



Office of the
Dean of Students

2021 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

2021 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

For Reporting Year 2020, 2019 & 2018



Office of the
Dean of Students



President Cruzado speaks at Spring Commencement in May 2021



Waded Cruzado

To the members of the Montana State University academic community:

Our highest priority at MSU is the safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors while they spend time on our campus. I am extremely proud of the partnerships we have established to advance the collective safety and security of our campus; but we must never slow our efforts. This requires all our cooperation and a willingness to communicate with each other. Please, when you see something of concern, say something. University Police may be reached 24-hours a day at 406-994-2121 or in an emergency at 911.

I encourage you to read the information contained in this, our Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. I especially want to bring your attention to our policies and procedures for reporting crimes and other emergencies on campus, along with the numerous safety programs designed to prevent injuries or other dangerous incidents. If you have any suggestions on how to improve campus safety or security, please email me at president_cruzado@montana.edu.

Together, we can continue to ensure the well-being of our entire campus.

Sincerely,

– Waded Cruzado, President



Kevin Gillilan



Matthew Caires

From the Chief of Police and Dean of Students:

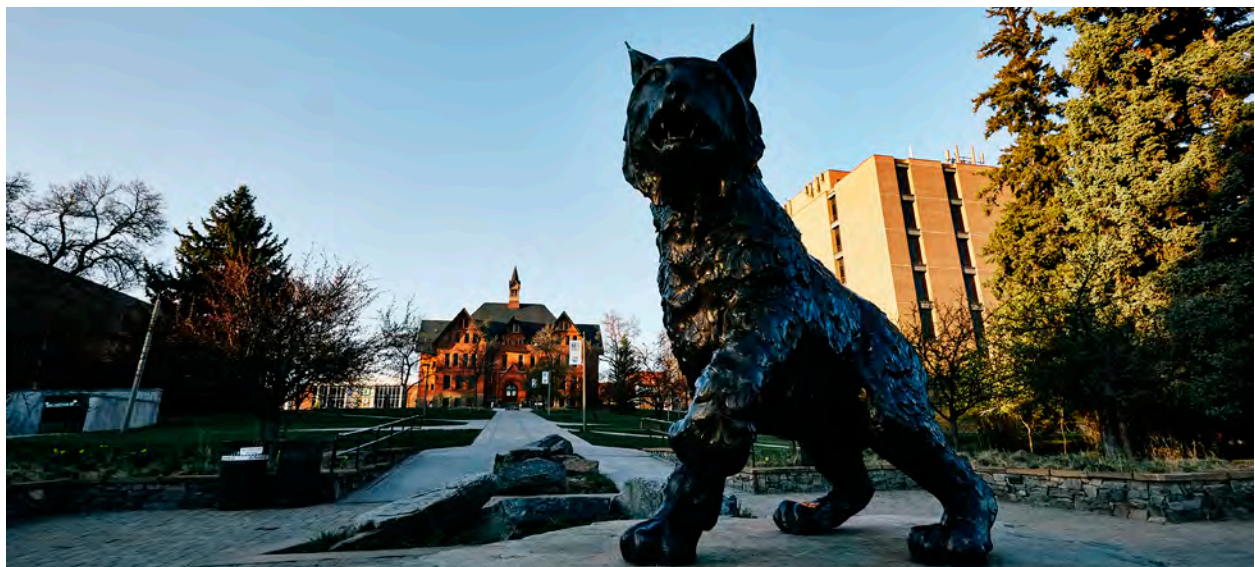
Thank you for taking the time to review our Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. As our departments offer programs, policies and services that respond to criminal activities and campus violations, we also take time every year to make necessary changes and improvements. You will find many of these programs, policies and services listed in this publication. Also in this report you will find important information on how and where to report criminal activity and campus violations, along with how MSU responds after receiving such reports.

MSU’s Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is published in compliance with the requirements in the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, which was signed into law in 1990. Listed in this report are the statistics for the various “Clery” crimes that have been reported to MSU during the last three calendar years. All members of our campus community receive an email at the beginning of every academic year with the exact web address for this online report, and hardcopies are available upon request through the Office of the Dean of Students.

This publication is a campus-wide collaboration with numerous departments and agencies. Beyond our departments, we especially want to thank the Office of Institutional Equity, VOICE Center, MSU’s Fire Marshall, Residence Life, and the Office of Health Advancement for their important contributions to this year’s report.

Our goal every year is to ensure the highest levels of safety and security for our campus, and we are always seeking ways to improve on the services and programs we offer. After you read the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, we would welcome any feedback or comments.

– Kevin Gillilan, Chief of Police & Matthew R. Caires, Dean of Students



Spirit and Montana Hall

Reporting Crimes And Other Emergencies	<u>3</u>
Crime or Emergency Reporting	<u>3</u>
Voluntary Confidential Reporting – General Crime.....	<u>4</u>
University Police Response to Reported Crimes	<u>4</u>
Safecats Safety App	<u>5</u>
Campus Safety And Security Programs	<u>5</u>
Ice Gripper Program	<u>7</u>
Adopt-A-Cop Program	<u>7</u>
Automated External Defibrillators (Aeds)	<u>7</u>
Crime Statistics	<u>7</u>
Campus Crime Log.....	<u>8</u>
Crime Prevention Programs – University Police	<u>8</u>
Free Bicycle Registration	<u>8</u>
Additional University Crime Prevention And Safety Awareness Programs.....	<u>8</u>
Office of The Dean of Students	<u>8</u>
MSU Care Program	<u>8</u>
Student Conduct Program	<u>10</u>
University Student Housing.....	<u>11</u>
Fraternity and Sorority Life	<u>11</u>
Additional Safety Programs	<u>11</u>
Security And Access In Campus Facilities	<u>12</u>
Security and Access in Academic and Administrative (Non-Residence) Campus Buildings	<u>12</u>
Security and Access in Residence Halls	<u>12</u>
Security in Building Maintenance	<u>12</u>
Maintenance of Campus Facilities	<u>13</u>
MSU Emergency Communications.....	<u>13</u>
Timely Warning Notifications	<u>13</u>
Emergency Notification	<u>15</u>
Confirmation of an Emergency or Dangerous Situation	<u>17</u>
Population Notified/Segmented Notification	<u>18</u>
Emergency Notification Content	<u>18</u>
Follow-Up Information	<u>19</u>
Concept of Operations	<u>19</u>
Initiation of Notification	<u>20</u>
Public Safety Advisory.....	<u>21</u>
Emergency Actions And Evacuation Procedures	<u>22</u>
Active Shooter Procedures	<u>22</u>
Shelter-In-Place Procedures.....	<u>23</u>
General Evacuation Procedures.....	<u>23</u>
Campus Security Authorities (Csas).....	<u>24</u>
Annual Training For CSAs and Identification	<u>25</u>
Pastoral And Professional Counselors.....	<u>25</u>
Policies And Programs Addressing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault And Stalking	<u>26</u>
Introduction.....	<u>26</u>
Retaliation Prohibited	<u>26</u>
Reporting Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking	<u>26</u>
Confidential and Non-Confidential Resources	<u>27</u>
Reporting Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking.....	<u>28</u>
MSU Policy Definitions of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking	<u>30</u>
Definition of Consent	<u>31</u>

Amnesty Policy.....	31
Confidential Resources – On Campus.....	32
Off-Campus Resources	34
What To Do If You Are a Victim Of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking	36
MSU’s Education and Outreach	39
Primary Prevention and Awareness Programs	42
Ongoing Prevention and Awareness Campaigns	43
Bystander Engagement.....	44
Reducing the Risk of Vawa Offenses on Campus and in Our Community.....	45
University Response to Reports of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence Sexual Assault and Stalking	46
MSU’s Non-Discrimination Grievance Procedures	50
Required Information on Procedures For Sexual Assault, Stalking, Dating Violence, or Domestic Violence	50
MSU Sexual or Violent Offender List (Montana State Sex Offender Registry).....	52
Additional Campus Security Policies.....	53
University Weapons Policy and Storage Policy.....	53
Missing Student Policy	53
Parental Notification Policy.....	54
University Policies on Alcohol and Other Drugs.....	54
Center For Students in Recovery	60
Preparation of The Annual Disclosure of Clery Crime Statistics	62
MSU Crime Statistics: Clery Data.....	63
Unfounded Crimes	65
Hate Crimes By Category and Bias.....	65
Definition of Crime Categories Under Federal Law	65
Definition of Crime Categories Under Montana Law.....	68
State of Montana Laws on Alcohol and Other Illegal Drugs	71
2021 Annual Campus Fire Safety Report For Reporting Year 2020, 2019 & 2018.....	78
Introduction.....	78
Fire Reporting and University Response To Arson.....	78
University Fire Marshal.....	79
University Fire Safety Policies.....	79
Prohibited Acts.....	cc
Fire Evacuation Procedures.....	80
Fire Safety Education and Training.....	80
Fire Drills and Fire Safety Systems	82
Fire Safety Report Log 2018/2019/2020	83
Plans For Future Improvements In MSU’s Fire Safety	86

Separate Campuses

All policy statements contained in this report apply to all campuses unless otherwise indicated.

