

# Mississippi University for Women Annual Security & Fire Safety Report



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## From the President-

To the University Community –

Mississippi University for Women is committed to providing a safe and ethical campus environment. The W has undertaken many important institutional efforts in recent years to address the safety and wellbeing of our university community.

I encourage you to review the information about campus safety measures, reporting crimes and other emergencies, and the procedures and policies designed to protect our campus community. One of our greatest priorities is providing a safe place to work, learn, live and visit for our faculty, staff, students and visitors. A truly safe campus can only be achieved through the cooperation of everyone. Thank you for all that you do to make this a great community to be a part of.



Nora R. Miller  
President





## From the Chief of MUW Police Department-

On behalf of our faculty and staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Mississippi University for Women. I want to thank you for your interest in our Annual Security and Fire Report. We publish this report because it contains valuable information on our campus community. Mississippi University for Women (MUW) works to maintain a safe and secure campus and to protect your property by providing full police safety services through the Police Department. We also share information you can use to reduce your chances of becoming a crime or accident victim. An informed community is a safer community.

Each year, MUW publishes the Annual Security and Fire Report which includes crime statistics and the fire safety report. This report also outlines MUW security policies and procedures. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with this report in order to become an informed member of our community and contribute to the University's effort to create and maintain a safe environment.

The MUW Police Department is committed to making our campus a safe place in which to live, work, and study.



Randy Vibrock  
Chief of Police  
MUW Police Department

# BRIEF HISTORY OF CAMPUS CRIME REPORTING

## Jeanne Clery 1966-1986



**The Jeanne Clery Act**, a consumer protection law, requires all colleges and universities who receive federal funding to share information about crime on campus and their efforts to improve campus safety as well as inform the public of crime in or around university facilities. This information is made publicly accessible through the University's website and Annual Security and Fire Safety Report.

The Clery Act was named in memory of a student, Jeanne Clery, who was murdered and raped in her dorm room at Lehigh University in 1986. Her attacker was also a student at the University whom Jeanne did not know prior to the attack. Her parents championed laws requiring the disclosure of campus crime information, and the federal law that now bears their daughter's name was enacted in 1990.

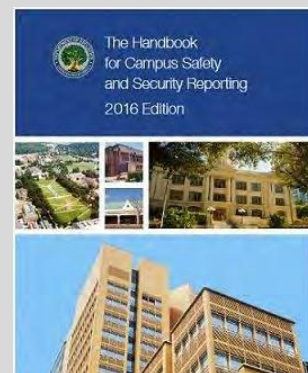
The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to keep records and report on the nature, date, time, and place of crimes occurring on campus, including hate crimes. It also prescribes a number of security-related protocols for emergency response procedures, timely notifications for on-campus crimes and missing students, fire incident reporting, and the like. It is one of the most frequently modified sections of the Higher Education Act and has been amended many times since it was signed into law in 1990.

The Act is intended to provide current and future students, their families and staff, as higher education consumers, with accurate, complete and timely information about safety on campus so they can make informed decisions. Choosing a college or university is a major decision for students and their families. The issue of campus safety is a vital concern, which drives the nationwide law. In essence, the law requires colleges and universities to collect, report, and disseminate crime information to the campus community with the goal of maintaining a safe environment for students to learn, faculty to teach, and staff and administrators to work by increasing the awareness of crimes committed on campus.

### Questions about The Clery Act:

The Handbook for Campus Crime Reporting assists universities and colleges in meeting the regulatory requirements of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, or the Clery Act. The handbook covers such topics as Classifying and Defining Clery Crimes, Timely Warnings, the Daily Crime Log and Annual Disclosure Requirements. It can be found at U. S. Department of Education, Campus Security webpage, "The Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting".

<http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/handbook.pdf>



# 2023 ANNUAL SECURITY & FIRE SAFETY REPORT

## PREPARATION OF ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT & DISCLOSURE OF CRIME STATISTICS

In accordance with the federal regulations The W prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. Within this report you will find crime, fire and security-related policies and procedures for the three most recent calendar years. This process includes collecting statistics obtained from multiple reporting sources and then reporting this information to the Mississippi University for Women community by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The report is compiled using information maintained by the MUW PD, by other University offices such as Housing and Residence Life, Student Conduct, Campus Security Authorities (CSAs) and also information provided by local law enforcement agencies surrounding the University's campus.

The annual security and fire safety report is prepared by the MUW PD. On an annual basis enrolled students and current employees of the University are notified via email by the MUW PD of the Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report. This email message provides an overview of the Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report, the address for the University Police Department website where the report can be obtained on-line and also how a hard copy "printed version" can be obtained. This information is also made available through multiple campus sources, such as speaking presentations and other venues. This information is also made available to prospective employees and students. The University's Student Handbook, which includes policies and procedures, informs our prospective and current students, faculty and staff about the general procedures for reporting crimes both on and off campus.

The Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report contains information regarding campus security and personal safety including topics such as: crime prevention, public safety authority, crime reporting policies, fire safety, disciplinary procedures and other matters of importance related to security on campus. The report also contains information about fire statistics in University residential facilities and crime statistics for the three previous calendar years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the University; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

In compliance with the 1998 amendments to the Campus Security Act (now known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act) and Department of Education regulations, the crime and fire statistics published in this report illustrate the reporting of crime categories as specified below:

1. Reporting of specified hate crimes by category of prejudice against the victim (race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability)
2. Reporting of violation arrests and referrals to campus disciplinary action
3. Reporting of fires, death/injuries and property damage

Each of these statistical categories is further broken down by geographic area:

- **On-Campus** (includes On-Campus **Residential** facilities)
- **Non-Campus** property
- **Public Property** (includes property within campus or immediately adjacent to it)

Clery Act reporting is based on where the incident occurred. The Clery geography map color codes properties based on the reportable location definitions classified by the U.S. Department of Education. MUW's Clery geography map can be found at

[http://www.muw.edu/images/sa/police/2019CLERY\\_MAP\\_web.pdf](http://www.muw.edu/images/sa/police/2019CLERY_MAP_web.pdf)

The MUW PD makes annual requests to the City of Columbus Police Department and Lowndes County Sheriff's Department for crime statistics taken from the **public areas** within campus or immediately adjacent to the campus to be included in the Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report. The Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report includes crime statistics for the following *categories of crimes*, reported to campus security authorities and local law enforcement:

- murder/non-negligent manslaughter
- Manslaughter by negligence
- rape
- fondling
- incest
- statutory rape
- robbery
- aggravated assault
- burglary
- motor vehicle theft
- arson

Within the Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report the Violence Against Women Act offenses that are reported to campus security authorities and local law enforcement include:

- domestic violence
- dating violence
- stalking

Also included are statistics for the following categories of **violations arrests and referrals for campus disciplinary action**:

- liquor law violations
- drug law violations
- weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.)

The University distributes a notice of the availability of this Annual Security and Fire Safety Report by October 1 of each year to every member of the University community. Anyone, including prospective students and employees, may obtain a paper copy of this report by contacting the MUW PD at 662.241.7777 or by visiting the MUW PD Office located in McDevitt Hall on campus.

### **Additional Sources of Statistical Information**

Consistent with the U.S. Department of Education federal regulations, the MUW PD has developed, and periodically reviews, procedures to include on-campus statistics, and reports of required crimes made to the following campus security authorities: Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, student organization advisors, and the Office of Housing and Residence Life (including residence directors and residence advisors).





## ABOUT THE MUW POLICE DEPARTMENT

### **Mission and Core Values**

It is the mission of the MUW Police Department to safeguard persons and property through preparedness and vigilance. The department holds true to the customer-service policing philosophy. Its members shall continually strive for excellence in service, training and professional development. Core Values are: accountability, honesty, integrity, dependability, service to others before self and a genuine desire to pursue what is right, good and fair.

### **Role and Authority**

The MUW PD protects and serves the MUW campus twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. The University Police department is responsible to the Vice President for Student Affairs and employs eight full-time sworn officers (which includes Chief of Police and Assistant Chief of Police), four full-time dispatchers, and one full-time office manager. MUW PD utilizes part-time officers who serve during special events and coverage on regular shifts. The department has two field training officers and one department training coordinator. Field training officers will ensure that all new officers will be properly trained and knowledgeable of department policies and procedures. The new officers will work with a field training officer for a designated period of time. The department training coordinator will seek out training opportunities for the department and maintain training records for all officers.

The MUW PD has complete police authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on-campus and areas immediately adjacent to the campus. If minor offenses involving University rules and regulations are committed by a University student, the campus police may also refer the individual to the disciplinary area of Student Affairs.

Major offenses such as rape, murder, aggravated assault, robbery and auto theft are reported to the police. Investigators from MUW PD, the city police, and/or the county may be deployed to solve these serious felony crimes. The prosecution of all felony offenses and some misdemeanors are conducted at the Lowndes County Circuit Court. The prosecution of most misdemeanors is conducted at the Lowndes County Justice Court.

MUW PD provides full police and environmental safety services to the campus community. The MUW PD force consists of sworn officers with full arrest powers who are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are certified by the state of Mississippi. These officers are vested with all the powers, authority and responsibilities of any officer of the state on property owned or operated by the University and property immediately adjacent to campus. There are dispatchers for every shift that officers are working.

### **Working Relationship with Local Agencies**

The MUW PD maintains a cooperative relationship with the City of Columbus Police Department, Lowndes County Sheriff's Department, and other surrounding police agencies. The University maintains a memorandum of understanding with the City of Columbus Police Department and Lowndes County Sheriff's Department. The MUW PD cooperates fully with other law enforcement agencies in cases that involve both on-campus and off-campus jurisdictions or when resources of an agency other than the MUW PD can be used to facilitate the resolution of an investigation. Local police agencies and MUW PD exchange information on a regular basis and work together during campus and community events.

## Crimes Involving Students and Student Organizations Off-Campus

The MUW PD relies on a close working relationship with the local law enforcement agencies to receive information about incidents that involve students and recognized student organizations.

When a student is involved in an off-campus offense, police officers may assist with the investigation in cooperation with local, state or federal law enforcement. City of Columbus Police and Lowndes County Sheriff's Department routinely work and communicate with campus officers on any serious incidents occurring on-campus or in the immediate neighborhood and business areas surrounding campus. MUW operates no off-campus student housing, but has one facility, Plymouth Bluff that can be rented by students and student organizations. However, some students live in the neighborhoods surrounding MUW. While the Columbus Police Department has primary jurisdiction in all areas off campus, MUW officers can and do respond to student-related incidents that occur in close proximity to campus. MUW officers have direct communication with the city police, fire department and 911 to facilitate rapid response to any emergency situation. MUW does not have any off-campus student organizations with off-campus housing.

## REPORTING CRIMES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

The University has a number of ways for the campus community members and visitors to report crimes, serious incidents, and other emergencies to the appropriate University officials. Regardless of how incidents are reported, it is critical for the safety of the entire MUW community that incidents are reported immediately so that the MUW PD can investigate and determine if follow-up actions are required.

### Voluntary, Confidential Reporting

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University system or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. The purpose of the confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure future safety of yourself and others. With such information, the University can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics for the institution.

Under the law, campus pastoral and professional counselors, when acting as such, **are not** considered to be a campus security authority and **are not** required to report crimes for inclusion in the annual disclosure of campus crime statistics. As a matter of policy, however, MUW encourages its counselors, if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform the persons they are counseling of procedures to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics.

All verified and unverified confidential reports of sexual offenses that meet reporting criteria as determined by MUW PD and that are made to University staff are included in MUW campus crime statistics (see Prevention and Reporting of Sexual Assaults for more information about MUW policies and procedures concerning sexual offenses).

Crimes reported to counselors or MUW Health Center **are not** included unless the victim chooses to report to one of the other campus security authorities.

## Reporting to University Police

To maximize the safety of campus, the MUW PD strongly encourages anyone with knowledge about any crime, suspicious activity or unsafe actions/conditions on campus (either as a witness or as a victim) to make an immediate report to the MUW PD in person or by phone. Reporting does not mean legal action but it may help police officers stop further incidents as well as help them keep the community informed about criminal activity.

To make a report in person, go to the MUW PD, located in McDevitt Hall. To make a report by phone, call 662-241-7777 and describe the situation to the dispatcher. In emergency situations, including fires and medical emergencies, call 911. All 911 calls made from campus will go to the Lowndes County 911 Dispatch Center and the dispatcher on duty will contact the MUW PD dispatcher. It is best to contact 911 first and then, call 662-241-7777 in the event of an emergency.

University students requiring non-emergency medical care may contact the Student Health Center at 662-329-7289. Students seeking counseling services may contact the Counseling Center at 662-329-7748.

MUW employees requiring non-emergency medical care may contact the Student Health Center at 662-329-7289 or Baptist Memorial Hospital at 662-244-1000.

Students, faculty and staff members who are victims of interpersonal relationship violence may contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org) for counseling and advocacy and file a report with the university's Title IX Coordinator located in Rm 300– Cochran Hall and contact number is **(662) 370-1035**.

## Reporting to a Campus Security Authority (CSA)

### What is a CSA?

A CSA is a person referred to as a **campus security authority** by the Clery Act. CSA's are a vital part of data collection for the annual safety and security report.

The Clery Act requires MUW to provide an annual campus safety and fire report. In addition to input from law enforcement, certain positions are designated as Campus Security Authorities (CSA) for the purpose of providing information for this report. CSAs are usually found in departments responsible for, but not limited to, student and campus activities. The W has identified that all faculty and staff members are Campus Security Authorities.

### How Are CSAs Identified?

The law defines the following four categories of CSAs:

1. MUW PD sworn law enforcement personnel and department administrators.
2. Non-police people or offices responsible for campus security—community service officers, campus contract security personnel, parking enforcement staff, personnel providing access control and/or security at campus facilities, athletic events or other special events, safety escort staff, residential community assistants and other similar positions.
3. Officials with significant responsibility for student and campus activities—an Official is defined as any person who has the authority and the duty to take action or respond to particular issues on behalf of the University. To determine which individuals of organizations are CSAs, consider job functions that involve relationships with students. Look for Officials (i.e., not support staff) whose functions involve relationships with students. If someone has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, then they would be considered a CSA. Some examples of CSAs in this category **include, but are not limited to**: academic deans; student affairs / residential life

officials; coordinator of Greek Affairs (or related positions); athletic administrators, including directors, assistant directors and coaches; student activities coordinators and staff; student judicial officials; faculty and staff advisors to student organizations; student center building staff; student peer education advisors; and administrators at branch campuses.

4. 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.

#### Campus Security Authority Reporting

It is imperative that we maintain an effective way to manage reports that Campus Security Authorities receive. The university requires CSA's to notify the MUW PD about crime information as soon as they become aware of it by completing this CSA Incident Report form. CSAs should not investigate crimes or attempt to determine whether in fact a crime occurred. Rather, a CSA's obligation is to simply report the information as soon as possible.

If you are in doubt as to whether a crime is reportable, please err on the side of reporting the matter. If you have any questions, please contact MUW PD at 662-241-7777.

#### **MUW Response to a Crime Report**

When you report a crime to the MUW PD, a MUW police officer will meet with you, listen to what happened and if necessary, make a preliminary report. Next, an investigator will review the report and conduct a follow-up investigation. If a suspect is found and you decide to press charges, information will be presented to the District Attorney, who decides if there is a legal basis to arrest the suspect. If there is an arrest to be made, you will be asked to sign an affidavit and a warrant will be issued. Any law enforcement officer can serve the warrant. If the subject lives on campus, it will be best if the warrant is served by MUW police officers. A court date will be set and you will have to be present to testify.

MUW encourages you to report criminal activity even if you do not want to take legal action in order to help us maintain accurate statistical records. The MUW PD is responsible for preparing the University's Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report and for compiling the crime and fire statistics included in the report. We like to keep the community informed as much as possible. The information you report may require the MUW PD to issue a W-Alert if they determine that the circumstances warrant such action. Also, see information below regarding another way in which to make a voluntary confidential reporting of forcible and non-forcible sexual offenses.

#### Anonymous Reporting

If you are interested in reporting a crime or incident anonymously, you can utilize the University's online reporting website, which can be accessed at [www.muw.edu/reporting](http://www.muw.edu/reporting).



## TIMELY WARNINGS

Under the Clery Act, colleges and universities must use timely warnings and emergency notifications to inform the campus community of potential threats against which they can take preventive measures. These ongoing disclosure requirements, when implemented, can help to create and promote a safe campus environment.

The purpose of a timely warning is to notify the campus community of the incident and to provide information that may enable the community to take steps to protect themselves from similar incidents. The Chief of Police will issue timely warnings whenever there is a substantial risk to the safety of other members of the campus community. For incidents involving off-campus crimes, the MUW PD may issue a timely warning if the crime occurred adjacent to the campus or in a location frequented by the University population.

Timely warnings have a narrow focus with a concentration on the Clery Act specific crimes. A timely warning must be issued for Clery Act crimes that occur in the University's Clery Act geography. The warning must reach the entire campus.

Timely warnings are considered for the following classifications of Clery Act crimes:

### Criminal Homicide

- murder/non-negligent manslaughter
- Manslaughter by negligence

### Sex Offenses

- rape
- fondling
- incest
- statutory rape

- robbery
- aggravated assault
- burglary
- motor vehicle theft
- arson

Timely warnings may also be issued for other reported crimes as determined necessary by the Chief of Police or designee. The decision will be made in compliance with the Clery Act and in an effort to prevent similar crimes from occurring.

