

# Campus Public Safety

LIFE AT SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY is typically a positive experience. With an enrollment of more than 5,100 and a campus that is part of a larger community, however, crimes will occasionally occur on or around campus. This brochure introduces you to the SOU Campus Public Safety Office and provides ways to protect yourself and prevent crime. It also alerts you to the level and types of crime that have occurred in past years and gives you information on how to report if you become a victim of crime.

## Campus Public Safety Office

The Campus Public Safety Office is located at 382 Wightman Street. The office is responsible for public safety on the contiguous campus in Ashland. Uniformed, professional campus public safety officers and student agents patrol campus twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Their responsibilities include:

- ▲ ensuring the safety of students, faculty, and staff on the Ashland campus
- ▲ responding to emergencies
- ▲ investigating suspicious activities or persons
- ▲ enforcing SOU rules
- ▲ patrolling grounds and buildings

Campus public safety officers are graduates of the Oregon Police Academy. The officers' training includes first aid and CPR, and they are authorized to make arrests for crimes and violations of law on campus. Officers are dispatched by the local 911 communications system and have a close working relationship with the Ashland Police Department and the Ashland Fire and Rescue Department.

## Safety on Campus

### Offices and Classrooms

To provide a safe and secure environment, offices and classrooms are locked and closed to the public after business hours and on holidays and weekends. Buildings are routinely patrolled by officers. Only the staff and occupants of these offices are permitted to enter academic facilities after hours. Such persons must carry ID or be readily identifiable by officers. Special activities and after-hours entry into academic buildings by students or non-occupants must be pre-approved by the respective building manager.

### Residence Halls

The exterior doors of residence halls remain locked twenty-four hours a day, except Cascade Dining Hall, which remains unlocked during hours of operation. Residence hall staff members (HDs or RAs) are on duty in each building between 7:00 pm and 7:00 am. Staff periodically check the hall and provide support to residents as needed. They are trained to deal with emergencies, intervene in crises, and communicate with campus public safety officers, as well as individuals in police, fire, medical, or other public services.

Residence halls are not open to the general public. They are closed and locked during vacation periods, and only students with unusual circumstances are allowed to remain in the halls.

Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests. Staff will confront persons who do not have business in the hall or who are not guests of a resident. These persons will be asked to leave and will be escorted out of the building.

Residents are asked to participate in crime prevention by doing the following:

- ▲ reporting the presence of strangers or suspicious behavior to hall staff or Campus Public Safety officers;
- ▲ helping to keep outside doors locked and not opening outside doors for nonresidents; and
- ▲ keeping room doors locked when they are gone or sleeping—or when guests are not welcome.

Quarterly hall meetings educate residents about safety and security concerns. Additionally, hall or floor meetings are convened when special needs or concerns arise. The Housing and Residential Living Office gives the highest priority to students' requests to be reassigned to another residence hall for personal safety reasons.

## Campus Grounds

The contiguous Ashland campus comprises seventeen residence halls and twenty-seven buildings on approximately 160 acres. Lighting for this large area is concentrated on the major thoroughfares and walkways between buildings, at the entries and exits of buildings, and around building perimeters. As part of an ongoing lighting improvement program, campus administrators, staff, and student representatives periodically participate in surveys of campus walkway lighting.

When walking through campus after dark, the University community and guests are encouraged to stay on lit paths. Locations or conditions on campus that appear unsafe should be reported to the Campus Public Safety Office.

The office may be contacted via the blue-light telephones outside many campus buildings. The phones are located outside Britt Hall, Central Hall, Cox Hall, the Ed-Psych Building, the Science Building, the Theatre Building, Greensprings Residence Hall, Glacier Residence Hall, McNeal Hall, Taylor Hall, Hannon Library,

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## Personal and Property Safety

Below is a list of positive actions you can take to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of personal or property crimes.

