementing interim measures). If, based on the allegations, the Title IX Office determines that the alleged conduct may violate University policies or regulations, the investigation will proceed as follows.

- 1. The Title IX Office will notify the Respondent of the investigation and allegations including any interim or protective measures that have been put in place. An invitation will be extended to the Respondent to meet with a member of the Title IX team for an information session to review the University's investigative process, interim remedial and protective protective measures, support resources available to them, and their rights throughout the process.
- 2. The Title IX Investigators and/or the Title IX Coordinator (or Deputy) will conduct individual interviews with the Complainant, Respondent, and witness(es) (if applicable), and collect all relevant evidence. The Complainant or the Respondent will not be permitted to participate in each other's interview process.
- 3. All interviews will be recorded in written form and each party will be provided with the opportunity to review their respective interview summaries to ensure accuracy and provide any additional information.

#### Notification of Title IX Investigative Report

At the conclusion of a Title IX Investigation, the Title IX Coordinator will review the Final Investigative Report to ensure compliance with Federal Law and associated guidance; and institutional policies and procedures.

#### Student Respondents

When the Title IX Office completes an investigation involving a student Respondent, the Title IX Office makes a conduct referral to Student Rights and Responsibilities (SRR). This office applies the processes detailed in the Student Code of Conduct and will determine whether to formally charge a student. If a formal charge is made the case will be heard before a trained hearing panel or an administrative conduct officer. More information is provided in the Student Code of Conduct Regulation 6.0021, available on line at the following link and summarized in the below SRR section: http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/regulations/pdfs/regulat ion-usf6.0021.pdf

#### **Employee Respondents**

When the Title IX Office completes an investigation involving an employee Respondent, the Title IX Office prepares a Final Investigative Report with outcomes which is sent to the Respondent, Complainant, and appropriate office(s), most commonly to the Human Resource Office (for employees) or the Provost Office (for faculty) or other supervisor. In cases where there is a finding of responsibility, the appropriate offices will review and impose disciplinary action. Both the Respondent and the Complainant may appeal the finding in the Final Investigative Report. All appeals should be sent to the Title IX Coordinator (or as otherwise designated) within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the Title IX Final Investigative Report. The Title IX Coordinator will forward the appeal to the President's Office for Final Determination and will notify the Complainant and Respondent that the appeal has been filed and the outcome of that appeal.

#### **Right to Appeal Title IX Investigative Report**

Both the Respondent and the Complainant may appeal the finding in the Final Investigative Report. All appeals should be sent to the Title IX Coordinator (or as otherwise designdesignated) within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the Title IX Final Investigative Report. The Title IX Coordin-Coordinator will forward the appeal to the President's Office Office for Final Determination and will notify the Complainant and Respondent that the appeal has been filed and the outcome of that appeal.

#### **Right to Appeal Title IX Investigative Report**

Both the Respondent and the Complainant may appeal the finding in the Final Investigative Report. All appeals should be sent to the Title IX Coordinator (or as otherwise designated) within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the Title IX Final Investigative Report. The Title IX Coordinator will forward the appeal to the President's Office for Final Determination and will notify the Complainant and Respondent that the appeal has been filed and the outcome of that appeal.

#### Title IX Process Resources

For more information about Title IX and the Title IX investigatory process, consult the following resources and offices.

- USF System Policy 0-004: Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Harassment (including Sexual Violence): regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-0-004.pdf
- USF System Policy 1-022: Consensual Relationships: regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-1-022.pdf
- How to Report a Title IX Incident: usf.edu/diversity/title-ix/reporting.aspx
- USF System Title IX Coordinator: Araiña Muñiz

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#### **SRR Proceedings and Actions**

Incidents involving **students** accused of violating institutional policies and regulations.

Student Rights & Responsibilities (SRR) supports the mission, goals, values, and vision of the USF System by promoting a community that values individual responsibility and the adherence to community standards as embodied in the Student Code of Conduct. SRR implements and oversees the Student Code of Conduct and its associated processes and proceeding-

dings as codified in USF System Regulation 6.0021, available on line at www.regulationspolicies.usf.edu/regulations/pdfs/regulation-usf6.0021.pdf.

Students or student organizations commissioning, aiding, abetting, attempting, or inciting any offense outlined in the Student Code of Conduct may be subject to SRR institutional disciplinary proceedings and actions via the Student Code of Conduct process. The steps, anticipated timelines, and the decision-making process for when a student is accused of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking are the same as for any other offense which constitutes a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

#### **Initial Intake and Review**

Upon receipt of referral of an alleged violation of the Student Code of Conduct, SRR commences an Initial Review. The purpose of an Initial Review is to determine whether relevant evidence exists and if there is a reasonable basis for believing the Student Code of Conduct was violated. This review involves the accused student (the "Respondent"), the individual bringing forth the allegation (the "Complainant"), and any applicable witnesses. The time to complete the Initial Review depends on the specific circumstances and the availability of parties involved in the matter.

#### **Notification of Initial Review Results and Outcomes**

At the conclusion of the Initial Review Process, the Initial Review Officer will either dismiss the referral or will issue a Charge Letter (for the purposes of the Student Code of Conduct, the Referred Student now becomes the Charged Student) and, in cases involving sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, simultaneously sends a notice to the Complainant. Outcomes of the Charge Letter will include the recommended changes and sanctions and the choices available to the Charged Student which are:

- Accept Responsibility The Charged Student accepts responsibility for the formal charges of the Student Code of Conduct and agrees to complete the recommended sanction(s).
- **Request a Formal Hearing** The Charged Student does not accept responsibility for the formal charges of the Student Code of Conduct and elects to have a formal hearing.

If the Charged Student fails to respond to the Charge Letter within the allotted time, the charges and sanctions will become final and the Charged Student will be found responsible and may have a limited right to appeal.

#### **Formal Hearing**

The purpose of a formal hearing under the Student Code of Conduct is to determine whether or not a violation of the Student Code of Conduct occurred based on the preponderance of evidence standard. The Charged Student may elect to have one of the following formal hearing types:

- 1. **Administrative Officer Hearing** a hearing conducted by a full-time USF System Employee who is also a trained University Conduct Board (UCB) member.
- 2. **University Conduct Board Hearing** a hearing conducted by USF System student, faculty, or staff who are trained members of the UCB, where 50% of the hearing panel is comprised of students.

In cases involving sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, the Complainant can request an Administrative Officer Hearing and that request will be honored over the Charged Student's request for a University Conduct Board Hearing. Hearings may result in charges being upheld or dismissed and sanctions that are more or less severe than the sanctions recommended by the Initial Review Officer.

#### **Notification of Formal Hearing Results and Outcomes**

The Charged Student and Complainant are simultaneously notified in writing of the outcome of the formal hearing in writing within 10 days of the hearing; that is, unless there are extraordinary circumstances that delay such notice. The Hearing Outcome Letter indicates the finding rendered at the conclusion of the formal hearing, as well as the procedures for the Charged Student and Complainant to appeal the outcome of the formal hearing. The Hearing Outcome Letter includes the following information:

- The results of the hearing;
- The procedures for the Complainant and the Charged Student to appeal the hearing results;
- Any change to the results of the hearing; and
- The date the results of the proceedings become final.

#### **Right to Appeal**

The Charged Student or Complainant may appeal in writing the outcome of a formal hearing **within 5 days** of the date of the Hearing Outcome Letter. The appeal must be written to the Dean of Students, or appropriate designee, at the member institution or separately accredited institution. The burden burden of proof rests with the Charged Student or the Complainant to show, by a preponderance of the evidence presented, that the grounds for an appeal have been met. The Dean of Students, or designee, may adopt, modify, or reject charges charges and/or sanctions from the Hearing Outcome Letter.

The record of the formal hearing may be considered on appeal as well as any new information from the Charged Student and/or Complainant that comes to the attention of the Dean of Students or designee. The Dean of Students, or designee, is authorized to contact any participants in the formal hearing for clarification or request additional information as necessary to render a decision.

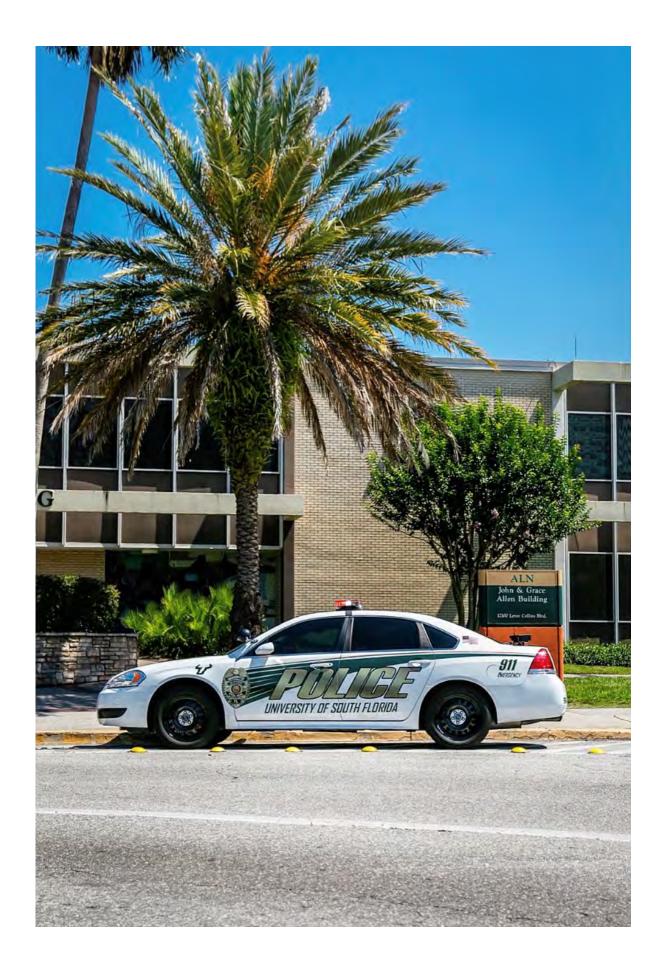
Except as required to explain the basis of new information, the Dean of Students, or designee, shall limit the review to the verbatim record of the formal hearing and supporting documents for one or more of the following purposes:

- 1. To determine if there were **due process errors** involving the University's failure to provide the Charged Student or Stu-Student Organization with notice or an opportunity be heard.
- 2. To determine whether the **sanction(s) imposed was extraordinarily disproportionate** for the violation of the Student Code of Conduct, which the Charged Student or Student Organization was found to be responsible.
- 3. To consider **new information**, sufficient to alter a decision or other relevant facts not brought out in the formal hearing, because such information and/or facts were not known to the person appealing at the time of the formal hearing. Outcomes of criminal or civil cases have no bearing in any aspect of the process, including the appeal.

When the appeal is submitted, the Charged Student or Complainant must state the reason(s) for the appeal and must supply the supporting facts and the recommended solution. This is not a rehearing of the conduct case. An appeal will not be accepted simply because a Student is dissatisfied with the decision from the formal hearing. Failure to describe the nature of the information in full detail and/or failure to list and explain at least one of the above-listed three bases of acceptable appeals will result in the denial of the appeal.

The Dean's **Decision on Appeal Letter** will be rendered within 10 days of receipt of the appeal, except in extraordinary cases as determined by the Dean of Students, or designee. The decision made by the Dean of Students, or designee, is to be rendered in the Dean's Decision on Appeal Letter and the decision of the Dean of Students, or designee, is considered the final University decision. If an appeal is not upheld, the initial decision will stand, and the matter shall be considered final and binding upon all involved.





#### **SRR Process Resources**

For more information about the Student Code of Conduct process, consult the following resources and offices:

- USF System Regulation 6.0021 USF System Student Code of Conduct: www.regulationspolicies.usf.edu/regulations/pdfs/regulation-usf6.0021.pdf
- Student Rights and Responsibilities (SRR):
- Address: 4202 E. Fowler Ave., ALN 109, Tampa, FL 33620
- Phone: (813) 974-9443– Fax: (813) 974-7383
- Website: www.usf.edu/student-affairs/student-rights-responsibilities/

#### **Potential Student Sanctions**

The Student Code of Conduct lists sanctions which may be imposed by our institution on a student or a student organization found to have violated USF System regulations and policies. For a complete list of these sanctions, consult the Student Code of Conduct regulation (www.regulationspolicies.usf.edu/regulations/pdfs/regulation-usf6.0021.pdf). Not all of the sanctions provided in the Student Code of Conduct are appropriate for all cases. For example, possible sanctions for students found responsible for sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking are not limited to, but more than likely include, the following:

- **Restriction** Conditions imposed that would specifically dictate and limit future presence on campus and participation in University activities. The restrictions involved will be clearly identified and may include but are not limited to a University order forbidding the Charged Student from all contact with the Complainant. Restrictions may also apply to denial of operating a motorized vehicle (including golf carts) on campus, access and use of University services, and presence in certain buildings or locations on campus. These restrictions can include the inability to hold leadership positions whether or not as a part of a University Organization.
- Conduct Probation An official sanction that places the Student's enrollment or Student Organization recognition dependent upon the maintenance of satisfactory citizenship during the period of probation. When conduct probation is imposed as a sanction, the Student or Student Organization should be advised of the consequences of violation of probation. Under conduct probation, a Student may continue to attend classes and a Student Organization may or may not be able to operate or remain active and with an opportunity to demonstrate a capability and a willingness to live in accordance with University rules. Any Student or Student Organization placed on conduct probation may be restricted from participating in certain University activities as specified by the Director of SRR, or designee,

or as regulated by other University departments. For the duration of the conduct probation, the Student or Student Organization is not considered in "good disciplinary standing" with the University.

- Deferred Suspension Suspension that will be imposed at a defined defined future date or time unless sanctions are completed as described by the hearing officer and there are no further policy vioations.
- Suspension Termination of a Student's privilege to attend the University for a specified period of time. This may include a restrictive order that would exclude the Student or Student Organization from campus. In cases where the Student or Student Organization resides on campus, the Student will be given reasonable time to vacate the residence halls (i.e. 24 to 48 hours). A transcript overlay will be placed on the academic transtranscript during the period of suspension. Further, while on suspension, a hold will be placed on a Student's registration ability until all sanctions are complete. The record of suspension will be maintained in a permanpermanent file in SRR.
- Expulsion Permanent termination of a Student's privilege to attend the University, without the possibility of re-admission. This may include a restrictive or no trespass order that would exclude the person from campus. In cases where the Student resides on campus, the Student will be given reasonable time to vacate the residence halls (i.e. 24 to 48 hours). A transcript overlay will be placed on a Student's academic transcript. Further, a hold will be permanently placed on the Student's ability to register for classes. The record of expulsion will be maintained in a permanent permanent conduct file in SRR. In cases of Student Organizations, a sanction may be permanent and prevent the Student Organization from returning to campus.
- Other Appropriate Sanctions such as mandated community service service, educational program (payment of associated fees), and written assignments.

The above sanctioning guide is to give the range of sanctions that would "most likely be given" if a person was to be found responsible for a single instance of the violation. It is not a maximum and minimum guide. It is a guide based on recent cases from the past two years. It does not take into account multiple violations during a single incident.

#### **Potential Employee Sanctions**

Sanctions may be imposed on employees found to have violated USF System policies and regulations via Title IX processes. The results of Title IX process processes are provided to Human Resources and the Office of the General Counsel, who implement employee sanctions as warranted. This is done in accordance with the following provisions of USF System Policy 0-004 which states, "The designated office will review such complaints and provide appropriate response including counseling, mediation (in limited circumstances), and/or referral for disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment and/or expulsion from the USF System."