Decisions to disseminate a timely warning will be decided on a case-by-case basis in light of all the facts surrounding the crime and the continuing danger to the campus community. The purpose of the warning is to aid in the prevention of similar crimes by alerting the community about the incident and providing information on the actions the campus community can take to diminish their chances of being victimized.

A timely warning will be issued as soon as pertinent information is available. The amount and type of information presented in the timely warning will vary depending on the circumstances of the crime. If there is certain information that could compromise law enforcement efforts, it may be withheld from the timely warning notice. An effort will always be made to distribute a warning as soon as pertinent information is available so that the warning is a preventive tool, not solely a description of the incident.

Timely warning will include some or all of the following information:

- Date, time and location of the reported crime
- Summary of the incident
- Description of the suspect and/or vehicle, if available
- Special instructions or incident specific safety tips

In the event that a situation arises, either on-campus or off-campus, that constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide “timely warning” will be issued. The Chief of Police or designee will issue a timely warning notice for the University community to notify members of the community about incidents that occur on campus, where it is determined that the incident may pose an ongoing threat to members of the University community. The warning will be issued through the University’s messaging system called W-Alert to students, faculty and staff.

The W-Alert may encompass the following modes of communication:

- Text (SMS) message
- Email university email addresses
- Broadcast automated calling
- Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)
- University’s homepage website
- Electronic display boards

In the event of inclement weather, the MUW PD will be in constant contact with Emergency Management and will keep the University updated regarding inclement weather. Depending on the particular circumstances, **especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals**, a notice may be posted on the main page ([www.muw.edu](http://www.muw.edu)) of the University Website providing the community with immediate notification.

Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the MUW PD (662-241-7777) or in person to the dispatcher at the front gate.

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

MUW is committed to ensuring the campus community receives timely and accurate information in the event of a confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on the campus involving an immediate threat to the health and safety of the students and employees. The MUW PD is the department who will confirm the existence of a credible emergency event or threat. The University will use the emergency notification system through ReGroup to provide alerts via W-Alert. This is the MUW emergency notification service available to all students, faculty and staff. It can be used to send emergency messages within minutes of the occurrence of an incident. Once the emergency notification has been made, more detailed follow-up information will be released to the campus community.

The Chief of Police or designee has the authorization to send emergency notifications. Once confirmation of an emergency event or threat, an emergency notification will be sent to the University community to notify members about the incident that occurred on campus, where it is determined that the incident may pose an ongoing threat to members of the University community. An emergency notification will be sent without delay and unless a notification will compromise efforts to assist a victim or contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate emergency.

The emergency notification will be issued through the University's messaging system called W-Alert to students, faculty and staff.

The W-Alert may encompass the following modes of communication:

- Text (SMS) message
- Email university email addresses
- Broadcast automated calling
- Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)
- University's homepage website
- Electronic display boards

Emergency notifications have a broad focus and may be issued without delay for the following list of emergencies, but not limited to:

- Natural disaster
- Weather
- Environmental
- Terrorist attack
- String of larcenies
- Power outage

Emergency notification will include some or all of the following information:

- Date, time and location of the reported crime
- Summary of the incident
- Description of the suspect and/or vehicle, if available
- Special instructions or incident specific safety tips
- Statement as to where additional information may be obtained

## COMMUNITY SAFETY BULLETIN

MUW Police Department provides information on crimes that have recently occurred in the campus area so that you may take the appropriate precautions. MUW Community Safety Bulletins are based on information that was reported to MUW Police Department. The reported information may not have been investigated or confirmed at the time the Community Safety Bulletin was issued.

All crimes reported to the MUW Police Department are recorded in the daily crime log. This crime log can be viewed at the MUW Police Department, located in McDevitt Hall.

Community Safety Bulletins will be issued via e-mail and posted to our website after an incident occurs that should be brought to the attention of the University community. Physical descriptions of the person(s) of interest may be included in Community Safety Bulletins only when they provide several details that might help distinguish the suspect's appearance from the general population.

Community Safety Bulletins are located and archived at [www.muw.edu/police/bulletins](http://www.muw.edu/police/bulletins)

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

### Emergency Management at MUW

The MUW PD assists all departments and campus with developing, maintaining, and implementing emergency operations plans, developing and conducting exercises, and building partnerships with external response agencies.

The University uses the emergency notification system through ReGroup to provide alerts via **W-Alert**. This is the MUW mass emergency notification service available to all students, faculty and staff. It can be used to send emergency messages within minutes of the occurrence of an incident. Once the emergency notification has been made, more detailed follow-up information will be released to the campus community via additional W-Alerts or Community Safety Bulletin.

### Steps to enroll to receive W-Alerts or to update information:

1. Go to MUW's home page, [www.muw.edu](http://www.muw.edu).
2. Click on the Banner Web icon on the top right hand side of the home page.
3. Enter your Banner ID (user ID) and pin then click the "Login" button
4. Click the "Personal Information" tab on the left hand side of the page.
5. Click on "W Alert Text Messaging Opt In/Out.
6. Enter your phone number +area code then select "Opt-In."
7. Then click the "Submit" button.



**Here’s how you can download the SchoolDude Crisis Manager application:**

1. Go to your smartphone’s App Store.
2. Download “SchoolDude CrisisManager” app to your smartphone.
3. Open app and follow instructions to create an account.
4. Once you have entered the app, click on the blue + at the top of the right of the page.
5. Wait for the list of crisis plans, then click to open the client plans.
6. Scroll to find Mississippi University for Women click the + to open it, then download the emergency guidelines.
7. Open the guidelines.

For additional information on the SchoolDude Crisis Management App or W-Alert, contact MUW PD at 662-241-7777.

The University maintains a Crisis Action Team (CAT), which may be activated by senior university officials for response to emergencies on the MUW campus. Team members and MUW PD have received training in Incident Command System (ICS), which is utilized when responding to these incidents.

**Drills, Exercises, and Training**

To ensure the campus’s emergency management plans remain current and actionable, the campus conducts at least one large scale exercise annually. The exercise includes a full scale scenario that involves coordination with local and state agencies. In conjunction with the annual exercise, the campus will notify the campus community of the exercise and remind the campus community of the W-Alert system and emergency response procedures. In addition to the large-scale university-wide exercise, various departments and colleges practice lockdown procedures throughout the year.

**2023**

*Disaster Drill*

MUW nursing students participated in a disaster drill on September that involved a simulated tornado response at Cromwell Communications Building on The W’s Campus in Columbus, MS. The university administration convened in Welty Hall during the drill and conducted a table top training exercise based on how a tornado would impact the campus.

**2022**

*Disaster Drill*

MUW nursing students participated in a disaster drill on September 8, 2022 that involved a simulated active shooter and chemical agent response at Vibrant Church in Columbus, MS. The university administration remained on campus during the drill and conducted a table top training exercise based on how an active shooter situation in town would impact the campus.

**2021**

*Disaster Drill*

MUW nursing students participated in a disaster drill on September 9, 2021 that involved a simulated active shooter at Vibrant Church in Columbus, MS. The university administration remained on campus during the drill and conducted a table top training exercise based on how an active shooter situation in town would impact the campus.

## SECURITY OF AND ACCESS TO MUW FACILITIES

On the MUW campus, academic and administrative buildings are open from 8:00am until 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Academic and administrative buildings close at 5:00pm. Academic buildings are scheduled to be open at night and on weekends only as needed. MUW PD officers routinely check all building entrances and exits to ensure the security of each building.

### Special Considerations for Residence Hall Access

On the MUW campus, all residence halls operate under a computerized Access Control System. All exterior doors are locked twenty-four hours a day. Identification cards are coded so that only students who are residents in a particular hall have authorized electronic access entry to that hall. The system will deny entry to all unauthorized persons and log that denied entrance. When a door is malfunctioning, personnel are summoned for immediate repair. Residents should always lock doors and windows.

Each on-campus resident receives the MUW Student Handbook each fall semester upon moving in to the residence halls, which includes information on safety and security. Only residents and their invited guests are permitted in the residence halls. It is the resident's responsibility to ensure that their guests are aware of the University and residence hall policies which can be found in the MUW Student Handbook. The MUW Student Handbook is also located online at <http://www.muw.edu/deanofstudents/resources> and is updated as needed throughout the year. Please refer to the online version of the MUW Student Handbook for the most up to date version.

### Security Considerations for the Maintenance of Campus Facilities

MUW is committed to campus safety and security. At MUW, locks, landscaping, and outdoor lighting are designed for safety and security. Outdoor lighting is inspected once a semester to ensure adequate lighting. Grounds-keeping personnel trim shrubs and trees in order to provide well-lighted routes on campus.

We encourage campus community members to promptly report any security concerns, including concerns about locking mechanisms, lighting, or landscaping, to the MUW PD at 662-241-7777.

## MUW'S RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING

### Commitment to Addressing Sexual Assault/Rape, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking

Mississippi University for Women seeks to foster an atmosphere of respect for all members of the University community. To this end, the University is committed to maintaining a working and learning environment free of sexual harassment and discrimination (also referred to as "sexual misconduct"). Sexual misconduct encompasses any non-consensual behavior of a sexual nature that is committed by force or intimidation, incapacitation, or that is otherwise unwelcome.

The term sexual misconduct includes, but is not limited to, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual intimidation, and sexual harassment.

The University's Title IX Policy describes the prohibited conduct and sets forth the resources available. Offenders are subject to appropriate University disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion.

## **What is consent?**

Consent between two or more people is defined as an affirmative agreement – through clear actions or words – to engage in sexual activity. The person giving the consent must act freely, voluntarily, and with an understanding of his or her actions when giving consent.

ANY FORM OF SEXUAL ACTIVITY REQUIRES CONSENT.

### EFFECTIVE CONSENT IS:

Effective consent is the basis of this policy because effective consent maintains the value that all persons have the right to feel respected, acknowledged, and safe during sexual activity. The use of force to obtain sexual access or to induce consent violates this policy whether the force is physical in nature, violent, or involves threats, intimidation or coercion.

Lack of protest or resistance does not constitute consent, nor does silence mean consent has been given. Relying solely on non-verbal communication can lead to misunderstanding. Persons who want to engage in sexual activity are responsible for obtaining consent – it should never be assumed.

A prior relationship or prior sexual activity is not sufficient to demonstrate consent.

### EFFECTIVE CONSENT IS NOT:

Consent is not effective if it is obtained from force, threat of force, fraud or intimidation. Additionally, it is not consent if the initiator has sex with someone he or she knows, or reasonably should know, to be incapacitated by alcohol, drugs, sleep or illness. A person who is unconscious, unaware, or otherwise physically helpless cannot give consent to sexual activity.

Age of Consent: According to Mississippi Code Annotated § 97-3-65, an individual who is 17 years or older cannot receive consent from a child who is between the ages of 14 and 16, if the child is thirty-six (36) or more months younger than the person.

## **Defining Sexual Assault/Rape, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking**

Sexual misconduct is a broad term encompassing sexual behavior that is committed without effective consent and may vary in its severity. It can occur between strangers or acquaintances, including people involved in an intimate or sexual relationship. Sexual misconduct can occur between members of the same sex, and this policy applies regardless of the sexual orientation, gender status or sexual preference of the individuals engaging in sexual activity.

### **Dating violence**

The use of physical, sexual or emotional abuse or threats to control another person who is, or has been involved in, a sexual, dating, or other intimate relationship with the victim. Whether there was such a relationship will be gauged by its length, type, and frequency of the interaction.

### **Domestic violence**

The same as dating violence - committed by the victim's current or former spouse, current or former husband, current or former cohabitant, person similarly situated under domestic or family violence law, or anyone else protected under domestic or family violence law.

### **Non-consensual intentional sexual contact (or attempt to commit)**

Any intentional sexual touching with any object, by any person upon another, without consent and/or by force.

**Non-consensual sexual intercourse (or attempt to commit)**

Any sexual intercourse, however slight, by any person upon another without consent and/or by force.

**Sexual Assault**

Any form of sexual contact without the consent of all parties involved. Sexual contact is the intentional touching, whether with one's own body part, or an instrument or object, of another person, no matter how slight, in or on, an area of the body generally recognized as being a private part of the body; or the intentional touching of another person, no matter how slight, with one's own private body part anywhere on the other person's body. The amount or lack thereof, of clothing being worn by either person is of no consequence in determining whether a "sexual physical contact" has occurred, and the body part touched, or used to touch with, may be covered or clothed.

**Types of** sexual assault may include, but are not limited to:

- rape or attempted rape
- non-consensual, intentional contact with intimate body parts
- non-consensual oral sex
- lewd exposure of one's sexual organs, either in person, in print, or electronically, to another without his or her consent
- any sexual contact between two individuals that, because of the age of the parties, is prohibited under State law.

**Sexual exploitation**

Behavior which occurs when an individual takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for his/her own advantage or benefit or to benefit or advantage anyone other than the one being exploited, and that behavior does not otherwise constitute one of the other sexual misconduct offenses. Examples include, but are not limited to: non-consensual video or audio taping of sexual activity even if the sexual act is consensual; engaging in any form of voyeurism; any disrobing or exposing oneself to another without effective consent.

**Sexual harassment**

Is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by federal law under Title IX and Title VII. It is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature and can include unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal and nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, such as sexual assault or acts of sexual violence.

Sexual harassment becomes unlawful when it creates a hostile environment where the harassing conduct is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive so that it unreasonably interferes with, denies or limits an individual's ability to participate in or benefit from the University's work environment, educational programs and/or activities based on sex. A single instance of sexual assault may be sufficiently severe to constitute a hostile environment. Sexual harassment is also unlawful when there are: a) unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature; and b) submission to or rejection of such conduct results in an adverse educational or employment action. This is known as *quid pro quo* sexual harassment.

**Sexual misconduct**



Any non-consensual behavior of a sexual nature that is committed by force or intimidation, or that is otherwise unwelcome. This descriptive term includes, but is not limited to, sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual exploitation and sexual intimidation.

### **Stalking**

A course of conduct directed at a specific person, or the act of making a credible threat, that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his, her, or others' safety, or to fear damage or destruction of his or her own property.

### **What to do if you have been the victim of sexual assault/rape, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking?**

The Coordinator oversees the University's compliance with Title IX including the review, investigation, and resolution of reports of discrimination, harassment, and sexual harassment including sexual misconduct. Any student or employee who wishes to file a claim related to Title IX or who has questions about the application of Title IX can contact:

**Title IX Coordinator**  
**Ashley Chisolm**  
**Cochran Hall, Room 300**

**Email:** [titleix@muw.edu](mailto:titleix@muw.edu)  
**Office:** (662) 370-1035  
**Fax:** (662) 329-7297

**Office of Civil Rights**  
**U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services**  
**Health and Human Services**  
**61 Forsyth Street, S.W.**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303-8909**  
**Phone:** (404) 562-7886  
**Fax:** (404) 331-2867

Title IX Deputy Investigators consist of faculty and staff employees of the University who represent the four colleges and other segments of University life. They receive specific, specialized training related to their responsibilities of investigating complaints or reports of sexual misconduct. The Title IX Deputy Investigators may also advise students and employees, who wish to make a complaint under this policy and those who have been accused, of their rights and resources when dealing with sexual misconduct. See [www.muw.edu/titleix/deputies](http://www.muw.edu/titleix/deputies) for contact information.

### **University Procedures for Responding to Reports of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking**

The University will make every effort to investigate a complaint or report promptly through the process so long as such speed does not interfere with the quality of the investigation. Reports of sexual misconduct will be adjudicated within 60 calendar days of the date that the Title IX Coordinator is notified of the complaint, unless there are extenuating circumstances (i.e. uncooperative witness, break periods and periods when the University is closed).

The Title IX Coordinator will comply with law enforcement requests for cooperation and such cooperation may require the Title IX Coordinator to temporarily suspend the fact-finding aspect of the investigation while law enforcement is in the process of gathering evidence. The University promptly will resume its investigation as soon as it is notified by the law enforcement agency that it has completed the evidence gathering process.

Upon receiving a formal, written complaint or report of sexual misconduct, the Title IX Coordinator has the initial responsibility of determining whether there is sufficient evidence of a violation of the University's sexual misconduct policy which would justify proceeding with a formal investigation. The Title IX Coordinator shall make this initial preliminary investigation within ten (10) business days of receiving a complaint.

If the Title IX Coordinator finds (a) that the facts in the complaint or the report, even if taken as true, do not constitute a violation of the University's sexual misconduct policy; or (b) the complaint fails to assert facts that suggest sexual misconduct; or (c) the appropriate resolution or remedy has already been achieved, the Coordinator shall close the investigation and notify the reporting party of the findings and that the matter is closed.

If the Title IX Coordinator finds sufficient evidence of a violation of the University's Sexual Misconduct Policy, even if the complainant does not file a written complaint, the Title IX Coordinator may make the written complaint and commence a formal investigation will be initiated.

### **Internal Disciplinary Procedures that will be followed once an incident of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking has been reported**

#### Informal Resolution of Sexual Misconduct or Sexual Harassment

Employees or students who believe they are victims of sexual harassment or misconduct have the option of proceeding informally or formally. Informal resolution may be appropriate if the conduct is isolated or non-threatening. Informal resolution is not an option for cases involving an employee and student.