1. Make sure your room or office doors are locked at night and when unattended.
2. Mark all valuable personal belongings.
3. Insure your personal property against theft or casualty loss.
4. Do not prop open exterior doors for convenient access, as it can compromise the safety of other building occupants.
5. Walk or jog with friends if you choose to exercise outside in the early morning hours or after dark.
6. Heed your instincts and don't take unnecessary risks.
7. Report all suspicious circumstances or persons to the Campus Public Safety Office or Ashland Police Department.
8. Report all crimes, no matter how minor or insignificant.
9. If you have been victimized, call us! If we are unable to help, we will refer you to someone who can.

## Public Safety Directory

Alcohol/Drug Helpline: **800-621-1646**

Ashland Police Department: **541-482-5211**

Campus Ministry: **541-488-2304**

Campus Public Safety Office: **541-552-6258**

Campus Public Safety Office (Emergency):  
**541-552-6911**

Counseling Services: **541-552-6136**

Rape/Crisis Intervention Services: **541-779-HELP**

Office of VP, Dean for Student Affairs: **541-552-6221**

Student Health and Wellness Center: **541-552-6136**

Women's Resource Center: **541-552-6216**

Police/Fire/Rescue/Emergencies: **911**

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## Campus Public Safety Office

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1250 Siskiyou Boulevard  
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# Campus Public Safety



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Office Phone  
**541-552-6258**

Emergency  
**541-552-6911**

Police, Fire, Rescue  
**911**

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the Campus Public Safety Office, and Stevenson Union. Dial 2-6911 to reach the Campus Public Safety Office.

### SOU Alert

Southern Oregon University has instituted an Emergency Notification System that will send alerts to students and staff during emergencies. To learn more about it or to verify and add contact information, go to [sou.edu/sou-alert](http://sou.edu/sou-alert).

The Campus Public Safety Office also works with SOU administration to issue timely warnings about serious or continuing safety problems in and around the campus community.

### Drug, Alcohol, and Weapons Policies

Administrative Rules (OAR 580-022-0045) of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education authorize SOU to sanction and prosecute persons who use, possess, or distribute illegal drugs on campus.

OAR 573-075-0040 authorizes the University to sanction persons who engage in certain proscribed conduct, such as possession, consumption, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages on SOU-owned or -controlled property or at SOU-sponsored or -supervised functions. There will be no alcoholic beverages served on campus unless specifically authorized by the University president.

Students desiring counseling for chemical dependency may contact SOU's Counseling Services. Employees may take advantage of SOU's Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

All weapons, including firearms (as defined in ORS 166.210), air guns, swords, knives (over 3 inches in length), arrows, slings, spears, slugging devices, ammunition, and explosives are prohibited on campus. Only duly appointed federal, state, county, or city law enforcement officers who are required to carry firearms within the scope of their appointed duties are permitted to carry firearms into buildings or onto campus grounds.

Students living in residence halls who wish to pursue hunting or shooting sports must store legitimately owned firearms or other sporting equipment at the Campus Public Safety Office.

Any person who violates federal, state, or local laws on controlled substances, alcoholic beverages, or weapons is subject to criminal prosecution.

The following data is compiled from anonymous, confidential reports received by the Women's Resource Center (WRC). Confidential reporting is available to all students, staff, and faculty. Third-party reporting is encouraged. Names are not required. Details of specific incidents are not revealed, but are reported in aggregate form to various University offices for use in awareness trainings and reporting requirements. Confidential reports can be made through the WRC, any housing representative, the ACCESS Center, the Student Health and Wellness Center, and the Student Affairs Office. Contact the WRC at 541-552-6217, [wrc@sou.edu](mailto:wrc@sou.edu), or [sou.edu/wrc](http://sou.edu/wrc).

**Number of Reports for 2008-2009**  
(July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009)..... 12

**Age of victim**  
Majority were 18-24 years of age

**Did the victim know the assailant?**  
10 were acquainted with the assailant,  
1 classified the assailant as a stranger

**What type of misconduct?**  
Many incidents reported as multiple types (e.g., harassment and abuse)

Sexual Harassment .....	4
Sexual Assault .....	7
Acquaintance Rape.....	5
Stranger Rape.....	1
Intimate Violence*.....	2
Stalking .....	0

**Where did the incident take place?**

On campus .....	4
Housing Buildings.....	1
Academic Buildings.....	0
Off Campus .....	8

\*Intimate violence: physical, emotional, financial, and/or sexual violence within a dating or domestic relationship.

