



Maintaining a Safe and Secure Campus Environment





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## UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 911 (emergency)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)
- Bond Hall, First Floor West



## WHO TO CALL IN AN EMERGENCY

In the event of an emergency, you should dial 911 from any of The University of Southern Mississippi's campuses or facilities. Callers should remain on the line to ensure dispatchers have the correct location.

Calls from a land line will be directed either to University Police (Hattiesburg) or base security (John C. Stennis Space Center). Calls from a cell phone will be directed to the appropriate local jurisdiction. The 911 dispatchers in the Hattiesburg, Long Beach and Ocean Springs areas will redirect calls to the University Police Department as soon as they determine the emergency is on campus.

### Hattiesburg Campus

#### University Police Department

- 911 (emergency)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)
- Bond Hall, First Floor West

### John C. Stennis Space Center

- 911 (emergency, directed to Hancock County Emergency Dispatch Center)
- 228.688.3636 (Security Department)

### Gulf Park Campus (Long Beach)

- 911 (emergency, directed to Long Beach Police Department)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)
- 138 Beach Park Place

### Marine Research Center (Port of Gulfport)

- 911 (emergency, directed to Gulfport Police Department)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)

### Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (Ocean Springs)

# REPORTING A CRIME

The university encourages prompt and accurate reporting of all crimes, suspected crimes and other emergencies.

All reports are responded to quickly by the appropriate emergency personnel. When reporting a crime or other emergency, the following information should be provided:

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- If you are directly affected by the emergency, call 911 or UPD as soon as it is safe to do so. Provide as much information as you can and stay on the phone until you are told to hang up.
- Alert others if you can without endangering yourself.
- Evacuate the area by a safe route if possible.
- If the emergency is an active threat and you are unable to evacuate the area, attempt to seek EMC 0.025 1.(o s)-13.5 TextFE 1 0 Td[2.4 3 (t3/GS1 g(a)-3f (o)-3-19.3 (v)-1-4.2 (m)-1.5)-5 (i)-1.7 (b)2.4 (l)-3.
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Residents are not told in advance of the building being evacuated, the availability of the various designated emergency gathering locations on campus, and other factors, such as the location and nature of the threat. In these cases, Housing and Residence Life staff and/or first-responders on scene will communicate information to students regarding the developing situation or any evacuation status changes.

The purpose of evacuation drills is to prepare building occupants for an organized evacuation in case of fire or other emergency. Evacuation drills are used as a way to educate and train occupants on fire safety issues specific to a building. Prior to conducting drills, students who reside in the residence halls are provided information about emergency evacuation.

Additionally, evacuation routes are posted on the doors of residence hall rooms. During drills, occupants practice procedures and familiarize themselves with the location of exits and the sound of the fire alarms. In addition to educating occupants about the evacuation procedures during the drills, the process also provides the university an opportunity to test the operation of fire alarm system components.

Evacuation drills are evaluated by Housing and Residence Life staff, the fire safety officer and the local fire department to review egress and behavioral patterns. Reports are prepared by participating departments that identify deficient equipment so that repairs can be made immediately. Recommendations for improvements are also submitted to the appropriate departments/offices for consideration.

Students who reside in residence halls receive information about evacuation and shelter-in-place procedures during their first floor meetings. Housing and Residence Life staff members are trained in these procedures, as well, and act as an ongoing resource for the students living in the residence halls.

## StormReady Designation

The University of Southern Mississippi is designated as StormReady by the National Weather Service.

To be recognized as StormReady, a location must

- establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center;
- have multiple ways to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts to alert the public; and
- have a formal hazardous weather plan.

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program offered free of charge by the UPD. This program involves keeping records of your personal property's serial numbers and a detailed description of the items, as well as engraving your items with a unique, def(pt)-25.9 (i)2.lyb26.4 (l)-3.9 (f c)-2221 (h)-11.7 (a)-3152 (r)-14.6 (a)81.4 (c)-29.1 (t)-2.7 (e)-7.2 (r)-27.9 (i)76.9 (s

# STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

The University of Southern Mississippi provides assistance to all students, faculty and staff through Student Counseling Services (SCS), Community Counseling and Assessment Center (CCAC) and the University Clinic for Family Therapy (MFT Clinic). These centers provide individual counseling, group counseling, assessment and referral services.