MSU’s non-discrimination policy

Montana State University’s campuses are committed to providing an environment that emphasizes the dignity and worth of every member of its community and that is free from harassment and discrimination based upon race, color, religion, national origin, creed, service in the uniformed services (as defined in state and federal law), veteran’s status, sex, age, political ideas, marital or family status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. Such an environment is necessary to a healthy learning, working, and living atmosphere because discrimination and harassment undermine human dignity and the positive connection among all people at our University. Please direct any inquiries regarding MSU’s non-discrimination policy or procedures to the Director of Institutional Equity at OIE@montana.edu



Montana Hall is reflected in the windows of the library

About MSU's University Police Department (UPD)

Safety – our #1 Priority

The Montana State University Police Department (UPD or Department), established by Montana law (Section 20-25-321 Montana Code Annotated), has primary responsibility for law enforcement on the MSU campus and its jurisdiction extends one mile beyond the campus for University related activities. This means Officers have authority to enforce State, Local and Federal laws and University Policies. UPD police officers have full authority within this jurisdiction and provide a broad range of services to the campus.

The Department provides continuous year-round law enforcement protection to the Montana State University community. Twenty-four-hour police services are provided with access to municipal fire and emergency medical services.

Working relationship with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies

The UPD also has an agreement with the City of Bozeman which allows University police officers to enforce Bozeman municipal ordinances and state laws within both the City limits of Bozeman and within a three-mile radius of the city limits while in the performance of their UPD assigned duties. The University Police Department maintains a strong working relationship with state and local police agencies, including the Bozeman Police Department, Gallatin County Sherriff, and Montana Highway Patrol.

In an effort to increase interagency communication and coordination, enhance victim service and offender accountability, the Bozeman Police Department and UPD have entered into an agreement. This agreement has established a Special Victims Unit (SVU) that investigates allegations of Felony Sexual Assault, Sexual Intercourse without Consent, Sexual Abuse of Children, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), Felony Domestic Violence, Felony Stalking and other sexual assault related calls within the Bozeman and MSU Police Department's jurisdictions. UPD has assigned one detective to this SVU.

Crimes involving student organizations at off-campus locations

The agreement gives the UPD primary jurisdiction on other University-related property and at University events within the city—for example, on property occupied by student organizations, and at events sponsored by the University. However, UPD limits officer jurisdiction to the MSU buildings and surrounding public property, unless there is an emergency and MSU officers are activated to assist under a Mutual Aid agreement.

MSU has officially recognized student organizations that own or control housing facilities outside of the MSU core campus. If Bozeman PD is called by a citizen to respond to one of those locations, Bozeman PD will typically notify UPD to respond with them or they will notify UPD after they have responded to inform MSU of the situation. However, Bozeman PD does this out of courtesy and is not “required” to notify or involve UPD when they respond to a call involving private property. The UPD, Gallatin County Sheriff’s Office, and the Bozeman PD provide mutual aid assistance to each other when requested.

Role, Authority and Training

University Police Officers are certified Peace Officers for the State of Montana and sworn to all of the responsibilities and powers of a Peace Officer in Montana, including the duty to maintain public order and the power to arrest. All sworn officers are graduates of an accredited Police Academy and professional and formal education is stressed for all officers.

Most officers hold a B.A. degree or are working towards a degree. The University combined its dispatch with the local County dispatch to provide more efficient and effective services. All County Dispatchers are trained and certified by the State of Montana. The Director is the University Police Chief and is responsible for the management of the UPD and reports directly to the Vice President of Finance and Administration. However, all public safety services are closely coordinated with other key university administrators as well as local officials.



Romney Hall has been undergoing extensive renovations and will reopen in November 2021

REPORTING CRIMES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

CRIME OR EMERGENCY REPORTING

Crime is a reality at Montana State University, and preventing crime is everyone's responsibility on campus. Unreported crime is a criminal's greatest ally. If you suspect a criminal act has taken place, MSU highly encourages accurate and prompt reporting. Contact the University Police Department located at the corner of 7th Avenue and Kagy Boulevard, in the Roy E. Huffman Building or dial:

MSU-Bozeman Core Campus

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 406-994-2121

Suspicion of crime does not require proof. If you suspect a crime has been committed or is being committed, call the University Police Department immediately. Make a difference, call. Only concerned citizens can prevent crime.

If you are a victim or witness of a crime: Report the incident immediately to the University Police. If you can, gather pertinent information, such as sex, race, hair color, length and texture, body size, clothing description, scars and other noticeable characteristics, modes of travel, type of vehicle, color and license information.

Suspicious persons: If you see anyone acting suspiciously, call 911. Do not approach the individual yourself. Report the type of suspicious behavior and the location. Relay pertinent information concerning the involved person including: age, sex, dress, vehicle and direction of travel.

Bomb threats: If you receive a bomb threat, it is important to obtain as much information as possible from the caller. Things to ask are: (1) location of bomb, (2) time of explosion, and (3) type of bomb.

Make mental notes about the caller's voice, and background noises which you may hear. Call 911 immediately. Do not panic. The University Police will search the area, notify properly trained personnel, and notify emergency services. The University Police, in conjunction with the building supervisor and administration, will determine if evacuation is necessary.

What to Report: When calling the University Police Department to report an incident, please provide the following information:

- Your name (optional)
- Location of incident
- Type of incident
- Description of suspect, vehicles or other pertinent information
- Return telephone number (optional)

Members of the MSU community are encouraged to accurately and promptly report crime and emergencies to the University Police Department and the appropriate police agencies, including when the victim of a crime elects not to, or is unable to, make such a report.

VOLUNTARY CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING – GENERAL CRIME

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.

With your permission, the University Police Chief (or designee) can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others. With such information, the University can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, employees and visitors; 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 crime statistics for the institution. If you wish to make a confidential report, MSU offers the Silent Witness Program to anyone who has witnessed, or knows about, a crime committed on campus. You are welcome to send email to switness@montana.edu with information you feel may be useful in keeping your campus safe and secure. Silent Witness reporting is also available on the SafeCats app. You should provide the information as described in the previous paragraph.

UNIVERSITY POLICE RESPONSE TO REPORTED CRIMES

The University Police Department will respond to reports of crime against persons and all property owned, controlled, leased or operated by Montana State University which includes Fraternity/ Sorority (Greek) residences located within one mile of the campus boundary. On a 24-hour basis, dispatchers can instantly dispatch the University Police, Bozeman Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and, if needed, will request assistance from the Bozeman PD and/or Gallatin County Sheriff's Office.

All UPD incident reports that involve MSU students are forwarded to the Dean of Students Office or the Office of Institutional Equity for review and for potential student conduct adjudication, as appropriate. UPD Investigators will investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate. Additional information obtained via the investigation will also be forwarded to the Dean of Students. If assistance is required from the Bozeman PD or the Bozeman Fire Department, UPD will contact the appropriate unit. If a sexual assault or rape should occur, staff on the scene, including UPD, will offer the victim a wide variety of services.

All reports of criminal activity occurring within the jurisdiction of the UPD will be investigated and, if the investigation confirms a violation of the state criminal code, the matter will be referred to the Gallatin County Attorney or Bozeman City Attorney for prosecution. Reports of criminal activity received by the UPD occurring outside of its jurisdiction will be referred to the appropriate city or county law enforcement agency.

MSU will make timely reports to the campus community regarding the occurrence of crime on campus. Log of daily crime reports and incidents are maintained and available for review by the campus community and the public at large. This crime log can be found on-line or accessed at the customer service desk of the UPDt.

SAFECATS SAFETY APP

SafeCats is a safety app that allows the user to contact police, request a safety escort, or to activate a Friend Walk in a single mobile application. The SafeCats app is available for both Android and Apple cellular phones and is available free of charge.



The SafeCats Safety App has been updated to include COVID safety information

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY PROGRAMS

Educational Programs concerning security awareness, personal safety, and crime prevention, including the prevention of sexual assault, (including rape, fondling, incest and statutory rape) and personal safety techniques are offered by a variety of groups and individuals on campus each year, including UPD, Dean of Students, Office of Health Advancement (OHA), Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Safety and Risk Management (SRM), Office of Institutional Equity (OIE), University Counseling Counseling & Psychological Services, the VOICE Center, University Student Housing and others.

During the 2020-2021 academic year, MSU offered approximately 50 crime prevention and security awareness programs. Topics such as personal safety, residence hall security, drug and alcohol abuse awareness and sexual assault prevention are some examples of programs offered during the prior academic year.

All crime prevention and security awareness programs encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others.

The UPD provides safety and security education through numerous presentations to on-campus groups and other presentations upon request. The OHA offers outreach and presentations upon request for residence halls, fraternity and sorority life and student groups on topics related to risk reduction/harm reduction; bystander intervention; Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD); and healthy relationships.

Safety and Risk Management provides safety and compliance training free of charge to University employees; including workplace safety, occupational health & safety, and laboratory training courses.

Programs and presentations available annually include:

- AED/CPR/First Aid Training
- Fire extinguisher Training
- Chemical Safety Training
- E-Scrap Computer & Electronic Recycling
- Ice Gripper Program (MSU employees)
- Alcohol awareness
- Drug awareness
- Crime Prevention covering crimes such as rape, acquaintance rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual intercourse without consent, relationship violence, privacy in communications, and stalking
- Run, Hide, Fight – Active shooter protocol
- Workplace violence protocols
- New Employee Orientation
- Internet Safety and Security
- Facility Intruder Awareness for Secure Facilities
- International Student Orientation
- Property security
- Personal safety
- Bicycle safety
- Identity theft
- VOICE Center and Not In Our House taskforce educational presentations on bystander intervention and interpersonal violence prevention
- Insight – OHA classroom instruction based on self and administrative referral for individuals dealing with alcohol & drug related issues
- Others upon request

Students living in residence halls are provided with security brochures at check-in. Residence Life staff regularly address residence hall safety and security rules and precautions, and personal safety considerations with all residents at floor and hall meetings. Safety and security rules and guidance are provided in the University Student Housing Handbook.