If one chooses to proceed informally, the employee or student should contact the Title IX Coordinator to report the sexual harassment or misconduct and specify they wish to proceed informally. Resolution at the informal complaint process will be mediated by the Title IX Coordinator, or his/her designee, and may include an agreement in which one or more of the parties involved agree to accept discipline in the form of a warning, censure, probation, or other such disciplinary action as may be warranted by the circumstances of each case.

To the extent the parties are able to achieve a satisfactory resolution of the complaint through the informal resolution process, the complaint will be considered resolved. The reporting party and responding party will receive written notification of the outcome and disposition of the complaint. The fact that a complaint of sexual harassment or misconduct may be concluded at the request of the accusing party does not preclude the filing of a formal complaint by others, including appropriate University officials.

#### Formal Complaint Process

Mandated reporters, except those who are to maintain confidentiality through their employment at the Health Center or Counseling Center, are required to immediately report incidents of sexual misconduct which come to their attention to the Title IX Coordinator. Students or third parties who witness, or are aware of suspected incidents of sexual misconduct are strongly encouraged to report the incident.

All individual complaints of sexual misconduct should be reported immediately to the University's Title IX Coordinator. Complaints may be made directly in person to the Title IX Coordinator or in writing by completing the Sexual Misconduct Complaint Form. Online reporting may be made anonymously. Complaints may also be made or reported in person to the Faculty, Chairs, Deans, or any University employee who, then, shall report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator.

#### Formal investigation

The Title IX Coordinator shall notify the reporting party when the formal investigation commences and provide a tentative time frame for the completion of the investigation and the decision. The Title IX Coordinator shall also prepare and send notice of the complaint to the responding party, which will include the tentative time frame for the completion of the investigation and the decision.

The reporting party and the responding party may have one adviser of their own choosing present for support and consultation during the investigation at any time the respective party is meeting with the Title IX Coordinator or the Deputy Investigators.

During the investigation, the Title IX Coordinator shall by himself/herself and/or with the aid of one or more of the Title IX Deputy Investigators collect all evidence relating to the complaint or report of sexual misconduct from all available sources. Interviews of the parties and any witnesses, if applicable, will be conducted. Each person interviewed will be asked to write a statement or sign a summary drafted by the investigator based upon the information given during the interview. Upon completion of the formal investigation, the parties will receive an investigative report and be allowed time to amend information.

The next step of the process is a live hearing to be adjudicated by Title IX Deputies who otherwise have not been involved as investigators or advisors. Their role as Hearing Officers and Decision-Makers will be to determine, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, whether or not a violation occurred. They will prepare a written report in conformity with their findings and will determine disciplinary sanctions, if applicable.

### Notification of the Outcome

The Title IX Coordinator will give written notice of the findings and termination of the proceedings to the reporting party, responding party, and appropriate University Administrators. The notice of findings shall include a summary of the findings, the sanction(s) to be imposed, if applicable, and each party's right to appeal.

Any disclosure to persons other than the parties deemed necessary shall be in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, including FERPA with regard to students.

Any sanction imposed may be suspended pending appeal.

### **Appeals**

A party aggrieved by a decision of the Title IX Coordinator or by the sanctions imposed may file a Petition for Appeal within five (5) business days of notification of the final outcome.

The appeal must be sent to the Title IX Coordinator in writing and state clearly what the grounds are, that would justify consideration. General dissatisfaction with the outcome of the proceeding is not a basis for appeal. The written appeal must address one of the following criteria:

- An error in procedure, which prejudiced the process to the extent the participant was denied a fundamentally fair investigation as a result of the error. Only significant procedural errors that may have affected the decision or which relate to the sanction imposed will be considered.
- New evidence that was previously unknown and became available during the appeal process that could substantially impact the original finding or sanction. A summary of this new evidence and its potential impact must be included with the notice of appeal.

- Clearly demonstrated investigator and/or decision-maker bias.

An appeal which does not clearly raise one of these three criteria will be dismissed without further consideration.

After receiving a Petition for Appeal, the Title IX Coordinator shall inform the other party of the appeal and give the non-appealing party an opportunity to respond within five (5) business days.

After receipt of the Petition for Appeal and any response, the Title IX Coordinator shall notify the appointed Title IX Deputy officers who otherwise have not been involved in the process to act as a 3-person Appellate Panel.

The Appellate Panel shall review the appeal and any response to determine if the appeal meets any of the limited grounds and is timely. Appeals decisions are to be deferential to the hearing findings, making changes to the findings only if there is clear error and to the sanction only if there is a compelling justification to do so. The original finding and sanction will stand if the appeal is not timely or does not meet one of the stated grounds. The Appellate Panel will render a written decision on appeal to all parties within fifteen (15) business days from receipt of the appeal, unless good reason is shown for the delay. The Appellate Panel's decision to deny appeal requests is final.

If the Appellate Panel determines that new evidence should be considered, they will return the complaint to the Title IX Coordinator and/or Title IX Deputies who conducted the original investigation to reconsider in light of the new evidence only, and the parties will be notified in writing accordingly. The Title IX Coordinator and/or Title IX Deputy Investigators shall conduct any supplemental investigation in accordance with the procedures set out above with proper notice and opportunity to be heard conveyed to the parties.

If the Appellate Panel determines that a material procedural error occurred, they may return the complaint to the Title IX Coordinator and/or Title IX Deputies who conducted the original investigation and/or hearing with instructions to cure the error. In rare cases where the procedural error cannot be cured by the original investigators or hearing officers (as in a case of bias), the Appellate Panel may order a new hearing on the complaint with new investigators and/or hearing officers. The results of a new investigation and hearing may be appealed.

### **Possible sanctions or protective measures MUW may impose following a final determination of an institutional procedure**

The following matrix shall guide the Title IX Coordinator and the Sanctioning Official in determining sanctions and provide notice to the University community of the possible sanctions for an individual who is found responsible under this policy. **This matrix only provides guidance and is not meant to be exclusive as to other sanctions that can be imposed.**

Additionally, prior disciplinary actions of a same or similar nature against an individual may be taken into consideration when imposing sanctions. The sanctions of dismissal, suspension, and probation may apply to academic enrollment, participation in campus activities and organizations, and residence life.



Prohibited Behavior/Conduct	Range of Sanctions
Sexual Misconduct Constituting of Sexual Assault	Dismissal/Termination
Sexual Misconduct Not Constituting Sexual Assault	Dismissal/Termination Suspension Probation
Unwanted Sexual Touching	Dismissal/Termination Suspension Probation Community Service Educational/Counseling Consultation
Non-physical Sexual Harassment	Dismissal/Termination Suspension Probation Community Service Educational/Counseling Consultation
Discrimination	Dismissal/Termination Suspension Probation Community Service Educational/Counseling Consultation
Retaliation False Allegations	Dismissal/Termination Suspension Probation Community Service Educational/Counseling Consultation

### Protecting the confidentiality of victims

The University will work to safeguard the identities and privacy of those who seek help or who report sexual misconduct and is committed to creating an environment that encourages reporting. It is important to understand, however, that there are limits on confidentiality. Different people, depending on their positions, have different obligations with regard to confidentiality.

Communications with some individuals are confidential. Individuals should always confirm whether confidentiality applies to the communication. Generally, confidentiality applies when one seeks services from the following persons:

- Local rape crisis center
- Psychological counselor (including counselors at MUW’s Counseling Center)
- Health care provider (including medical professionals at MUW Student Health Center)
- Personal attorney
- Religious/spiritual counselor

All University employees, other than those who work in the Health Center or Counseling Center, are not confidential resources and are considered “mandated reporters” A mandated reporter is one that has the authority to take action to redress the harassment; has the duty to report harassment or other types of misconduct to appropriate officials; OR is someone a student could reasonably believe has this authority or responsibility. Mandated reporters have a duty to report incidents of sexual misconduct to the Title IX

Coordinator. Examples of a responsible employee are a faculty member, staff member, student employee or a resident advisor.

Information shared with a mandated reporter will be disclosed only to those individuals who have an essential need to know in order to carry out their University responsibilities. As is the case with any educational institution, the University must balance the needs of the individual reporting an alleged offense with its obligation to protect the safety and well-being of the community at large.

Under the Clery Act, the University must issue timely warnings with respect to crimes that pose a serious or continuing threat of bodily harm or danger to members of the campus community. A reporting party (individual files a report of misconduct) or responding party's (individual accused of misconduct) name will never be disclosed and the University will make every effort to ensure that any other identifying information is not disclosed, while still providing enough information for community members to make safety decisions in light of the danger.

#### Protection Against Retaliation

The University prohibits retaliation against an individual for making a complaint of sexual misconduct, for resisting such behavior, or for otherwise using or participating in the complaint resolution process. Prohibited behavior includes any form of intimidation, threats, or harassment by the individual accused of misconduct or friends, family or other person acting in support or on behalf of that individual. Acts of retaliation are, by themselves, cause for disciplinary action. Concerns of retaliation should be communicated immediately to the Title IX Coordinator.

## OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED BY SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE OR STALKING

- **Get to a Safe Place**
- **Talk to Someone You Trust**  
MUW Counseling Center provides confidential, no-cost support and advocacy to all students regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. This includes assistance navigating resources.
- **Preserve Physical Evidence.**  
Physical evidence may be necessary to prosecute the offender and be helpful in obtaining an order of protection. If at all possible, do not bathe, wash your hands, use the restroom, drink, smoke, change clothing or brush your teeth following an assault.
- **Seek Medical Attention**  
Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle can provide medical services and evidence collection. Alternative medical services are also provided on campus by MUW Health Center. FOR SEVERE INJURIES CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.
- **Report the Incident**  
Victims are encouraged to report incidents of sexual misconduct to the MUW PD. This is not a requirement. Students have additional reporting options that can be discussed with the Title IX Coordinator, located in Room 405 in Cochran Hall or by calling 662-241-6083, by email [slcantrell@muw.edu](mailto:slcantrell@muw.edu).

Retaliation against anyone who reports sexual misconduct is strictly prohibited. Reports of retaliatory behavior will be addressed immediately. This Policy also recognizes the ultimate decision of the victim/survivor not to pursue any formal method of reporting sexual misconduct and/or to seek confidential counseling and assistance in lieu of these formal methods.

## How to Be an Active Bystander

Bystander intervention means safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual or individuals to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Bystander intervention includes recognizing situations of potential harm, understanding institutional structures and cultural conditions that facilitate violence, overcoming barriers to intervene, identifying safe and effective intervention options, and taking action to intervene.

Bystanders play a critical role in the prevention of sexual and relationship violence. They are “individuals who observe violence or witness the conditions that perpetuate violence. They are not directly involved but have the choice to intervene, speak up or do something about it.” We want to promote a culture of community accountability where bystanders are actively engaged in the prevention of violence without causing further harm. We may not always know what to do even if we want to help. If you or someone else is in immediate danger, dial 911. This could be when a person is yelling at or being physically abusive toward another and it is not safe for you to interrupt.

Below is a list of some ways to be an active bystander

1. Watch out for your friends and fellow students/employees. If you see someone who looks like they could be in trouble or need help, ask if they are okay.
2. Confront people who seclude, hit on, try to make out with, or have sex with people who are incapacitated.
3. Speak up when someone discusses plans to take sexual advantage of another person.
4. Believe someone who discloses sexual assault, abusive behavior or experience with stalking.
5. Refer people to on- or off-campus resources listed in this document for support in health, counseling or with legal assistance.

## Risk Reduction

Risk reduction means options designed to decrease perpetration and bystander inaction, and to increase empowerment for victims in order to promote safety and to help individuals and communities address conditions that facilitate violence. With no intent of victim blame and recognizing that only abusers are responsible for their abuse, the following are some strategies to reduce one’s risk of sexual assault or harassment (taken from Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)):

1. **Be aware of your surroundings.** Knowing where you are and who is around you may help you to find a way to get out of a bad situation.
2. **Try to avoid isolated areas.** It is more difficult to get help if no one is around.
3. **Walk with purpose.** Even if you don’t know where you are going, act like you do.
4. **Trust your instincts.** If a situation or location feels unsafe or uncomfortable, it probably isn’t the best place to be.
5. **Try not to load yourself down** with packages or bags as this can make you appear more vulnerable.
6. **Make sure your cell phone is with you** and charged.
7. **Don’t allow yourself to be isolated** with someone you don’t trust or someone you don’t know.
8. **Avoid putting music headphones in both ears** so that you can be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone.
9. **When you go to a social gathering, go with a group of friends.** Arrive together, check in with each other throughout the evening and leave together. Knowing where you are and who is around you may help you to find a way out of a bad situation.
10. **Trust your instincts.** If you feel unsafe in any situation, go with your gut. If you see something suspicious, contact law enforcement immediately (local authorities can be reached by calling 911 in most areas of the U.S.).

11. **Don't leave your drink unattended** while talking, dancing, using the restroom or making a phone call. If you've left your drink alone, just get a new one.
12. **Don't accept drinks from people you don't know or trust.** If you choose to accept a drink, go with the person to the bar to order it, watch it being poured, and carry it yourself. At parties, don't drink from the punch bowls or other large, common open containers.
13. **Watch out for your friends, and vice versa.** If a friend seems out of it, is way too intoxicated for the amount of alcohol they've had or is acting out of character, get them to a safe place immediately.
14. **If you suspect you or a friend has been drugged, contact law enforcement immediately** (local authorities can be reached by calling 911 in most areas of the U.S.). Be explicit with doctors so they can give you the correct tests (you will need a urine test and possibly others).
15. **If you need to get out of an uncomfortable or scary situation** here are some things that you can try:
  - a. **Remember that being in this situation is not your fault.** You did not do anything wrong; it is the person who is making you uncomfortable who is to blame.
  - b. **Be true to yourself.** Don't feel obligated to do anything you don't want to do. "I don't want to" is always a good enough reason. Do what feels right to you and what you are comfortable with.
  - c. **Have a code word** with your friends or family so that if you don't feel comfortable you can call them and communicate your discomfort without the person you are with knowing. Your friends or family can then come to get you or make up an excuse for you to leave.
  - d. **Lie.** If you don't want to hurt the person's feelings it is better to lie and make up a reason to leave than to stay and be uncomfortable, scared or worse. Some excuses you could use are: needing to take care of a friend or family member, not feeling well, having somewhere else that you need to be, etc.
16. **Try to think of an escape route.** How would you try to get out of the room? Where are the doors? Windows? Are there people around who might be able to help you? Is there an emergency phone nearby?
17. **If you and/or the other person have been drinking,** you can say that you would rather wait until you both have your full judgment before doing anything you regret later.

### **Programs to Educate and Prevent Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking**

Individuals who have been victims of either sexual assault or sexual violence are encouraged to immediately contact the MUW PD at 662-241-7777 or by dialing 911 and seeking immediate medical attention. Keep in mind that medical examinations are time-sensitive and are critical in preserving evidence of sexual assault.

Campus and community services are available, even if University or criminal reports are not made. The University strongly encourages anyone who feels they have been the victim of sexual misconduct to seek emotional and physical support through confidential crisis intervention, healthcare, and counseling.

The University is also committed to providing preventive, informative and supportive programming for all members of the University community throughout the year. Campus-wide programs are designed to increase safety awareness, develop self-defense techniques, improve communication skills between all persons, and help prevent acquaintance and stranger rape, build self-esteem, and provide information related to bystander intervention and steps to take in the event of a sexual assault.

The university has an ongoing Title IX campaign which is known as "Know Your IX." This campaign included the creation of fliers, brochures, magnets, bathroom stall fliers and responsible employee training. **Sex Offender Registration-Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act**

Upon release from prison, individuals convicted of sex crimes may be required to register with law enforcement agencies (under laws referred to as “Megan’s Law”). If registered sex offenders are enrolled at or employed at a postsecondary institution, the offenders must also provide this information to the state. The information is then provided by the state to campus police departments or to other law enforcement authorities in the jurisdiction where the institution is located.

The State of Mississippi maintains a statewide sex offender registry. This web address allows you to search by county for sex offenders in the MUW and surrounding areas. The Mississippi sex offender registry statute requires all sex offenders to register. To obtain Mississippi Sex Offender information, please go to the following web address: <http://state.sor.dps.ms.gov>

## CAMPUS SECURITY POLICIES; CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMS

### Behavioral Intervention Team

The University utilizes a Behavioral Intervention Team which is a select group of trained staff and faculty across campus. The objective of the team is to identify, evaluate, and manage potentially threatening situations, including persons of concern, at the University.

This team uses the National Behavioral Intervention Team Association practices. NaBITA is committed to providing education, resources and support to professionals in schools and in the workplace who endeavor every day to make their campuses and workplaces safer through caring prevention and intervention.

#### MUW’s Behavioral Intervention Team Mission Statement

“To proactively build and sustain community with a comprehensive, collaborative team that identifies behaviors that are a risk of harm to self or others. To promote campus safety by fostering a culture of reporting. To help and support via educational, rather than punitive means, according to an established protocol and transparent procedures. To provide training and education as we work together to promote student and community success and development. To assess, evaluate and evolve team function and protocols over time as best practices are identified and refined.”