The following USF System regulations address disciplinary actions our institution may impose on employees found to have violated USF System regulations and policies:

- **USF System Regulation 10.212:** Discipline, Misconduct, and Incompetence (Staff) available on the Office of the General Counsel's website at regulationspolicies.usf.edu/regulations/pdfs/regulation-usf10.212.pdf.
- **USF System Regulation 10.112:** Discipline, Misconduct, and Incompetence (Faculty) available on the Office of the General Counsel's website at regulationspolicies.usf.edu/regulations/pdfs/regulation-usf10.112.pdf.

Employee disciplinary actions are governed by Human Resources pursuant to HR Procedure — USF Progressive Steps for Disciplinary Action, available on the HR website at https://www.usf.edu/hr/employment-resources/employee-labor-relations/employee-discipline.aspx.

Potential sanctions for employees found responsible via our institututional processes and proceedings for engaging in sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking are limited to the following disciplinary actions:

- Suspension
- Dismissal



### **Confidentiality and Protective Measures**

#### **Protecting Confidentiality**

The USF System will protect the confidentiality of victims and other necessary parties in accordance with applicable federal and State of Florida laws. Our institution completes publicly available recordkeeping and, for purposes of Cery Act reporting and disclosure, with the inclusion of identifying information about the victim. All criminal reports are redacted per Florida State Statute 119 and are reviewed by USF General Counsel prior to release to any requesting party not involved in the report.

#### **Range of Protective Measures**

Depending on the specifics of the incident and the victim's wishes, the USF System can implement protective measures and other accommodations to victims of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, regardless of whether the victim is a student or employee. The USF System will maintain as confidential any such accommodations or protective measures provided to the victim, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the accommodations or protective measures; and to the extent permissible under local, state, and federal law. It is important to understand that our institution makes such accommodations if the victim requests them and if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to USFPD or local law enforcement.

#### **Protective Measures for Students**

For student victims, complainants, or witnesses relating to an incident of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, the range of interim measures to stop, prevent, and remedy sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Class changes;
- On-campus housing moves;
- Academic accommodation;
- No contact, non-retaliatory order or directive; and/or

Any protective measures made for student victims, Complainants, or witnesses will be designed to minimize the burden on their educational program while also ensuring that the university is mindful of the Respondent's rights.

#### **Protective Measures for Employees**

For employee victims, Complainants, or witnesses relating to an incident of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, the range of interim measures to stop, prevent, and remedy sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Changing the shift hours of the Respondent so they do not overlap with the Complainant's;
- Issuing a no contact, non-retaliatory directive preventing communication and interaction between the Respondent and Complainant or Witnesses.
- Changing the work environment in some other manner so the Complainant and Respondent do not have any workplace interaction.
- Placing the Respondent on administrative leave with pay pending the conclusion of the investigation; and/or

Any protective measures made for employee victims, Complainants, or witnesses will be designed to minimize the burden on their work setting while also ensuring that the university is mindful of the Respondent's rights.

#### Protective Measures for the USF System Community

In addition to the interim measures for students and employees outlined above, the Title IX office is responsible for coordinating measures to address sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and gender-based stalking across the USF System.

Such measures include ongoing education and prevention training, awareness training, and the detailed and mandatory "Responsible Employee" training for all employees designated as "Responsible Employees" under the USF System Policy 0-004: Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Harassment.

## **FERPA** and Institutional Disciplinary Action

Our procedures for institutional disciplinary action under the SRR, DIEO, or Title IX processes do not constitute a violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g).

## **Emergency Notification Procedure**

Our institution has procedures in place to immediately initiate Emergency Notifications to the campus community upon the confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on campus. "Confirmation" of a significant emergency or dangerous situation means that an institution official (or officials) has verified that a legitimate emergency or dangerous situation exists. Confirmation doesn't necessarily mean that all of the pertinent details details are known or even available at the time. "Immediate threat" means an imminent or impending threat, such as a tornado warning. Other examples of significant emergencies or dangerous situations include, but are not limited to:

- Active Threat incidents
- Armed intruders
- Nearby severe chemical or hazardous waste releases.

Near-campus incidents which are confirmed to pose a significant emergency or dangerous situation to our campus community, such as those listed below, would also trigger our emergency notification procedures:

- A violent crime that constitutes an imminent threat to the to the campus community (including, but not limited to, homicide, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, and aggravated assault, and aggravated battery); and
- Occurs within USFPD jurisdiction, including the 1,000 ft. perimeter beyond our Clery-defined campus.

Our institution issues Emergency Notifications in accordance with the emergency response and evacuation procedures outlined in our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Each institution within the USF System has an EOP. Each EOP is written in accordance with the framework outlined in USF System Policy 6-010: *Emergency Management*. This policy is available on the Office of the General Counsel's website at regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedure s/pdfs/policy-6-010.pdf.

Each institutions' EOP contains specific policies regarding emergency response and evacuation procedures, including procedures for immediate notification of their respective campus community via Emergency Notifications. These plans require emergency notifications to be issued for confirmed significant emergencies or dangerous situations which pose an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees, as long as doing so would not compromise efforts to assist a victim; contain the emergency; respond to the emergency; or otherwise mitigate the emergency. Our institution utilizes a multi-step process to confirm and issue emergency notifications to our community as follows:

- 1) Confirm there is a significant emergency or dangerous situation;
- 2) Determine the appropriate segment or segments of the campus community to receive an emergency notification;
- 3) Determine the content of an emergency notification; and
- 4) Initiate our emergency notification system.

More information regarding the Emergency Notification System (ENS) can be found in USF System Policy 6-010: *Emergency Management*. This policy is available on the Office of the General Counsel's website at regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-6-010.pdf.

## **Confirming Significant Emergencies** or Dangerous Situations

There are multiple methods for community members to report an incident to university public safety officials; however, confirming whether or not a significant emergency or dangerous situation exists is the responsibility of trained professionals in the following units: Campus Police Department (UPD), Emergency Management (EM), Environmental Health and Safety (EHS), Facilities Management Operations, Research Integrity and Compliance, or Student Success. While multiple departments are identified, it is only necessary for one department to confirm the emergency or dangerous situation exists.

For campus law enforcement issues, the UPD is responsible for confirming whether a significant emergency or dangerous situation on campus exists based on information received by anonymous report; threat; or victim, witness, or officer observation.

For non-law enforcement situations, other departments may also confirm that a significant emergency exists. These departments are Emergency Management (EM), Environmental Health and Safety (EHS), Facilities Management Operations, Research Integrity and Compliance, or Student Affairs. Confirmation of whether a significant emergency exists in such situations is based on observation by public safety officials, witness statements, or alerts statements, or alerts received by federal, state, or local agencies.

## **Determining Appropriate Segment(s) of the Campus Community to Notify**

As soon as a significant emergency or dangerous situation has been been confirmed, our institution will:

- 1) Take the safety and health of the campus community into account:
- 2) Determine what information to release about the situation; situation; and
- 3) Begin the notification process.

Our institution would not immediately issue a notification for a confirmed significant emergency or dangerous situation if doing so would compromise efforts to:

- Assist a victim;
- Contain the emergency;
- Respond to the emergency; or
- Otherwise mitigate the emergency, e.g., not compromising efforts to mitigate an emergency might be agreeing to a request of local law enforcement or fire department officials.

The campus community will be notified when there is at least the potential that a very large segment of the community will be affected by a situation, or when a situation threatens the operation of the campus as a whole. If an emergency affects only a segment of the campus community, a more limited warning may be issued. For example, in the case of a hazardous release, the university may only notify individuals in the building where this occurred. There will be a continuing assessment of the situation and additional warnings will be issued as appropriate based on the available information at the time the Emergency Notification is issued.

#### **Determining the Content of Emergency Notifications**

Our Emergency Notification procedures require emergency notifications issued by our institution to include information that will enable members of the campus community to take actions to protect themselves, including information about the following:

- Incident type;
- Incident location:
- Instructions on what actions to take; and
- Other safety information or tips, if necessary.

### **Initiating Emergency Notifications**

Upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on campus involving an imminent threat to the health or safety of the campus community, either USFPD or Emergency Management (EM) initiate an emergency notification. In the event USFPD or EM are not able to initiate a AlertUSF message, authorized users in Information Technology, University Communications & Marketing, or the Office of the Vice President for Administrative Services may broadcast messages via AlertUSF. Initiating emergency notifications will occur as outlined in our institution's EOP.

When the emergency notification system is activated, multiple systems are activated simultaneously. In addition to text messages through AlertUSF, desktop computers in labs and classrooms also receive notifications through our desktop alert system. In addition, there is a siren and loud speaker system that may also be used to reach those in open air spaces or within select buildings on campus. Our institution uses this spectrum of notification methods to reach large numbers of constituents as quickly and efficiently as possible. As outlined in the EOP, the following tools are used to facilitate incident communications:

- **Homepage** Emergency messages will be broadcasted to the USF institution's homepage at the affected campus location(s). The website is the best place to receive the most thorough, accurate, and up-to-date information during an emergency.
- **Text Message** Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to sign-up to receive alerts through text message at USF-System campuses. For more information visit the USF Emergency Management homepage.

- **Outdoor Notifications** Maintained independently at each campus, USF Tampa outdoor notifications provide strobe, tone, and loud voice messages audible by outdoor populations through speaker arravs.
- **Indoor Notifications** Indoor notification is currently available available only within select buildings on the Tampa campus. Contact your facilities manager for more information.
- **Desktop Alert** Desktop Alerts will appear on desktop computers that are maintained by USF IT and activate when the messages are issued at the Tampa campus. If you encounter issues or do not receive Desktop Alerts on your USF desktop computer, contact IT at help@usf.edu.
- **Digital Displays** The Tampa Campus has integrated digital display boards across campus to broadcast emergency language to the displays.
- Alert Beacons Designated rooms on the Tampa campus have installed Alert Beacons which provide tone, strobe, and text.
- **AlertUSF Website** This website provides information on active incidents or events that could impact the USF system. This web page maintains a chronological history of an event by displaying text alerts.
- **USF Safe (App)** This app is a phone resource that provides safety information, preparedness education, crime prevention tips, and more from University of South Florida UPD.

Our emergency notification system has pre-scripted, pre-approved messages addressing a wide range of possible emergencies. These messages require only minor updates to address specifics of an incident in order to allow emergency notifications to be sent out without delay.

In most cases, the standard pre-scripted messages will be able to address emergencies from initial communication to "all-clear." For situations that require unique messaging or communication over an extended period of time, the Media/Public Affairs Team or, if activated, the Joint Information Center (JIC), may assume the responsibility for sending out communications using the system. The main website for our institution will be utilized to provide situation updates and should be considered the best place for the campus community and general public to find the most thorough, accurate, and up-to-date information during an emergency.

#### **Organizational Units Responsible for Emergency Notification Procedures**

The chart on the next page also summarizes organizational units with designated individuals responsible for, or authorized to, determine the appropriate segments of the campus community to receive a notification; determine the content of the notification; and initiate the notification. This is indicated via the column headings "Determine Notification Segment," "Determine Notification Content." and "Initiate Notification." respectively. Responsibility is determined based on the type of hazard (emergency or dangerous situation) facing our institution.

While multiple departments are identified on the chart, it is only necessary for one of these organizational units to initiate each identified step in the Emergency Notification process.

## **Disseminating Emergency Information to the Larger Community**

In the event of an emergency, the USF home page (usf.edu) will display emergency information. As updates are provided, new information is posted by the appropriate responding public safety safety authority. The USF website is the best place to receive the most thorough, accurate, and up-to-date information during an emergency. There may be situations or emergencies which warrant communication outside our campus community. For example, our institution may use radio and/or TV alerts for the neighboring community.

Typically, when emergency messaging is pushed out by our institution, the local media immediately contact our Media/Public Affairs team for comment. This team is responsible for developing

messaging based on information provided by the incident commander or the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and communicating with the media. Depending on the nature of the emergency, a press release may be sent out and a press conference may be scheduled. For situations spanning a longer period of time, the Media/Public Affairs team will provide the media with regular updates and be responsible for responding to all media inquiries. The Media/Public Affairs team is part of University Communications and Marketing and may pull resources from other groups within that department to assist during an emergency. Depending on the nature of the emergency, JIC may be activated to provide the necessary communications resources for the event. If the JIC is activated, the Media/Public Affairs team will become part of it.

Responsible Organizational Unit	Determine Notification Segment	Determine Notification Content	Initiate Notification
University Police	•		
Emergency Management			
Environmental Health and Safety			
Information Technology		•	
Joint Information Center	•		
Office of the Vice President of Administrative Services			
University Communications and Marketing			
Human Resources		•	
Research Integrity and Compliance	•		
Executive Policy Group			
Facilities Management Operations	•		



# **Testing Emergency Notification, Response** and Evacuation Procedures

notification, response, and evacuation procedures on at least and exercises. These tests follow the Homeland Security Exercise an annual basis. Such tests may be announced or unannounced. These tests are regularly scheduled, contain drills, exercises, and follow-through activities. "Drills" are activities that test a single procedural operation, e.g., an evacuation drill. "Exercises" are tests involving coordination of efforts, e.g., a test of the coordination of first responders, including police, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians. "Follow-through activities" are designed to review the test, e.g., a survey or interview to obtain feedback from participants. Our tests are designed to assess and evaluate our emergency plans and capabilities.

More information regarding tests of our emergency evacuation procedures can be found in USF System Policy 6-025: Fire and Emergency Evacuation Drills available via the Office of the General Counsel's website at regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-an d-procedures/pdfs/policy-6-025.pdf.

### **Emergency Notification System Tests**

The university tests its Emergency Notification System once per semester on a scheduled basis to ensure all components are operational and that our policies and plans accurately dictate the procedures utilized. Tests of the Emergency Notification System are coordinated with Emergency Management, USFPD, University Communications and Marketing, Information Technology, and appropriate university administration.

During these scheduled tests, all components of the AlertUSF system are activated by USFPD or USF Emergency Management.

All tests of the Emergency Notification System are announced and are communicated to the university community through the MyUSF web portal (available to all students, faculty, and staff); the Inside USF faculty and staff newsletter; and the USF calendar (publicly available).

## **Emergency Response Procedures Tests**

Our institution tests its emergency response procedures at least annually to ensure that our institution's plans and procedures are viable and allow our institution and partner public safety officials an opportunity to practice responding to various emergencies and dangerous situations. These tests are coordinated by Emergency Management and key departments on campus responsible for responsible for responding to or facilitating response-and-recovery operations after an incident.

Our institution has procedures in place to test our emergency. Our emergency procedures tests are scheduled and contain drills and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) guidelines.

> More information about our emergency response procedures and their testing can be found on the Emergency Management website (http://usf.edu/em), within each USF System institutions' EOP, and on Emergency Situation Protective Action cards within each classroom on our campus. A sample Emergency Situation Protective Action card is provided in APPENDIX H.