SCS provides free confidential counseling for any enrolled student. SCS is focused on helping students be successful in their academic pursuits. SCS also provides screenings and assessments for alcohol and drug abuse and dependency.

Students may seek services on an individual basis or by referral from other campus entities, such as the Office of the Dean of



Some examples of prohibited sexual harassment include

- Repeated sexual requests toward a person who has indicated the behavior is unwelcome;
- Lewd or sexually suggestive comments, gestures, jokes or innuendos;
- Commenting about or inappropriately touching a person's body;
- Repeatedly telling "dirty" jokes in class or in the office;
- Professors insisting that students have sex with them for a good grade;
- Explicit sexual pictures displayed in a staff member's office or on the exterior of a residence hall door; or
- An instructor request that students share their sexual history and fantasies in class discussions, yet the conversation is not

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## Stalking

Stalking is a course of conduct involving more than one instance of unwanted attention, harassment, unwanted physical or verbal

**Sexual Assault** – Mississippi state criminal law does not define the term sexual assault. Rather, the criminal law sets forth such crimes as rape or sexual battery. The definition of these terms is set forth below.

## Rape

Every person who has forcible sexual intercourse with any person or who has sexual intercourse with any person without that person's consent by administering to such person any substance or liquid, which shall produce such stupor or such imbecility of mind or weakness of body as to prevent effectual resistance, is guilty of rape.

For this crime, sexual intercourse means

1. A joining of the sexual organs of a male and female human being in which the penis of the male is inserted into the vagina of the female; or
2. The penetration of the sexual organs of a male or female human being in which the penis or an object is inserted into the genitals, anus or perineum of a male or female.

## Statutory Rape

The crime of statutory rape is committed when

1. Any person 17 years of age or older has sexual intercourse with a child who
  - Is at least 14 but under 16 years of age;
  - Is 36 or more months younger than the person and
  - Is not the person's spouse; or
2. A person of any age has sexual intercourse with a child who
  - Is under the age of 14 years;
  - Is 24 or more months younger than the person and
  - Is not the person's spouse.

Neither the victim's consent nor the victim's lack of chastity is a defense to a charge of statutory rape. For this crime, sexual intercourse has the same meaning under rape above.

## Sexual Battery

A person is guilty of sexual battery if he or she engages in sexual penetration with

1. Another person without his or her consent;
2. A mentally defective, mentally incapacitated or physically helpless person;
3. A child at least 14 but under 16 years of age, if the person is 36 or more months older than the child; or
4. A child under the age of 14 years of age, if the person is 24 or more months older than the child.

For purposes of sexual battery, sexual penetration includes cunnilingus, fellatio, buggery or pederasty, any penetration of the genital or anal openings of another person's body by any part of a person's body and insertion of any object into the genital or anal openings of another person's body.

- A person knowingly permits an electronic communication device under the person's control to be used for any purpose prohibited above.

**Consent** is defined as a clear, informed and voluntary agreement/exchange between participants to engage in sexual activity.

Consent can be communicated by words or actions as long as those words or actions are unambiguous and create mutually understandable permission regarding the scope of sexual contact or activity. Although consent can be communicated with actions, verbal communication is the most reliable form of asking for and gauging consent. Therefore, persons are encouraged to seek consent via verbal communication.

## How to Be an Active Bystander

Bystanders play a critical role in the prevention of sexual and relationship violence. Bystanders 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.

The university wants to promote a culture of community accountability where bystanders are actively engaged in the prevention of violence without causing further harm.

A person may not always know what to do even if they want to help. If you or someone else is in immediate danger, dial 911. The immediate danger could be when a person is yelling at or being physically abusive toward another and it is not safe to interrupt. Further information regarding bystander intervention is listed below:

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 ok.
2. Confront people who seclude, hit on, make out with, or attempt to have sex with a person who is 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-campus or off-campus resources listed in this document for support in health, counseling or legal assistance.