ICE GRIPPER PROGRAM

MSU employees are eligible to participate in the Ice Gripper Program. To help MSU personnel stay safe while walking in the wintertime, Safety & Risk Management provides free ice grippers to employees (eligible every three years for a new pair). Ice grippers are the equivalent of studded tires for your feet. These devices are similar to slippers that slide over the outside of your shoe and can be easily put on and removed. For more information, contact Safety & Risk Management at 994-7597 or visit <http://www.montana.edu/srm/programs/icegrippers.html>

ADOPT-A-COP PROGRAM

In the interest of fostering good relations with community members residing in university residence halls, the UPD in partnership with University Student Housing, implemented the Adopt-A-Cop program in the fall of 2007. The program entails the assignment of a specific officer to each hall.

Officers participate in hall activities, eat meals in the dining halls with residents, and deliver presentations on topics such as alcohol awareness, safety and security, identity theft, etc. Since its inception, the program has been very successful. Officers feel that they have been able to develop a kind of rapport with students that wasn't possible prior to the program. Hall staff and residents have also reported having many positive experiences with the program.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS)

MSU initiated the Public Access Defibrillator Program in 2004 because of due diligence and the expectation an organization MSU's size would have AED's available to the public. MSU currently has approximately 100 AED's located throughout campus. For detailed locations, go to www.montana.edu/srm/aedlocations. AED locations are also available on the SafeCats app.

When considering where to place an AED, the University will consider several facts, including building population, high risk activities, athletic activities, near energized electrical circuits, or in a location more than a 3-minute response time for an AED to arrive from Police or Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Please contact Safety & Risk Management at 994-7597 if you would like to make a request or if an AED has been used and emergency services have been called.



CRIME STATISTICS

Crime statistics can be found later in this report and can also be accessed on the Montana State University Police website located at: <http://www.montana.edu/police/crime-statistics.html>

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

The UPD keeps a daily crime log available online or may be accessed at the customer service desk of the University Police Department located in the Roy E. Huffman building at South 7th and Kagy Boulevard. All crimes are reported, though the names of victims and suspects are redacted, and locations are generalized to preserve the confidentiality of individuals.

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS – UNIVERSITY POLICE

The University's crime prevention program stresses community awareness and interaction through the dissemination of materials and presentations designed to familiarize students, faculty and staff with their responsibility in reducing criminal opportunity. The UPD also plays an active role in the local crime prevention and crime stoppers program as well as the DUI task force. University officers provide presentations throughout the university community ranging from late night discussion sessions in residence halls to classroom presentations. Crime prevention materials and reminders are also distributed to the campus community.

In addition, the University Police Website provides crime prevention information for the campus, including a crime log, crime alerts, the MSU Sexual or Violent Offender list, 360 Stay Safe at College online and other useful information.

FREE BICYCLE REGISTRATION

The University Police Department sponsors a free bicycle registration program for students in an effort to discourage bicycle theft.

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

As a result of growing national trends on college campuses of mental health issues and the increase in unsafe behaviors leading to harm or death, Montana State University has created the Campus Assessment, Response and Evaluation (CARE) Program. In order to promote the safety and wellness of the University, the CARE Program addresses behaviors that are disruptive or concerning and may include mental health and/or safety issues.

MSU CARE PROGRAM

The MSU CARE Program is comprised of two teams, the Behavior Intervention Team (BIT) and the CARE Team. The BIT focuses on working with students who present as possibly being higher risk to themselves or the community. The CARE team works with students who need intervention but do not present as being a risk to harm self or others.

BIT is a multi-disciplinary team composed of members from the Office of the Dean of Students, University Police Department, Counseling and Psychological Services, University Health Partners, University Student Housing, Office of Institutional Equity, Human Resources, Faculty, and the Office of Disability Services. This team maintains responsibly for discussing, assessing and

responding to reports of individuals who are demonstrating disruptive or concerning behaviors that can or have become dangerous. The BIT is designed to be a centralized entity that is proactive in providing swift, coordinated, caring, and developmental intervention to members of the campus community prior to crisis.

The CARE team is also a multidisciplinary team composed of members from the Office of the Dean of Students, Counseling and Psychological Services, University Advising Services, the Office of Disability Services, Athletics, University Police Department, Student Success, and University Student Housing. This team maintains responsibility for discussing, assessing and responding to reports of individuals who are struggling in a serious way that never reaches a level that there is a concern for danger to self or others. Examples of a CARE case would be a student who lost a family member, or a student who stopped taking their psychotropic medications and was having adverse reactions. The CARE team is designed to be a centralized entity that is proactive in providing swift, coordinated, caring, and developmental intervention to members of the campus community as they are experiencing personal or emotional hardship.

What if I am concerned about someone?

A person of concern is any individual who demonstrates disruptive or problematic behavior, expresses personal difficulties, exhibits mental or emotional instability, or otherwise causes another member of the campus community to feel apprehension for their safety or for the safety of the person of concern.

To report a concern, visit: <https://www.montana.edu/deanofstudents/care> or submit a CARE report using the SafeCats app. Additional questions and concerns can be directed to the Office of the Dean of Students.

Guidelines for Intervention

Members of the campus community can have a profound effect on students when they openly acknowledge that they are aware of student distress, are sincerely concerned about student welfare, and are willing to help students explore options. Whenever possible, it is encouraged for campus community members to speak directly and honestly to students if they sense academic or personal distress.

- 1) Request to see the student in private. This should help minimize embarrassment and defensiveness. Show respect for the student.
- 2) Briefly share observations and perceptions of the student's situation. Express concerns directly and honestly.
- 3) Listen carefully. Try to see the issues from the student's point of view without agreeing or disagreeing.
- 4) Attempt to identify the problem. Is the student connected with any ongoing resources? Explore options to deal with the concern.
- 5) Acknowledge inappropriate or strange behavior. Comment on personal observations without sounding judgmental.
- 6) Flexibility in administering established policies may allow an alienated student to respond more effectively to the concerns.

Involvement in intervention is appropriate based on level of comfort with the student. Individuals are encouraged to refer the student to the appropriate resources throughout the process. Remember to work with the student and not for the student. Do not become more involved than time or skill permits.

STUDENT CONDUCT PROGRAM

The student conduct process at MSU is not intended to punish students; rather, it is a developmental process which exists to challenge those whose behavior is not in accordance with our policies and to foster a better understanding of the expectations that exist for members of our academic community. Most conduct cases at MSU are resolved through administrative meetings. These are one-on-one conversations between the student and a Conduct Officer.

During an administrative meeting, the Conduct Officer will provide the student an opportunity to share their account of the incident, view incident reports and/or other written documentation, ask follow-up questions, and discuss potential outcomes (sanctions) if the student is found responsible for violating the Code of Student Conduct (Code). The primary focus of these meetings is to determine what happened and if a violation took place, assist the student in understanding the impact of their behavior, and provide a space for the student to begin reflecting on how to learn from the incident.

If it is determined that a violation of the Code occurred and that the student is responsible, most administrative meetings conclude with an administrative agreement in which the student agrees to take responsibility for their involvement in the incident and to complete a sanction or set of sanctions that will help them learn from the incident.

Student Conduct Hearings

The conduct process also includes a more formal route for resolving conduct cases called a conduct hearing. A conduct hearing is utilized if an administrative agreement cannot be reached, if the severity of the incident or the student's conduct history warrants a more in-depth adjudication process, or if the student chooses to participate in a hearing instead of first meeting with a Conduct Officer. The procedures and guidelines for conduct hearings are detailed in the Code.

Student Conduct Sanctions

Sanctions are intended to improve the students' moral and ethical decision-making and to help them learn more about what is expected as members of the MSU community. In determining a sanction the Conduct Officer will rely on the Common Sanctioning Guidelines, but may also consider the student's present and past disciplinary record, including residence hall disciplinary record, the nature of the offense, the severity of any damage, injury, or harm resulting from the violation, and other factors relevant to the case.

Additionally, more than one sanction may be assigned upon the completion of a hearing or proposed by a conduct officer. In cases where students fail to demonstrate an understanding of established conduct standards or pose a threat to the continuing safety of the academic community, the conduct officer may determine that the student should no longer share in the privilege of being a student member of MSU's academic community.

(HEOA) Notification to Victims of Crimes of Violence

MSU will disclose upon written request the results of any disciplinary proceeding, conducted by the institution, to the alleged victim of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for purposes of this disclosure.

Disclosure of the results of a proceeding to the charging student and the charged student in compliance with these provisions does not constitute a violation of section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g), commonly known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

UNIVERSITY STUDENT HOUSING

University Student Housing places an educational packet in each room for every resident about Safety and Security in the halls and on campus, including information about vandalism and reporting suspicious persons and activities. This brochure also contains information about missing persons reporting, the silent witness program, and residence hall access.