### **Emergency Evacuation Procedures Tests**

In accordance with USF System Policy 6-025: Fire and Emergency Evacuation Drills, the USF System has procedures in place to ensure the safe, timely, and orderly evacuation of building occupants during an actual fire or other building emergency. Per Florida Fire Prevention Code, Florida Statute 633.0215, and the referenced USF System policy, our institution is required to test its evacuation procedures on an annual basis. However, in practice, our evacuation procedures are tested on a per semester basis for on-campus residential buildings and annually, at a minimum, for applicable non-residential buildings. Integral components of the USF System policy and associated procedures include the

- Annual fire and emergency evacuation drills are required to be conducted for all USF System high hazard buildings equipped with a required fire alarm system. A "high hazard building" designation is defined as one that: contains combustible matter or flammable conditions dangerous to the safety of life or property; in which persons receive educational instruction; in which persons reside; excluding private dwellings; or, containing three or more levels.
- All fire and emergency evacuation drills are announced in practice, excluding notification of vested parties required to coordinate drill activities, e.g., Residence Life Coordina-Coordinators, Resident Assistants, Facility Managers, etc., are typically notified prior to a drill.
- All occupants must evacuate when alarms are sounded or when authorities initiate an evacuation order. Occupants with disabilities, who cannot independently evacuate, must evacuate to the nearest are of rescue/refuge, typically a stairwell landing.
- All occupants of high hazard buildings must participate in the fire drill.

USF System Policy 6-025: *Fire and Emergency Evacuation Drills* requires a multi-disciplinary approach for the effective implementation and maintenance of emergency evacuation procedures for the USF System. The following organizational units are responsible for implementing and maintaining these procedures:

- Environmental Health and Safety;
- USFPD:
- Facilities Management;
- College/Division Heads; and
- Facility Managers.

These units work together on the following:

- Policy maintenance, updates, and communication;
- Training (providing or receiving);
- Drill coordination activities;
- Drill evaluation; and
- Process improvement identification and implementation.

For more information about our emergency evacuation procedures, consult the Emergency Evacuation page of the EH&S website: usf.edu/ehs/documents/firesafety-drillprocedure.pdf

# **Communicating Our Emergency Response** and **Evacuation Procedures**

USF System Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) and USFPD provide training to USF System employees and students regard-ing our emergency response and evacuation procedures as part of orientation. Emergency response and evacuation information is included in the Student Handbook provided to each student at the initiation of each semester. EH&S offers fire safety training, including evacuation procedures training, based on USF System Policy 6-025: Fire and Emergency Evacuation Drills, to USF staff employees on a biennial basis as well as per request to additional USF System organizational units.

Further, EH&S provides emergency response and evacuation policy and procedures training as part of their fire safety training to applicable Department of Housing & Residential Education employees at the beginning of each semester. These individuals are part of the Residence Life & Education Team and, as such, are subsequently responsible for the dissemination of USF System Policy 6-025 and associated procedural information to campus residents.

## Documenting Tests of Our Emergency Notification, Response, and Evacuation Procedures

For each test of the emergency notification, response, and evacuation procedures conducted by our institution, the following is documented pursuant to Clery Act requirements:

- A description of the exercise (i.e., the test);
- The date the test was held;
- The time the test started and ended; and
- Whether the test was announced or unannounced.

Emergency Management (EM) is responsible for maintaining USF System records of Emergency Notification System tests and Emergency Response Procedures tests. In addition to the Clery Act documentation requirements, EM also documents the status of the systems tested and any outstanding after-action items, respectively, for these tests.

Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) is responsible for maintaining USF System records of tests of our Emergency Evacuation Procedures. In addition to the Clery Act documentation requirements, EH&S also maintains documentation of any outstanding after-action items from testing our emergency evacuation procedures. Per USF System Policy, a Facility/Safety Liaison for each college or division is required to complete a Fire Exit Drill Evaluation form for test/drills conducted in their respective area(s). The executed form is subsequently filed in the applicable building records and a copy provided to EH&S. A copy of the **Fire Exit Drill Evaluation** form is located on the EH&S Fire Safety website at usf.edu/ehs/documents/firesafety-firedrillform.pdf.



# **Emergency Evacuation Procedures**

Preparation is essential: Determine in advance the nearest exit from your work location and the route you shall follow to reach that exit in an emergency. Emergency evacuation signage is posted in buildings. Building occupants should become familiar with evacuation routes that do not require elevator access and assembly points outside of the building. Establish an alternate route to be used in the event your route is blocked or unsafe. Never assume that an alarm is a drill—treat all alarm activations as actual emergencies.

## **How to Evacuate During an Emergency**

- 1) Exit the building as soon as possible via the nearest exit.
- Do not use elevators to exit the building during an evacuation as they may become inoperable.
- 3) Walk, do not run. Don't push or crowd.
- 4) If unable to evacuate due to disability, shelter in the area of rescue/refuge, typically a stairwell landing, and wait for assistance from emergency responders.
- 5) Keep noise to a minimum so you can hear emergency instructions
- 6) Use handrails in stairwells; stay to the right.
- 7) Follow instructions from emergency personnel.
- 8) Move quickly away from the building to your assembly point\* unless otherwise instructed.
- 9) If possible, go to a grassy area and keep roadway and and walkways clear for emergency vehicles.
- 10) Do not return until notified by emergency personnel that it is safe to do so.
- \*A ssembly Points: Emergency assembly points are areas of campus that are uphill and upwind from the hazard, away from power lines, falling debris, and other hazards where persons can assemble to be accounted for, to be provided minor first aid, receive further instructions, and obtain information. This is the first place to go until other areas and buildings on campus can be evaluated for safety and possible occupancy.

For more information on what to do during a building evacuation, visit the Environmental Health and Safety Emergency Evacuation website: usf.edu/ehs/documents/firesafety-drillprocedure.pdf.

#### **How to Shelter in Place**

During certain emergency situations — particularly chemical, biological, or radioactive material releases — some weather emergencies, or the threat of imminent danger, you may be directed to "shelter in place" rather than evacuate the building.

Depending on the type of emergency situation, directions to shelter in place may be sent using a variety of communication tools, including: siren/loudspeaker system, MoBull Messenger, and/or digital screens.

- 1) Stay inside the building or find a safe place.
- 2) If you are in a room with a door, make sure the door is closed.
- In various campus buildings, doors may lock manually, remotely, or not at all. If applicable and time permits, lock doors.
- 4) If you are in a room with a window, make sure the window is closed and remain clear of the window.
- 5) Remain where you are until further direction from emergency personnel.

Always follow all directions provided by emergency response personnel.

#### **Fire Alarm Procedures**

The general USF System Fire and Emergency procedures are as follows:

- Immediately evacuate the building via the nearest exit when the fire alarm is activated.
- If unable to evacuate due to a disability, shelter in the area of rescue/refuge, typically a stairwell landing, and wait for assistance from drill volunteers or emergency responders.
- Instruct visitors and students to evacuate and assist them in locating the nearest exit.
- Do not use elevators to exit the building during an evacuation as they may become inoperable.
- Carry only those personal belongings that are within the immediate vicinity.
- Close doors to limit the potential spread of smoke and fire.
- Terminate all hazardous operations and power off equipment.
- · Close all hazardous materials containers.
- Remain outside of the building until the building is released for re-entry.
- Do not restrict or impede the evacuation.
- Convene in the designated grassy gathering area and await instruction from emergency responders or drill volunteers.
- Avoid parking lots.
- Report the fire alarm deficiencies (e.g., trouble hearing the alarm) to facilities personnel for repair.
- Notify evacuation drill volunteers or emergency responders of persons sheltering in the areas of rescue/refuge.
- Never assume that an alarm is a "false alarm." Treat all fire alarm activations as emergencies and evacuate the building.

More information regarding fire and emergency evacuation procedures (e.g., USF System High Hazard Buildings and USF

Fire Drill Relocation Areas) can be found on these USF Environmental Health and Safety websites:

Fire and Emergency Evacuation Procedures:

https://www.usf.edu/administrative-services/environment al-health-safety/documents/firesafety-drillprocedure.pdf

Fire and Emergency Evacuation Drills and Procedures: https://www.usf.edu/administrative-services/environmental-health-safety/programs-services/fire-safety/residential-info. aspx

# **Annual Fire Safety Report**

Institutions with on-campus student housing are required under HEA and HEOA to publish an *Annual Fire Safety Report*. The purpose of this report is to disclose fire safety policies and procedures related to on-campus student housing and to disclose statatistics for fires that occurred in those facilities.

# On-Campus Student Housing Facility Fire Safety Systems

Each on-campus housing facility has fire safety systems in place. A **fire safety system** is defined under HEA as:

Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire, or the control of a fire. This may include sprinkler systems 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.

The *On-Campus Student Housing Fire Safety Systems* chart included in this report describes the fire safety systems for each on-campus student housing facility at our institution.

# On-Campus Student Housing Facility Fire Drills

Our institution is required under HEA to disclose the number of fire drills held for our on-campus housing facilities for the past three calendar years. A **fire drill** is defined under HEA as "a supervised practice of a mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire. "Our fire drills are performed in accordance with USF System Policy Policy 6-025: Fire and Emergency Evacuation Drills, available on the Office of the General Counsel's website at regulationspolic ies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-6-025.pdf. This policy establishes the requirements by which our evacuation drills are conducted to ensure the safe, timely, and orderly evacuation of building occupants during an actual fire or other building emergency. The intent of this policy is to comply with fire regulations requiring annual fire and emergency evacuation drills.

The *On-Campus Student Housing Facility Fire Statistics* chart included in this report provides our fire statistics for the past three calendar years for each on-campus student housing facility at our institution.

# **On-Campus Student Housing Facility Fire Statistics**

Our institution is required under HEA to disclose the number of fires which occurred in our on-campus housing facilities for the past three calendar years. The process by which these fire statistics are collected and compiled by our institution as part of this fire safety report and our reporting to the U.S. Department of Education by October 1st for the preceding calendar year is provided in APPENDIX J. The *On-Campus Student Housing Fire Statistics* chart included in this report provides our fire statistics for the past three calendar years for each oncampus student housing facility at our institution.

# On-Campus Student Housing Facility Fire Safety Policies

Residents living in on-campus student housing must adhere to the fire and safety policies outlined in their *Resident Handbook*. These policies address the use of portable electric appliances, smoking, and open flames in student housing facilities and are reiterated below.

The *Resident Handbook* for on-campus housing facilities at USF Tampa is available online at usf.edu/sa/housing/documents/resident-handbook.pdf.

#### **Portable Electric Appliances**

According to the Resident Handbook, the following portable electrical appliances are not allowed to be used in individual bedrooms or suites in any of our on-campus student housing facilities:

- Toasters
- George Foreman grills
- Hot plates
- Roasters
- Popcorn poppers
- Deep freezers

Cooking is strictly prohibited in bedrooms or suites, but may be done in designated cooking areas in each building and within apartments that contain a kitchen areas, e.g., the above-listed appliances are allowed in on-campus student housing apartments that contain a kitchen area. For more information about the

# **On-Campus Student Housing Facility Fire Statistics**

			2016			2017			2018	
Facility Name	Facility Street Address	Alarms	Fires	Drills	Alarms	Fires	Drills	Alarms	Fires	Drills
Argos Center/Café	12402 USF Myrtle Dr	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Beacon Hall*	4204 USF Mulberry Ln.				21	0	1	38	0	3
Beta Hall	12470 USF Maple Dr.	3	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	2
Castor Hall	411 USF Cedar Cr.	25	0	2	6	0	2	14	0	2
Cypress A Suites	4302 USF Holly Dr.	4	0	3	3	0	4	2	0	2
Cypress B Suites	4304 USF Holly Dr.	4	0	3	3	0	3	2	0	2
Cypress C Apts.	4303 USF Holly Dr.	14	0	3	9	0	4	10	0	2
Cypress D Apts.	4301 USF Holly Dr.	7	0	2	3	0	2	9	0	2
Delta/lota Hall**	Delta-4215 USF Ash Ln.	5	0	2	2	0	2			
Endeavor Hall*	4220 USF Holly Dr.							11	0	2
Epsilon /Eta/Zeta Hall**	Epsilon-4203 USF Ash Ln.	29	0	2	4	0	1			
Greek House 1/2	4721/4723 USF Birch Dr.	7	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	3
Greek House 3/4	4725/4727 USF Birch Dr.	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	3
Greek House 5/6	4729/4731 USF Birch Dr.	9	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	3
Greek House 7/8	4743/4745 USF Birch Dr.	6	0	3	1	0	3	0	0	3
Greek House 9/10	4741/4739 USF Birch Dr.	8	0	3	1	0	3	1	0	3
Greek House 11/12	4737/4735 USF Birch Dr.	4	0	3	0	0	3	2	0	3
Greek House 13/14	4713/4715 USF Birch Dr.	4	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	3
Holly Apts. A	4230 USF Holly Dr.	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	2
Holly Apts. B	4236 USF Holly Dr.	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	2
Holly Apts. C	4242 USF Holly Dr.	4	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	2
Holly Apts. D	4231 USF Holly Dr.	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	2
Holly Apts. E	4235 USF Holly Dr.	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	2
Holly Apts. F	4237 USF Holly Dr.	2	0	2	3	0	2	1	0	2
Holly Apts. G	4241 USF Holly Dr.	1	0	2	3	0	2	0	0	2
Horizon Hall*	4205 USF Mulberry Ln.							14	0	2
Juniper Poplar Suite/Café	12030 USF Beard Dr.	40	0	4	16	0	2	28	0	2
Kappa/Theta Hall**	4223 Mulberry Ln	8	0	2	2	0	2	9	0	2
Kosove Hall	12410 USF Myrtle Dr.	26	0	3	6	0	2	12	0	2
Magnolia Apts. A	3704 USF Alumni Dr.	2	0	3	7	0	2	3	0	2
Magnolia Apts. B	3710 USF Alumni Dr.	5	0	3	3	0	2	5	0	2
Magnolia Apts. C	3701 USF Beech Ln.	6	0	3	5	0	2	6	0	3
Magnolia Apts. D	3705 USF Beech Ln.	6	0	3	4	0	2	7	1	3
Magnolia Apts. E	3707 USF Beech Ln.	3	0	3	4	0	2	6	0	2
Magnolia Apts. F	3711 USF Beech Ln.	5	0	3	5	0	2	1	1	2
Magnolia Apts. G	3702 USF Beech Ln.	2	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	2
Maple Suites A	12480 USF Maple Dr.	6	0	2	5	0	2	0	0	2
Maple Suites B	4303 USF Holly Dr.	3	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	2
Mu/Lambda Hall**	4223 USF Dogwood Dr.	9	0	2	2	0	2	6	0	2
Pinnacle Hall*	4210 USF Holly Dr.							16	0	2
Summit Hall*	4219 USF Mulberry Ln.				47	0	1	9	0	2

 $<sup>*</sup>Beacon \, and \, Summit \, Halls \, and \, The \, Hub \, Dining \, Hall \, initiated \, operation \, in \, August \, 2017. \, Pinnacle, \, Horizon \, and \, Endeavor \, Halls \, initiated \, operation \, in \, August \, 2017. \, Pinnacle, \, Horizon \, and \, Endeavor \, Halls \, initiated \, operation \, in \, August \, 2017. \, Pinnacle, \, Horizon \, and \, Endeavor \, Halls \, initiated \, operation \, in \, August \, 2017. \, Pinnacle, \, Horizon \, and \, Endeavor \, Halls \, initiated \, operation \, in \, August \, 2017. \, Pinnacle, \, Horizon \, and \, Endeavor \, Halls \, initiated \, operation \, in \, August \, 2017. \, Pinnacle, \, Horizon \, and \, Endeavor \, Halls \, initiated \, operation \, in \, August \, 2017. \, Pinnacle, \, Horizon \, and \, Endeavor \, Halls \, initiated \, operation \, in \, August \, 2017. \, Pinnacle, \, Horizon \, 2$ operations in August 2018.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Delta, Eta, and Zeta Halls were demolished in 2016; Epsilon Hall was demolished in 2017; lota, Kappa, Theta, Mu, and Lambda Halls

# **On-Campus Student Housing Fire Safety Systems**

Housing & Residential Education Building	Campus Address	Building Floors	Sq. Ft.	Wet Pipe Sprinkler System	Wet Standpipes	Dry Standpipes	Manual Standpipes
Argos Center/Café	12402 USF Myrtle Dr	1	25,933	1	0	0	0
Beacon Hall**	4202 USF Mulberry Ln	6	83,347	1	3	0	0
Beta Hall							
Castor Hall							
Cypress A Suites	4302 USF Holly Dr	5	42,415	1	2	0	0
Cypress B Suites	-						
Cypress C Apts							
Cypress D Apts	_						
Endeavor Hall*							
Greek House 1/2							
Greek House 3/4							
Greek House 5/6							
Greek House 7/8							
Greek House 9/10							
Greek House 11/12							
Greek House 13/14	4713/4715 USF Birch Dr	3	16,960	1	0	0	0
Greek Mailroom/Office/Apt .							
Holly Apts. A							
Holly Apts. B							
Holly Apts. C							
Holly Apts. D							
Holly Apts. E	•						
Holly Apts. F	· ·						
Holly Apts. G	,		-				
Horizon Hall*							
The Hub Dining Hall**							
Juniper Poplar Suites/Café							
Kappa/Theta Hall*							
Kosove Hall	•						
Magnolia A Apts							
Magnolia B Apts Magnolia C Apts							
Magnolia D Apts Magnolia E Apts							
Magnolia F Apts							
Magnolia G Apts							
Maple A Suites							
Maple B Suites							
Mu Hall/Lambda Hall*							
Pinnacle Hall*							
Summit Hall**							

<sup>\*</sup>Beacon Hall, Summit Hall, and The Hub Dining Hall initiated operations in August 2017; lota, Kappa, Theta, Mu, and Lambda Halls were demolished in 2018.
\*\*Pinnacle, Horizon and Endeavor Hall initiated operations in August 2018.