## Risk Reduction

With no intent to 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 (Information obtained from the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, [rainn.org](http://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.



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16. **Try to think of an escape route.** How would you try to get out of the room? Where are the doors and 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 has been drinking,** you can say that you would rather wait until you both have your full judgment before doing anything you may regret later.

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

The university engages in comprehensive educational programming to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Educational programming consists of primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees and ongoing awareness and prevention campaigns for the campus community that includes the following:

- primary prevention information addressing sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking
- bystander intervention education
- sexual harassment information, including workplace harassment
- definition of consent for The University of Southern Mississippi
- State law pertaining to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking
- information on risk reduction
- information on resources available on campus to address these issues
- information on campus expectations and values

## Ongoing Education and Awareness Programs

Throughout the year, Southern Miss staff and students provide professional training and educational programming to faculty, staff and students on a variety of issues related to sexual assault, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment and stalking.

Programming available includes bystander intervention training, sexual assault response training, workshops for athletic teams, workshops for Greek organizations, ally training and many others.

Student Health Services offers training and primary prevention workshops to university students on healthy sexuality and healthy relationships.

The Office of General Counsel and the Title IX coordinator provide ongoing training and education to Southern Miss faculty, staff and students on issues related to sexual misconduct and stalking and staff reporting responsibilities.

Student Counseling Services, Housing and Residence Life and the University Police Department offer programs on domestic



## Procedures the University Will Follow When a Crime of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking Is Reported

The university has procedures in place that serve to be sensitive to victims who report sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, including informing individuals about their right to file criminal charges, as well as the availability of counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance and other services on and/or off campus, as well as additional remedies to prevent contact between a complainant and an accused party, such as housing, academic, transportation and working accommodations, if reasonably available. The university will make such accommodations, if the victim requests them and if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to the University Police or local law enforcement. Students and empludnl as

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At the victim's request, and to the extent of the victim's cooperation and consent, university offices will work cooperatively to assist the victim in obtaining accommodations. If reasonably available, a victim may be offered changes to academic, living, working or transportation situations regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to campus police or local law enforcement. Examples of options for a potential change to the academic situation may be to transfer to a different section of a class, withdraw and take a class at another time if there is no option for moving to a different section, etc. Potential changes to living situations may include moving to a different room or residence hall. Possible changes to work situations may include changing working hours. Possible changes in transportation may include having the student or employee park in a different location, assisting the student or employee with a safety escort, etc.

To request changes to academic, living, transportation and/or working situations or protective measures, or to receive assistance in requesting these accommodations, a victim should contact the Dean of Students Office at 601.266.6028.

## Campus and Community Resources for Victims

A variety of support and counseling resources are available to those individuals who have experienced sexual misconduct. This information is provided in **Appendix A in the University's Procedures for the Resolution of Allegations of Sexual Misconduct**. However, listed below is a description and contact information for a select few.

**Student Counseling Services:** Student Counseling Services provide quality services to students by promoting sound mental health and the coping skills necessary for successful pursuit of their educational and life goals. Phone: 601.266.4829

**Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention:** A 24-hour, seven-day-per-week, campus and community-based center that serves all survivors of sexual violence and co-victims of violent death, including homicide and suicide, through direct services, counseling, advocacy, education and training. The Shafer Center serves the Hattiesburg campus. Phone: 601.264.7777

**Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence:** A 24-hour, seven-day-per-week, nonprofit organization based in South Mississippi, with a mission to support and serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and family members of homicide victims through coun-

## PARTNER VIOLENCE SHELTERS

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Angel Wings Outreach Center  
P.O. Box 787  
Mendenhall, MS 39114-0787  
Admin: 60847.5802  
Crisis Line: 866.847.5802

Care Lodge  
P.O. Box 5331  
Meridian, MS 39302  
Admin: 601.482.8719  
Shelter: 601.483.8436  
Crisis Lines: 601.693.4673 / 888.593.4673