Additionally, each semester, University Student Housing provides educational programming for residents that focuses on safety and security in the buildings. In the fall semester, each building completes a program that addresses the importance of locking doors in the hall by going to every door in each hall and giving out educational materials. In the spring semester, each building designs a safety program that meets the specific needs of that building. Examples of those programs include cyber security, reporting suspicious persons, and leaving items unattended in common areas.

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

Each Fraternity and Sorority chapter at MSU is required by the Dean of Students to host a sexual assault prevention training with the VOICE center each fall. A variety of other health and safety trainings are held during the academic year. Topics include but are not limited to: sexual health and awareness, bystander intervention, men and women's health, safety on campus, QPR (suicide prevention) training, mental health and wellness, and alcohol awareness. All MSU fraternities that host events with alcohol must attend an alcohol awareness and risk management training at the start of every fall semester.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY PROGRAMS

The Office of the Dean of Students offers an annual Faculty Excellence Workshop on dealing with disruptive and at-risk students. In addition, trainings regarding how to deal with suicidal or disruptive students are conducted (or offered) for department heads and academic advisors in all colleges and academic departments during each academic year. Associate Deans receive regular updates regarding safety and welfare trends and policies each semester.

SECURITY AND ACCESS IN CAMPUS FACILITIES

MSU has established policies and practices designed to provide security and access in its facilities, whether in classrooms, offices, residences or other campus locations.

SECURITY AND ACCESS IN ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE (NON-RESIDENCE) CAMPUS BUILDINGS

Facilities Services department and a Cat-Card electronic access control system managed by Auxiliary Services provides access for authorized students, staff and faculty to academic buildings during closed hours. Key access is provided with appropriate written supervisory approvals. Campus buildings (non-residence) are normally open from 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM (closing times may vary) to students, staff, faculty and visitors of the university, Monday through Friday or for scheduled weekend classes and special events, but are generally locked at all other times.

In addition, the university has adopted the following additional security practices:

1. Rules that mandate all locked exterior building doors are not to be propped open;
2. The right to prohibit, limit or otherwise restrict access to or use of its buildings, facilities or other property as may be necessary to provide for the orderly conduct of the University's educational, research and service programs and the safety and security of the campus property, students, employees, guests and other visitors.
3. Substantial outdoor lighting installations which helps deter criminal behavior and enhances security; lighting is routinely patrolled to identify outages and periodically assessed to assure effectiveness.
4. UPD officers patrol the campus, 24 hours a day, including residential facilities. UPD conducts routine patrols of campus buildings to evaluate and monitor security related matters.
5. A policy requiring background checks for new employees; potential employees with criminal backgrounds may be denied employment to protect the campus community.

SECURITY AND ACCESS IN RESIDENCE HALLS

Residence halls are subject to substantial security policies and measures, including restricted access, 24 hour monitored desk operations, guest log-in and evening escort requirement, check-in policies, lockdowns, and other measures which are detailed in the Residence Hall Handbook under "Safety and Security." A paper copy of the policy is also available from the Residence Life Office.

SECURITY IN BUILDING MAINTENANCE

MSU's master key system also controls security for maintenance staff. All Facilities Services and Auxiliary employees authorized to carry master keys are required to store these keys in a secure/alarmed cabinet during all non-working hours. Some buildings are part of a security system that requires the use of a staff-assigned Cat Card to gain entrance into the building.

MAINTENANCE OF CAMPUS FACILITIES

Facilities and landscaping are maintained in a manner that minimizes hazardous conditions. UPD regularly patrols campus and reports malfunctioning lights and other unsafe physical conditions to Facilities Services for correction. Other members of the University community are helpful when they report equipment problems to UPD and/or Facilities Services.

Facilities Services provides a voluntary call-out program to provide maintenance services during after-hours, weekend, and holiday periods. For security considerations, if an employee is called in to assist with after-hours maintenance issues, the employee checks out master keys at the University Police Station where their name, date and time of key checkout and check in are recorded or uses personally identifiable Cat Card with the supervisor's permission.

MSU EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

MSU uses three types of notification processes to warn the campus community in the event of an emergency or public safety risk. The three types of notifications are Timely Warnings, Emergency Notifications, and Public Safety Advisories.

- **Timely Warnings** are issued in the event of a violent crime that represents a serious or continuing threat to the campus community.
- **Emergency Notifications** are issued during emergencies or critical incidents that pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of the campus community.
- **Public Safety Advisories** are issued to reduce the risk of being victimized by telephone/email, scams, fraud, etc.

Anyone with information about a situation that may require a Timely Warning, Emergency Notification, or Public Safety Advisory should report the circumstances to the MSU Police Department (UPD) by calling 911 or 406-994-2121. They may also report in person at the University Police Department, located in the Roy E. Huffman building at the corner of South Seventh Avenue and Kagy Boulevard.

TIMELY WARNING NOTIFICATIONS

UPD is responsible for developing and disseminating Timely Warnings to members of the MSU community. Once an incident that may require a Timely Warning notification has been reported to UPD, the Chief of Police or designee, in consultation with other campus administrators (including but not limited to the Dean of Students, Legal Counsel, Director of the Office of Institutional Equity & Title IX Coordinator, and the Emergency Management Director) will determine whether the criteria for issuing a Timely Warning have been met, and if so, a Timely Warning will be issued. The decision will be made on a case-by-case basis.

In general, Timely Warnings will be issued when a specific crime has occurred within the MSU Ctery Geography (on campus, public property and non-campus property) and there is a **serious or ongoing threat to the campus community**. The following **three conditions** should be met prior to issuing a Timely Warning:

1. One of the following **statutorily designated crimes (Clery crime)** is reported to UPD:
 - **Criminal homicide** – Including murder and non-negligent manslaughter, and manslaughter by negligence;
 - **Sex offenses** – Including rape, fondling, incest, and statutory rape
 - **Robbery**
 - **Aggravated assault** – Cases of aggravated assault and sex offenses are considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on the facts of the case and the information known by UPD and after consultation with the Gallatin County Attorney.
 - **Burglary and/or motor vehicle theft** – In general, Timely Warnings will not be issued for single incidents. A Timely Warning may be distributed if a series of incidents poses a continuing threat to the MSU community.
 - **Arson**
 - **Hate crimes**
 - **Domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking**
 - **Arrests and referrals for drug, alcohol, and weapons law violations**
2. The reported crime occurred at a **Clery-reportable location** (Clery geography), which is defined as any of the following:
 - On campus
 - On public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus boundaries
 - In a non-campus buildings or property. Non-campus locations are described as property that is owned or controlled by MSU, used for educational purposes, and frequently used by students.
3. The reported crime presents a **serious or continuing threat** to MSU students, faculty, and staff, as determined at MSU's discretion. Factors for determining whether an incident poses a serious or continuing threat include:
 - Whether the suspect has been apprehended
 - Timeliness of the reported crime to UPD
 - Whether a pattern of crimes exists that places MSU students or employees at risk of becoming victims of a similar crime

Timely Warnings will be distributed to the entire campus community as soon as pertinent information is available, in a manner that withholds the names of victims as confidential, and with the goal of aiding in the prevention of similar occurrences. Timely Warnings will typically include information such as a brief statement of the incident, physical description of any suspect(s), appropriate safety tips, and other relevant, available information. Timely Warnings are typically written by the Chief of Police (or designee) in consultation with the University Communications News Director (or designee) as time permits. Timely Warnings will generally be distributed by the Chief of Police (or designee) via email to **@montana.edu accounts** for MSU students, faculty, and staff with the subject line including the words "Timely Warning." It is also posted to the MSU Bozeman Facebook page. The University Police Chief notifies the Gallatin County Attorney of the intent to distribute a Timely Warning to ensure the information released does not compromise law enforcement efforts as permitted by the Clery Act.

UPD may learn about an incident that may require a Timely Warning from a number of sources, including individuals involved in the incident, witnesses, UPD or other law enforcement officers, or campus security authorities as defined by the Clery Act.

When members of the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE), in their role as campus security authorities, learn of an incident that may require a Timely Warning but the reporting person requests that the OIE not communicate with law enforcement, OIE may still notify UPD of the incident as part of that office's obligation to provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment. In making the determination to notify UPD, OIE will consider a number of factors, including the following:

- The risk that the alleged perpetrator will commit additional acts of misconduct or other violence
- The seriousness of the alleged conduct, including whether the alleged perpetrator threatened further sexual or other violence against the alleged victim or others, whether the alleged conduct was facilitated by the incapacitation of the alleged victim, or whether the alleged perpetrator has been found responsible in legal or other disciplinary proceedings for acts of sexual or other violence
- Whether the alleged conduct was perpetrated with a weapon
- Whether the alleged victim is a minor
- Whether the university possesses means other than the alleged victim's testimony to obtain relevant evidence of the alleged conduct (e.g., security cameras or personnel, physical evidence)
- Whether the alleged conduct reveals a pattern of perpetration at a given location or by a particular group.

The institution is not required to issue a Timely Warning with respect to crimes reported to a pastoral or professional counselor.