# On-Campus Student Housing Fire Safety Systems

Fire System Panel	Pull Stations	Smoke Detectors	Heat Detectors	Duct Detectors	Notification Horns	Notification Speakers	Notification Strobes	Notification Horn/ Strobes	Notification Sounder Bases
Notifier NFS-64	20	5	0	3	0	44	44	0	0
Notifier NFS-2-303	21	252	0	3	0	204	45	0	197
Notifier NFS-64	20	164	2	9	4	0	16	98	154
Notifier NFS-2-303	15	202	0	0	77	0	106	0	190
Notifier NFS-64	12	53	0	0	96	0	59	0	0
Notifier NFS-64	12	55	0	0	90	0	57	0	0
Notifier NFS-64	14	90	0	0	95	0	91	0	0
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Notifier AFP-20									
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	10				24				
Notifier AFP-20	10	29	0	1	24	0	8	18	0
Notifier AFP-20	13	37	0	1	32	0	10	23	0
Notifier AFP-20	10	29	0	1	24	0	8	18	0
Notifier AFP-20	12	32	0	2	28	0	10	21	0
Notifier AFP-20									0
Notifier AFP-20	13	35	0	1	32	0	10	23	0
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					32				
Notifier AFP-20									
Notifier NFS-3030	31								
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specific appliances allowed within a specific room of an on-campus housing facility, please contact your Resident Assistant (RA)/Community Manager (CM).

Due to concern for fire and safety standards, the *Resident Hand-book* limits the types of portable electrical appliances that may be used in individual bedrooms or suites to the following:

- Microwaves which use less than 1,000 watts;
- Automatic coffee makers: and
- Refrigerators which do not exceed 4.5 cubic feet.

#### **Smoking**

The USF System prohibits smoking, tobacco use, and use of related products on all property owned, leased, or operated by the USF System, including on-campus student housing. Below are key definitions from USF System Policy:

**Smoking** is defined as *inhaling*, *exhaling*, *burning*, *carrying*, or possessing any lighted tobacco product as well as the use of an electronic cigarette or any other device intended to simulate smoking.

**Tobacco** is defined as any product made of tobacco, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipe, bidis, hookahs, and any and all chewing tobacco products.

**Tobacco Use** means the personal use of any tobacco product whether intended to be lit or not, which shall include smoking as defined above, as well as the use of an electronic cigarette or any other device intended to simulate smoking and thus use of smokeless tobacco, including snuff, chewing tobacco, smokeless pouches, or any other form of loose-leaf smokeless tobacco, and the use of unlit cigarettes, cigars, and pipe tobacco.

A map of the boundaries for which smoking is prohibited on our campus is provided in this report (see APPENDIX I). Faculty, staff, students, vendors, and visitors are not allowed to use any tobacco products within the areas designated on these maps.

USF System and institution-specific policies prohibit smoking, tobacco use, and use of related products on all property owned, leased, or operated by the USF System, including on-campus student housing, are available on the Office of the General Counsel's website:

- USF System Policy 6-026: Tobacco and Smoke-Free Policy regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/ pdfs/policy-6-026.pdf
- USF System Policy 0-909: No Smoking on USF Health Campus
   regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/ pdfs/policy-0-909.pdf

Enforcement of our tobacco and smoke-free university policies depends upon the cooperation of all faculty, staff, students, vendors, and visitors not only to comply with this policy, but also to encourage others to comply with the policy. Anyone who is in violation of our tobacco and smoke free campus policies (including faculty, staff,

students, vendors, or visitors) should be politely reminded of the policy and asked to comply by discarding the tobacco product. Any student who continually refuses to abide by the policy may be considered in violation of the Student Code of Conduct and subject to its disciplinary procedures. Continuing violations by any faculty or staff member will be handled through normal university processes.

#### **Open Flames and Other Fire Hazards**

All residents are required to follow the USF System's fire and safety regulations. These regulations follow mandates set by the USF System Office of Environmental Health and Safety. Please review fire and safety information on the USF System Office of Environmental Health and Safety website: usf.edu/administrative-services/environmental-health-safety/pro grams-services/fire-safety/residential-info.aspx.

#### **Fire and Safety Equipment**

In the interest of safety for all residents, it is imperative that fire and safety equipment is operable at all times. Tampering with fire and safety equipment is a third degree felony (Florida Statute 806.10).

Therefore, the following acts are prohibited:

- Tampering or playing with fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, exit lights, emergency lights, sprinkler heads, and other emergency equipment.
- Tampering with or pulling a fire alarm under false pretenses.
- Rendering a smoke detector inoperative.
- Obstructing stairwells and/or corridors with furniture, debris, and other materials.
- Disabling or propping open the exterior door to any building.

#### **Prohibited Items**

The following items are prohibited in our on-campus student housing facilities because of their serious potential as fire hazards:

- Open flames such as candles and incense, and the burning of any materials or other flame-emitted items
- Use or possession of fireworks or firecrackers
- Extension cords (only power strips with built-in circuit breakers are allowed in the halls)
- Personal grills
- Flammable liquids (and other hazardous chemicals)
- Portable electric heaters
- Lava lamps, halogen lamps, and all lamps with paper shades.
   Never cover any light with any material that prevents the free flow of aire around the bulb.
- Extreme care should be taken with appliances such as curling irons, hair dryers, and irons. Do not leave these items on when not in use or place them next to flammable areas

such as on the carpet or on beds. Private gatherings held in student rooms/apartments must be confined to that specific room or apartment. The Housing & Residential Education staff reserves the right to determine if the occupancy of the room/apartment for private gatherings exceeds the amount that would be considered in violation of fire and safety regulations.

### Fire, Health, and Safety Inspections

Housing & Residential Education staff facilitate fire, health, and safety inspections each semester with at least 24-hour notice to residents. Any violations found during these inspections must be corrected within the time period specified by the institution. Residents must immediately correct unsafe or potentially hazard-dous conditions in their room (such as overloaded power outlets) as requested by staff. Failure to correct fire, health, and safety violations may result in disciplinary action.

# Student Housing Evacuation Procedures in Case of Fire

To reduce the response time to a fire incident, USF policies and procedures require students and employees to call **9-1-1** to report all fires. The USFPD will investigate and take appropriate action.

The procedures for evacuating on-campus student housing in case of fire are provided in the *Resident Handbook*. USF System Fire and Emergency Evacuation Procedures are also available online at usf.edu/administrative-services/environmental-health-safety/documents/firesafety-drillprocedure.pdf. These procedures are also reiterated below:

- Treat all fire alarm activations as emergencies. Get out of the building!
- Immediately evacuate the building via the nearest exit when the fire alarm is activated.
- If unable to evacuate due to a disability, shelter in the area of rescue/refuge, typically a stairwell landing, and wait for wait for assistance from drill volunteers or emergency responders.
- Instruct visitors and students to evacuate and assist them in locating the nearest exit.
- Do not use elevators to exit the building during an evacuation as they may become inoperable.
- Carry only those personal belongings that are within the immediate vicinity.
- Close doors to limit the potential spread of smoke and fire.
- Terminate all hazardous operations and power off equipment,
- · Close all hazardous materials containers.
- Remain outside of the building until the building is released for re-entry.
- Do not restrict or impede the evacuation.
- Convene in the designated grassy gathering area and await instruction from emergency responders or drill volunteers.

- Avoid parking lots.
- Report the fire alarm deficiencies (e.g., trouble hearing the alarm) to facilities personnel for repair.
- Notify evacuation drill volunteers or emergency responders of persons sheltering in the areas of rescue/refuge.
- Never assume that an alarm is a "false alarm." Treat all fire alarm activations as emergencies and evacuate the building.

More information regarding USF System fire and emergency evacuation procedures and additional information associated with emergency evacuation (e.g., USF System High Hazard Buildings and USF Fire Drill Relocation Areas) can be found at the following locations:

Fire and Emergency Evacuation Procedures: usf.edu/ehs/documents/firesafety-drillprocedure.pdf

Fire and Emergency Evacuation Drills & Residential Information:

https://www.usf.edu/administrative-services/environ-ment al-health-safety/programs-services/fire-safety/residentialinfo.aspx

### **Fire Safety Education and Training**

The Fire Safety Division of USF System Environmental Health and Safety provides fire safety training to applicable Department of Housing & Residential Education employees on a per semester basis (i.e., the initiation of each semester). This training includes a review of emergency response policies and procedures and evacuation policies and procedures. This training also includes resident-related fire safety training, covering:

- the fire risks in residential buildings,
- the components of a fire
- the different classes of fire,
- how to inspect and use a fire extinguisher
- · how to identify common fire hazards, and
- what actions to take during emergencies.

The Residence Life & Education team is subsequently responsible for the dissemination of these policies and procedures to on-camp us student housing facility residents. Further, EH&S provides fire safety training, including the emergency response and evacuation policies and procedures to staff employees on a biennial basis. This training is also provided by EH&S by request for other USF System institutions, departments, and facilities.

In addition to fire safety training, the USF System requires fire drills at each on-campus student housing facility once each semester, during the first three weeks of each academic term. These drills test the fire alarm systems and fire reporting procedures under simulated emergency conditions for all residential facilities including Greek organizations with a chapter house. Per procedures, drills are

not conducted at regularly scheduled times and are held without warning except to the USFPD and alarm technicians or housing maintenance staff. Such drills ensure familiarity with exits which, in turn, ensures that everyone in our on-campus student housing facilities vacate the building promptly and in an organized manner to a place of safety. The following fire drill procedures are applicable to USF System on-campus student housing facilities:

- 1) The Resident Assistants, with the assistance of a Fire Safety Specialist, will arrange, conduct, and record fire drill results.
  - The Fire Safety Specialist shall be the person in charge at all fire drills in the event an actual fire emergency occurs.
  - The Resident Assistants shall coordinate drill scheduling with USFPD.
  - The fire drill evacuation plan shall include all personnel in the building. This includes all residents, visitors, guests, employees, and attendants. There are no excuses for not participating. Everyone must leave the building during the drill period.
- 2) Diagram and post two routes to the outside from all rooms, especially from bedrooms.
- 3) Designate a meeting place outdoors which is away from the building and clear of entrances. The designated meeting place should be at least 100 feet from the building.
- 4) Locate a method of call 9-1-1 near the designated meeting place that does not involve re-entering the building.
- 5) Anyone who is unable to evacuate the building due to a disability must shelter in the area of refuge/rescue.
- 6) Establish a method to account for those known to be in the building at the time the alarm is sounded. In case of actual fire conditions, information regarding persons believed to be in the building should be made available to responding emergency personnel. (Do not return inside. Only trained search and rescue personnel should re-enter an evacuated area.)
- 7) The Fire Safety Specialist (if present) shall terminate the fire drill by:
  - Informing Operations alarm technicians to reset the building alarm system.
  - Notifying building occupants that they are allowed to return to the building by giving the "all clear" signal.
  - Notifying the appropriate dispatcher(s) that the drill has been completed.
  - Make a written record of the date, time, and results of the drill.
- 8) The Resident Assistants should meet directly after each fire drill to evaluate the success of the drill and work out dettails which have been faulty or misunderstood.
- 9) The Resident Assistants shall submit a copy of the Fire

Drill Report to Environmental Health and Safety within 48 hours. A copy of the drill shall be maintained in the residential records.

In the event of an actual or potential emergency, students, residents, or Resident Assistants are instructed to alert other building occupants, pull the manual fire alarm, attempt to exting uish the fire (only if properly trained and the fire is of appropriate size/natures), close all doors, call 9-1-1 from a near by building or a cell cell phone, provide as much information as possible to the emerggency dispatcher, and await instruction from emergency responders.

#### Who Should Be Notified After a Fire Occurred

Below is a list of titles of the people or organizations that should be told "after the fact" that a fire occurred for the purposes of including a fi e in the statistics of the Annual Fire Safety Report.

#### **Environmental Health and Safety**

- Coordinates university system efforts and reporting requirements.
- Assists Housing and the USFPD with annual report of fire safety statistics.
- Reviews policies and rules regarding fire safety in Housing buildings and provides recommendations for compliance.
- Review fire statistics for annual fire safety report.
- Investigates fire cause and origin in Housing buildings and acts as liaison with State Fire Marshal Office and Fire Rescue agencies.
- Serves as university system resource for fire safety procedures and policy development.
- Provides fire safety education and training to students and employees.

#### **Housing**

- Maintains and updates the Building Alarms and Fire Report document.
- Maintains and updates the Building Fire System and Components document.
- Maintains policies in the resident housing publication that address open flames, smoking, and electrical appliances.
- Maintains policies in the resident housing publication that addresses procedures that students should follow in case
- Maintains policies in the resident housing publication that addresses procedures that students should follow in case
- Compiles the fire statistics annually from the Building Alarms and Fire Report and submits it to EH&S and USFPD for reporting in October.