### Weapons Policy

Institutions of Higher Learning, State of Mississippi  
Policy 1106

“The Board recognizes that the possession of pistols, firearms or other weapons on any of its institutional premises or at its institutions or student functions off-campus by persons other than duly authorized law enforcement officials, institutional security officials, other authorized persons and the institutional approved programs creates an unreasonable and unwarranted risk of injury or death to its institutions’ employees, students, visitors and guests and further creates an unreasonable and unwarranted risk of damage to properties of the institutions, employees, students, visitors, guests and properties of others. Because of such dangers, the Board hereby prohibits the possession of pistols, firearms or other weapons in any form by any person other than duly authorized law enforcement officials, institutional security officials and other authorized persons regardless of whether such person possesses a valid permit to carry such pistols, firearms or weapons.”

The possession of any weapon on campus is of serious concern to the University. Under most circumstances, possession of a weapon is a violation of university policy and state law. Any individual found in possession of a weapon may be subject to arrest and confiscation of the weapon. Additionally, students, faculty, and staff may be subject to disciplinary action. The MUW PD does not store weapons. An individual living on-campus that wishes to have access to a weapon for hunting or other legal purposes must make arrangements to store the weapon off-campus. If you have any questions, contact the MUW PD at 662-241-7777.

## **Student Code of Conduct & Judicial Process**

### GENERAL REGULATIONS OF STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

The following is a list of rights and responsibilities of the student body of Mississippi University for Women. Also contained herein are the sanctions that can be imposed as a result of an infraction. Proper procedures are also outlined here.

#### Standards of Student Conduct

All students shall be free to exercise all constitutional rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution, and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi. Nothing contained herein shall supplant, supersede, override, or infringe upon the authority of the aforementioned documents.

#### Student Rights and Responsibilities

1. Students at MUW are members of a community designed to encourage academic excellence. The privilege of belonging to this community requires that students assume responsibility for themselves and others. Every student must respect the rights and privileges of others and federal, state, and local statutes.
2. Upon enrollment at MUW, students must assume the responsibility for being fully acquainted with published rules and regulations and for complying with them in the interest of an atmosphere conducive to the pursuit of knowledge.
3. It is the responsibility of students to serve on University committees as appointed by University officials.

#### Primary Rights of Students

1. The right to read and study free from undue interference in one's room. One basic purpose of the University is the dissemination and application of knowledge. Unreasonable noise and other distractions inhibit the exercise of this right.
2. The right to sleep, the right to one's personal belongings, the right to free access to one's room and suite facilities during the period that the residence halls are open, and the right to a clean environment in which to live.
3. The right to redress of grievance. If the academic and residential communities are to function in the most educationally profitable manner, the right to initiate actions and referrals for impartial and fair adjudication of grievances is paramount. In exercising this right, the student further holds the right to be free from fear or intimidation, physical and emotional harm and to be without imposition of sanctions apart from due process.

#### Subordinate Rights of the Students



1. The right to personal privacy: all persons should have freedom from the interference with their personal activities within the parameters of university policies and the Student Code of Conduct and should be able to maintain privacy for other than academic reasons.
2. The right to host guests: All students should have an opportunity to maintain personal contacts and friendships with other persons to fulfill their needs for socialization (in accordance with residence life guidelines).

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### *Authority*

Section 615, of the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning delegates to the President of Mississippi University for Women “full authority in all matters concerning student affairs.” In accordance with this responsibility, the aim of disciplinary action is the redirection of student behavior toward the achievement of academic, community and student developmental goals. This Code of Conduct applies to all official university sanctioned activities including off campus programs.

The President has delegated this function to the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA) or designee(s). It is the responsibility of the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee(s) to initiate, implement, and supervise the disciplinary process for students.

MUW recognizes students as adults who are expected to obey the law and the rules and regulations of the University, to take personal responsibility for their conduct, to respect the rights of others, and to have regard for the preservation of state and University property, as well as the private property of others. Students whose conduct, whether on or off-campus, threatens to cause disorder, public disturbances, danger to themselves or others, or property damage will be disciplined. Those apprehended and proven guilty of violating the law or rules and regulations of the University may receive a maximum sanction of expulsion from the University.

In order to protect the university community and the educational mission of the institution the following actions will result in disciplinary review:

1. Academic Misconduct  
Any form.
2. Alcohol  
Possession, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages on University-owned or controlled property or at a University-supervised activity.
3. Assault and Battery  
Physical abuse to any person or the threat to offer corporal injury to another person by force, creating a fear of imminent danger, on institutional premises or at an institutionally supervised or sponsored function.
4. Burglary  
Unauthorized Entry.
5. Disorderly Conduct  
Public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or reckless creating a risk thereof, by engaging in fights, threats, or in violent behavior; or making unreasonable noise or offensively coarse utterance, gesture or display; or abusive language. Disorderly conduct — including indecent or obscene conduct or expression on University-controlled property — is prohibited.
6. Disregard for University Authority

Failure to comply with directions of University officials acting in the performance of their duties, including failure of the student to respond to requests for conferences on matters pertaining to the student at the University, whether the request is by mail, telephone, messenger, or in person.

7. Disruption of Activities

Intentionally disrupting or obstructing teaching, research, student proceedings, administrative proceedings, disciplinary proceeding, or any other institutional proceeding. It shall be unlawful for students to assemble on campus for the purpose of creating a riot, destruction, or disorderly diversion which interferes with the normal operation of the University.

8. Drugs

Possession, use, manufacture, sale, or distribution of drugs, drug paraphernalia or narcotics, including stimulants and depressants, sedatives, tranquilizers, hallucinogens, marijuana or other illegal substances on University-owned or controlled property or at a University-supervised activity.

9. Evidence of Felony

If there is evidence that a student has committed a felony and is a potential danger to the university community.

10. Explosive Devices

Possession or discharge of explosive devices of any kind is prohibited on campus.

11. False Alarms and Arson

Misusing, tampering with, or otherwise disturbing without proper cause any fire safety and/or prevention or control equipment — including, but not limited to, thermal, smoke detectors or emergency fire alarms — in University buildings. The unauthorized possession, sale, furnishing, or use of any incendiary device shall be unlawful.

12. Fraud

Obtaining or attempting to obtain something of value, or preferential treatment through trickery, deceit, or threatening means. Furnishing false information to any representative of the institution in any way; misusing any University documents, records, or identification to forge, alter, lend, or sell with the intent to defraud; or passing a worthless check in payment to the University.

13. Gambling

Encouraging, promoting, or participating in gambling on campus is prohibited, except games or raffles approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

14. Harassment

Conduct (physical, verbal, graphic, written, or electronic) that is (1) unwelcome; (2) discriminatory on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, veteran status or any other status protected by state or federal law; and (3) directed at an individual.

15. Hazing

Any action taken or situation created, whether on or off campus, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule.

16. Littering

Dispersing litter of any form onto University grounds or facilities.

17. Off-campus Misconduct

Off-campus misconduct can be the subject of an administrative or conduct board hearing and disciplinary action.

18. Noise

Unapproved use or moving of stationary sound systems on campus in such a manner as would disrupt or disturb the normal functioning of the University.

19. Perjury

Failure to present factual or truthful testimony during an administrative hearing or conduct board hearing.

20. Reckless Conduct

Conduct that creates a substantial risk to another.

21. Residence Hall Violations
22. Sexual Harassment
23. Stalking  
Conduct that reasonably causes another to fear their safety is at risk.
24. Student Organizational Violations  
Any breach of university student organization policies.
25. Theft  
Unauthorized use, taking, or withholding of anything of value belonging to another individual.
26. Traffic & Parking  
Any violation of university rules and regulations regarding the operation and parking of motor vehicles.
27. Threats of Violence (against another person)
28. Trespass  
Unauthorized entry onto, or into, the property of others, including computers, computer accounts, and computer systems, and/or unauthorized possession of keys to University facilities.
29. Vandalism  
Abuse, damage, destruction, or defacement of University, state, federal, public, or private property.
30. Violating University Policies  
Violation of written University policies and/or rules and regulations relating to use of campus buildings and other University facilities or services that are disseminated to the campus community.
31. Violation of Ordinances or Laws  
Any violation of civil or criminal ordinances or laws which brings into question the student's integrity or brings discredit upon the University.
32. Weapons  
Possession or discharge of any weapon, ammunition, explosives, or any other offensive weapon on University property or at events sponsored or supervised by the University or any recognized University organization. Weapons will include any item that is designed to replicate or simulate actual firearms or other weapons.

## STUDENT JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

### Disciplinary Responsibility

- A. The Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA) or designee(s) is assigned the responsibility for disciplinary matters concerning the behavior of students, groups, and/or student organizations. When a disciplinary matter is reported to the VPSA office, it will be reviewed promptly. If there is a basis for charges, written notification will be sent to those involved outlining initiated proceedings.
- B. Disciplinary procedures are initiated by an official incident report or valid complaint. The VPSA or designee(s) investigates to determine if there is sufficient cause to proceed with a pre-hearing meeting.
- C. MUW disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against a student charged with conduct that potentially violates both the criminal law and the Code of Conduct (that is, if both possible violations result from the same factual situation) without regard to the pendency of civil or criminal proceedings. At the discretion of the VPSA or designee(s), a proceeding under the Code of Conduct may be carried out before, simultaneously with, or following civil or criminal proceedings. Determinations made or sanctions imposed under the Code of Conduct shall not

be subject to change because criminal charges arising out of the same facts were dismissed, reduced, or resolved in favor of or against the criminal defendant.

## Judicial Procedures

### A. Pre-hearing Meeting

During the pre-hearing meeting, the VPSA or designee(s) will discuss the allegation(s) and inform the student, group, or registered student organization about their rights to defend the allegations. During the pre-hearing meeting, the student, group, or registered student organization will be informed of the hearing process and their appeal rights. Based on the alleged incident, the VPSA or designee(s) may determine that an administrative hearing will be conducted in lieu of a conduct board hearing.

### B. Administrative Hearing

An administrative hearing is conducted by the VPSA or designee(s). At least three business days before the hearing, written notification will be provided to the student, group, or registered student organization regarding the date, time, location of the hearing, allegations, and hearing procedures. The notification may be hand delivered or sent to the student's university email address. Based on the information presented during the administrative hearing, the VPSA or designee(s) will issue an appropriate sanction(s) as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. See *Hearing Procedures* below for the hearing process.

### C. Conduct Board Hearing

The Vice President for Student Affairs is assisted in the disciplinary proceedings by a Conduct Board. Each year, the VPSA or designee(s) will select 3 students, 3 faculty members, and 3 staff members to serve as members of the conduct board. The VPSA or designee(s) will select 1 member from the aforementioned groups (a maximum of 3) for a conduct board hearing. The VPSA or designee(s) will attempt to select a representative from each group i.e. faculty, staff, and students to serve on the panel for each hearing. At least three business days before the hearing, written notification will be provided to the student, group, or registered student organization regarding the date, time, and location of the hearing, allegations, and hearing procedures. The notification may be hand delivered or sent to the student's university email address. Based on the information presented during the conduct board hearing, the panel will recommend appropriate sanction(s) as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct to the VPSA or designee(s). The VPSA or designee(s) will then notify the student, group, or registered student organization of the final sanctions. See *Hearing Procedures* below for the hearing process.

## **Hearing Procedures**

### Student Notification

The student, group, or registered student organization shall be notified in writing by the VPSA or designee(s) of the allegations. The time, date, and location of the administrative or conduct board hearing will be outlined in the letter of notification. The letter of notification will include the following information:

1. That the student, group, or registered student organization may bring any witnesses to the hearing to present information on his/her behalf.
2. That the student, group, or registered student organization may be accompanied by an advisor during any time that she/he may appear before the VPSA, designee(s), or conduct board. If the

advisor is an attorney, the VPSA, designee(s), or conduct board must be notified 48 hours before to the hearing. The advisor is not allowed to participate in proceedings.

3. That the student, not the advisor, is responsible for presenting her/his case. Therefore, the advisor may not address the VPSA, designee(s), or conduct board members and/or speak during the proceedings.
4. While not required, if direct questioning is in the best interest of the proceedings, the accused shall be permitted to question witnesses testifying at the hearing. Questioning may be conducted indirectly through the VPSA, designee(s), or conduct board.
5. That the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with policy set forth in *Hearing Outline*.

The letter of notification may be hand delivered or sent to the university email address as recorded in the Office of the Registrar. The letter shall be sent at least three business days before the time designated for the students', groups', or registered student organizations' appearance before the VPSA, designee(s), or conduct board, unless a shorter period of notification is agreed to by the student.

### Rights of the Victim

1. The right to be kept informed throughout the process by the VPSA, designee(s), or conduct board.
2. The right to have the presence of an advisor at the administrative or conduct board hearing.
3. The right to present witnesses and pertinent information for consideration.
4. The right to remain present throughout the administrative or conduct board hearing excluding conduct board deliberations, unless the victim is to be called as a witness. If the victim is to serve as a witness, the victims(s) will not be allowed to remain present during periods of questioning that may impede fair and objective response. (see *Hearing Outline* below for the hearing process).
5. The right to submit, orally or in writing, a victim impact statement to the VPSA, designee(s), or conduct board.
6. The right to have past unrelated behavior excluded from any administrative or conduct board hearing.
7. The right to be informed of the outcome of the administrative or conduct hearing.

### Hearing Outline

- A. The purpose of the administrative or conduct board hearing is to reach a decision regarding the alleged responsibility for violation of University rules or regulations, to provide due process for the alleged, and to recommend a sanction. Such decisions may affect students, groups, and registered student organizations and their relationship to the University. Attendance at an administrative or conduct board hearing is limited to only those individuals directly involved or those requested by the VPSA or designee(s). The confidentiality of all student cases should be maintained.
- B. Rules and procedures for conducting disciplinary hearings are as follows:
  1. Call to order.
  2. Presentation of the charge(s).
  3. A call is made for the plea of the alleged to the charges. Alleged may plea responsible, not responsible, or no plea. Failure to appear could result in further disciplinary action. Notification must be made in writing to the VPSA, designee(s), or conduct board at least 48 hours prior to the administrative or conduct board hearing.

4. Information will be presented against the alleged, which may include testimony of witnesses and supporting information on the charges. The alleged may ask questions of these witnesses present or rebut any information presented.
5. The alleged may present a response which may include testimony of witnesses and supporting information.
6. All witnesses will be called separately and may not hear each other's testimony.
7. Examination and questioning by the VPSA or designee(s) (administrative hearing) or members of the conduct board (conduct board hearing) will follow both the presentation by the University and the defense of the alleged.
8. The decision is reached by the VPSA or designee(s) (administrative hearing) or members of the conduct board (conduct board hearing) as to whether the student, group, or registered student organization are responsible for the violation. These deliberations (conduct board hearing) will be closed to all, but the members of the board; however, the University Counsel may assist the conduct board. The deliberations may extend beyond the scheduled hearing date.
9. The conduct board will present a written finding and recommended sanction(s), if any, to the VPSA or designee(s).
10. The VPSA or designee(s) has sole discretion in the application of sanctions and will use the recommended sanctions in the final determination of sanction(s). The VPSA or designee(s) will in turn so inform the alleged, in writing, as soon as possible of the findings and sanction(s).

#### Appeals

- A. The student, group, or registered student organization can appeal the decision of an administrative or conduct board hearing in writing to the VPSA or designee(s) within five business days from the date of receiving notification. All appeals must be based on one or more of the following factors:
  1. An error in procedure, which prejudiced the process to the extent that the participant was denied a fundamentally fair hearing as a result of the error. Procedural flaws alone are not grounds for an appeal. Significant procedural errors that may have affected the verdict or sanction will be considered.
  2. The emergence of new evidence that could not have been previously discovered and that, had it been represented at the initial hearing, would have substantially affected the original decision of the hearing body.
- B. The student, group, or registered student organization must indicate in their correspondence to the VPSA or designee(s) the basis for the appeal. Based on the merit of the appeal, the VPSA or designee(s) will decide the appeal. The decisions of the VPSA or designee(s) shall be made in writing to the student, group, or registered student organization granting or denying their request. The decision of the VPSA or designee(s) is final, except in those cases where a student, group, or registered student organization receives expulsion as a sanction.
- C. Appeals will depend on the hearing officer and may be heard by the VPSA, designee(s), or by the President of the University.



## **Parental Notification Policy**

The University will utilize Parental Notification when deemed necessary and permissible under state and federal law including FERPA. Parental Notification is listed as a sanction option within the MUW Student Code of Conduct.

## **Missing Student Policy**

The term “missing student” is defined as any MUW student residing in an on-campus student housing facility who is reported missing from their residence. Reports of missing students should be made to representatives of any of the following: the MUW PD (662-241-7777), Vice President for Student Affairs (662-329-7129), Director of Student Life (662-241-6974), or Director of Housing and Residence Life (662-329-7127). Whenever a MUW student is believed to be missing, the University will initiate steps to locate them to determine why the student has not been seen. Students are under no obligation to notify the University of plans to spend time away from their residences; however, if circumstances indicate that an investigation is warranted, concerned parties should contact the MUW Police Department. Upon notification, the MUW Police Department will make inquiries within the University and beyond.