For a list of past Timely Warnings, Emergency Notifications, and Public Safety Advisories, visit the website: <https://www.montana.edu/police/crimealert.html>

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Montana State University is committed to protecting the lives, safety, and welfare of its campus and community members. The campus maintains an emergency operation plan that outlines responsibilities of campus departments during emergencies. This plan outlines incident priorities, campus organization and specific responsibilities of particular departments or positions. When an emergency occurs on campus, MSU strives to provide students, faculty and staff with the critical information needed to protect themselves. To allow MSU to provide this information, community members must ensure they are registered, and their Emergency Notification contact information is correct.

- All students, faculty, and staff are automatically enrolled into the MSU Alert system. Contact information provided to the MSU Alert system is gathered from student and employee MyInfo accounts. Please ensure your MyInfo account is up to date with your current cellphone number, work email, and personal email address.
- The local community, family, and friends are encouraged to opt into the university Emergency Notification system by texting "montanastate" to 888-777. Opt-in steps can be found here: https://www.montana.edu/msualert/msualert_optin_family_friends_visitors_localcommunity.html
- Students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the intent and purpose of the MSU Alert system. For more information, go to the MSU Alert webpage (<http://www.montana.edu/msualert>).

MSU will, upon confirmation of an ongoing significant emergency or dangerous situation that poses an imminent threat to the safety of campus community members, immediately issue Emergency Notifications to the campus community. The institution may issue Emergency Notifications about emergency or dangerous situations that occur in the broader community if institutional officials determine that such notifications provide helpful or relevant information to the campus population. An Emergency Notification is sent using text messaging to registered cell phone numbers, email to @montana.edu accounts, postings on social media, publishing to MSU websites, and recording on the emergency information line as needed. While it is impossible to predict every significant emergency or dangerous situation that may occur on campus, the following situations are examples that may warrant an Emergency Notification after confirmation.

- Active shooter
- Hostage/barricade situation
- Riot
- Suspicious package
- Suspicious death
- Structural damage to a university-owned or -controlled facility
- Biological threat (anthrax, etc.)
- Gas leak
- Bomb/explosives (threat)
- Communicable disease outbreak
- Severe weather
- Natural disaster
- Hazardous materials incident
- Structure fires

MSU officials shall use their best, reasonable judgment in all other situations to determine whether an Emergency Notification is warranted. Situations that may create business, academic or research interruptions, but do not pose a health or safety risk, may also generate an Emergency Notification. MSU will facilitate notifications about such situations, in coordination of involved departments, as appropriate. MSU will facilitate notifications about such situations in coordination of involved departments as appropriate. Examples of such situations include:

- Temporary building closures
- Power outages
- Network outages

MSU will, without delay, and considering the safety of the community, determine the content of the Emergency Notification and initiate the Emergency Notification process, unless the Emergency Notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities:

- Compromise efforts to assist the victim or victims
- Compromise efforts to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency, such as compromising the efforts of first responders

This section was established with the following assumptions:

- Utilization of multiple notification methods is needed, as no single notification method will reach everyone, everywhere, every time.
- One hundred percent delivery of notification to each member of the campus population cannot be guaranteed.
- Other information sources outside the institution's control may generate erroneous or conflicting information (i.e. affiliated and unaffiliated social media sites, word of mouth).
- Regular testing of notification systems is required to ensure proper functionality and operator skill.
- Notification systems must account for communication impairments.
- Several notifications are considered passive notifications requiring an action by recipients. Some recipients will not take this action and, therefore, not all recipients will receive notifications during the desired timeframe.
- It is the responsibility of campus members that are registered for the notification system to maintain updated contact information.
- Several notification methods rely on the functionality of third-party vendors that are outside of the institution's control (i.e. cellphone service providers, electricity).

CONFIRMATION OF AN EMERGENCY OR DANGEROUS SITUATION

- Reports of emergency or dangerous situations can originate from various sources including:
 - Reports from first responders
 - Reports from established warning points
 - Reports from other campus departments
 - Reports from citizens through 911

UPD, including emergency management, will **confirm** if there is a significant emergency or dangerous situation on campus. Confirmation means MSU officials have verified that a significant emergency or dangerous situation is occurring or may soon occur on the campus that involves an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees.

Process for confirmation:

- UPD command staff (including the Chief of Police, on duty admin staff, or Director of Emergency Management), in conjunction with other MSUPD officers, university administrators, local first responders, public health officials and/or the National Weather Service, will determine whether a significant emergency or dangerous situation is confirmed.
- In the event UPD command staff is unavailable, UPD's on-duty officers may determine whether a significant emergency or dangerous situation is confirmed.
- When making a determination, personnel will assess readily available information and consider a number of factors—including the nature of the reported situation, the reliability of available information, observations of law enforcement officers, information from established warning points, and other factors—to determine if there is enough information to reasonably conclude a significant emergency or dangerous situation is occurring on campus that involves an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees.
- UPD and emergency management personnel may consult with additional departments and policy-level personnel as practical without jeopardizing life safety.

Established warning points are entities with subject matter expertise on particular hazards that may affect campus. UPD and emergency management personnel may consider information from established warning points when determining whether a significant emergency or dangerous situation is confirmed. UPD and emergency management personnel may conduct additional consultation with campus officials as practical without jeopardizing life safety. This table is not all-inclusive but represents a sampling of established warning points.

Established Warning Point	Hazard
National Weather Service	Warnings for weather events and wildfires
Gallatin County Public Health	Communicable disease/public health emergencies
Bozeman Fire-Rescue Department	Fire or hazardous material events

POPULATION NOTIFIED/SEGMENTED NOTIFICATION

In the situations when a single facility/area is involved, facility alarms, public address systems, phone trees, and other available technologies may be utilized to provide warning to a specific portion of the campus population. UPD will evaluate the situation to determine if it meets criteria for an Emergency Notification or Timely Warning and follow those procedures as required. However, if the situation is limited to a specific facility/area and does not pose a threat or impact to the campus as a whole, UPD may identify the appropriate segment or segments, determine the appropriate segmented notification process, and issue the notification only to those impacted. Should a segmented notification be issued, on-going assessments of the situation will occur, and a campus-wide notification may be sent as necessary.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION CONTENT

The content of an Emergency Notification will depend on the situation and the notification method. The UPD shift commander, the UPD administrator on call, Emergency Management, and/or the Chief of Police, will determine the content of the messages. However, the following information will be included in all initial Emergency Notifications regardless of the situation or method:

- A description of the situation (e.g. severe weather warning, dangerous situation)
- Location of situation if known (e.g. building, area of campus)
- Relevant safety instructions (e.g. be prepared, shelter in place)

A fourth element of where to get additional information will be included, if feasible. Because of text character limits or the immediate availability of information, the third element of where to get information may not always be included in Emergency Notifications. Typically, more information will be provided on the MSU Alert website (<http://www.montana.edu/msualert/>) during ongoing emergency events.

Pre-scripted Emergency Notifications

MSU has several pre-scripted Emergency Notifications that have been collaboratively developed and agreed upon by UPD, Emergency Management, University Communications, and appropriate policy-level personnel. Pre-scripted notifications facilitate faster dissemination and ensures the sender is providing the content needed for the situation. Pre-scripted notifications have been developed

primarily for campus-wide emergencies, active shooters, hazardous material events, and other immediate emergencies that could occur with little or no warning. During situations for which a prescribed notification cannot be used, or when the responsible official determines different content is needed, the guidelines listed above will be followed to craft these notifications. The following departments have the authority to develop the content for an Emergency Notification message: UPD, Emergency Management, and/or University Communications.

Additional Content Considerations

As feasible, after the situation description, relevant instructions, and additional information sources are provided, the following content should be considered for inclusion:

- Campus operating status (open, class delay, event cancelation, etc.)
- Information update frequencies
- Additional instructions that are not specific to life safety

FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION

As deemed appropriate by the responsible institution official, follow-up messages deemed necessary during an emergency may be distributed to the campus community and an “all clear” notification may be distributed at the conclusion of a significant emergency or dangerous situation. Any follow-up notifications and the “all clear” message will be sent using some or all of the same communication methods used to send the original Emergency Notification. These follow-up notifications should include campus operating status, if relevant.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

MSU will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content and initiate an Emergency Notification, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. The primary method of issuing an Emergency Notification is the MSU Alert. MSU Alert is a Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS) powered by Everbridge. The system is used to transmit brief, urgent messages to a large segment of the MSU population as quickly as possible. The MSU community is responsible for maintaining correct contact information in their student/employee records and for regularly checking registered devices and accounts during bi-annual system tests. The campus recognizes the need for public safety partners in the broader community to have situational awareness of emergencies that occur on campus and, as such, members of the broader community can register to receive MSU Alerts. MSU Alert notifications are used in conjunction with other campus systems such as the MSU homepage (www.montana.edu), the emergency information line (1-800-411-2287) and campus social media sites (<https://www.facebook.com/montanastate> and <https://twitter.com/montanastate>). Other systems that will be used as appropriate include Gallatin County public warning systems, vehicle public address systems, building public address systems, and local television and radio news stations. The website will be the primary point of information dissemination for the broader community, including parents, neighbors and other members of the larger community.