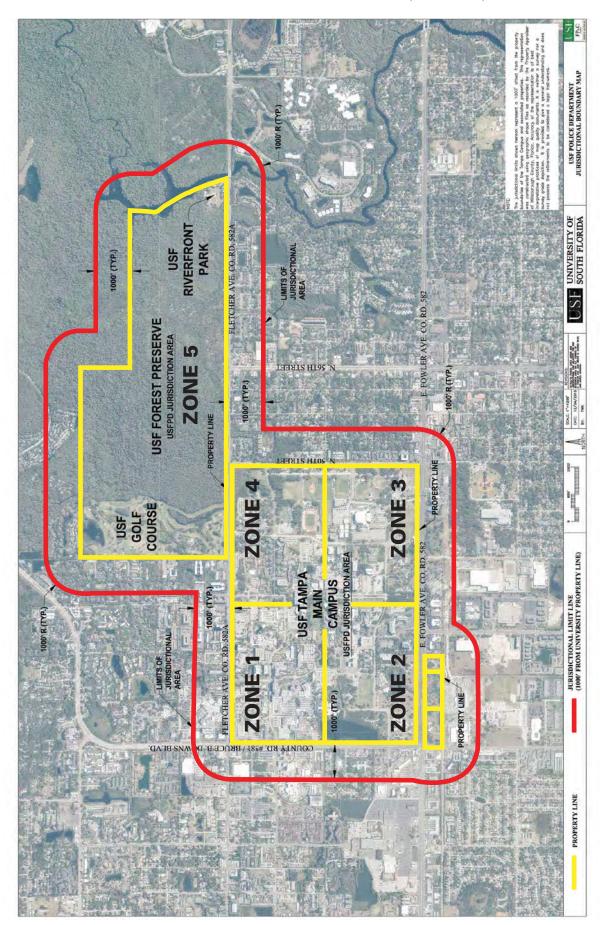
#### **University Police Department (USFPD)**

- Receives and records the fire alarm activity in Housing buildings.
- Dispatches officer(s) to investigate all fire alarm activations.
- Determines if emergency forces are required and makes contact with emergency forces (Fire Rescue) as needed.
- Maintains reporting format for Annual Fire Safety Report (same as Clery Report).
- Receives fire statistics annually from Housing and compiles Annual Fire Safety Report with Clery Report crime statistics.
- Combines and submits Annual Fire Safety Report and Clery Report for compliance to HEOA/Campus Right-to-Know.

## **Plans for Future Fire Safety Improvements**

The USF System continually evaluates the performance of fire safety systems, associated procedures (e.g., area-specific evacuation drills, inspections, training protocols, etc.), and event related data to determine the potential necessity for procedural, operational, and/or system-related improvements. Although no substantive operational or system-related improvements are currently planned, the USF System will continue to modify applicable USF System processes or procedures to enhance the fire safety program as well as well as ensure the allocation of appropriate resources to sustain or improve the program, as required.





Aggravated Assault	An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
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.
	Note: Do not classify fires or suspicious or unknown origin.
Burglary	The unlawful entry of a structure or conveyance to intent to commit a crime therein.
Business Day	Monday through Friday, excluding any day when the institution is closed.
Campus	1) 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 education purposes, including residence halls and (2) any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the area identiÿed in paragraph (1) of this definition that is owned by the institution by controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor).
Campus Security Authority (CSA)	There are four types of individual or organizations that are considered a CSA under the Clery Act:
	(1) A campus police department or a campus security department of an institution.
	(2) Any individual or individuals who have responsibility for campus security but who do not constitute a campus police department or a campus security department under paragraph (1) of this definition, such as an individual who is responsible for monitoring entrance into institutional property.
	(3) 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.
	(4) 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. If such an official is a pastoral or professional counselor as defined below, the official is not considered a campus security authority when acting as a pastoral or professional counselor.
Clery Geography	Clery crime and incident statistics are reported according to the following <i>Clery Act</i> -defined geographical categories: on campus; on-campus residential; non-campus building or property; and public property.
	On Campus
	The on-campus category of Clery Geography encompasses the following:
	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 education purposes, including residence halls; and
	Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the area identified in the above paragraph 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).

## Clery Geography, continued

#### **Non-Campus Property**

The *non-campus category* of Clery Geography encompasses the following:

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; and

Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to paragraph (1) 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).

#### **Public Property**

The *public property* category of Clery Geography encompases the following:

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

#### **Dating Violence**

Under the Clery Act, dating violence is defined as follows:

Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intitmate nature with the victim.

- (1) 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 frequenty of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
- (2) For the purpose of this definition—
  - (i) Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.
  - (ii) Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.
- (3) For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and section 668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

Under the State of Florida Statutes, dating violence is defined as follows:

Violence between individuals who have or have had a continuing and significant relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the consideration of the following factors:

- 1. A dating relationship must have existed within the past six months;
- 2. The nature of the relationship must have been characterized by the expectation of affection or sexual involvement between the parties; and
- 3. The frequency and type of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship must have included that the persons have been involved over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship.

### Destruction or Damage or Vandalism of Property

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. Crime is *o nly* reported if it was motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias.

Domestic Violence	Under the Clery Act, domestic violence is defined as follows:
	<ul> <li>(1) A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed— <ul> <li>(i) By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;</li> <li>(ii) By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;</li> <li>(iii) By a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(v) By any othr 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(2) For the purposes of complying with the requirements of this section and section 668.41, any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.</li> </ul>
	Under the State of Florida Statutes, domestic violence is defined as follows:
	Any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another family or household member. "Family or household member" means spouses, former spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together as if a family or who have resided together in the past as a family, and persons who are parents of a child in common regardless of whether they have been married. With the exception of persons who have a child in common, the family or household members must be currently residing or have in the past resided together in the same single dwelling unit.
Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program	A nationwide, cooperative statistical effort in which city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agenices voluntarily report data on crimes brought to their attention. The UCR program also serves as the basis for definitions of crimes in Appendix A to this subpart and the requirements for classifying crimes in this subpart.
Hate Crime	A crime reported to local police agencies or to a campus security authority that manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator's bias against the victim. For the purposes of this section, the categories of bias include the victim's actual or perceived race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, and disability.
Hierarchy Rule	A requirement in the FBI's UCR program that, for purposes of reporting crimes in that system, when more than one criminal offense was committed during a single incident, only the most serious offense be counted.
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. Crime is <i>only</i> reported if it was motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias.

Larceny-Theft	The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.
	Constructive possession is the condition in which a person does not have physical custody or
	possession, but is in a position to exercise dominion or control over a thing.  Crime is <i>only</i> reported if it was motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias.
Motor Vehicle Theft	The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.
Wiotor Vehicle Filen	Note: Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access, even though the vehicles are later abandoned – including joy riding.
Murder and Non-negligent	The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. This includes any death caused by injuries received in a fight, argument, quarrel, assault, or commission of a crime.
Manslaughter	Note: Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter does <b>not</b> include deaths caused by negligence, assaults/attempts to murder, suicides, fetal deaths, traffic fatalities, accidental deaths, or justifiable homicides (defined as and limited to the killing of a felon by a peace officer in the line of duty, or the killing of a felon during the commission of a felony, by a private citizen).
Negligent Manslaughter	The killing of another person through gross negligence (defined as the intentional failure to perform a manifest duty in reckless disregard of the consequences as affecting the life or property of another).
	Note: Negligent Manslaughter does <b>not</b> include deaths of persons due to their own negligence, accidental deaths not resulting from gross negligence, or traffic fatalities.
Professional Counselor	A person whose official responsibilities include providing mental health counseling to members of the institution's community and who is functioning within the scope of the counselor's license or certification.
Programs to Prevent Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking	<ul> <li>(1) Comprehensive, intentional, and integrated programming, initiatives, strategies, and campaigns intended to end sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking that – <ul> <li>(i) Are culturally relevant, inclusive of diverse communities and identities, sustainable, responsive to community needs, and informed by research or assessed for value, effectiveness, or outcomes: and</li> <li>(ii) Consider environmental risk and protective factors as they occur on the individual, relationship, institutional, community and societal levels.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(2) Programs to prevent sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking include both primary prevention and awareness programs directed at incoming students and new employees and ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns directed at students and employees, as defined in paragraph (j)(2).</li> </ul>
Public Property	All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that are within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.
Referred for Campus Disciplinary Action	The referral of any person to any campus official who initiates a disciplinary action of which a record is kept and which may result in the imposition of a sanction.
Robbery	The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Sexual Assault	Under the Clery Act, sexual assault is defined in accordance with the FBI's UCR Program. Sexual Assault is defined as penetration, no matter now 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.
	Under State of Florida Statutes, sexual battery is defined as follows:
	Oral, anal, or vaginal penetration by, or union with the sexual organ or another or the anal or vaginal penetration of another by any other object, however, sexual battery does not include an act done for bonafide medical purpose.
	"Consent" means intelligent, knowing, and voluntary consent and does not include coerced submission. "Consent" shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure of the alleged victim to offer physical resistance to the offender.
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. Crime is only reported if it was motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias.
Stalking	For the purposes of complying with the requirements of the VAWA, any incident meeting the below definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.  (1) Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—  (i) Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or  (ii) Suffer substantial emotional distress.  (2) For the purpose of this definition—  (i) 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 an action, method, device or means follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about, a person, or interferes with a person's property.  (ii) Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.  (iii) Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.
	Under State of Florida Statutes, <i>stalking</i> is defined as follows: A person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows, harasses, or cyberstalks another person commits the offense of stalking.  Harass means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person which
	causes substantial emotional distress to that person and serves no legitimate purpose.  Cyberstalk means to engage in a course of conduct to communicate, or to cause to be communicated, words, images, or language by or through the use of electronic mail or electronic communication, directed at a specific person, causing substantial emotional distress to that person and serving no legitimate purpose.
Test	Regularly scheduled drills, exercises, and appropriate follow-through activities, designed for assessment and evaluation of emergency plans and capabilities.

#### **Crime and Incident Definition Sources**

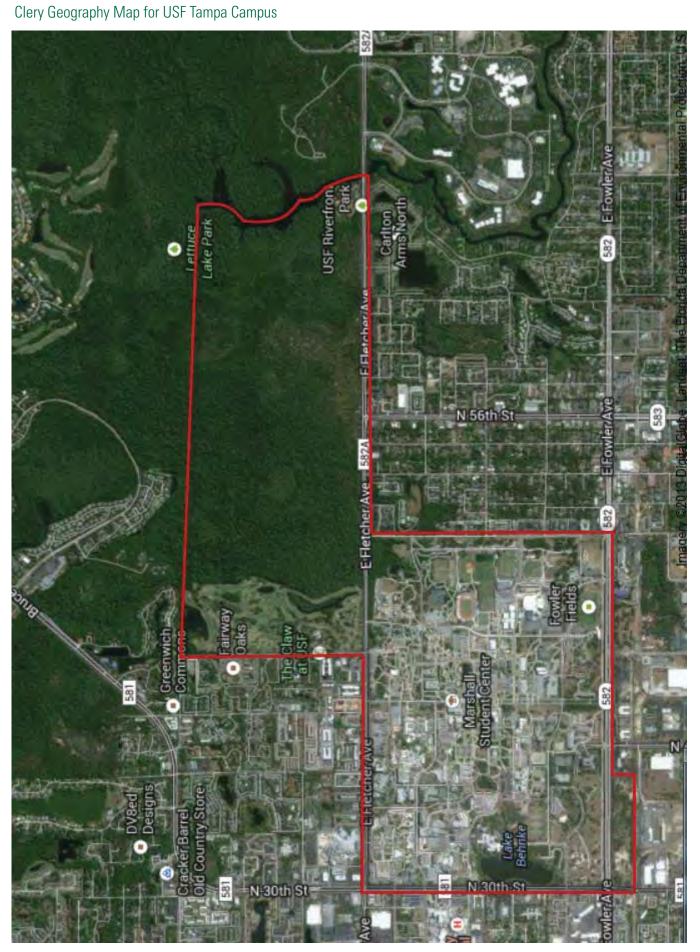
Under the Clery Act, counting and disclosing statistics for criminal offenses, hate crimes, arrests, and referrals for disciplinary action is done based on definitions provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) Uniform Crime reporting (UCR) Program. The definitions for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson, Weapons Carrying, Possessing, etc., Law Violations, Drug Abuse Violations, and Liquor Law Violations are from the Summary Reporting System (SRS) User Manual from the FBI's UCR Program. The definitions of Fondling and Incest and Statutory Rape are from the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Data Collection Guidelines edition of the UCR. Hate Crimes are classified according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines and Training Manual. Note that, although the law states that institutions must use the UCR Program definitions, Clery Act crime

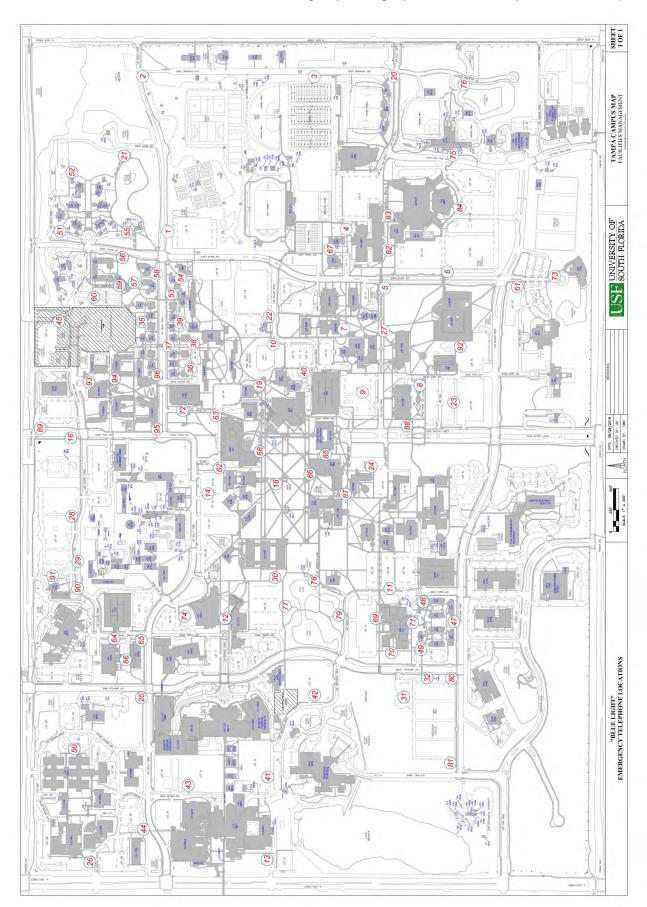
reporting does not have to meet all of the other UCR Program standards.

For the categories of *Domestic Violence* and *Stalking*, the Clery Act specifies that our institution must use the definitions provided by the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and repeated in the Department's Clery Act regulations [34 CFR 6668.46(c)(6) (A)(i)] for statistical report.

For more information regarding how Clery crimes and incidents are classified and reported, consult *The Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting: 2016 Edition*, available at the U.S. Department of Education website: <a href="https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/handbook.pdf">https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/handbook.pdf</a>. Questions regarding specific statistics presented in this report should be directed to your institution's Clery Coordinator.







# TITLE

The USF System process to address reports of alleged Title IX violations is centralized through one office on the Tampa Main Campus. The following provides an overview of the process. To obtain more detailed information, contact 813-974-8616 or refer to USF Policy 0-004 Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct at

http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-0-004.pdf

**USF POLICE DEPARTMENT** 

EMERGENCY: 911 • NON-EMERGENCY: 813-974-2628

# REPORTING PROCESS

**DISCLOSURE TO** "RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYEE"

mandated reporters

**DIRECT REPORT** 813-974-8616

**ETHICSPOINT** EthicsPoint.com



# DEPUTY TITLE IX COORDINATOR

makes initial contact via USF **email** (if safe to do so)

**YOU CAN:** 





## **COMPLAINT PROCESS**

The Complaint Process begins only after a FORMAL TITLE IX COMPLAINT is received. This may be a written document, or may be a verbal complaint (followed by a written complaint). In certain instances involving student/ employee/campus safety, interim actions may be taken in the absence of a complaint.