If the University determines that the circumstances of the missing student require a police investigation, the MUW PD will notify the local police and the sheriff’s department. If the police determine that the student should be classified as a missing person, they will initiate their own investigation. The University will support their investigation by providing whatever technical support is appropriate, including notices, photos, schedules and any other information relevant to the search for the missing student.

All students residing in on-campus student housing facilities have the option of identifying a contact person or persons whom the University will notify if the student is determined to be missing by the Police Department or local police department. The contact information will be confidential, accessible only to authorized campus officials and law enforcement and may not be disclosed except in a missing person investigation. When a student who resides in an on-campus student housing facility is determined to have been missing for 24 hours, the University will:

- Notify the contact person if the student has designated one, within 24 hours.
- Notify the student’s custodial parent or guardian and/or other designated contact person within 24 hours if the student is under 18 years of age and is not emancipated; and
- Inform the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction in the area that the student is missing within 24 hours.

## **Daily Crime and Fire Log**

The MUW PD maintain a combined Daily Crime and Fire Log of all incidents reported to them. This log records on-campus, residential, public property and non-campus incidents. This log can be found at the MUW PD located in McDevitt Hall and individuals may request a printed copy.

## **Crime Prevention and Safety Awareness Programs**

During student orientation sessions, crime prevention programs are conducted by the MUW PD. The police department informs students about residence hall safety and campus safety. Crime Prevention Programs and Sexual Assault Programs are offered on a continual basis.

Periodically during the year, the MUW PD, in cooperation with university organizations and departments, presents crime prevention awareness sessions. The most important thing that is stressed during these

sessions is personal safety. Students are encouraged to look out for themselves and their fellow students. They are asked to be aware of their surroundings so that they will not become victims.

The University uses various mechanisms to inform students and employees about prevention of crime. Below is a list of our ways to inform the campus.

**Safety Presentations:** Addresses all issues of personal safety, including alcohol/drug awareness, prevention of sexual assaults and property crimes, travel safety tips, state/local laws, etc. Safety presentations, accompanied by printed materials are made to the following groups:

- **New Student Orientation**
- **Residence Hall Students**
- **Other Campus Groups or Organizations** - such as MUW employees, nursing students, students with disabilities, international students, student government and specific campus organizations.

**Rape Awareness, Education and Prevention:** The Counseling Center can provide programs on rape awareness, education and prevention such as sexual assault awareness week, safe spring break week, alcohol awareness week, and suicide prevention week.

**Community-Oriented Policing:** Upon request by University divisions, departments and organizations, MUW PD Officers attend meetings to provide up-to-date crime prevention information and to hear the concerns of University community members about crime and safety issues. These officers will offer safety programs in the community. University officers are willing to partner with the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Clubs and other organizations to talk about making good decisions, mentoring and conflict resolution when requested.

**MUW PD Website:** The MUW PD maintains a website at <http://www.muw.edu/police> for quick and up-to-date information on police, fire safety and emergency procedures. The University is encouraged to take a few minutes to browse the site. If you have any questions or feel there needs to be more information on the website, call the MUW PD at 662-241-7777.

## MUW'S POLICIES GOVERNING ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

### MUW's Alcohol and Drug Policy

#### Purpose

To provide appropriate developmental/educational experiences for students who violate the university's policy regarding drug and alcohol and to support the sections of the Student Code of Conduct which relate to drugs and alcohol.

Mississippi University for Women does not currently provide drug/alcohol counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation programs for students. Referral to community treatment facilities may be made in appropriate cases. For a list of drug and alcohol programs in the community, contact the MUW Counseling Center.

Mississippi University for Women will impose sanctions against individuals who are determined to have violated rules prohibiting the use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs or alcohol. Sanctions for students using or possessing illegal drugs or alcohol include disciplinary probation, and in appropriate cases, suspension from the University. The university reserves the right to contact parents of students who violate rules and regulations regarding the use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, when deemed appropriate. In addition, residence hall students will be removed from the housing system for the use or possession of illegal drugs. Referral for criminal prosecution may be made in appropriate cases.

Individuals involved in the sale or distribution of illegal drugs will be suspended from the University and referred to the appropriate authorities for criminal prosecution.

All employees, including students, agree as a condition of employment to abide by this policy. Sanctions against employees for

use or possession of illegal drugs or alcohol in the workplace include termination of employment. Additionally, employees are required to notify the institution of any drug convictions resulting from a violation in the workplace no later than five days of the conviction.

### Policy

It is the policy of Mississippi University for Women to maintain a safe and healthful environment for its students, faculty, and staff. Therefore, the university has established policies for students concerning alcohol use on campus. It is a violation of the Mississippi University for Women Student Code of Conduct for a student to possess, consume, or sell alcohol on campus. It is incumbent on students to become knowledgeable of these policies, whether for individual decision-making or for the planning of programs and events for student organizations.

### **Alcoholic Beverages**

- A. No student may consume or possess any alcoholic beverages, containers, or bottles in the residence halls, at student events in university buildings, or on any property or public location belonging to Mississippi University for Women.
- B. The possession, sale, distribution or furnishings of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the residence halls, at student events in university buildings, or on any property or public location belonging to Mississippi University for Women for any student function.
- C. Students who behave in an intoxicated manner as a result of the use of alcohol or require staff assistance shall be subject to disciplinary action.
- D. The playing of games (or competitions) involving the use or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the campus or at events sponsored or supervised by the university.
- E. Common source containers are prohibited in residence halls and on University owned property.
- F. Possession of any alcohol paraphernalia is prohibited.
- G. Empty alcoholic beverage containers (bottles, can, etc.) are prohibited in/on University owned or controlled property.

### **MUW Alcohol-Related Offenses**

#### Alcohol Policy Infraction

A student who is found guilty of an alcohol policy infraction will receive sanctions. Sanctions may include but are not limited to the following:

First Offense – The student will attend a meeting with the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee(s). The student will receive a verbal reprimand, educational program, description of the consequences for future infractions, and will be placed on administrative probation.

Second Offense – The student will be required to complete an education program, community service, and administrative probation will be extended or reissued.

Third Offense - The student will be suspended from the university for a specific period of time. A student suspended under this portion of the policy will be placed on indefinite administrative probation when he/she re-enrolls.

### **Drinking Age Law, Mississippi**

Effective Oct. 1, 1986, it is illegal for any person under the age of 21 to possess or be sold, given, or furnished beer or light wine. This law has serious consequences for persons who provide or sell beer and light wine to individuals under 21, as well as for underage drinkers.

### **Drug-Free Schools/Campuses**

Mississippi University for Women acknowledges and adheres to the laws of the state of Mississippi. The University also complies with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989. In compliance with federal and state laws, at Mississippi University for Women the following will apply:

### **Drugs**

- A. The possession of any drug controlled by federal or state laws on or off campus is prohibited.
- B. In compliance with state and federal law, it is illegal to possess, consume, use, or distribute (or intend to distribute or use) any drug controlled by federal or state laws on the campus of Mississippi University for Women or at events sponsored or supervised by the University.
- C. The manufacture, intent to manufacture, to furnish, or intent to furnish drugs controlled by federal or state law is prohibited.
- D. The sale, intent to sell, purchase, intent to purchase, deliver, or intent to deliver drugs controlled by federal or state law is prohibited.
- E. Possession or use of any drug related paraphernalia is prohibited. The University reserves the right to initiate judicial action if drug violations occur on or off-campus. Students found to be in violation of the drug policy will be subject to disciplinary action which may result in suspension or expulsion.
- F. Over the counter or prescription medications should not be used in any way except the manufacturer's intended purpose or as prescribed.

## **MUW Drug Related Offenses**

### Drug Policy Infraction

A student who is found guilty of a drug policy infraction will receive sanctions. Sanctions may include but are not limited to the following:

First Offense – The student will attend a meeting with the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee(s). The student will receive a verbal reprimand and an educational program. If the student is living on campus, he/she will be suspended from the residence halls. The student will be placed on administrative probation. Students found guilty of selling or distributing controlled substances may be suspended.

Second Offense – The student will be suspended for a specific period of time.

## **Drugs Risks and Consequences**

The use, misuse, and abuse of alcohol and other drugs, both legal and illegal, can have serious consequences to health and well-being. Alcohol and other drug use can lead to psychological and/or physiological dependence and addiction. Information on specific health risks associated with alcohol and other drugs is summarized below and is available in more detail at the following campus locations: MUW Health Center and MUW Counseling Center.

Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant that can impair coordination, inhibitions, self-control, memory, judgment, and reflexes. Large quantities may produce staggering, slurred speech, mood changes, unconsciousness and possibly death. Prolonged use can damage many organs of the body including the heart, liver, stomach, and pancreas.

Marijuana can increase heart rate, interfere with sexual development, may cause a reduction in male fertility and disrupt the female menstrual cycle. It can increase the risk of disease/damage to the body's respiratory system, impair eye-hand coordination and other essential functions needed to operate a motor vehicle safely. It can also impair the body's immune system.

Cocaine can cause feelings of depression, inability, impatience and pessimism. It can also cause severe weight loss, anxiety, hallucinations, increased heart rate and blood pressure. Cocaine has caused death by convulsion, failure of the respiratory system, and by heart attack.

Over-the-counter and prescription drugs can also cause drug tolerance, dependence, and addiction. The potential for misuse and abuse is increased with these drugs as they are easily obtainable, safe as far as ingredients and manufacturing, and the user may tend not to follow specific instructions for dosage and frequency. Many legal drugs also have a long shelf life leading to their use after they are no longer needed or for self-medication without medical supervision.

Interaction between various drugs, legal and illegal, may have serious consequences to the user. Various combinations of drugs may work at cross purposes within the body, and the combined effects of two or more drugs may be more potent than the effect of a single drug.

*Club drugs* such as MDMA (Ecstasy), GHB, LSD, Rohypnol, Ketamine and Methamphetamine can cause serious health problems and possibly death. Many of these drugs are tasteless and odorless. The chemicals, drug sources and pharmacological agents used to manufacture these drugs often vary, making it difficult to determine all of the effects, symptoms and health risks associated with club drugs. Confusion, depression, impaired motor function, amnesia, psychotic behavior, cardiac failure and permanent neurological and organ damage are some known effects associated with the use of these drugs.

### **Drug and Alcohol Educational Programs**

The University provides programs to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. The programs provide services related to drug use and abuse including dissemination of

informational materials, educational programs, counseling services, referrals and college disciplinary actions.



# ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF CRIME STATISTICS

## CLERY ACT CRIMES

Reported Crimes	MS University for Women Campus						Non-Campus Property**			Public Property			Total		
	2021		2022		2023		2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
(Includes Attempts)	Res.	Campus	Res.	Campus	Res.	Campus									
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	11	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other Reported Crimes</b>															
Larceny	0	8	0	15	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	15	3
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Auto Burglary	0	0	0	15	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	4
DUI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Offense Type</b>															
<b>Liquor Law Violations</b>															
Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Judicial Referral	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Drug Law Violations</b>															
Arrest	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Judicial Referral	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Weapons Law Violations</b>															
Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Judicial Referral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes</b>															
Hate Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) CRIMES

VAWA Offense Type (Includes Attempts)	MS University for Women Campus						Non-Campus Property**			Public Property			Total		
	2021		2022		2023		2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
	Res.	Campus	Res.	Campus	Res.	Campus									
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*\* Non-Campus Property includes MUW Tupelo Nursing branch,) and study aboard trips.

### Violence Against Women Act – Definitions

*Domestic violence* means a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by:

- a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim,
- a person with whom the victim shares a child in common,
- a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner,
- a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies (under VAWA) or
- any 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.

*Dating Violence* means violence committed by a person:

- who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and where the existence of such relationship shall be determined based on the consideration of the following factors:
  - The length of the relationship
  - The type of relationship; and
  - The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

*Stalking* means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person:

- fear for their safety; or
- suffer substantial emotional distress.

The Title IX Coordinator will assist students in all remedial measures including changing academic, living, transportation, and working situations if requested and reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to campus police or local law enforcement.

All violations of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, and stalking are adjudicated as outlined in the Sexual Misconduct Policy of MUW. The standard of evidence will be a preponderance of evidence.

**Lowndes County Sheriff Department Statistics – 2023**

**Number of Occurrences by Offense**

01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Offense Description</b>	<b>Counts</b>
63-3-409	Duties of driver striking fixtures upon or adjacent to highway	1
911	ABUSIVE CALLS/EMERGENCY PHONE	3
ABPS	ALCOHOLIC BEV., POSS UNDER 21	2
AC	ANIMAL CRUELTY	1
ACO	ATTEMPT TO COMMIT AN OFFENSE	4
AGGA	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, MANIFEST EXTREME INDIF. TO	7
AGGW	AGG. ASSAULT W/WEAPON OR OTHER MEANS TO PROD.	7
ALEO	ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT / SCHOOL OFFICIAL	3
ALSU	ACCIDENT, LEAVING SCENE (UNATTENDED VEHICLE)	4
ARS	ARSON	5
ATSBAT	ATTEMPTED SEXUAL BATTERY	2
BBW	BRIBE, RECEIVING BY A WITNESS	1
BGBE	BURGLARY-BREAKING AND ENTERING DWELLING	3
BLD	BURGLARY AND LARCENY OF A DWELLING	16
BR	BRIBING A WITNESS	1
BRF	BOMB REPORT, FALSE	1
BRN	IMPROPER DISPLAY OF REGISTRATION NUMBERS	1
BUR	BURGLARY	38
BURC	BURGLARY-COMMERCIAL BLG., CARS, ETC...	59
BURD	BURGLARY-DWELLING HOUSE	8
BURDO	BURGLARY-DWELLING HOUSE-OCCUPIED	2
CAT OR DOG I	CAT OR DOG, AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO	1
CCCM	CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A CRIME-MISDEMEANOR	1
CCDF	CREDIT CARD, INTENT TO DEFRAUD-FELONY (MORE/25)	4
CD	CARELESS DRIVING	33
CHA	CHILD ABUSE	7
CKCP	CHILD-CARNAL KNOW. OF WHILE COHABITATING W/PA	1
CL	COLOR OF LIGHTING ON VEHICLE	1
CONT	CONTRIBUTING/DELINQUENCY/MINOR	4
CONWI	CONCEALED WEAPON-CARRYING OF	1
CR	CHILD RESTRAINT LAW	5
CURFW	CURFEW-DECLARATION OF	1

Number of Occurrences by Offense

01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

Offense Code	Offense Description	Counts
CWFAC	POSS, FURNISH, CONTRABAND ITEMS WITHIN FACILITI	1
CYBER	CYBERSTALKING	10
DA4TH	DOMESTIC ASSAULT 4TH OR SUBSEQUENT	3
DBSHT	DRIVE-BY SHOOTING	1
DGST	DOG STEALING	1
DMOL	DRIVING IN MORE THAN ONE LANE	2
DOC	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	48
DOCB	DISORDERLY CONDUCT, BUSINESS	4
DOF	DISTURBANCE OF FAMILY	6
DOGL	DOG AT LARGE	13
DOGV	DOG, VICIOUS	13
DOW	DISTURBANCE OF WORSHIP	1
DOWSR	DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	3
DPO	DISOBEYING A POLICE OFFICER	6
DPPF	DESTROYING PUBLIC PROPERTY-FELONY(MORE THAN	1
DRAG	DRAG RACING	1
DTCD	DISOBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	4
DTP	DISTURBING THE PEACE	3
DUI1	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-1ST OFFENSE	58
DUI2	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-2ND OFFENSE	4
DUI4	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-4TH OR SUBSEQUENT	3
DUICE	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-CHILD ENDANGERMI	4
DUIM	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE - MAMING	1
DUIR	DRIVING UNDER THE INFL/REFUSAL TO TAKE TEST	8
DV	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	72
DV-3RD	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-3RD OFFENSE	3
DV/AGG	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	10
DV/AGG/4	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-AGGRAVATED ASSAULT BY STR/	9
DWOL	DRIVING WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS	1
EDL	EXPIRED DRIVERS LICENSE	1
ELT	EXPIRED LICENSE TAG	16
EMB	EMBEZZLEMENT	2



**Number of Occurrences by Offense**

01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Offense Description</b>	<b>Counts</b>
EMBCS	EMBEZZLEMENT OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
EMBMISD	EMBEZZLEMENT	4
EMBUC	EMBEZZLEMENT UNDER CONTRACT	1
ESCF	ESCAPE-FELONY	1
EXPL	EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULT	1
EXPLCH	EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN	6
EXTRF	EXTORTION-Felony Over \$250.	1
FALSE	FALSE INFORMATION	10
FAP	FALSE PRETENSE-FELONY	3
FCDL	FAILURE TO CARRY D.L. UPON DEMAND OF LAW	17
FDIM	FAILURE TO DIM HEADLIGHTS	3
FFA	FALSE FIRE ALARM	1
FFJ	FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE	1
FINS	FAILURE TO HAVE PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE	10
FMOC	FRAUD BY MAIL OR OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATIO	4
FMV(A)	FLEEING OR ELUDING IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	9
FMV(B)	FLEEING OR ELUDING IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	4
FMVT	FELONY TAKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	39
FNDL	FONDLING	1
FORGF	FORGERY-Over \$100.	1
FPLT	FALSE PRETENSE LESS THAN	2
FPM	FALSE PRETENSE-MISDEMEANOR	1
FR	FRAUD	9
FRA	FAILURE TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT	1
FSTOP	FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN OFFICER SIG	1
FTC	FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	2
FTO	FAILURE TO OBEY A P.O.	30
FTY	FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY	1
FUID	FRAUDULENT USE OF I.D.	2
FYBL	FAILURE TO YIELD TO BLUE LIGHT	18
FYEV	FAILURE TO YIELD EMERGENCY VEHICLES	2
GL	GRAND LARCENY-MORE \$500.00	32