INITIATION OF NOTIFICATION

Upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation, the following process to initiate an Emergency Notification will be used:

Decision Criteria for Emergency Notifications

- Life safety considerations
- Has the situation at hand been confirmed?
- What is the potential for injury or death?
- What is the potential for interruptions to critical services?
- What is the potential for damage to property and infrastructure?
- What is the impact to the campus operating status?
- Is the situation stable? What is the potential for the situation to worsen?
- What is the urgency of the situation?
 - What is the potential for injury or death?
 - What is the potential for damage?
 - What is the potential for interruptions to critical services?
- Situation
 - What is the impact to the campus?
 - Is the situation stable? What is the potential for the situation to worsen?
 - What is the urgency of the situation?

Initial Emergency Notification Responsibilities

- University Police Department
 - UPD command staff are responsible for initiating Emergency Notifications regarding criminal incidents that warrant an Emergency Notification rather than a Timely Warning notification because there is an immediate threat to the health and safety of the community, such as an active harmer on campus.
 - UPD emergency management staff or University Communications staff may send the initial MSU Alert regarding criminal incidents as time permits.
 - UPD command staff or their designees are responsible for contacting University Communications to coordinate additional notification methods and follow up notifications. (MSU website, emergency information line)
- Emergency Management
 - Emergency Management is responsible for coordinating all Emergency Notifications that are not criminal in nature.
 - Emergency Management staff can send the initial MSU Alert regarding non-criminal incidents.
 - Emergency Management staff are responsible for contacting University Communications to initiate additional notification methods (MSU website, emergency information line).
- University Communications
 - University Communications is responsible for maintaining and disseminating Emergency Notifications to the MSU community and to the larger community using:
 - The MSU website
 - Official university social media sites
 - Internal campus email systems
 - Incident/event-specific web pages, if needed

- University Communications is responsible to provide support in sending initial MSU Alert if UPD or Emergency Management is available

The UPD command staff, Emergency Management, and University Communications staff are trained and authorized to distribute MSU Alerts via Everbridge. MSU may use some or all of the systems described below to communicate the threat to the MSU Community or to the appropriate segment of the community if the threat is limited to a particular building or segment of the population.

- MSU Alert (text, voice, and/or email)
- Email Listservs
- Social Media
- Website Homepage Banner
- Radio Station (1610 am)
- Building Fire Alarm/ Public Address System

Whenever possible, the University Communications staff and Emergency Management staff will assume the responsibility of sending initial Emergency Notifications in order to allow MSU police to focus on coordinating a safe and effective emergency response. However, because MSU police officers could be the first campus entity to confirm a significant emergency or dangerous situation, they may need to initiate Emergency Notifications in some circumstances.

Additional Emergency Notifications

After the initial notification, follow-up information will be distributed using some or all of the identified communication systems above and would be developed by the university's Institutional Response Group (IRG). Appropriate staff members, to include University Communications staff and Emergency Management, will assume the responsibility for additional messaging.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY

Public Safety Advisories are used to notify students, faculty, and staff of situations that do not pose an immediate threat to life safety, but may require awareness to reduce the risk of being victimized by telephone/email scams, fraud, etc. These notifications are sent via email.

In compliance with federal law, the MSU Alert system is tested twice a year. During the test, all Emergency Notification capabilities are triggered and evaluated for performance and examined for potential problems regarding that alert channel. Problems identified are investigated, corrected, and retested to ensure the entire system is functioning as expected and ready for deployment. During these scheduled (announced) tests, campus community members are also encouraged to verify their contact information is correct, report any problems they may have had receiving alerts, and become familiar with the location of emergency information. Testing of the emergency response system is typically announced through internal campus emails. In addition to the Emergency Notification system test, the campus departments conduct drills, tabletop, functional, and full-scale exercises to test their individual emergency response plans as well as campus emergency operations plans and annexes. At the conclusion of each exercise, an after-action review is conducted to gather lessons learned and note areas that worked well aimed at improving the written plans.

EMERGENCY ACTIONS AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

This section establishes the emergency actions and evacuation procedures for Montana State University. These procedures have been established to ensure the safety and welfare of MSU students and employees to the greatest extent possible. They are aligned with and in compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act, which requires all Title IV institutions, without exception, to have and disclose emergency procedures in response to a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on the campus.

Written plans for building evacuation that are compliant with federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations have been developed for all facilities at Montana State University in the event of a fire or other emergency. These plans are available in the Office of Safety and Risk Management for each department in academic/administrative buildings. Residential building plans are also available in the Residence Hall Director's office. Maps showing a means of egress can be found on the exit doors leading from each residential space and in hallways of other buildings. MSU students, faculty, and staff should become familiar with these exit routes for any building they frequent.

In case of a fire or other emergency that requires all occupants to immediately leave a building or area, evacuation will be signaled by the internal building alarm or by the direction of emergency personnel.

ACTIVE SHOOTER PROCEDURES

An active shooter is a person actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. Although the likelihood of an active shooter event occurring at MSU is extremely low, it is important that members of the MSU community understand how to respond should they find themselves in such a situation. Below is guidance regarding what to do during an active shooter event as well as what to expect when law enforcement arrives on scene.

DISCLAIMER: An individual must use his/her own discretion during an active shooter event as to whether he/she chooses to run to safety or remain in place. However, best practices for surviving an active shooter event are listed below.

REMEMBER: Law Enforcement's first priority is to confront and disable the threat.

1. **Run:** Can you safely escape? At the first signs of a possible active killer situation, flee the area as quickly and quietly as possible. Move away from the sound of violence and do not stop for anything along the way. Warn others of the danger and keep people away from the building once you have escaped.
2. **Hide:** If running is not an option, hide in a room that you are able to lock or barricade; if you can't find a room, hide behind a large, solid object that blocks you completely from view. If it is safe to do so, call 911 and alert dispatch to the shooter's last known location. Keep the line open even if you are unable to talk so that the dispatcher is able to track the situation.

3. **Fight:** In certain situations, when running and hiding are not possible, prepare to fight back against the aggressor. Use heavy or pointed objects to aid in your defense. Engaging the aggressor as a group is always more effective, and once the decision is made to retaliate, you should not hesitate.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE PROCEDURES

A Shelter in Place notification may be issued during a severe weather event, a hazardous materials incident, or an active threat to the campus. The MSU Alert System will be used to issue the notice of a shelter in place. Instructions of immediate actions will be provided in the MSU Alert message. Three types of messages may be issued “Shelter in Place – Secure”, “Shelter in Place – Weather”, and “Shelter in Place – HAZMAT.”

1. **Shelter in Place – Secure:** This notification will be issued when an active threat to the campus is possible. Active threats are human caused situations requiring immediate actions by law enforcement. Remember if an active shooter situation is occurring on campus, MSU Alert communications will clearly relay the information of an active shooter and instructions to RUN, HIDE, FIGHT.
2. **A Shelter in Place – Weather:** This notification may be issued when a significant weather situation is expected to impact the campus. Weather situations may include extreme winds, large hail, tornadoes, or microbursts.
3. **Shelter in Place – HAZMAT:** This notification will be issued when a hazardous materials situation has occurred on campus or could affect the campus. Hazardous material releases are often accidental and may result from a transportation accident or laboratory work. All or portions of campus may be asked to Shelter in Place – HAZMAT during an incident of this nature. It is possible portions of the campus will also be asked to evacuate.

GENERAL EVACUATION PROCEDURES

At the sound of a fire alarm or if you are instructed to evacuate, leave your work area immediately and proceed to the nearest exit, and leave the building. If you are the first to recognize a fire situation, activate the alarm, evacuate to a safe location using the nearest exit and dial 911.

1. Remain calm
2. Do NOT use elevators — use the stairs
3. Assist the physically impaired. If they are unable to exit without using an elevator, secure a safe location near a stairwell and immediately inform UPD or the responding fire department of the individual’s location.
4. Proceed to a clear area at least 150 feet from the building. Keep all walkways clear for emergency vehicles.
5. Make sure all personnel are out of the building.
6. Do not re-enter the building.

The campus publicizes a summary of the emergency response and evacuation procedures via email at least once each year in conjunction with a test (exercise and drill) that meets all of the requirements of the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

The emergency evacuation procedures are tested at least twice each year. MSU may test evacuation procedures in academic/office buildings or in University Student Housing. The tests may be announced or unannounced. The tests will be documented, including a description of the exercise, the date and time and whether it is announced or unannounced. Students and employees learn the locations of the emergency exits in the buildings and are provided guidance about the direction they should travel when exiting each facility for a short-term building evacuation. Occupants are told in advance about the designated locations for long-term evacuations because those decisions are affected by time of day, location 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.

For additional information on emergency actions and evacuation procedures, visit:
https://www.montana.edu/emergency/emergency_actions/index.html

CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITIES (CSAS)

CSAs include University Police, campus security-related personnel and officials who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including, but not limited to, student housing, student discipline and campus judicial proceedings. CSAs must report crimes online at www.montana.edu/clery using the [CSA Reporting Form](#). Crimes reported to any CSA will be included in the annual crime statistics found later in this report.

While we have hundreds of CSAs, MSU officially designates the following two offices as locations where campus community members should report crimes:

- Office of Institutional Equity
- University Police

Students and employees can report criminal offenses to the above designated CSAs for the purpose of making timely warning reports and annual statistical disclosure. Under the Clery Act, MSU must designate certain individuals as CSAs.

As explained above, students, employees, and visitors are encouraged to promptly report crimes to the UPD or the Office of Institutional Equity. However, students may contact any CSA for appropriate assistance in reporting crimes.