## APPEAL PROCESS

After a Title IX investigation, if there is a finding, both the Complainant or the Respondent can appeal the finding under a limited set of circumstances.

# **NOT SURE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO?**

# TITLEIX

## **CANITELL SOMEONE?**

You can disclose a situtation to any "responsible employee," also called a "mandated reporter," who will complete a Title IX Incident Report. You can also disclose directly.

## **CAN I TALK TO SOMEONE?**

## **CAN I FILE A TITLE IX COMPLAINT?**

The Title IX Coordinator and Senior Deputy Coordinator monitor overall implementation of Title IX compliance for the USF System, including coordination of training, education, communications, and the complaint processes for faculty, staff, students and other members of the University System community.



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Deputy Title 1X Coordinator
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ARAIÑA MUÑIZ Title IX Coordinator arainamuniz@usf.edu 813-974-9901

Director of Title IX Compliance or make an appointment for an Information Session. During this appointment, you can obtain information and ask questions.

Students, faculty, and staff can call the

Students, faculty and staff disclosing sexual harassment, including sexual violence, may file a complaint with the Title IX Coordinator for the University System. Alternatively, you may file an anonymous complaint.

Title IX Reporting: **813-974-8616** 

Anonymous Reporting: http://EthicsPoint.com 813-974-8411

\*Responsible employees must submit a Title IX Report

http://usf.edu/diversity/title-ix

For more information visit: <a href="http://bit.ly/titleixusf">http://bit.ly/titleixusf</a>

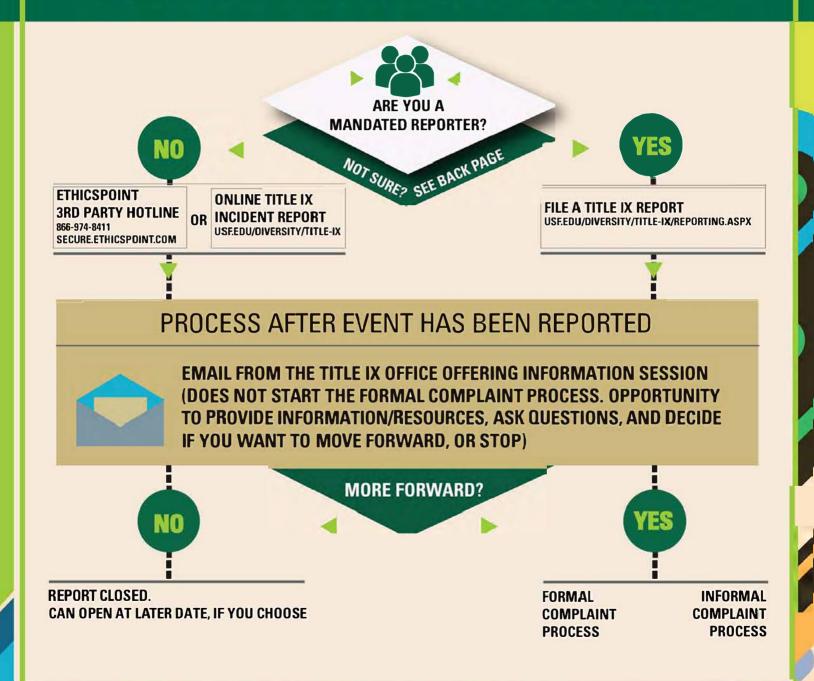


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INCIDENT OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, OR GENDER-BASED HARASSMENT OCCURS AND YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

# **FILE A TITLE IX REPORT**



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# **MANDATED REPORTERS**

Who MUST report to DIEO under the USF System's Policy:

# Supervisory employees and Responsible Employees

ARE REQUIRED TO PROMPTLY REPORT ALLEGATIONS, REPORTS, OR INSTANCES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT (INCLUDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE) BY OR AGAINST ANY USF SYSTEM EMPLOYEE(S), STUDENT(S), OR GROUP(S). SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES AND RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYEES INCLUDE:

- ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL, OR ANY EMPLOYEES WHO SUPERVISE ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES AND MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:
  - DEANS, DIRECTORS, DEPARTMENT CHAIRS, COORDINATORS, UNIT HEADS, MANAGERS, AND PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS.
- ALL FACULTY (INCLUDING ADJUNCT FACULTY) IF THE REPORT IS FROM A STUDENT OR IF THE INCIDENT INVOLVES A STUDENT
- ALL STAFF, AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES WHO REGULARLY SUPERVISE ONE OR MORE EMPLOYEES OR STUDENTS
- ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS OR ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS:
  - OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
  - OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL UNIVERSITY AUDIT & COMPLIANCE
  - OFFICE FOR STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
- USF SYSTEM TITLE IX COORDINATOR, SENIOR DEPUTY TITLE IX COORDINATOR, DEPUTY TITLE IX COORDINATORS & LIAISONS AND TITLE IX INVESTIGATORS
- ALL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, ATHLETIC COACHES, ATHLETIC TRAINERS, AND EMPLOYEES IN ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE
- RESIDENTIAL LIFE RESIDENT ASSISTANTS AND RESIDENT LIFE COORDINATORS
- GRADUATE ASSISTANTS, TEACHING ASSISTANTS, AND RESEARCH ASSISTANTS
- EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ADVISORS TO OFFICIALLY-RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
- ACADEMIC ADVISORS, FACULTY ADVISORS, AND PROGRAM ADVISORS

# The University Police Department (UPD)

IS REQUIRED TO PROMPTLY REPORT TO DIEO OR OSRR, AS APPROPRIATE, A COMPLAINT OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, INCLUDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AT THE TIME A PERSON DIRECTLY FILES A COMPLAINT WITH THE UPD AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF ANY UPD PROCESS.

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# WHERE CAN I GO FOR HELP?

# **NON-CONFIDENTIAL**



# **CONFIDENTIAL**



# **USF CENTER FOR VICTIM ADVOCACY**

SVC 2057 • 813-974-5756

HTTP://WWW.USF.EDU/STUDENT-AFFAIRS/VICTIM-ADVOCACY

## **USF COUNSELING CENTER**

SVC 2124 • 813-974-2831

HTTP://WWW.USF.EDU/STUDENT-AFFAIRS/COUNSELING-CENTER

## USF STUDENT OMBUDS OFFICE

ALN 191 • 813-974-0835

HTTP://WWW.USF.EDU/STUDENT-AFFAIRS/OMBUDS

# **USF STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

SHS 100 • 813-974-2331

HTTP://WWW.USF.EDU/STUDENT-AFFAIRS/STUDENT-HEALTH-SERVICES

# **USF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY SERVICES**

SVC 1133 • 813-974-4309

HTTP://WWW.USF.EDU/STUDENT-AFFAIRS/VICTIM-DISABILITIES-SERVICES

# CRISIS CENTER OF TAMPA BAY 1 CRISIS CENTER PLAZA, TAMPA, FL 33613

813-964-1964 OR DIAL 211

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- YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REPORT THE INCIDENT (OR NOT) TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, TO THE UNIVERSITY, OR TO ANY OF THE CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES ON CAMPUS.
- YOU DO NOT NEED TO REPORT AN INCIDENT TO THE POLICE TO RECEIVE PROTECTIVE MEASURES FROM THE UNIVERSITY.
- PROTECTIVE MEASURES MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, RISK ASSESSMENT, SAFETY PLANNING, ON-CAMPUS HOUSING/EMPLOYMENT CHANGES. TRANSPORTATION. NO CONTACT ORDER. CLASS CHANGES.
- USF WILL KEEP YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS CONFIDENTIAL, AS LONG AS DOING SO DOESN'T HINDER THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE THOSE ACCOMMODATIONS.
- DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS WILL BE PROMPT, FAIR AND IMPARTIAL. EVERY CASE IS UNIQUE AND MAY VARY IN LENGTH.
- PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED BY OFFICIALS WHO RECEIVE ANNUAL TRAINING ON THESE SPECIFIC CRIMES, CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION, PROTECTING VICTIM SAFETY, AND PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY.
- THE COMPLAINANT AND RESPONDENT HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO BE ACCOMPANIED TO ANY PROCEEDINGS BY THE ADVISOR OF THEIR CHOICE.
- POSSIBLE SANCTIONS FOR AN ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE, OR STALKING ARE NOT LIMITED TO BUT MORE THAN LIKELY INCLUDE RESTRICTION. SUSPENSION. DEFERRED SUSPENSION. EXPULSION.

PRESERVE ANY EVIDENCE IF YOU INTEND TO REPORT. DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF INCIDENT:

- DO NOT WASH BEDDING, TOWELS, CLOTHING
- DO NOT ERASE VOICEMAILS, TEXTS, OR EMAILS
- AVOID BATHING/SHOWERING, BRUSHING TEETH, EATING, DRINKING, USING THE TOILET, OR CLEANING THE CRIME SCENE



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Guide for Victims of

**Sexual Assault & Harassment** 

Domestic, Relationship, & Dating Violence

**Stalking** 



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## INTRODUCTION

This guide is for USF-Tampa students and employees who experience rape or other sexual violence,\* sexual harassment, relationship or dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

In the immediate aftermath of any of the above interpersonal crimes or situations, victims may feel confused, shocked, and may not know what to do, whom to tell, or where to seek help. Victims are often concerned about their privacy and safety. This guide is intended to assist victims in understanding their options and resources in the event of any interpersonal crime.

#### IMPORTANT! If in imminent danger, call 911.

Due to the potential for increased risk, victims of intimate partner violence (domestic, relationship, or dating violence) and stalking are urged to consult confidentially with a victim advocate at USF's Center for Victim Advocacy (see *Resources*, page 15) for an individualized risk assessment, safety planning, and exploration of options. The advocate will help you pursue any reporting options you choose, as safely as possible.

## **LGBTQ+ STATEMENT**

USF strives to promote the safety and well-being of all students and employees. The information in this guide is applicable to students and employees regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. The Center for Victim Advocacy is aware that anyone who is perceived as not conforming to traditional sex and gender stereotypes may be targeted for sexual harassment, assault, and/or hate crimes. In addition, interpersonal violence does occur in same-sex relationships. All advocates have been trained as LGBTQ+allies through the USF Safe Zone ally training program.

## **DISABILITY STATEMENT**

USF strives to promote the safety and well-being of all students and employees. The information in this guide is applicable to students and employees regardless of their disability status. The Center for Victim Advocacy is aware that persons with disabilities may be targets of crime, abuse, or harassment and our advocates are committed to providing accessible and available services. For reasonable accommodations, please contact us at 813-974-5756 (FL Relay 711) and/or va@usf.edu.

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<sup>\*</sup> There are different terms used by different states to refer to sex crimes, such as sexual assault, rape, sexual violence, or, as in Florida, sexual battery. In this guide, we will refer to these crimes generically as "sexual assault," since that is the term most commonly used.

# VICTIM DISCLOSURE, EMPLOYEE OBLIGATION TO REPORT, AND CONFIDENTIALITY

USF encourages victims of sexual violence or harassment, relationship or dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking to talk about the incident or situation with someone they trust to receive needed support and to allow the university to respond appropriately.

#### **Confidential Campus Resources**

Employees of the following campus resources can provide confidential support and services to you and are **not required** to report disclosures of sexual violence or harassment, relationship or dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking:

- Center for Victim Advocacy
- Counseling Center
- Student Health Services
- Ombuds Office
- Students with Disabilities Services

You can seek assistance from employees of these services without prompting a Title IX Incident Report to be filed. The only exceptions to this confidentiality are the following circumstances which require employees listed as confidential resources to report a situation to authorities:

- When child abuse is involved.
- When there is the potential of imminent harm to self or others.
- When a student victim is under the age of 18.

#### **Center for Victim Advocacy Confidentiality Statement**

The USF Center for Victim Advocacy assures confidentiality to all who utilize the department's services. All of the advocates are certified by the State of Florida's Office of the Attorney General as advocates and are considered confidential. Client names, identifying information, and any disclosures of a crime will be kept confidential unless an advocate receives explicit permission from the client to release the information to a specific third party, or the University received a legal directive to release the information, such as a subpoena or an Office of Civil Rights request.

#### **Appendix F**

#### **Employees Who Must Report Disclosures**

With the exception of those USF employees of the departments indicated above, other employees are obligated to report disclosures of sexual violence or harassment, relationship or dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking by students or employees to the Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equal Opportunity (**DIEO**).

Employees who are mandated by official university policy to report include:

- Employees who supervise other employees
- All faculty
- Employees or students who oversee student activities and/or who supervise or oversee students
  - Resident assistants (RAs)
  - Academic advisors
  - Student activity coordinators
  - Graduate assistants (GAs)
- University Police Department

As discussed above, for purposes of campus safety, certain employees of USF are required to report instances of sexual violence or harassment, relationship or dating violence, domestic violence and stalking that come to their attention. In addition, certain USF System employees, knows as Campus Security Authorities (CSAs), are mandated under federal law to report such crimes and their location per the Clery Act. The victim's name and identifiers are anonymous. CSAs include, but are not limited to RAs, academic advisors and student activity coordinators. In some instances, well-intentioned friends or family members of a victim may contact law enforcement or other officials to report the incident or situation, even when the victim does not wish for others to know.

For some victims, when a mandated report is filed, the victim may feel disempowered or as though they have lost control of the situation. The Center for Victim Advocacy can provide an advocate who can explain your rights under these circumstances and ensure that your privacy and wishes are considered by those responsible for responding to the report. When a mandated report is submitted, it goes directly to the Deputy Title IX Coordinator, who will reach out to the victim to provide resources, explain the victim's rights to submit a Title IX complaint, and offer the victim the choice to (1) close the report (2) wait on the report to consider their options (3) file a Title IX complaint. The victim is offered an information session with the Title IX Office. This meeting in no way obligates the victim to move forward with a complaint. Rather, this meeting allows the Deputy Title IX Coordinator to answer any questions or concerns the victim may have. Although the Title IX Office is not confidential, steps are taken to protect a victim's privacy.

USF cannot require you, as a victim, to participate in any investigation or misconduct proceeding against your will. Title IX officials at USF uphold your rights and wishes in order to help you make the best decision for yourself given the circumstances.

For more information about the reporting obligations of USF employees, please refer to *USF System Policy 0-004: Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Harassment (including Battery)* at http://generalcounsel.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-0-004.pdf

### REACTIONS TO VICTIMIZATION

Initially you may react to victimization with shock, disbelief, or denial. You may do your best to try to forget the incident and just go on with your life. Perhaps you believe that being strong means trying to recover on your own and not asking for help. This approach may work for a while, but most of us are not prepared for the disruption to our daily lives that traumatic events often bring. You may experience one or more of the following involuntary reactions, which are ordinary reactions to trauma:

- Sleep disturbances and/or nightmares
- Changes in eating behavior: loss of appetite, overeating, nausea
- Inability to concentrate or focus
- Constantly thinking about or visualizing the traumatic event
- Hypervigilance and increased startle reaction
- Emotional outbursts of crying or anger
- Irritability
- Feeling numb
- Loss of interest in school, work, or usual activities
- Inability to push yourself to attend class or work, resulting in unexcused absences
- Flashbacks in which you re-experience sensory moments from the incident

As stated above, these can be normal, involuntary reactions over which you do not have initial control. As unpleasant as these reactions are to endure, they are biochemically triggered as your brain attempts to process the trauma.

Also know that any reaction to trauma is normal and everyone responds to trauma differently – there is no one *right* way to respond.