Number of Occurrences by Offense

01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

Offense Code	Offense Description	Counts
HAR	HARRASSMENT	28
HF	HARBORING A FUGITIVE	2
HINDPROS	HINDERING PROSECUTION	1
HMRF	HOME REPAIR FRAUD	1
HUM-TRAF	HUMAN-TRAFFICING	4
IDT	IDENTITY THEFT	10
IE	IMPROPER EQUIPMENT	46
ILT	IMPROPER LICENSE TAG	5
ILTN	IMPROPER LEFT TURN	1
ILU	IMPROPER LANE USAGE	2
INDX	INDECENT EXPOSURE	2
INTIM	INTIMIDATING JUDGE, JUROR, WITNESS, ATTORNEY, ECT	2
INXM	INDECENT EXPOSURE, PRESENCE OF A MINOR	1
IT	IMPROPER TURN	1
IWSB	INTERFERENCE WITH SCHOOL BUS	1
KID	KIDNAPPING	2
LITR	LITTERING	4
LSA	LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT	11
LTCO	LICENSE TAG, COVERED OR DEFACED	1
LTIM	LICENSE TAG, IMPROPERLY MOUNTED	1
LTSF	LEAVING THE SCENE, FIXTURES	2
LTSU	LEAVING THE SCENE, UNATTENDED	3
MM	MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	111
MMF	MALICIOUS MISCHIEF-FELONY	18
MOLS1	MOLESTING-TOUCHING CHILD FOR LUSTFUL PURPOSE	4
MUFF	MUFFLERS	1
MURD	MURDER	1
MURDSECDEG	MURDER SECOND DEGREE	1
NC	NO CHARGE	30
NDL	NO DRIVERS LICENSE	40
NFL	NO FISHING LICENSE	1
NI	NO INSURANCE	95

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Number of Occurrences by Offense

01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

Offense Code	Offense Description	Counts
NLT	NO LICENSE TAG	30
NME	NO MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT	6
NOH	NO CRASH HELMET	3
NTS	NO TURN SIGNAL	8
OAEA	OBSTRUCTING ACCESS TO EMERGENCY ASSISSTANCE	1
OT	OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC	1
PAM	POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR	3
PCH	PHONE CALLS, HARASSING	1
PCH2	PHONE CALL, HARASSING	4
PCH3	PHONE CALLS, HARASSING	1
PCOC	POSSESSION OF COCAINE	6
PD	PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS	16
PFIPO	PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEME	3
PL	PETIT LARCENY-LESS \$1000.00	89
PMETH	POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE	39
PMETHF	POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE	4
PMETHLT	POSSESSION METHAMPHETAMINE L/T .1 GRAM	1
PMETHWI	POSSESSION OF METH WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE	2
POCS	POSS. OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	19
POCSM	POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (MISD)	12
POFM	POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY MINOR	2
POM	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	30
POMMT	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA MORE THAN 1 OUNCE	2
POMV	POSS. OF MARIJUANA, VEHICLE	45
POMVF	POSS. OF MARIJUANA , VEHICLE-FELONY	2
POP	POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA	26
POP1	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA-SALE OF	9
PSFA	POSSESSION, SALE, TRANSFER OF STOLEN FIREARM	2
PSP	STOLEN PROPERTY - POSSESSION	2
PSPM	STOLEN PROPERTY-POSSESSION-MISDEMEANOR	2
PT	PEEPING TOM	1
PWINT	POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE	1



**Number of Occurrences by Offense**

01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Offense Description</b>	<b>Counts</b>
RA	RESISTING ARREST	31
RD	RECKLESS DRIVING	19
ROB	ROBBERY	5
ROBAR	ROBBERY-ARMED	4
RP	RAPE	4
RPS	RETALIATION AGAINST PUBLIC SERVANT	1
RPST	RAPE-STATUTORY	1
RRL	RUNNING A RED LIGHT	7
RSP	STOLEN PROPERTY - RECIEVING	1
RSS	RUNNING A STOP SIGN	6
SA	SIMPLE ASSAULT	72
SABT	SIMPLE ASSAULT BY THREAT	34
SAOM	SIMPLE ASSAULT ON A MINOR	6
SAPA	SIMPLE ASSAULT, POINTING & AIM	7
SAWI	SIMPLE ASSAULT WITH INJURIES	2
SB	SEATBELT VIOLATION	5
SDL	SUSPENDED DRIVERS LICENSE	43
SDLIC	SUSPENDED DRIVERS LICENSE, DUI	4
SEX MINOR	SEX WITH MINOR UNDER 14	2
SHO3	SHOPLIFTING, 3RD OFFENSE AND \$500.00 OR MORE	1
SHOP	SHOPLIFTING-LESS THAN \$1,000.00	20
SHTDH	SHOOTING INTO DWELLING HOUSE	7
SHTMV	SHOOTING INTO / AT A MOTOR VEHICLE	2
SIGL	FAILURE TO SIGNAL LANE CHANGE	4
SL	SPILLING LOAD	1
SOFRV	SEX OFFENDER-RESIDENCE VIOLATION	2
SOFTR	SEX OFFENDER - FAILURE TO REGISTER NEW ADDRESS	1
SORF	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION FAILURE	18
SP1	SPEEDING 10-20 MPH OVER LIMIT	14
SP2	SPEEDING 21-30 MPH OVER LIMIT	16
SP3	SPEEDING 30+ MPH OVER LIMIT	14
SPEED	SPEEDING	2

**Number of Occurrences by Offense**

01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Offense Description</b>	<b>Counts</b>
ST	SWITCHED TAG	5
STLK	STALKING	4
STLKF	Stalking-Felony	1
SXBAT	SEXUAL BATTERY	6
TOBPM	TOBACCO, POSSESSION BY MINOR	5
TOU	THEFT OF UTILITIES	1
TRAFFIC	TRAFFICKING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES	1
TRES	TRESPASSING	78
TRESE	TRESPASS UPON ENCLOSED LAND OF ANOTHER	2
TRESL	TRESPASSING UPON LANDS OF ANOTHER	3
TRESW	TRESPASSING-WILLFUL	3
TWW	TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS	1
UFORG	UTTERING FORGERY	1
UFORGM	UTTERING FORGERY-MISD	2
UNK	UNKNOWN OFFENSE	4
UPPD	UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE	1
VOCO	VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	6
WARRANT	WARRANTS - SERVE OR OTHER	69
WPFLN	WEAPON, POSSESSION OF BY FELON	16
WPSCH	WEAPONS CARRYING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY	1
WPSCHM	WEAPONS CARRYING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY-MISDEME	1
<b>Total of All Offenses:</b>		<b>2,133</b>



## Lowndes County Sheriff Department Statistics – 2022

<u>Number of Occurrences by Offense</u>		
01/01/2022 TO 01/01/2023		
<u>Offense Code</u>	<u>Offense Description</u>	<u>Counts</u>
911	ABUSIVE CALLS/EMERGENCY PHONE	2
AATF	ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT	2
ABB	ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF A BUSINESS	1
ABTF	ACCESSORY BEFORE THE FACT	1
AC	ANIMAL CRUELTY	3
ACK	ANIMAL CRUELTY, KILL OR INJURE	2
ACO	ATTEMPT TO COMMIT AN OFFENSE	7
AGGA	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, MANIFEST EXTREME INDIF. TO	12
AGGW	AGG. ASSAULT W/WEAPON OR OTHER MEANS TO PROD.	14
ALEO	ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT / SCHOOL OFFICIAL	2
ALSU	ACCIDENT, LEAVING SCENE (UNATTENDED VEHICLE)	1
ARB	AVOIDING A ROADBLOCK	1
ARS	ARSON	4
ATSBAT	ATTEMPTED SEXUAL BATTERY	1
BGBE	BURGLARY-BREAKING AND ENTERING DWELLING	5
BGYBD	BURGLARY-BREAKING OUT OF DWELLING	2
BLD	BURGLARY AND LARCENY OF A DWELLING	12
BUR	BURGLARY	26
BURC	BURGLARY-COMMERCIAL BLDG., CARS, ETC...	67
BURD	BURGLARY-DWELLING HOUSE	2
BURDO	BURGLARY-DWELLING HOUSE-OCCUPIED	10
CCCF	CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A CRIME-FELONY	3
CCDF	CREDIT CARD, INTENT TO DEFRAUD	3
CCDF1	Credit Card-Intent to Defraud	1
CCDF2	CREDIT CARD, INTENT TO DEFRAUD-FELONY (MORE/2500)	5
CCFF1	Credit Card-Intent to Defraud Felony	2
CCW	CARRY CONCEALED WEAPON	1
CD	CARELESS DRIVING	40
CHA	CHILD ABUSE	2
CNC	CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEGLECT OF A CHILD	3
CNCF	CONTRIBUTING TO NEGLECT OF A CHILD-FELONY	1
COC	CONTEMPT OF COURT	1

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**Number of Occurrences by Offense**

01/01/2022 TO 01/01/2023

<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Offense Description</b>	<b>Counts</b>
	CONT CONTRIBUTING/DELINQUENCY/MINOR	1
	CONW1 CONCEALED WEAPON-CARRYING OF	1
	CR CHILD RESTRAINT LAW	1
	CWFAC POSS, FURNISH, CONTRABAND ITEMS WITHIN FACILITI	8
	CYBER CYBERSTALKING	17
	CYBERSTALK CYBERSTALKING-EMAIL/COMMUNICATION TO EXTOR1	3
	DBSHT DRIVE-BY SHOOTING	2
	DGST DOG STEALING	8
	DISCMATM DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE VISUAL MATERIAL	1
	DMOL DRIVING IN MORE THAN ONE LANE	1
	DOC DISORDERLY CONDUCT	52
	DOCB DISORDERLY CONDUCT, BUSINESS	5
	DOF DISTURBANCE OF FAMILY	11
	DOGL DOG AT LARGE	8
	DOGV DOG, VICIOUS	8
	DOWSR DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	3
	DPO DISOBEYING A POLICE OFFICER	5
	DRAG DRAG RACING	1
	DTCD DISOBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	5
	DTP DISTURBING THE PEACE	6
	DUI1 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-1ST OFFENSE	49
	DUI2 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-2ND OFFENSE	3
	DUI4 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-4TH OR SUBSEQUENT	1
	DUICE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-CHILD ENDANGERME	1
	DUIR DRIVING UNDER THE INFL/REFUSAL TO TAKE TEST	18
	DV DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	116
	DV-3RD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-3RD OFFENSE	1
	DV/AGG DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	7
	DV/AGG/4 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-AGGRAVATED ASSAULT BY STR.	10
	DV2 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 2ND OFFENSE	1
	EDL EXPIRED DRIVERS LICENSE	4
	ELT EXPIRED LICENSE TAG	23



**Number of Occurrences by Offense**

01/01/2022 TO 01/01/2023

<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Offense Description</b>	<b>Counts</b>
EMB	EMBEZZLEMENT	5
EMBMISD	EMBEZZLEMENT	2
EMBUC	EMBEZZLEMENT UNDER CONTRACT	1
ESCF	ESCAPE-FELONY	2
EXPLCH	EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN	3
EXTRF	EXTORTION-Felony Over \$250.	1
	FALSE FALSE INFORMATION	13
FAP	FALSE PRETENSE-FELONY	3
FCDL	FAILURE TO CARRY D.L. UPON DEMAND OF LAW	29
FDIM	FAILURE TO DIM HEADLIGHTS	4
FI	FIGHTING	1
FMOG	FRAUD BY MAIL OR OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATC	4
FMV(A)	FLEEING OR ELUDING IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	9
FMV(B)	FLEEING OR ELUDING IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	7
FMV(C)	FLEEING OR ELUDING IN MOTOR VEHICLE	1
FMVT	FELONY TAKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	31
FNDL	FONDLING	9
FR	FRAUD	13
FRCR	FALSE REPORTING OF A CRIME	1
FTC	FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	3
FTO	FAILURE TO OBEY A P.O.	41
FTY	FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY	1
FUID	FRAUDULENT USE OF I.D.	1
FYBL	FAILURE TO YIELD TO BLUE LIGHT	16
FYEV	FAILURE TO YIELD EMERGENCY VEHICLES	1
GL	GRAND LARCENY-MORE \$500.00	50
HAR	HARRASSMENT	35
HINDPROS	HINDERING PROSECUTION	1
HMRF	HOME REPAIR FRAUD	1
HURL	MISSILE HURLING A MISSILE	1
IDPO	INTERFERE W/DUTIES OF POLICE	3
IDT	IDENTITY THEFT	13

Number of Occurrences by Offense

01/01/2022 TO 01/01/2023

Offense Code	Offense Description	Counts
	IE IMPROPER EQUIPMENT	45
	ILT IMPROPER LICENSE TAG	3
	ILTN IMPROPER LEFT TURN	1
	ILU IMPROPER LANE USAGE	4
	INTIM INTIMIDATING JUDGE, JUROR, WITNESS, ATTORNEY, ECT	4
	IP IMPROPER PASSING	2
	IPP IMPROPER PARKING OR STOPPING	1
	IT IMPROPER TURN	6
	KID KIDNAPPING	2
	LITR LITTERING	8
	LLV LEASH LAW VIOLATION	1
	LSA LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT	18
	LTSI LEAVING THE SCENE, W/INJURIES	1
	LTSIF LEAVING THE SCENE, W/INJURIES-FELONY	1
	LTSU LEAVING THE SCENE, UNATTENDED	1
	LULF LARCENY UNDER LEASE	2
	MFGMAR MANUFACTURE OF MARIJUANA	1
	MM MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	151
	MMF MALICIOUS MISCHIEF-FELONY	15
	MOLSI MOLESTING-TOUCHING CHILD FOR LUSTFUL PURPOSE	5
	MOTT MAKING OF TERRORISTIC THREATS	1
	MSP STOLEN PROPERTY - MOVEMENT OF	2
	MURD MURDER	4
	NC NO CHARGE	44
	NDL NO DRIVERS LICENSE	30
	NI NO INSURANCE	107
	NLT NO LICENSE TAG	15
	NTS NO TURN SIGNAL	2
	NVA NEGLECT OF VULNERABLE ADULT	1
	PAM POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR	1
	PCH PHONE CALLS, HARASSING	4
	PCH2 PHONE CALL, HARASSING	4

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Number of Occurrences by Offense

01/01/2022 TO 01/01/2023

Offense Code	Offense Description	Counts
PCOC	POSSESSION OF COCAINE	7
PD	PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS	16
PFIP	PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT	1
PL	PETIT LARCENY-LESS \$1000.00	128
PMETH	POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE	23
PMETHF	POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE	6
PMETHLT	POSSESSION METHAMPHETAMINE L/T .1 GRAM	2
PMETHWI	POSSESSION OF METH WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE	2
POCLT	POSSESSION OF COCAINE LESS THAN .1 GRAM	1
POCS	POSS. OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	17
POCSM	POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (MISD)	7
POFM	POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY MINOR	4
POM	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	37
POM1	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA-1ST OFFENSE	1
POMMT	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA MORE THAN 1 OUNCE	7
POMMTK	POSSESSION MARIJUANA M/T KILO	1
POMV	POSS. OF MARIJUANA, VEHICLE	50
POMVF	POSS. OF MARIJUANA, VEHICLE-FELONY	7
POP	POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA	17
POP1	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA-SALE OF	15
POWS	POSSESSION OF WEAPON BY STUDENT	1
PSFA	POSSESSION, SALE, TRANSFER OF STOLEN FIREARM	5
PSP	STOLEN PROPERTY - POSSESSION	4
PSPM	STOLEN PROPERTY-POSSESSION-MISDEMEANOR	4
PWINT	POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE	3
RA	RESISTING ARREST	42
RAOB	RESISTING ARREST/OBSTRUCTING	1
RD	RECKLESS DRIVING	13
ROB	ROBBERY	4
ROBAR	ROBBERY-ARMED	8
RP	RAPE	5
RPS	RETALIATION AGAINST PUBLIC SERVANT	2