Confidentiality of crime reports made to CSAs cannot be promised. Clery requires statistical reporting, but CSAs are also reporters under the requirements of Title IX and University policy and as such may not be able to maintain confidentiality. There may be instances where the University must act regardless of the wishes of the complainant or reporting party. Nevertheless, in such cases MSU will take care to protect identities to the extent allowed by the circumstances and law.

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR CSAS AND IDENTIFICATION

Montana State officials responsible for overseeing Clery practices meet annually—or upon the receipt of new guidance—to update a centrally-maintained CSA list in the Dean of Students’ Office. Further, MSU staff members who are identified as Senior CSAs help to provide updated information regarding new CSAs or those who have left Montana State on a regular basis.

Identified CSAs are offered training through two means:

- Online Training;
- In-person training with an on-campus Clery expert from the Dean of Students, or their trained • designee;

Additionally, a web page is maintained and updated throughout the year that hosts information on CSA trainings, including information provided at the training which they can browse and other relevant Clery information. Once a CSA has completed training, the centrally-maintained CSA list is updated to indicate training completion.

PASTORAL AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

Campus “Pastoral Counselors” and “Professional Counselors,” when acting as such, are not considered to be a CSA for Clery Act purposes and are not required to report crimes for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics.

According to the Clery Act, professional mental health counselors who are appropriately credentialed and hired by Montana State University to serve exclusively in a counseling role are not considered CSAs. As a matter of policy, the University encourages our professional mental health counselors to notify those whom they are counseling of the voluntary, confidential reporting options available to them.

Pastoral Counselor – MSU does not have any Pastoral Counselors that work at the institution at this time.

Professional Counselor – An employee of an institution whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the institution’s community, and who is functioning within the scope of their license or certification.

Please note that reports of sexual violence and other violations that may be sex- or gender-based may also be reported to the Title IX Coordinator and may not be held in confidence.

POLICIES AND PROGRAMS ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING

INTRODUCTION

Montana State University prohibits the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (as defined by the Clery Act and Title IX regulations) and reaffirms its commitment to maintaining a campus environment that emphasizes the dignity and worth of all members of the university community.

Toward that end, MSU maintains programs to prevent and address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as well as the procedures for institutional disciplinary action in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Under the University [Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Policy](#), the definition of Sexual Harassment includes sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

MSU recognizes that these issues can impact anyone regardless of their sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. Campus services are available to anyone who experiences these crimes.

Throughout this section, the term victim will be used to refer to anyone who experiences a Clery-covered crime. MSU recognizes that individuals may use a variety of terms to describe themselves and their experience.

RETALIATION PROHIBITED

Retaliation is prohibited by MSU policy and federal law. Any retaliation against any person for making a report or complaint, responding to a report or complaint, testifying, assisting, or participating or refusing to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing falls under this Policy and accompanying Discrimination Grievance Procedures. Retaliation is subject to the same [Discrimination Grievance Procedures](#) and the same potential sanctions.

REPORTING DATING VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING

In the event that incidents of sexual assault, stalking, dating violence or domestic violence do occur, MSU takes these matters very seriously. Upon receipt of a report of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, MSU will provide victims written notification of their rights, options, and resources, including counseling and victim advocacy. The written notification will also include information on how to request supportive and protective measures that the University can offer. Supportive and protective measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of campus, safety planning, referrals to on and off-campus services, trainings, mutual restrictions on contact, and other similar measures. This assistance is provided when it is reasonably available

and requested by the victim, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to law enforcement or file a formal complaint.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to report to the offices described below if they experience one of these issues or if they know of someone who is a victim.

Victims have the right to:

- Pursue action through both MSU's [Discrimination Grievance Procedures](#) and the criminal process
- Pursue action only through MSU's process
- Pursue action only through the criminal process;
- Report to the police and decline to pursue further action by law enforcement
- Seek confidential support on campus through Counseling and Psychological Services and/or the VOICE Center or off campus through confidential resources listed below
- Report to OIE and decline to pursue further action
- Report anonymously
- Do none of the above (victims are still encouraged to seek support)

CONFIDENTIAL AND NON-CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

There is a distinction between making a report to the University or law enforcement and seeking confidential assistance through Confidential Resources described below. Not every campus or community resource is confidential. Persons who have experienced discrimination or discriminatory harassment can talk to the Confidential Resources described below without their disclosure being revealed to any other person without their express permission or as required by law.

A. Confidential Resources

Confidential Resources are those campus and community professionals who can maintain legally protected confidentiality within the University for the individual who shared the information. Confidentiality means that information shared by an individual with a Confidential Resource cannot be revealed to any other person without express permission of the individual, or as otherwise permitted or required by law. Confidential Resources are prohibited from disclosing confidential information unless (1) given permission by the person who disclosed the information; (2) there is an imminent threat of harm to self or others; (3) the conduct involves suspected abuse of a minor under the age of 18; or (4) as otherwise required or permitted by law or court order.

Confidential Resources available to individuals include the VOICE Center, University Health Partners, CPS, or other licensed medical health-care professionals acting in their health care capacity.

B. Non-Confidential Resources

The Title IX Coordinator and the Office of Institutional Equity is not a Confidential Resource. Nevertheless, the Office of Institutional Equity will make every effort to respect and safeguard the privacy of the individuals involved in reporting or otherwise participating in Discrimination Grievance Procedures. Privacy means that reports will only be shared with limited individuals who need to know for the purpose of assessment, implementation of Supportive and Protective measures, and investigation and resolution of a formal complaint, and to the extent required by law or court order.

REPORTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING.

1. Reports to MSU's Title IX Coordinator and Office of Institutional Equity

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination in educational programs on the basis of actual or perceived sex, gender, and sexual orientation. The Office of Institutional Equity is the University office responsible for coordinating the University's compliance with Title IX and other federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of a protected class. The Office responds to complaints of sex discrimination and sexual harassment, including Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking. Anyone can report concerns about potential discrimination or violence to the Title IX Coordinator. These reports are not confidential but are private student records protected under federal privacy law (FERPA). Reporting to the Title IX Coordinator does not mean a person is obligated to pursue any formal action or speak with law enforcement. Those who report to the Title IX Coordinator will be made aware of their rights, options, and resources and will receive supportive and protective measures as reasonable and necessary to help the person be safe and continue to be successful at MSU.

Reports can be made by phone, e-mail, online, or in person.

Managing Director of the Office of Institutional Equity

Title IX Coordinator

303 Montana Hall

406-994-2042

oiie@montana.edu

www.montana.edu/equity

2. Reports to Law Enforcement

MSU encourages accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to UPD and local law enforcement when the victim elects to, when there is an obligation under state law, or when there is an emergency. Although MSU strongly encourages all members of its community to report domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking to law enforcement, it is the victim's choice whether to make such a report and victims have the right to decline involvement with the police. If the victim desires to report the matter to law enforcement, MSU will provide assistance to the victim to make a report.

Certain offenses such as sexual intercourse without consent, sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, and stalking are crimes under Montana law and UPD officials are available 24 hours a day to help respond to reports of these crimes. MSU encourages reporting to the police as soon as possible but if a student chooses not to report immediately, a report can be made later. At UPD, a student can meet a detective or officer to learn more about their options, the process, the people involved and make an informed decision on pursuing criminal charges. If requested, University officials, such as the Managing Director, Civil Rights Investigators, and/or the Case Manager in the Office of Institutional Equity are available to assist students in reporting to the UPD or other law enforcement agencies.

In addition to reporting to the University, anyone can make a report to law enforcement at the following non-emergency numbers:

University Police: 406-994-2121

Bozeman Police Department: 406-582-2000

Gallatin County Sheriff's Department: 406-582-2100

To make a report, an individual may call and report the crime, or may schedule a time to conduct an interview regarding their experience. For more information about reporting to UPD, please see: www.montana.edu/police

In an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

3. Anonymous Reporting

Victims and bystanders (but not employees required to report) can make reports anonymously. MSU may be limited in the ability to investigate an anonymous report unless sufficient information is furnished to enable MSU to conduct a meaningful and fair investigation. It is possible that an anonymous reporter's identity may be discovered in the course of an investigation.

Reports can be made anonymously to OIE by calling 406-994-2042, to UPD via the Silent Witness Program: switness@montana.edu, or by filling out a MUS System Anonymous report at <https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/74116/index.html>.

4. Required Reporting by MSU Employees

To enable MSU to respond effectively and to stop instances of sex discrimination and sexual harassment, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, all University employees must promptly (normally within 24 hours) report information they have about Discrimination based on sex and sexual harassment, as defined by this Policy, involving students to the Title IX Coordinator.

Employees who are hired by the University to work under a license or statutory privilege under Montana law that provides for confidentiality are not required to report but may be required to provide de-identified statistics annually. Victims who are also required reporters are not required to report to MSU about their own experiences.

Once a report is received the victim will be provided with information from OIE to ensure the victim is aware of their rights, options, and resources.

MSU POLICY DEFINITIONS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING

MSU uses the definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking as stated in the Clery Act to determine crimes documented in this report. MSU's definitions and the Montana criminal law definitions vary from the Clery Act definitions. The following are the definitions in the MSU policy

Sexual Assault is:

- i. Non-consensual touching, or coercing or forcing another to touch a person's intimate body parts (defined as genital area, groin, inner thigh, or breast);
- ii. Penetration, no matter how slight, of a person's vagina or anus, by any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person without consent; or
- iii. Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other to the degree they cannot marry under state law.