Additionally, the offender may be someone you know. If this is true for you, you may:

- Feel betrayed because you trusted this person
- Have difficulty trusting others
- Blame yourself for trusting the offender
- Be grieving the loss of the friendship or relationship in addition to coping with the violence and betrayal

Remember that trust is a good thing – betrayal of trust is not. Learning to trust again is part of your healing process and it may take time.

Advocates at The Center for Victim Advocacy provide trauma-informed care and can help you to understand your reactions and feelings in relation to what has happened to you (see *Resources*, page 15). USF's Counseling Center is also a resource for helping you understand and cope. If you find your academic success or employment negatively affected, an advocate may be able to offer assistance in remedying problems in academics and employment due to victimization.

## **CENTER FOR VICTIM ADVOCACY**

#### Overview

The Center for Victim Advocacy (CVA) provides free and confidential services to USF students, faculty, and staff who have experienced crime, violence, or abuse, regardless of if it occurred on or off campus. CVA serves people of all gender identities and sexual orientations. The role of an advocate is to provide support, explore options, and assist the client with any advocacy needs they may have.

#### **Crimes Served by CVA:**

- Assault
- Battery
- Sexual Battery
- Child Abuse
- Kidnapping
- Harassment
- Stalking
- Hate Crime
- Domestic Violence/Relationship Violence
- Cybercrime/Identity Theft
- Robbery/Burglary
- Secondary Victimization
- Other crimes as deemed appropriate by CVA staff

#### **CVA Services:**

CVA's services are tailored to meet the individual needs of the client and are delivered at the request of the client. No student, faculty, or staff is required to engage in any services or to access an advocate unless they so choose. CVA services can include:

- Crisis Intervention
- Emotional Support
- Personal and Systems Advocacy
- Court, Campus proceedings, and Medical Accompaniment
- Information, Options, and Referrals
- Safety Planning
- Assistance filing a report, injunction for protection, or crime victim's compensation claim

#### To connect with an advocate:

- Call 813-974-5756
- Visit the CVA Office: SVC 2057

### IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF A CRIME

It may be difficult to start thinking about what you need to do next and you may feel overwhelmed trying to sort through all of your available options. Let the following tips guide you in understanding your options.

#### Sexual Assault/Rape/Sexual Battery

- **Sexual battery (rape)** oral, anal or vaginal penetration by, or union with, the sexual organ of another or the anal or vaginal penetration of another by any other object.
  - Do not go to a hospital emergency room unless you have physical injuries requiring immediate medical attention.
    - Forensic medical exams ("rape kits") are *not* performed at Student Health Services or at hospitals in Hillsborough County/Tampa, but rather by the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay (See *Resources*, page 17).
    - Exams can be performed up to 120 hours (5 days) after the assault.
    - The Crisis Center can also provide STI preventative medication and emergency contraception.
    - The Crisis Center's services are all free of charge and you do not have to file a report to access them.
  - Preserve evidence as much as possible until it is collected. If you may want to report in the future, it is important to preserve as much evidence as possible.
    - Avoid bathing or showering, urinating, eating, washing clothes worn during the
      assault, or washing bedding or towels that were part of the incident. Store
      items in a brown paper bag.
    - Save all communications to or from the offender or witnesses via voicemail, text, social media, or email about the incident.
    - If you are unsure if you want to report the crime, you may still want to preserve the evidence. However, even if you did not preserve evidence, you may still report the crime.
  - The forensic exam process can be distressing, although every effort will be made to make you as comfortable as possible.
    - You may want a friend or family member and/or your advocate from CVA to accompany you to the off-campus location for the exam.
    - Even if you choose not to have a USF advocate accompany you, the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay will have an advocate present.
  - An advocate (see Resources, page 16 for USF Victim Advocate contact information) can provide safety planning, help you determine your immediate needs, and assist you in obtaining assistance in areas such as:
    - Housing and relocation
    - Academics
    - Work
    - Injunction for Protection ("restraining order") used to restrict offender's contact with you (see pg. 10 for more information)
  - If you would like to report the sexual assault, please see Reporting Options, page 10.

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# Stalking and/or Domestic, Relationship, and Dating Violence

Due to the increased risk of danger, victims of these types of crimes are urged to consult confidentially with a victim advocate at CVA for an individualized risk assessment, safety planning, and exploration of options. The advocate will help you pursue any reporting options you choose as safely as possible.

If you believe you are in danger, dial 911 immediately.

- Stalking Repetitive or menacing pursuit, following, immediately.

  harassment or interference with the peace or safety of a member of the community; or the safety of any of the immediate family members or friends of that person.
- **Relationship violence** A pattern of coercive control by one partner over the other that involves psychological abuse tactics, and other forms of abuse, such as physical, sexual, and financial.
  - Seek medical care, if needed.
    - Hospital emergency room
    - Student Health Services
    - Other medical provider of your choice
    - A victim advocate can accompany you or meet you at the facility if you wish
  - Preserve evidence as much as possible.
    - Leave damage to property or dwelling as is for law enforcement to document; avoid changing or washing clothing that may be torn or contain blood evidence; make sure that bruises and other injuries are photographed by police, medical caregivers, or, as a last resort, a friend or relative.
    - Save communications to or from the offender or witnesses via voicemail, text, social media, or email about the incident.
    - If you are unsure if you want to report the crime, you may still want to preserve the evidence. However, even if you did not preserve evidence, you may still report the crime.
  - An advocate (see *Resources*, page 15 for the USF Center for Victim Advocacy contact information) can provide safety planning, help you determine your immediate needs, and assist you in obtaining changes or accommodations in areas such as:
    - Housing and relocation or safe emergency shelter
    - Academics and work
    - Transportation
    - Legal aid
    - Injunction for Protection
  - If you would like to file a report, please see *Reporting Options*, page 10. It is strongly encouraged that you work with a Victim Advocate to engage in individualized risk assessment, safety planning, and exploration of options due to the increased risk of danger associated with these types of crimes.

### REPORTING OPTIONS FOR VICTIMS

Depending on the circumstances of your situation, you have a number of options if you wish to report what has happened to you:

- Report to local law enforcement.
- Disclose to the Title IX official at DIEO, requesting informal or alternative solutions.
- File a formal Title IX complaint with DIEO that may lead to a formal action.
- Report student misconduct through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (see *Resources*, page 16). NOTE: Any Title IX related concerns will be forwarded to DIEO for action.
- Report misconduct anonymously through Ethics Point, USF's third-party resource, by calling 866-974-8411 or online at https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/ media/en/gui/14773/index.html.
- Choose not to report.

If you are hesitant to report sexual misconduct to the university because of underage drinking or illegal substance use, please be aware of USF's *Medical Amnesty (Student Reporting) Policy 30-004*, which encourages the reporting of sexual assault in such circumstances and helps protect the victim from misconduct sanctions (http://generalcounsel.usf.edu/policies- and-procedures/pdfs/policy-30-004.pdf).

#### If you believe you are in danger, dial 911 immediately.

#### Reporting a Crime to Law Enforcement

For criminal offenses such as sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, or relationship or dating violence, a report can be made to the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the location of the incident:

- Campus: University Police Department (UPD)
- City of Tampa: Tampa Police Department
- Temple Terrace: Temple Terrace Police Department
- Unincorporated Hillsborough County: Hillsborough County Sheriff Department

You may contact the appropriate law enforcement agency directly or you may contact an advocate in CVA to assist you in making the report. The benefits of using a USF advocate include:

- An advocate is on-call 24/7, including weekends and holidays, to respond in person to victims reporting a violent crime.
- An advocate can help you determine the jurisdiction.
- An advocate can accompany you to make the report, if you wish.
- The advocate can continue to assist you throughout the investigation.
- If the case results in court proceedings, the advocate can continue to support you throughout the legal process.
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The University Police Department (UPD) has a well-deserved reputation for providing a sensitive response to victims of crime. When you contact UPD, you will be offered the services of an advocate from CVA. When you contact off-campus law enforcement agencies, you typically will not be offered an advocate. If you are reporting a sexual assault to any local law enforcement agency, the police officer will contact the Sexual Assault Services of the Crisis Center of Tampa bay to initiate the forensic exam process. You may find it helpful to contact an advocate in CVA for accompaniment and advocacy through the reporting process. Be aware that once a report has been made to UPD, they must investigate the crime.

A detective/investigator may interview you at the time you make the report and/or in the days following your initial report. Your advocate can accompany you to the interview(s), if you choose.

The State Attorney's Office in the jurisdiction where the crime occurred has the authority to prosecute crimes when there is enough evidence to pursue the case. The decision to prosecute is made by the prosecutor on behalf of the State of Florida.

#### **Injunctions for Protection**

Injunctions for Protection are often referred to as "restraining orders" or "orders for protection" in some states. You do not have to report the crime in order to request an Injunction for Protection. The intention of an Injunction for Protection is to restrict the offender's access to the victim in an effort to prevent future harm. Some offenders will abide by the terms of the injunction, but others will not. For this reason, Injunctions for Protection, when granted, are not guarantees of safety.

The process for requesting an Injunction for Protection is complex:

- Requires you (the "petitioner") to complete the correct form
- Requires very specific, detailed information
- Can be denied based on wrong form or omission of details

To increase the chances of a successful petition, you can ask an advocate from CVA to assist you with the documentation and filing. Attending the petition hearing and having to testify can be confusing and frightening, but you do not have to handle this alone. Your advocate can guide you through the process and accompany you to court hearings for the injunction.

## Reporting Sexual Discrimination, Harassment or Assault Under Title IX

Due to the increased risk of danger, victims of intimate partner violence (domestic violence, relationship or dating violence) and stalking are urged to consult confidentially with a victim advocate at CVA for an individualized risk assessment, safety planning, and exploration of options. The advocate will help you pursue any reporting options you choose as safely as possible.

If you believe you are in danger, dial 911 immediately.

Title IX protects people from sex discrimination in educational programs and activities at institutions that receive federal financial assistance (20 U.S.C. § 1681). Title IX applies to USF programs and activities, as related both to education and employment. USF is committed to providing an environment free from sex discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual assault. See the USF System Policy 0-004 Sexual Misconduct/ Sex Harassment available at http://generalcounsel.usf.edu/policies-and-procedures/pdfs/policy-0-004.pdf.

USF has a central reporting protocol for violations of Title IX, which is housed in the DIEO office. To file a Title IX report you may:

- 1. Walk in to the DIEO office for an Information Session, learn your options, and then work with Title IX to take the level of action you wish
- 2. Turn in a Title IX report (found at <a href="http://www.usf.edu/diversity/title-ix/reporting.aspx">http://www.usf.edu/diversity/title-ix/reporting.aspx</a>) to TitleIXReports@usf.edu
- 3. Turn in a Title IX complaint to DIEO (via email, USPS mail, or by dropping it off at DIEO)

It is important to remember that you are the person in control and in charge of what actions will be taken. DIEO Title IX works to ensure that your rights are protected by providing education about the process (Information Session) and consultation to you. Your advocate is always welcome to join you in any meeting held with Title IX.

Title IX also prohibits retaliation against anyone who, in good faith, has made allegations of sexual assault or who has testified, assisted, or participated in any investigation, proceeding, or hearing related to Title IX. If you believe that you have experienced retaliation, contact your advocate or the Title IX Coordinator directly, or contact University Police if you are concerned for your safety.

The USF Title IX Coordinator is: Araiña Muñiz 4202 E. Fowler Ave, ALN 172 Tampa, FL 33624 813-974-9901 arainamuniz@usf.edu

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#### Misconduct by a Student

If the conduct includes a USF student, the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities will most likely be involved in the adjudication of a Student Code of Conduct violation. Title IX related issues in the Student Code of Conduct are issues that involve sexual misconduct. Please see the code at:

http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/regulations/pdfs/regulation-usf6.0021.pdf

The University works to address policy violations and does not have the authority to legally arrest, charge, or prosecute someone for a policy violation.

NOTE: In cases of crimes, when UPD is involved, actions by UPD fall within their role as law enforcement, thus giving UPD the ability to address the crime.

#### Misconduct by an Employee

If the conduct involves an employee, DIEO will work with Human Resources to adjudicate the matter. This may involve policies that specifically outline expectations for employee conduct.

#### If you do not wish to report or are uncertain about reporting the incident

Remember, if you do not wish to report the sexual assault, stalking, or other interpersonal crime, USF offers the confidential services of the Center for Victim Advocacy, the Counseling Center, and Student Health Services to you (see Resources, page 15).

You can still access many services including a forensic exam, medical assistance, accommodations, risk assessment, support, injunction for protection, housing, and academic support without filing a report about the crime or incident.

#### CONFIDENTIAL CAMPUS RESOURCES

#### Center for Victim Advocacy (CVA)

CVA is staffed by professional victim advocates who are designated Victim Services Practitioners. They are able to provide crisis intervention, ongoing support services, advocacy for academic, financial, housing, conduct, criminal justice or civil justice matters occurring due to crime or abuse, risk assessment and safety planning, accompaniment on and off campus to hearings, court, medical appointments, and other appointments related to victimization and recovery, and offer assistance with completion of documents and forms for filing complaints, applying for State Crime Victims Compensation, and requesting Injunctions for Protection.

sa.usf.edu/advocacy/ Student Services Building (SVC) 2057

Office: 813-974-5756

24-Hour Victim Helpline: 813-974-5757

#### **Counseling Center**

The Counseling Center provides brief, confidential counseling services to currently enrolled USF students and has licensed mental health clinicians, social workers, psychologists, and board-certified psychiatrists on staff.

usf.edu/student-affairs/counseling-center Student Services Building (SVC) 2124

Office: 813-974-2831

#### **Student Health Services**

Student Health Services provides general health, sexual health, and gynecology services in a supportive, student-centered environment, and has medical doctors, physician assistants, and advanced registered nurse practitioners on staff.

usf.edu/student-affairs/student-healthservices

SHS 100 (located east of the USF Bookstore)

Office: 813-974-2331

#### **NON-CONFIDENTIAL CAMPUS RESOURCES**

#### **University Police Department (UPD)**

usf.edu/administrative-services/university-police

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 813-974-2628

#### Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities (OSSR)

sa.usf.edu/srr/

**ALN 109** 

Office: 813-974-9443

#### Title IX

#### Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Equal Opportunity (DIEO)

http://usfweb2.usf.edu/EOA/

ALN 172

Office: 813-974-4373

#### **OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES**

#### **Crisis Center of Tampa Bay (Sexual Assault Services)**

The Sexual Assault Services unit at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay provides victim advocacy for the larger Hillsborough County community and is Hillsborough County's authorized location for forensic evaluations and treatment, often referred to as "rape kit exams." The exams are performed by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) who are Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners specifically trained to collect evidence from victims of sexual assault. Forensic exams for sexual assault victims from USF-Tampa receive that service free of charge through this program.

crisiscenter.com/content/19/Sexual-Assault-Services.aspx

**24-Hour Crisis Hotline:** 2-1-1 **Contact:** 813-234-1234

#### The Spring

The Spring is the certified domestic violence shelter in Hillsborough County. They provide safe emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis hotline, safety planning, advocacy, and transitional housing, among other services.

thespring.org/

**24-Hour Crisis Hotline**: 813-247-SAFE (7233)

#### Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

hcso.tampa.fl.us/ Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 813-247-8200

#### **Tampa Police Department**

tampagov.net/dept\_police/

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 813-231-6130

#### **Temple Terrace Police Department**

templeterrace.com/index.aspx?nid=171

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 813-989-7110

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#### **Center for Victim Advocacy**

Office: 813-974-5756

Victim Helpline: 813-974-5757

4202 E. Fowler Avenue, SVC 2057 Tampa, FL 33620

usf.edu/advocacy

# IN CASE OF EMERGENCY... UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S CHICAGO CONTROLL CO

#### **Know Your Location**

Provide your location when calling 911.