Number of Occurrences by Offense

01/01/2022 TO 01/01/2023

Offense Code	Offense Description	Counts
RPST	RAPE-STATUTORY	2
RRL	RUNNING A RED LIGHT	1
RSS	RUNNING A STOP SIGN	9
SA	SIMPLE ASSAULT	90
SABT	SIMPLE ASSAULT BY THREAT	43
SAF	SIMPLE ASSAULT - FELONY	1
SAOM	SIMPLE ASSAULT ON A MINOR	2
SAPA	SIMPLE ASSAULT, POINTING & AIM	7
SAPO	SIMPLE ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFF	3
SAWI	SIMPLE ASSAULT WITH INJURIES	4
SB	SEATBELT VIOLATION	15
SDL	SUSPENDED DRIVERS LICENSE	36
SEP	SALE OF ENCUMBERED PROPERTY W/O DISCLOSING LI	1
SHOA	SHOPLIFTING, AIDING UNDER 18 YOA	1
SHOP	SHOPLIFTING-LESS THAN \$1,000.00	22
SHTDH	SHOOTING INTO DWELLING HOUSE	11
SIGL	FAILURE TO SIGNAL LANE CHANGE	4
SORF	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION FAILURE	6
SP1	SPEEDING 10-20 MPH OVER LIMIT	8
SP2	SPEEDING 21-30 MPH OVER LIMIT	11
SP3	SPEEDING 30+ MPH OVER LIMIT	9
SPEED	SPEEDING	10
ST	SWITCHED TAG	4
STLK	STALKING	8
STLK1	STALKING	2
SXBAT	SEXUAL BATTERY	5
TFAB	THEFT FROM A BUILDING - MISD	1
TOBPM	TOBACCO, POSSESSION BY MINOR	2
TOU	THEFT OF UTILITIES	1
TPE	TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	2
TRES	TRESPASSING	78
TRESE	TRESPASS UPON ENCLOSED LAND OF ANOTHER	1

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**Number of Occurrences by Offense**

01/01/2022 TO 01/01/2023

<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Offense Description</b>	<b>Counts</b>
TRESL	TRESPASSING UPON LANDS OF ANOTHER	4
TRESW	TRESPASSING-WILLFUL	6
TRNSH	TRAINS,SHOOTING OR HURLING MISSLES AT	1
TWW	TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS	1
UFORG	UTTERING FORGERY	3
UNK	UNKNOWN OFFENSE	3
UPPD	UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE	1
VASS	VEHICULAR ASSAULT	3
VOCO	VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	1
VOYER	VOYEURISM-TREPASS BY "PEEPING TOM"	1
WARRANT	WARRANTS - SERVE OR OTHER	72
WPFLN	WEAPON,POSSESSION OF BY FELON	13

**Total of All Offenses: 2,363**

## Lowndes County Sheriff Department Statistics – 2021

### Number of Occurrences by Offense

01/01/2021 TO 01/01/2022

Offense Code	Offense Description	Counts
CHA	CHILD ABUSE	1
CHEND	CHILD ENDANGERMENT	3
CONT	CONTRIBUTING/DELINQUENCY/MINOR	1
CR	CHILD RESTRAINT LAW	3
CWFAC	POSS, FURNISH, CONTRABAND ITEMS WITHIN FACILITI	2
CYBER	CYBERSTALKING	9
CYBERSTALK	CYBERSTALKING-EMAIL/COMMUNICATION TO EXTOR1	7
DBRL	DISPLAYING BLUE/RED LIGHTS	2
DBSHT	DRIVE-BY SHOOTING	2
DECP	DESTROYING COUNTY PROPERTY	1
DGST	DOG STEALING	5
DOC	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	40
DOCB	DISORDERLY CONDUCT, BUSINESS	1
DOF	DISTURBANCE OF FAMILY	10
DOGL	DOG AT LARGE	4
DOGN	DOG, NUISANCE	1
DOGV	DOG, VICIOUS	4
DOWSR	DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	2
DPO	DISOBEYING A POLICE OFFICER	2
DRAG	DRAG RACING	1
DSCM	DESECRATION OF CEMETERIES	1
DTCD	DISOBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	3
DTP	DISTURBING THE PEACE	9
DUI1	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-1ST OFFENSE	46
DUI2	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-2ND OFFENSE	3
DUI3	DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE-3RD OFFENSE (FELONY)	2
DUI4	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-4TH OR SUBSEQUENT	6
DUICE	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-CHILD ENDANGERME	4
DUIR	DRIVING UNDER THE INFL/REFUSAL TO TAKE TEST	10
DV	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	93
DV/AGG	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	4
DV2	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 2ND OFFENSE	1

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Number of Occurrences by Offense

01/01/2021 TO 01/01/2022

Offense Code	Offense Description	Counts
	DWOL DRIVING WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS	2
	ECFSP ENTICEMENT OF A CHILD TO MEET FOR SEXUAL PURPC	1
	EDL EXPIRED DRIVERS LICENSE	1
	ELT EXPIRED LICENSE TAG	10
	EMB EMBEZZLEMENT	3
	EMBUC EMBEZZLEMENT UNDER CONTRACT	2
	EXPLCH EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN	1
	FALSE FALSE INFORMATION	9
	FDIM FAILURE TO DIM HEADLIGHTS	2
	FI FIGHTING	3
	FINS FAILURE TO HAVE PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE	4
	FIRE FIRE-HINDERING FIRE FIGHTING	1
	FIOC FRAUD BY MAIL OR OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATIO	4
	FMV(A) FLEEING OR ELUDING IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	2
	FMV(B) FLEEING OR ELUDING IN A MOTOR VEHICLE	7
	FMV(C) FLEEING OR ELUDING IN MOTOR VEHICLE	1
	FMVT FELONY TAKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	46
	FNDL FONDLING	4
	FPM FALSE PRETENSE-MISDEMEANOR	1
	FR FRAUD	38
	FRCR FALSE REPORTING OF A CRIME	1
	FRP FORGED,FALSE,OR FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION	1
	FTC FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	1
	FTO FAILURE TO OBEY A P.O.	37
	FUID FRAUDULENT USE OF I.D.	5
	FYBL FAILURE TO YIELD TO BLUE LIGHT	25
	FYEV FAILURE TO YIELD EMERGENCY VEHICLES	3
	GL GRAND LARCENY-MORE \$500.00	48
	HAR HARRASSMENT	60
	HMRF HOME REPAIR FRAUD	1
	HMV HUNTING FROM MOTORIZED VEHICLE	1
	IDT IDENTITY THEFT	10

**Number of Occurrences by Offense**

01/01/2021 TO 01/01/2022

<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Offense Description</b>	<b>Counts</b>
	IE IMPROPER EQUIPMENT	30
	ILT IMPROPER LICENSE TAG	1
	ILU IMPROPER LANE USAGE	1
	INTIM INTIMIDATING JUDGE,JUROR,WITNESS,ATTORNEY,ECT	3
	IP IMPROPER PASSING	2
	IT IMPROPER TURN	2
	KID KIDNAPPING	2
	LITR LITTERING	2
	LLV LEASH LAW VIOLATION	1
	LSA LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT	35
	L TSA LEAVING THE SCENE, ATTENDED VEH	1
	LTSF LEAVING THE SCENE, FIXTURES	1
	LTSI LEAVING THE SCENE, W/INJURIES	1
	LTSU LEAVING THE SCENE, UNATTENDED	3
	MCF MISC. COURT FEES	1
	MM MALICIOUS MISCHIEF	165
	MMF MALICIOUS MISCHIEF-FELONY	18
	MOLS1 MOLESTING-TOUCHING CHILD FOR LUSTFUL PURPOSE	1
	MURD MURDER	4
	NC NO CHARGE	98
	NDL NO DRIVERS LICENSE	24
	NDLE NO DRIVERS LICENSE ENDORSEMENT	1
	NFL NO FISHING LICENSE	1
	NHL NO HEADLIGHTS	2
	NI NO INSURANCE	53
	NLT NO LICENSE TAG	18
	NTS NO TURN SIGNAL	4
	OT OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC	4
	PAM POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR	2
	PCH PHONE CALLS, HARASSING	3
	PCH2 PHONE CALL, HARASSING	3
	PCOC POSSESSION OF COCAINE	7

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**Number of Occurrences by Offense**

01/01/2021 TO 01/01/2022

<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Offense Description</b>	<b>Counts</b>
RRL	RUNNING A RED LIGHT	2
RSP	STOLEN PROPERTY - RECIEVING	1
RSS	RUNNING A STOP SIGN	8
SA	SIMPLE ASSAULT	120
SABT	SIMPLE ASSAULT BY THREAT	53
SAOM	SIMPLE ASSAULT ON A MINOR	3
SAPA	SIMPLE ASSAULT, POINTING & AIM	10
SAPO	SIMPLE ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFF	6
SAPOF	Simple Assault on a Police Officer-Felony	4
SAWI	SIMPLE ASSAULT WITH INJURIES	8
SB	SEATBELT VIOLATION	3
SDL	SUSPENDED DRIVERS LICENSE	37
SDLIC	SUSPENDED DRIVERS LICENSE, DUI	1
SHO2	SHOPLIFTING, 2ND OFFENSE	1
SHOP	SHOPLIFTING-LESS THAN \$250.00	15
SHTDH	SHOOTING INTO DWELLING HOUSE	29
SHTMV	SHOOTING INTO / AT A MOTOR VEHICLE	2
SOFTR	SEX OFFENDER - FAILURE TO REGISTER NEW ADDRESS	1
SORF	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION FAILURE	2
SP1	SPEEDING 10-20 MPH OVER LIMIT	15
SP2	SPEEDING 21-30 MPH OVER LIMIT	5
SP3	SPEEDING 30+ MPH OVER LIMIT	8
SPEED	SPEEDING	6
ST	SWITCHED TAG	3
STLK	STALKING	2
STLKF	Stalking-Felony	2
SXBAT	SEXUAL BATTERY	2
TFAB	THEFT FROM A BUILDING - MISD	2
TMV	TAKING OF MOTOR VEHICLE	1
TOU	THEFT OF UTILITIES	4
TRAFFIC	TRAFFICKING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES	2
TRES	TRESPASSING	87

Number of Occurrences by Offense

01/01/2021 TO 01/01/2022

<b>Offense Code</b>	<b>Offense Description</b>	<b>Counts</b>
TRESE	TRESPASS UPON ENCLOSED LAND OF ANOTHER	4
TRESL	TRESPASSING UPON LANDS OF ANOTHER	3
TRESW	TRESPASSING-WILLFUL	5
UCDF	UTILITY CUSTOMER,DEFRAUD OF	1
UFORG	UTTERING FORGERY	1
UNK	UNKNOWN OFFENSE	3
UPPD	UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE	6
VOCO	VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	3
WARRANT	WARRANTS - SERVE OR OTHER	36
WPFLN	WEAPON,POSSESSION OF BY FELON	23
<b>Total of All Offenses:</b>		<b>2,394</b>



# CRIME STATS – CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## City of Columbus Police Department Statistics – 2023

### CPD Monthly Report 2023

Investigators						
2023	Total Cases Assigned	Cases Cleared by Arrest	Adult Felony Arrests	Juvenile Felony Arrests	Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests	Juvenile Curfew Violations
January	69	22	27	6	4	1
February	56	10	10	0	1	0
March	48	13	13	0	4	0
April	50	14	13	1	5	0
May	66	15	15	3	7	0
June	63	17	19	0	5	0
July	58	12	12	3	0	3
August	47	6	5	3	0	3
September	36	8	6	3	3	2
October	42	5	5	0	4	0
November	48	8	7	10	5	2
December	35	4	3	6	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>

Investigators Grand Jury Cases				
2023	Presented	Indictment	No True Bill	Remanded
January	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0
March	44	24	0	0
April	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0
June	25	9	12	0
July	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0
September	43	28	12	3
October	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0
December	21	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>

Overall									
2023	Criminal Homicide	Sexual Battery/Rape	Robbery Total	Aggravated Assault	Burglary Total	Grand Larceny (Except MV Theft)	Motor Vehicle Theft	Property Value Stolen & Recovered	
January	0	5	2	5	18	1	4	\$36,874.15	\$0.00
February	0	1	1	7	13	4	2	\$26,621.80	\$0.00
March	0	2	0	9	5	4	3	\$47,800.98	\$0.00
April	0	0	0	2	15	7	0	\$40,669.00	\$0.00
May	1	2	1	11	16	4	5	\$39,036.84	\$0.00
June	0	2	0	3	21	5	1	\$13,458.00	\$1,500.00
July	0	0	2	9	12	5	7	\$42,846.06	\$7,950.00
August	1	2	0	6	18	2	2	\$19,099.99	\$0.00
September	0	1	0	3	8	5	6	\$36,243.49	\$0.00
October	0	2	1	4	22	0	5	\$12,550.00	\$0.00
November	1	2	4	6	18	4	8	\$10,705.87	\$0.00
December	2	0	0	3	10	5	4	\$51,703.69	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>\$377,609.87</b>	<b>\$9,450.00</b>

## City of Columbus Police Department Statistics – 2022

### CPD Monthly Report 2022

Investigators						
2022	Total Cases Assigned	Cases Cleared by Arrest	Adult Felony Arrests	Juvenile Felony Arrests	Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests	Juvenile Curfew Violations
January	53	15	14	1	1	0
February	37	9	7	0	2	0
March	55	20	16	4	21	1
April	58	7	7	0	3	0
May	65	9	8	1	3	1
June	60	8	8	22	2	0
July	78	13	13	0	1	0
August	63	6	8	4	3	0
September	70	7	5	2	5	5
October	69	10	5	5	3	1
November	54	7	7	0	1	0
December	53	12	10	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>10</b>

Investigators Grand Jury Cases				
2022	Presented	Indictment	No True Bill	Remanded
January	31	0	0	0
February	N/A	0	0	0
March	28	0	0	0
April	N/A	0	0	0
May	N/A	0	0	0
June	30	0	0	0
July	N/A	0	0	0
August	N/A	0	0	0
September	33	0	0	0
October	N/A	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0
December	25	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Overall									
2022	Criminal Homicide	Sexual Battery/Rape	Robbery Total	Aggravated Assault	Burglary Total	Grand Larceny (Except MV Theft)	Motor Vehicle Theft	Property Value Stolen & Recovered	
January	0	2	2	4	15	5	2	\$35,541.08	\$10,025.00
February	1	2	0	6	10	1	4	\$15,753.00	\$0.00
March	0	1	1	3	21	2	3	\$37,060.72	\$0.00
April	1	5	1	7	16	4	1	\$40,426.89	\$25,000.00
May	1	2	1	5	39	2	5	\$41,869.88	\$1,218.00
June	0	1	1	3	27	3	6	\$58,028.00	\$0.00
July	1	2	2	7	28	4	6	\$29,343.25	\$0.00
August	3	3	0	9	25	9	3	\$62,833.39	\$0.00
September	1	1	1	9	26	9	5	\$59,510.03	\$0.00
October	1	4	5	6	24	7	6	\$35,400.05	\$0.00
November	1	2	0	8	15	5	5	\$36,231.44	\$0.00
December	1	1	2	10	17	2	6	\$24,510.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>\$466,507.73</b>	<b>\$36,243.00</b>



## City of Columbus Police Department Statistics – 2021

### CPD Monthly Report 2021

Investigators						
2021	Total Cases Assigned	Cases Cleared by Arrest	Adult Felony Arrests	Juvenile Felony Arrests	Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests	Juvenile Curfew Violations
January	61	13	9	4	1	0
February	41	0	0	0	0	0
March	64	8	7	1	2	0
April	48	1	0	0	0	0
May	61	13	13	0	2	0
June	68	15	11	1	4	0
July	43	4	4	0	7	0
August	71	8	8	1	0	0
September	58	9	9	0	3	0
October	61	12	12	0	1	0
November	46	5	5	0	2	2
December	64	8	8	0	0	0
Total	686	96	86	7	22	2

Investigators Grand Jury Cases				
2021	Presented	Indictment	No True Bill	Remanded
January	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0
March	12	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0
May	13	0	0	0
June	12	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0
September	28	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0
Total	65	0	0	0

Overall									
2021	Criminal Homicide	Sexual Battery/Rape	Robbery Total	Aggravated Assault	Burglary Total	Grand Larceny (Except MV Theft)	Motor Vehicle Theft	Property Value Stolen & Recovered	
January	0	0	0	3	19	4	4	\$55,592.97	\$38,000.00
February	0	2	3	3	15	2	3	\$13,559.00	\$0.00
March	1	1	4	2	12	0	3	\$2,887.98	\$0.00
April	1	3	2	6	14	0	3	\$3,730.00	\$0.00
May	1	7	3	12	20	5	2	\$41,536.19	\$0.00
June	3	5	2	6	21	5	1	\$12,178.00	\$0.00
July	0	3	6	4	17	2	2	\$6,576.50	\$0.00
August	0	3	1	7	23	9	4	\$21,710.00	\$0.00
September	0	3	1	6	22	11	3	\$42,956.18	\$0.00
October	1	1	2	5	24	4	2	\$5,955.00	\$0.00
November	1	1	3	4	25	7	2	\$23,014.97	\$0.00
December	0	3	1	7	28	2	4	\$65,355.98	\$0.00
Total	8	32	28	65	240	51	33	\$295,052.77	\$38,000.00

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**CPD MONTHLY REPORT  
DECEMBER 2021**

Division Traffic Tickets								
2021	100 Shift	200 Shift	300 Shift	400 Shift	Traffic	Warrants	Special Ops	Total
January	110	39	-	50	-	-	-	199
February	25	84	29	28	-	-	-	166
March	9	262	31	78	-	-	-	380
April	37	162	22	122	-	-	-	343
May	101	89	19	106	-	-	-	315
June	192	90	-	31	-	-	-	313
July	26	172	53	39	-	-	-	290
August	123	110	62	38	-	-	-	333
September	74	133	91	255	-	-	-	553
October	141	356	42	110	-	-	-	649
November	66	179	7	50	-	-	-	302
December	53	60	-	44	-	-	-	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,000</b>

Division Arrests								
2021	100 Shift	200 Shift	300 Shift	400 Shift	Traffic	Warrants	Special Ops	Total
January	6	21	-	9	-	-	-	36
February	6	14	16	8	-	-	-	44
March	10	9	11	50	-	-	-	80
April	15	23	9	64	-	-	-	111
May	13	21	5	87	-	-	-	126
June	12	17	-	7	-	-	-	36
July	14	21	6	14	-	-	-	55
August	13	14	52	4	-	-	-	83
September	19	15	20	45	-	-	-	99
October	24	24	22	53	-	-	-	123
November	35	21	12	25	-	-	-	93
December	47	10	-	22	-	-	-	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>965</b>



## HOUSING REPORT

### Types of student housing available

On Campus Housing	Physical Address	Double Rooms	Single Rooms	Suites	Gender
Callaway Hall	1204 College Street Columbus, MS 39701	X	X	X	Female
Columbus Hall	1206 College Street Columbus, MS 39701	X	X	X	Male
Goen Hall*	1200 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South Columbus, MS 39701	X	X	X	Female
Grossnickle Hall	100 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue South Columbus, MS 39701	X	X	X	Female Male
Frazer Hall*	603 Serenade Drive Columbus, MS 39701	X	X	X	Male
Hasting/Simmons Hall	1210 College Street Columbus, MS 39701	X	X	X	Female
Jones Hall	604 Serenade Drive Columbus, MS 39701	X	X	X	Female
Kincannon Hall	1100 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South Columbus, MS 39701	X	X	X	Female Male
University Housing**	900 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South Columbus, MS 39701	X	X	X	Female Male

*\*Goen Hall and Frazer Hall are occupied with students who attend Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science which is a junior and senior high school.*

*\*\*University Housing is an apartment complex owned by the university and managed through the Resource Management office. These apartments are for faculty and staff. However, when availability arises, students can apply for an apartment through this office.*

All campus residence halls are single gender within a room or suite. Housing for married students or family housing is not available in the residence halls.