Catholic Charities-Shelter for Battered Families  
200 N. Congress St. Suite 100  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Admin: 601.366.0750 / Legal: 601.206.9339  
Shelter 601.366.0222  
Crisis Line: 800.237.9012

Our House Inc.  
P. O. Box 3956  
Greenville, MS 38704  
Admin. 662.334.6873  
Toll Free: 800.898.0834

S.A.F.E. Inc.  
P.O. Box 985  
Tupelo, MS 38802-0985  
Admin: 662.841.9138/ 841.9105  
Crisis Lines: 662.841.2273 / 800.527.7233

Domestic Abuse Family Shelter  
P.O. Box 273  
Laurel, MS 39441  
Admin: 601.428.1707  
Crisis Line: 800.649.1092

Domestic Abuse Family Shelter  
(Second Location)  
P.O. Box 1504  
Hattiesburg, MS 39403  
Admin: 601.582.2102  
Gulf Coast Women's Shelter for Nonviolence  
P.O. Box 333

Biloxi, MS. 39533  
Admin: 228.436.3809  
Crisis Lines: 228.435.1968 / 800.800.1396 / 888.593.4673

Haven House Family Shelter  
P. O. Box 57  
Vicksburg, MS 39181  
Admin. 601.638.0021  
Crisis Lines: 601.638.0555 / 800.898.0860

House of Grace  
P.O. Box 272  
Southaven, MS 38671  
Admin: 662.253.0252 or 0251  
Crisis Line: 662.342.1432

The Guardian Shelter  
P.O. Box 1225  
Natchez, MS 39121  
Admin: 601.442.0142  
Crisis Line: 800.273.6938

Safe Haven, Inc. (MS)  
P.O. 5354  
Columbus, MS 39704  
Crisis Lines: 662.327.6040 / 800.890.6040

Salvation Army Domestic Violence Shelter  
P.O. Box 630  
Pascagoula, MS 39568  
Phone: 601.762.8267  
Crisis Line: 601.762.8267

The Center for Violence Prevention  
P.O. Box 6279  
Pearl, MS 39288  
Admin. 601.932.4198  
Crisis Line: 800.266.4198

Salvation Army Domestic Violence Shelter  
P.O. Box 114  
Greenville, MS 38702  
Phone: 662.378.8070

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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National Suicide Prevention Hotline  
800.273.TALK (8255)

Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
mscasa.org  
800.656.4673

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network  
rainn.org  
800.656.4673



the Hearing Panel. During the investigation, SMIT members will collect all evidence relating to the complaint or report of sexual misconduct from all available sources and conduct interviews when appropriate.

## Decision-Making Process

Upon completion of the formal investigation, they shall reach a finding by majority vote, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, as to whether or not a violation of the university's Sexual Misconduct Policy occurred and will prepare a written report in conformity with university policies, which will be presented to the Title IX coordinator.

## Possible Sanctions

Disciplinary sanctions are imposed by the appropriate sanctioning official when a university community member is found in violation of the university's Sexual Misconduct Policy. Sanctions for sexual misconduct will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The Title IX coordinator reviews proposed sanctions before they are imposed to ensure that they, along with the university's interim measures taken in response to the sexual misconduct, are reasonably calculated to end the sexual misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy the effects on the reporting party and/or the university community. The sanctioning official reserves the



## COMMUNITY AND STATE RESOURCES FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Hattiesburg Fire Department  
601.582.3311  
Ocean Springs Fire Department  
228.875.4063  
Long Beach Fire Department  
228.863.7292  
Forrest County Emergency Management  
601.544.5911  
Harrison County Emergency Management  
228.865.4002  
Jackson County Emergency Management  
228.769.3111  
Lamar County Emergency Management  
601.794.5378  
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency  
601.933.6362 / 800.222.6362

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

Forrest County Sheriff's Department  
601.544.7800  
Harrison County Sheriff's Department  
228.896.3000  
Jackson County Sheriff's Department  
228.769.3063  
Lamar County Sheriff's Department  
601.794.1005  
Hattiesburg Police Department  
601.544.7900  
Long Beach Police Department  
228.865.1981  
Ocean Springs Police Department  
228.875.2211  
Mississippi Department of Public Safety  
601.987.1212