#### **Common Protective Actions**

- · Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Remain calm and help others do the same.
- Create distance between you and the hazard.
- Follow all verbal instructions, messages, and alerts.
- Report any suspicious activities to University Police by calling 974-2628.

#### If Instructed to Shelter-in-Place

- · Stay where you are.
- Close all doors and windows and create a seal around them with available materials.

#### **Active Threat**

- Run Hide Fight: If possible, run from the threat.
   If unable to run, hide out of sight behind adequate cover. If faced with the threat, use your resources to fight back
- Silence all cell phones and other equipment that may produce sound.
- Continue to evaluate the threat and trust your instincts to keep yourself safe.
- Have one person from the room call 911 if you have information to provide or injuries to report.

#### **Hazardous Materials Release**

- Evacuate the area immediately.
- Call Environmental Health and Safety at 974-4036 or University Police at 974-2628 for assistance. If an emergency, call 911.
- If you come in to contact with the material, rinse with copious amounts of water and do not rub skin. Seek medical attention.
- · Shelter-in-place if directed.

#### **Severe Weather and Tornadoes**

- Move to an interior room on the lowest level of the building, away from doors and windows.
- Monitor weather broadcasts.
- Remain in place until severe weather passes.

#### **Power Outages**

- Move cautiously to a lighted area.
- Follow instructions from public safety officials.

#### Fire, Smoke, or Explosion

- Activate the nearest fire alarm and evacuate the area.
- · Notify others as you evacuate.
- Do not use elevators, use only stairwells.
- Assist individuals with disabilities to areas of refuge within stairwells and notify public safety officials of the location.
- Close doors behind you as you leave to limit spread of fire and smoke.
- Call 911 when you are safely out of the building.
- Remain a safe distance from the building in a grassy area, avoiding parking lots.

#### **Suspicious Person**

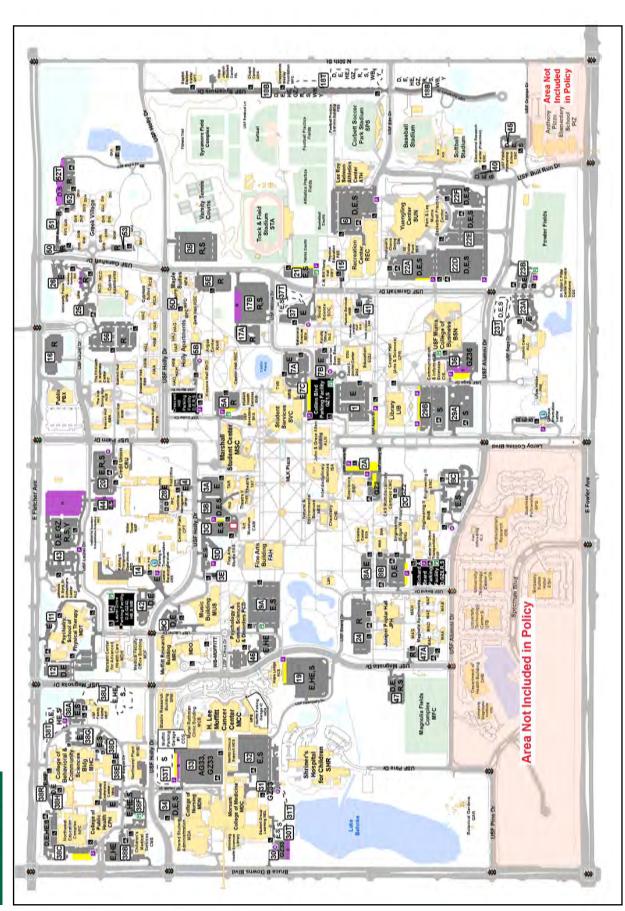
- Do not physically confront the person or block access to an exit
- Do not allow anyone to follow you into access controlled areas
- Call 911 and provide as much information about the person and direction of travel as you can.

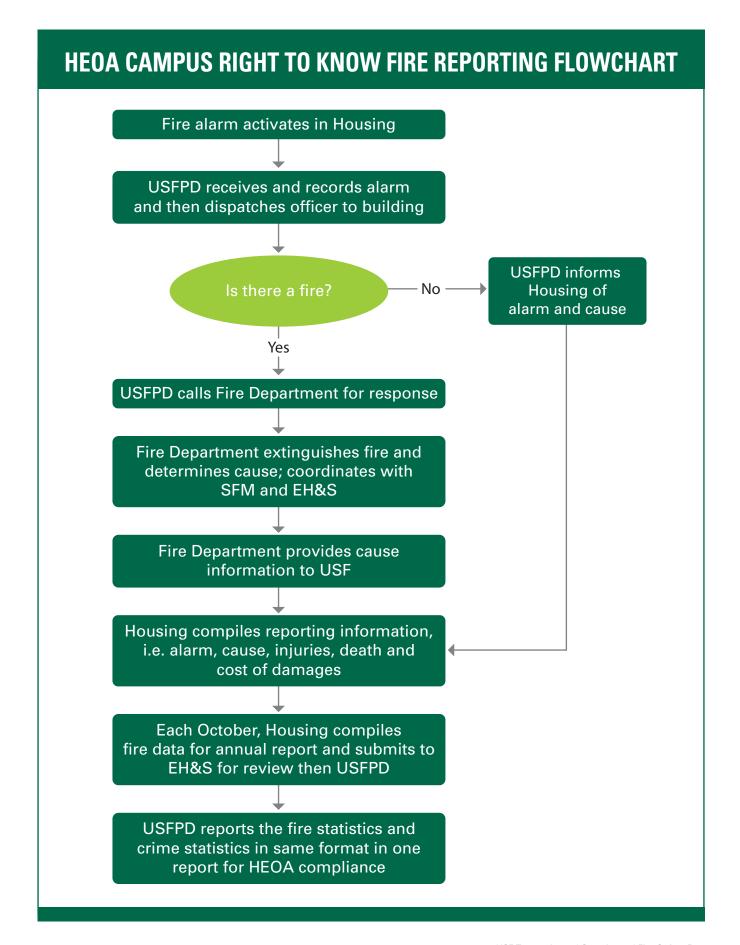
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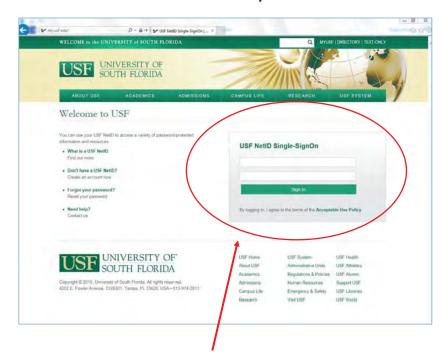
- Evacuate the area immediately.
- · Notify others around you.
- Call 911 and provide as much information as possible.
- Do not touch or disturb any objects.



Be Prepared.



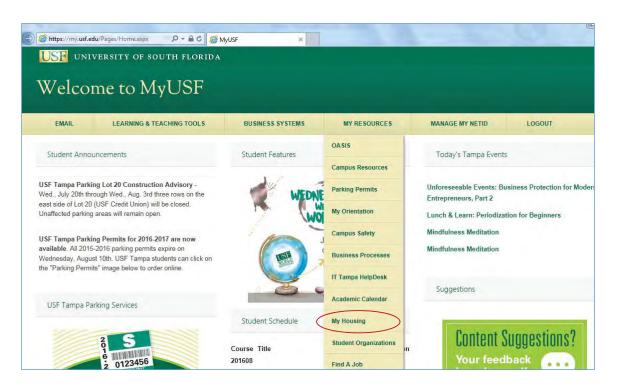




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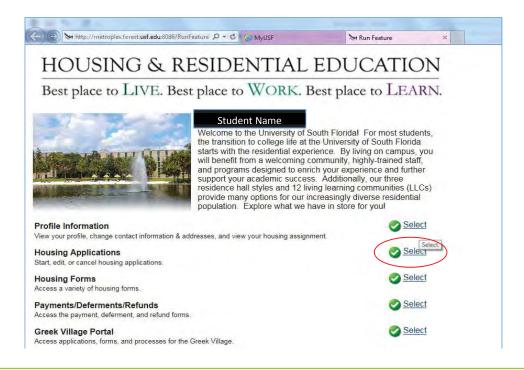
STEP #2: Log in with your credentials

## STEP \*3: Click on My Resources & then click on My Housing

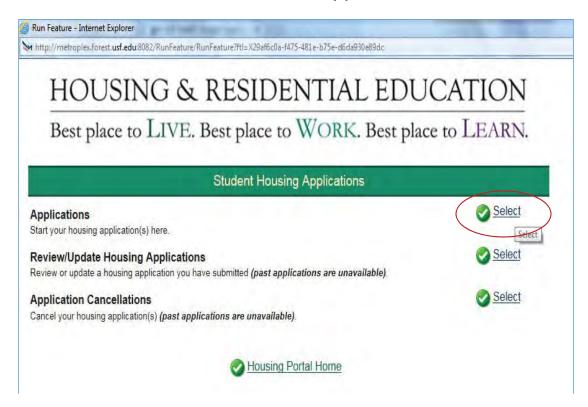


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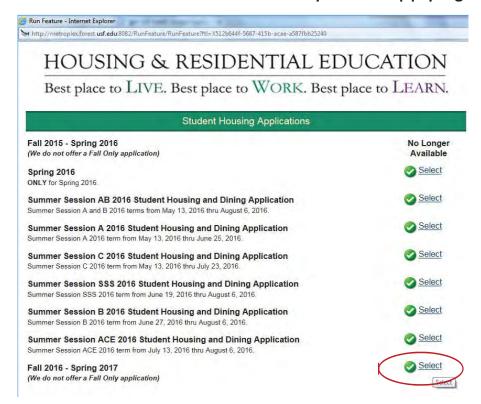
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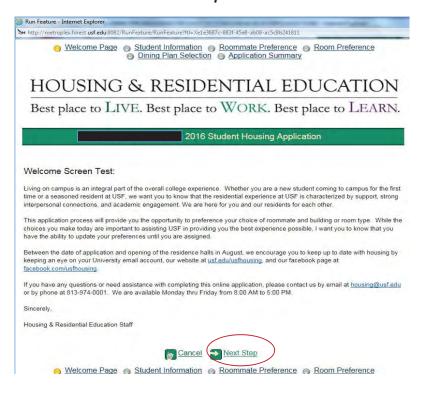
## **STEP \*5:** Click on *Applications*



## STEP #6: Click on the desired term you are applying to



## STEP \*7: Your are now viewing the Housing Application; Click Next Step to continue



#### **APPENDIX J**

Procedure for Updating Missing Person Contact in OASIS/BANNER via the Housing Portal

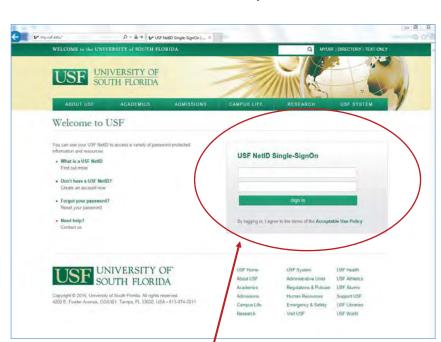
## **STEP \*8:** Fill in all information, including *Missing Student Contact*

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FINAL STEP: Click next and continue to complete your application

If you do not add the *Missing Student Contact Information* in your application, you will have to do the following steps to add or update this information in the Housing Portal.

Please scroll down to access these steps.



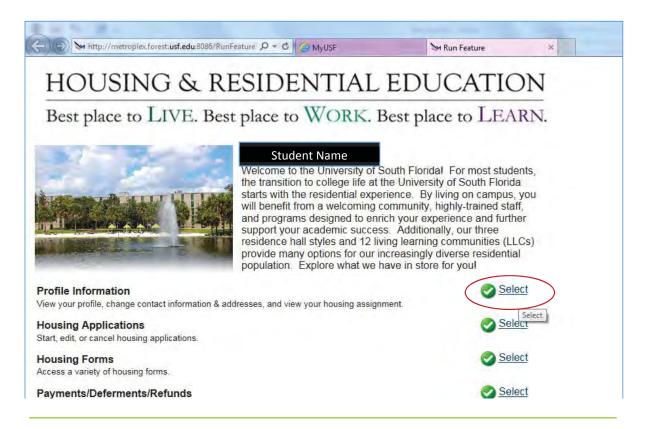
STEP #1: Visit my.usf.edu

STEP #2: Log in with your credentials

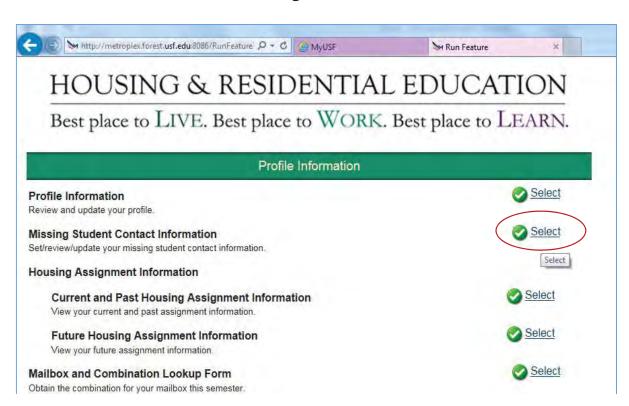
STEP \*3: Click on My Resources & then click on My Housing



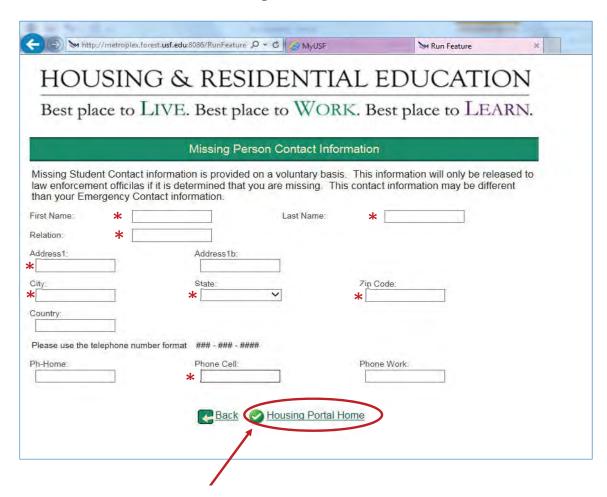
### STEP #4: You are now in the Housing portal. Click on *Profile Information*



## STEP \*5: Click on Missing Student Contact Information



## STEP #6: Fill in the Missing Student Contact Information form



FINAL STEP: Click on Housing Portal Home to save your information

## Fire Log

University of South Florida Fire Log - 2018	Fire Log - 2018	Date and Time of Fire	9/3/2018 @ 8:13 AIM Magnolia F - Room 204, Kitchen Area	11/7/2018 @ 5:07 PM Magnolia D - Room 200, Kitchen Area
	<b>.</b>	Nature of Fire	Resident was cooking bacon and it ignited into flames. Fire was put out and no one was injured or hurt.	Resident was using a toaster oven to heat a tortilla and it caught on fire. Fire was put out and no one was injured or hurt.
		Case Number	2018-1856	2018-1925
		Date Reported   Case Number	9/3/2018	11/7/2018



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