### Policies on housing assignments and requested assignment changes

Students are able to request a roommate when they complete the housing contract. Every effort is made to honor mutual roommate requests. Students who do not request a roommate will be matched with a roommate by the use of Simple Campus Housing software that is utilized for all housing contracts.

Students are allowed to change rooms during the school year. The student who is seeking a room change request must meet with the residence hall director within their residence hall. The residence director will work the Director of Housing and Residence Life to accommodate most room change requests as long as space is available and mutual agreement is met among other students that will be affected by the room change.

## **Policy on admission of visitors in student housing facilities**

The residence halls are intended for use by residents of the building and their invited guests. A guest is identified as a person visiting a resident of the residence hall at the resident's invitation. Housing and Residence Life has outlined the following Visitation Policy:

### Visitation Policy

Mississippi University for Women considers the safety and security of students, employees, and guests to be a minimal prerequisite for the establishment of a residential learning environment. It is the intention of the university to allow on-campus residents visitation freedoms and privileges while taking every precaution and effort to ensure a safe and secure residential environment. It is also the intention of the university to take whatever action may be needed to prevent, correct, and if necessary, discipline behavior that violates this policy.

### Host & Guest Expectations

- For the purpose of this policy, a guest is defined as any individual who is not a resident, as assigned by the Office of Housing and Residence Life, of the residence hall being visited. Guest excludes university employees or contractors in the official performance of their duties.
- The host must meet the guest in the main lobby of the residence hall and escort the guest at all times.
- Guests traveling with a resident within the residence hall must properly check in with the front desk. Guest must show a government issued picture ID, such as MUW student ID or driver's license, at the front desk in order to check in. Desk attendant will collect the name, student ID number or driver's license #, host name, room number, and contact number(s).
- Residents may register up to 2 guests at a time during visitation hours (1:00pm-1:00am/Sunday through Saturday).
- Prior to the end of visitation hours, hosts must escort guest(s) to the front desk to check out. This must be completed prior to 1:00AM which is the end of visitation.
- In co-residential halls, residents are required to check in with the front desk prior to visiting a resident of the opposite gender. The guest resident must be escorted by the host resident at all times and will be required to check out at the front desk at the conclusion of visitation hours.
- Guests must only enter/exit the residence halls by way of the main lobby door(s). Entry/exit through other doors is strictly prohibited.
- Hosts will be responsible for all actions of the guest. Guests are required to adhere to all policies of the Office of Housing and Residence Life and Mississippi University for Women. Failure to adhere to these policies will result in referral to the Residence Director.
- Visitation log will remain at the front desk in each residence hall. Once guest returns, the date and time of checkout will be recorded.

### Approved Lobby Door Locations

- A). Grossnickle Hall –First floor front entrance entering to main lobby.
- B). Callaway Hall –Front entrance facing College Street and Back Entrance facing Parking Lot.
- C). Columbus Hall -Front entrance facing College Street and Back Entrance facing Parking Lot.
- D). Hasting/Simmons Hall –Front entrance by Shattuck Hall & Back Entrance facing Parking Lot.
- E). Jones Hall –Front Entrance entering main lobby.
- F). Kincannon Hall –Front Entrance entering main lobby.

### Registering an Overnight Guest of the Same Gender

- Residents wishing to host a guest for an overnight visit must complete an Overnight Guest Registration Form at the front desk by no later than 10:00pm of the night prior to the first night of

the visit. The form will require the name, contact number, and signature of the host resident; the name, contact number, date of visitation, and signature of the guest (upon arrival); signature of roommates/suitemates. Once this is completed the form must be returned to the front desk in order to be signed by the Residence Director.

- Residents are allowed overnight guests of the same gender who have been properly registered for a maximum of 4 nights during a given month.
- The host must meet the guest in the main lobby of the residence hall and escort the guest at all times.
- Hosts shall be responsible for all actions of the guest. Guests are to adhere to all policies of Housing and Residence Life and Mississippi University for Women. Failure to adhere to these policies will result in referral to the Residence Director.
- The Office of Housing and Residence Life reserves the right to remove any guest from the residence halls.
- Remember that as an assigned occupant of the room, you are responsible for the behavior of guests and visitors in your room. You can only occupy and place belongings in your assigned room.
- Residents must allow residence hall staff entrance into their room during a social gathering to ensure adherence to all university policies and procedures. Refusal to allow entry into the room could result in the involvement of Mississippi University for Women Police Department as well as serious disciplinary action.

### **Measures to secure entrances to student housing facilities**

Every residence hall is equipped with an electronic card access system that permits access to the hall by residents of the building only. The system is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Adjustments to access hours may be made during fall move in day and hall closings.

Each residence hall has an operational front desk which is worked by Desk Assistants. Residents must check their guest in and out at the front desk of each building.

Students may only enter their assigned building by swiping their student ID card at the card reader, located at all front doors and some other doors at particular halls. If a student's ID fails to unlock the door of their assigned residence hall, the student may gain entry with the assistance of a roommate, housing staff member on duty, or by contacting MUW PD.

Students who want to visit a resident of another building or have a visitor to their room, must follow the Housing and Residence Life Visitation Policy.

### **Type, number, and description of security training provided to student housing employees**

The Housing and Residence Life professional staff and student staff receive a variety of security trainings throughout the year which includes:

- ✓ On Duty protocol training (annually)
- ✓ Risk management training (annually)
- ✓ Community Standards/Disciplinary Protocol training (annually)
- ✓ Fire Safety Training (annually)
- ✓ Safety/Security protocols (annually)
- ✓ Crisis Response/Emergency training (annually)

Residence Directors (professional staff) and Resident Advisors (student staff) receive a manual specific to their jobs and participate in on-going trainings during the year.

## **Type and frequency of programs designed to inform student housing residents about housing security and enforcement procedures**

Resident advisors are required to hold floor meetings each semester and additional floor meetings as needed to address safety and security along with all housing policies.

## **ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT**

### **Fire Safety**

The MUW PD works closely with Facilities Management as well as the Columbus Fire Department. The goal of the MUW PD and Columbus Fire Department is to educate MUW community about fire and life safety, to prevent fire emergencies and to reduce alarms.

The State Fire Code prohibits anyone from tampering with fire and safety equipment in the residence halls or in any campus building. Tampering includes pulling false fire alarms, discharging fire extinguishers, removing exit signs, and interfering with smoke detectors. Interference with smoke detectors mandates immediate attention. Students responsible will be assessed for damages and for the hourly rate of the repair person's labor. All violators are subject to disciplinary action and possible criminal prosecution. The maximum civil penalty for malicious use of fire and safety equipment will be enforced.

### **Fire Statistics for On-Campus Student Housing Facilities**

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, Mississippi University for Women is providing mandatory fire safety information as part of this Annual Report. All reports of fires and fire alarms are maintained in a database within the MUW PD. Data collected includes, but is not limited to, the building name, alarm location, time and date, the number and cause of each fire, any and all injuries, any fatalities and dollar values for property damage by the fire.

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

Every University student residence has:

- An interior alarm is located in each room, hallway and lobby area. There are smoke and heat detectors. The detectors are auditory and visual with strobes.
- There is a yearly inspection of all fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems and all fire suppression equipment. All records of the tests are kept at Facilities Management.
- The fire alarm panel triggers an alarm directly to the MUW PD, who in turn, contacts the Columbus Fire Department.
- Sprinkler systems are in every residence hall.
- Columbus Hall and Grossnickle Hall are equipped with fire doors.

### **Residence Hall Fire Drills**

MUW residence halls are required to conduct periodic fire drills each semester. Failure to respond appropriately to fire alarms will necessitate the scheduling of additional drills and disciplinary action against the resident(s) involved. If a resident fails to respond to a fire alarm, he/she may incur a fine as well as be subject to further disciplinary action. Housing and Residence Life Staff and University Police reserve the right to enter student rooms to locate the source of the problem and to ensure that everyone has evacuated the building.

## Annual Disclosure of Fire Statistics for Each On-Campus Student Housing Facility

### Year – 2023

Residence Hall	Date of Fire	Cause of Fire	# of persons w/fire related injuries	# of fire related deaths	Property damage
Callaway Hall	0	0	0	0	0
Columbus Hall	0	0	0	0	0
Frazer Hall*	0	0	0	0	0
Goen Hall*	0	0	0	0	0
Grossnickle Hall	0	0	0	0	0
Hasting/Simmons Hall	0	0	0	0	0
Jones Hall	0	0	0	0	0
Kincannon Hall	0	0	0	0	0
University Housing**	0	0	0	0	0

*\*Goen Hall and Frazer Hall are occupied with students who attend Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science which is a junior and senior high school.*

*\*\*University Housing is an apartment complex owned by the university and managed through the Resource Management office. These apartments are for faculty and staff. However, when availability arises, students can apply for an apartment through this office.*

### Year - 2022

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Goen Hall*	0	0	0	0	0
Grossnickle Hall	0	0	0	0	0
Hasting/Simmons Hall	0	0	0	0	0
Jones Hall	0	0	0	0	0
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### Prohibitions on Portable Electrical Appliances, Smoking and Open Flames

Housing and Residence Life have policies that outline cooking appliances and fire prevention within the residence halls.

#### Cooking and Appliance Policy

Due to the nature of residence hall living, the physical facilities of the halls, and the concerns for fire and safety standards, only microwave cooking is permitted in student rooms (unless the suite is equipped with a kitchenette). MicroFridges (combination microwave, refrigerator, and freezer) are provided and the proper use of the MicroFridge is the responsibility of each student. Students are not allowed to have an additional refrigerator/microwave in his/her room. Cooking appliances (such as percolators, toasters, toaster ovens, electric skillets, crock pots, and hot plates) are not allowed in student rooms. George Foreman grills or similar products are also not permitted.

#### Fire Prevention

Below are residence hall policies and guidelines:

- Candles, oil lamps, and other open-flame or continuous burning objects are not permitted (even for decoration purposes).
- Students may not place or store furniture, trash or personal belongings in the hallways.
- Keep posters and other combustible decorations to a minimum.
- Incense is not permissible. Air freshener is acceptable as a plugin or spray.
- Check electrical cords and appliances to insure they are in proper working order. Extension Cords are not allowed, only surge protectors can be used. Only one surge protector may be used per outlet (surge protectors may not be plugged into other surge protectors).
- Check electrical outlets and surge protectors to ensure they are not overloaded. Residence hall staff reserves the right to confiscate any electrical outlet or surge protector for health and safety reasons.
- Stairwell, hallway and fire doors should never be propped open.



- Halogen lamps, lava lamps, multi-plug adapters, and bulbs are prohibited in resident rooms.
- To avoid fire hazard, live Christmas trees are not permitted in residence hall rooms or in the residence common areas.
- Low-heat bulbs and flame retardant materials may be used to decorate residence hall rooms.

Students violating any of the above guidelines may face disciplinary action.

### **Student Housing Fire Evacuation Procedures**

#### In case of a fire:

- Sound the fire alarm.
- Evacuate the building.
- Call the MUW PD at extension (662) 241-7777.

#### When an alarm sounds:

- Feel the door from top to bottom with your hands. If it is hot, do not open it!
- If the door is cool, crouch low and open it slowly. If there is heavy smoke, close the door quickly.
- If the hallway is clear, exit via the nearest stairwell.
- Do not use the elevator.
- If you encounter heavy smoke in the stairwell, do not proceed; but try to go to a different stairwell.

#### If trapped in a room:

- Stuff towels or clothing under the door.
- Open windows – attract someone’s attention.
- Stay near the window for fresh air.

### **Campus Building Fire Evacuation Procedures**

If you discover a fire in a campus building:

- Immediately pull the nearest fire alarm as exit the building.
- When evacuating the building, remember to feel doors before opening them to be sure that there is no fire danger on the other side. If you must enter a smoke-filled room or hallway, stay low, keeping one hand on the wall to avoid disorientation and crawl to the nearest exit, keep head near the floor.
- Once safely away from danger, call 911 and 662-241-7777 to report the fire.
- Leave the building at once but stand by to direct emergency teams to the location of the fire.

### FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Keep doorways, corridors and stairwells clear and unobstructed. Keep the fire doors closed.
- Make sure that all electrical appliances and cords are in good condition and UL approved.
- Do not overload electrical outlets. Use fuse-protected multi-outlet power strips and extension cords when necessary.
- Extinguish all smoking materials properly and thoroughly.
- Never store flammable substances in your room or apartment. Unauthorized use of candles and live holiday decorations are not permitted in University buildings.
- Be aware that transmitting a false alarm is a criminal offense that endangers the lives of both building occupants and emergency personnel. It is also an offense to prop open fire doors or to tamper in any way with alarm equipment, electromagnetic locks, or other safety devices or to block or obstruct paths of egress.

*Note: If a member of the MUW community finds evidence of a fire that has been extinguished and the person is not sure whether MUWPD or the City of Columbus Fire Department has already responded, that person should notify the MUW PD or the City of Columbus Fire Department, who will investigate and document the incident.*

#### FIRE RESPONSE DOS AND DON'TS

- DO treat every alarm as an emergency. If an alarm sounds, exit the building immediately.
- DON'T assume that a fire alarm is a drill or test. All building alarm systems are tested as required by law, but these tests are announced in advance.
- DO remain in your room if you cannot get out of the building because of heat or smoke. Call the POLICE and FIRE DEPARTMENT right away. Keep the door closed and wait for assistance from the Fire Department. If smoke is entering around the door, stuff the crack under the door with sheets, clothes, or blankets. If possible, open the window and wave a brightly colored garment or towel from your window---the Fire Department will be looking for this sign.
- DO close the door behind you if it is safe to leave your room.
- DON'T waste time collecting personal valuables. Take your keys so that you can reenter your room if exit from the building is not possible.
- DON'T use an elevator during a fire emergency: ALWAYS USE THE STAIRS.

#### **Fire Safety Education and Training Programs for Students, Staff, and Faculty**

The Housing and Residence Life professional staff and student staff receive a variety of security trainings throughout the year which include fire safety.

#### **Fire Incident Reporting**

Students, faculty and staff are instructed to call 911 to report a fire emergency. Immediate notification for a non-emergency incident (example: fire is out, evidence that something burned, etc.) shall be made to: MUW PD: 662-241-7777

Housing and Residence Life: 662-329-7127

Dean of Students: 662-329-7129

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

All Mississippi University for Women buildings meet or exceed City of Columbus and State of Mississippi fire safety requirements. In addition, as the University renovates buildings, additional fire suppression and detection devices are being added to bring our buildings above, or beyond, current requirements.



## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### **MUW Police Department**

Emergency: 911

662-241-7777

Building: McDevitt Hall

### **MUW Health Center**

662-329-7289

Building: Eckford Hall

### **MUW Counseling Center**

662-329-7748

Building: 11<sup>th</sup> Street South & 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Blue House)

### **Dean of Students Office**

662-329-7129

Building: Cochran Hall, Room 400

### **Title IX Coordinator**

662-370-1035

Building: Cochran Hall, Room 300

### **Division of Student Affairs**

662-329-7129

Building: Cochran Hall, Room 400

### **Housing and Residence Life**

662-329-7127

Building: Cochran Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### **MUW Facilities Management**

662-329-7396

Building: Physical Plant Warehouse