## MEDICAL AND COUNSELING

Forrest General Hospital  
601.288.7000  
Ocean Springs Hospital  
228.818.1111  
Memorial Hospital  
228.867.4000  
Garden Park Medical Center  
228.575.7000  
Hattiesburg Clinic  
601.264.6000  
Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention  
601.264.7777  
Merit Health Wesley Medical Center  
601.268.8000  
Gulf Coast Mental Health Center  
228.863.1132  
Coastal Family Health Center  
877.374.4991

## RED CROSS

South Central Mississippi  
601.582.8151  
Mississippi Gulf Coast  
228.896.4511

## ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF CRIME STATISTICS

### CLERY ACT CRIMES

Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092(f)) requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. The University Police Department collects the Clery crime statistics disclosed in the following charts through a number of methods. UPD maintains a close relationship with all police departments where Southern Miss owns or controls property to ensure that crimes reported directly to these police departments that involve the university are brought to the attention of UPD. In addition to collecting Clery crime statistics from local police departments, all reports of crime

Safety is everyone's responsibility  
Everyone should help to make  
the campus a safer place.

of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/ her temporary or permanent mental incapacity

**Incest** – Defined as nonforcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law

group of persons who share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being

**Sexual orientation** – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons baseurpns bg

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# CRIME SUMMARY

## Crimes Reported by University Officials or Other Law Enforcement Agencies

University of California, San Diego - 2018-2019 Crime Summary Report - Confidential - See [University of California, San Diego - 2018-2019 Crime Summary Report](#) for details.

Crimes Reported by University Police Department at Gulf Park campus, including John C. Stennis S











ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT 2018 for The University of Southern Mississippi





# FIRE LOG

Date	Time	Location	Organization	Area	Equipment	Cost	Value	Notes
10-29-16	160821	2:17	Sigma Chi	Outside	Homecoming Float	0	0	0
10-30-16	160837	21:57	SAE	Laundry Room	Belt on Dryer (smoke only)	\$25	0	0
4-30-17	170032	7:10	Cedarbrook F	Bathroom	Vent Fan	\$150	0	0
10-19-18	180793	19:43	Pi Kappa Phi	Smoke in Building	Undetermined	0	0	0

# FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS

Building	Fire Alarm	Smoke Detector	Fire Extinguisher	Fire Panel	Fire Alarm Control Panel	Fire Alarm System	Fire Alarm System
<b>HATFIELD CAMP</b>							
Mississippi	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Hickman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		2
Hattiesburg	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Wilber	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		2
Hillcrest	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
McCarty	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Delta Delta Delta	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
Chi Omega	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
Alpha Chi Omega	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
Kappa Delta	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
Alpha Kappa Alpha	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
Delta Gamma	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
Phi Mu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
Alpha Delta Phi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
Pi Beta Phi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
Scholarship	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
Duplex	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
Phi Kappa Tau	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Sigma Nu	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Sigma Phi Epsilon	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Delta Tau Delta	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Alpha Tau Omega	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Sigma Chi	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Pi Kappa Phi	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Kappa Sigma	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		2
Century Park North	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	2 per building	
Century Park South	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	2 per building	
Cedarbrook	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		0

Building	Fire Alarm	Smoke Detector	Fire Extinguisher	Fire Panel	Fire Alarm Control Panel	Fire Alarm System
<b>HALEAD</b>						
Faculty House	Yes					Yes
Dormatory	Yes					Yes
Cottage #2 - 2 Bdrm	Yes					Yes
Cottage #3 - 1 Bdrm	Yes					Yes
Cottage #4 - 1 Bdrm	Yes					Yes
Cottage #5 - 2 Bdrm	Yes					Yes



10. From the nearest phone in a safe area, call **911**.
11. Await emergency response personnel at a safe location and direct them to the scene.
12. If you suspect that someone is missing or trapped, contact the emergency personnel outside the building.
13. If you are trapped during a fire emergency, close all doors between you and the fire and stuff cracks around the doors to keep out smoke. Wait at a safe window and signal/call for help. If there is a phone in the room, call **911** and tell them exactly where you are.
14. Stop, drop and roll, if your clothing catches fire.