### Sexual Assault Prevention and Campus Policies

Educational programs aimed at the prevention of rape, acquaintance rape, and other sex offenses are presented regularly by the campuswide Prevention of Sexual Assault Committee, the Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRC), and the Women's Resource Center (WRC). These programs are offered on the Ashland campus and in the residence halls.

Sex offender registration information is available to the public. Names, addresses, zip codes, and counties of sex offenders may be obtained free of charge by calling the Oregon State Police's Sex Offender Information Line at 503-378-3725, extension 4429. In addition, the Oregon State Police provides sex offender information online at <http://sexoffenders.oregon.gov>.

Southern Oregon University takes sexual assault very seriously. SOU aims to build a safe community and an environment in which victims of sexual assault feel safe to report crimes to University and local law enforcement. Victims are encouraged to seek help from the Ashland Police Department, the Campus Public Safety Office, the Office of Student Affairs, the Women's Resource Center, and other departments listed in the public safety directory of this brochure.

Prompt reporting aids in the preservation of evidence on the victim's person or at the crime scene. If criminal prosecution is desired, victims should not bathe or change clothing, despite the discomfort this may cause.

Administrative Rule OAR 573-075-0040 authorizes the University to impose sanctions up to and including the expulsion of any person who causes bodily harm

or threatens bodily harm to any person on any University-owned or -controlled property. Procedures for disciplinary action in such cases are included under OAR 573-075-0050 through 573-075-0110. The results of campus disciplinary proceedings involving sex offenses are presented to the accuser and the accused.

Students may also consult with the Office of Student Affairs. If requested, the office will assist victims by making academic or campus residence changes.

### Crime Reporting and Crime Statistics

All crimes that occur on campus are reportable to the Ashland Police Department or SOU Campus Public Safety Office. Criminal incidents and safety and security concerns on campus are reviewed weekly and jointly with the Ashland Police Department, the Housing and Residential Living Office, and the Office of Student Affairs.

Being aware of crimes helps you avoid becoming a victim. Excerpts of crime reports received at the Campus Public Safety Office appear weekly in the security log of SOU's *Siskiyou* newspaper. Special alerts and bulletins are printed in the *Siskiyou* when appropriate. The security log is also posted at [sou.edu/security](http://sou.edu/security). In case of a serious or continuing threat to students or employees, the office will distribute printed bulletins or post special notices on this website.

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crimes Statistics Act requires the publication of campus crime statistics. Campus incidents are recorded in an official log. During business hours, students, staff, and the public may view a summary of this log at the Campus Public Safety Office.

CRIMES	2008			2007			2006		
	RESIDENCE HALLS	ON CAMPUS	OFF CAMPUS*	RESIDENCE HALLS	ON CAMPUS	OFF CAMPUS*	RESIDENCE HALLS	ON CAMPUS	OFF CAMPUS*
Homicide.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses									
Forcible.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Nonforcible.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Burglary.....	5	5	1	10	4	0	4	5	1
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Crimes.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson.....	3	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0
Liquor Law Citations.....	32	13	11	50	5	3	42	12	18
Drug Law Citations.....	16	1	7	26	4	1	13	1	8
Weapons Possession.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0

\*Includes statistics from campus-owned family housing, non-campus property, and public streets adjacent to the contiguous Ashland campus.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS	2008*	2007	2006
Liquor Law Violations.....	72	247	150
Drug Law Violations.....	30	150	72
Weapons Possession.....	0	0	1

Note: Disciplinary actions and sanctions administered by the dean of students or the Housing and Residential Living Office at SOU do not preclude Campus Public Safety from prosecuting offenders. The numbers above include people who have been cited and administratively sanctioned. The hate crime category listed above is specific to federal law and does not cover the crime of Intimidation under Oregon Law (ORS 166.155). In 2005, two crimes were reported that met the Hate Crime definition under Oregon law. For more information on hate crime awareness, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 541-552-6221 for a copy of the University's *Stop Hate at SOU* publication.