### Once You Have Evacuated

1. From the nearest phone in the safe area, call **911**.
2. If you suspect that someone is missing or trapped, contact firefighters on scene or at the fire engine, police officers or ambulance personnel.
3. Await emergency response personnel at a safe location and direct them to the scene. Report the fire to the hall office or the nearest available resident advisor. Do not re-enter the building until instructed to do so by the fire department.
4. Follow directions of fire and police personnel.
5. Report to the person who is taking roll.
6. Never re-enter the building to save your personal belongings.
7. Stay calm.

6. **All electrical extension cords must be heavy-duty, single-receptacle.**
  - They should never extend through walls, ceilings or doorways.
  - They should never be run under rugs or carpet; this creates a fire hazard.
  - All extension cords used outside must be protected by a GFCI.
  - Never use frayed or broken extension cords.
  - Do not join or overload extension cords.
7. **Exit signs and emergency lighting should never be covered or blocked from view.**
8. **Smoke machines are prohibited. They decrease visibility, causing a hazard, and they may cause a false fire alarm.** 7 (m)-10.6 (e a) 20

Your safety is our  
number one concern.

## LIFE SAFETY GUIDELINES AND POLICIES FOR RESIDENCE HALLS AND SORORITY HOUSES

1. **Never prop or block open fire doors.**
  - If it has an automatic door closer, then it should be closed. In the event of a fire, these doors will help control the spread of smoke and fire.
  - Hallways, stairways and exits must be kept clear at all times.
  - Bicycles should never be stored in hallways or stairways (use bike racks).
2. **Exits can never be blocked or locked.**
3. **Never store flammable liquids inside the building.**
  - Examples include gasoline, kerosene, propane bottles, flammable paints, paint thinner, mineral spirits, charcoal lighter fluid, or any other liquid that has flammable on the label.
  - Tiki lamps are prohibited.
  - All paper towels or cleaning cloths that have been used with oils or flammable liquids must be promptly disposed of outside the building.
4. **Limit the amount of combustibles you keep in your room.**
  - Examples include excess amounts of boxes, books, papers or an excess of clothing. Limit the amount of posters on walls; this greatly increases the spread of fire.
  - Vegetation is a fire hazard and is prohibited from use in or around the residence halls; this includes live Christmas trees.
5. **Do not use electrical outlet multipliers or outlet cubes.**
  - If you need more outlets than you have, use a power strip with a built-in circuit breaker.



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  - They should never be run under rugs or carpet; this creates a fire hazard.
  - All extension cords used outside must be protected by a GFCI.
  - Never use frayed or broken extension cords.
  - Do not join or overload extension cords.
7. **Exit signs and emergency lighting should never be covered or blocked from view.**
8. **Smoke machines are prohibited. They decrease visibility, causing a hazard, and may cause a false fire alarm.**
9. **Halogen lamps are prohibited from use on campus.**
10. **Never have a fire ignition source in the house.**
  - Examples include candles, incense, fireworks, space heaters, etc.
  - All personal appliances should be unplugged when not in use (irons, curling irons, hair dryers, etc.).
  - Coffee pots, hot plates, toaster ovens, etc. must be kept and used in the kitchen.
11. **No bonfires, camp fires or any open fires are allowed.**
12. **Smoking is not allowed inside the fraternity houses.**
13. **Always exit the building during a fire alarm. This is a state law and university policy.**
  - Always know the location of the nearest fire extinguisher and two ways out of the building.
14. **Never tamper with or attach anything to any life safety equipment: smoke alarms, sprinklers systems, etc.**
  - All sprinkler closets must be locked and never used for storage.
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  - All discharged fire extinguishers must be reported to the Safety Department.





The University of Southern Mississippi is firmly committed to promoting a safe campus environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors. Southern Miss takes great pride in its long history of safe campus conditions. Public safety involves a cooperative effort between law enforcement, the community and individuals.