Dating Violence is:

- i. violence,
- ii. committed by a person,
- iii. who is in or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the Complainant.
 - 1) The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the Complainant's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. For the purposes of this definition—
 - 2) Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.
 - 3) Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence is:

- i. violence,
- ii. committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the Complainant, or
- iii. by a person with whom the Complainant shares a child in common, or
- iv. by a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the Complainant as a spouse or intimate partner, or
- v. by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the Complainant under the domestic or family violence laws of Montana, or
- vi. by any other person against an adult or youth Complainant who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of Montana.

To categorize an incident as Domestic Violence, the relationship between the Respondent and the Complainant must be more than just two people living together as roommates. The people cohabitating must be current or former spouses or have an intimate relationship.

Stalking is:

- i. engaging in a course of conduct,
- ii. directed at a specific person, that
 - 1) would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety, or
 - 2) the safety of others; or
 - 3) Suffer substantial emotional distress.

For the purposes of this definition—

- i. Course of conduct means two or more acts, including, but not limited to,
- ii. acts in which the Respondent directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person's property.
- iii. Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances
- iv. and with similar identities to the Complainant.
- v. Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or
- vi. anguish that may but does not necessarily require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

DEFINITION OF CONSENT

Montana State University defines consent for purposes of deciding if the University's Policy prohibiting sexual assault, has been violated. Consent is defined by University Policy as follows:

Consent is informed, freely given, and mutual. If coercion, intimidation, threats, or physical force are used there is no consent. If a person is mentally or physically incapacitated, under the statutory age of consent, or impaired so that such person cannot understand the fact, nature or extent of the sexual situation, there is no consent; this includes impairment or incapacitation due to alcohol or drug consumption or being asleep or unconscious. There is no consent when there is force, expressed or implied, or use of duress or deception upon the victim. Silence does not necessarily constitute consent. Past consent to sexual activities does not imply ongoing future consent. Whether an individual has taken advantage of a position of influence over an alleged victim may be a factor in determining consent.

Proof of consent or non-consent is not a burden placed on either party involved in an incident. Instead, the burden remains on the University to determine whether its Policy has been violated. The existence of consent is based on the totality of the circumstances evaluated from the perspective of a reasonable person in the same or similar circumstances, including the context in which the alleged incident occurred.

AMNESTY POLICY

The University strongly encourages students to report instances of sex-based or other discrimination, sexual and discriminatory harassment, involving students. Therefore, students who provide information about discrimination, harassment, , dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking involving students will not be disciplined by the University for any violation of the University's drug or alcohol possession or consumption policies in which they might have engaged in connection with the reported incident.

CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES – ON CAMPUS

ON CAMPUS	Type of Services Available	Service Provider	Contact Information
Counseling/Mental Health	Counseling and referral services. Please see below for additional information.	Counseling and Psychological Services	211 Swingle Office: (406) 994-4531 After-hours emergency line: (406) 586-3333 http://www.montana.edu/counseling
Health	Medical follow-up services, medication management, primary care.	University Health Partners	Swingle First Floor (406) 994-2311 http://www.montana.edu/health
Victim Advocacy	Advocacy and prevention education related to sexual assault, sexual exploitation, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Please see below description of services	VOICE Center	24/7/365 by phone: 406-994-7069 Location: SUB 370 http://www.montana.edu/oha/voice
Legal Assistance	Legal Assistance	ASMSU Legal	You may schedule with ASMSU Legal by going to the Office for Student Engagement in SUB 221 or by calling 406-994-2933

There are several resources available on campus and in the community that provide free, confidential support to victims of, dating or domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

VOICE Center

The VOICE [Victim Options in the Campus Environment] Center is the University’s program to support victims of sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and stalking. VOICE will work with students to explain the options for reporting to other campus authorities, including UPD and the Office of Institutional Equity. MSU VOICE Center will assist the victim in notifying authorities if they request assistance and will advise the victim of the importance of preserving evidence if they choose to bring criminal charges in the future. However, the staff and student advocates in the VOICE Center will support survivors regardless of their reporting decisions.

MSU VOICE Center will treat the student’s interactions with the VOICE Center confidentially in compliance with the privilege afforded to communications with victim advocates under state law. [§26-1-812, Montana Code Annotated.]

The VOICE Center is located in room 370 of the Strand Union Building (above the Leigh Lounge) and provides primary support and response for anyone impacted by sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. MSU VOICE Center has a 24-hour confidential support line and provides confidential information to students about reporting options, available resources and assistance for the victim, and victim’s rights.

VOICE Center staff and trained advocates are available 24 hours a day via phone, text, or in-person and can provide immediate crisis intervention; free counseling; refer survivors to legal, medical, and psychological service options; and can accompany students in accessing these services. Information is also available at the VOICE Center website.

VOICE Center

370 Strand Union Building (SUB); 24/7 Helpline (call or text): (406) 994-7069
<http://www.montana.edu/oha/voice>

Counseling and Psychological Services

Talking with a counselor can be an important step in learning about available options as well helping the recovery process. MSU Counseling and Psychological Services offers free, confidential counseling to eligible students and provides counseling on a limited basis for a fee to MSU faculty and staff.

Counseling and Psychological Services

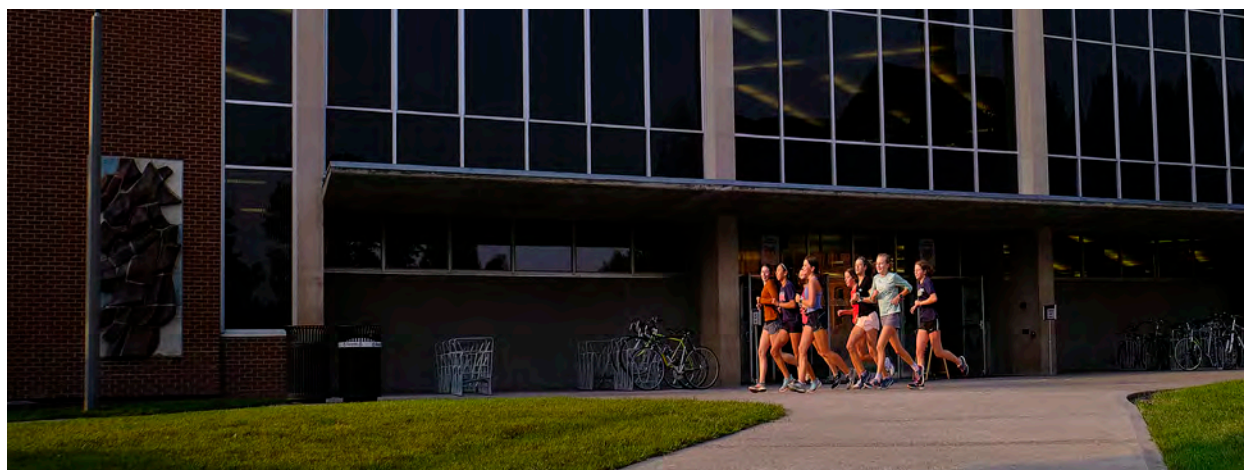
211 Swingle Office; (406) 994-4531; After-hours emergency line: (406) 586-3333
<http://www.montana.edu/counseling>

University Health Partners

Regardless of the length of time since an assault, health care providers recommend a clinical visit to assess sexually transmitted infections (including HIV), pregnancy risk, and physical injuries. Services are available to eligible MSU students and their spouses/domestic partners. There is no charge for a clinical visit. There are charges for lab tests, x-rays and pharmaceuticals which may be covered by a student's insurance. Morning-after contraception is available. The University Health Partners does not perform medical forensic exams. These exams are only performed at the Bozeman Health Hospital Emergency Room.

University Health Partners

Swingle First Floor; (406) 994-2311
<http://www.montana.edu/health>



A group of students run on campus

OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

OFF CAMPUS	Type of Services Available	Service Provider	Contact Information
Counseling/ Mental Health	Crisis Counseling, ongoing group counseling	HELP Center	24/7 Helpline: 406-586-3333 421 E. Peach Street Bozeman, MT 59715 https://www.bozemanhelpcenter.org/
Health	Medical Forensic Examination**, Emergency Services	Bozeman Health Hospital Emergency Room	In an emergency, dial 911 406-585-1000 915 Highland Boulevard Bozeman, MT 59715 https://www.bozemanhealth.org/Bozeman-Health-Services/Emergency-Trauma-Services.aspx
Health	Ongoing care, please see below for complete description	BridgerCare	Please see below
Victim Advocacy	Domestic and Dating Violence Shelter, crisis support, legal advocacy, counseling	HAVEN	24/7 Helpline: (406) 586-4111 http://havenmt.org
Legal Assistance	Various fee, reduced fee, and free legal services	Please see the list below	Please see the list below.
Visa and Immigration Assistance	Assistance in the application process for VISA	Department of Justice Clearinghouse or an Attorney	https://www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports

*** In Montana, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners are forensic nurses who may be available to conduct a forensic examination. Here, there is no cost to have a Sexual Assault Forensic Examination completed and completing the examination does not require the filing of a police report or to take criminal action.*

Other resources available to persons who report being the victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, include:

<http://www.rainn.org> – Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network

<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/sexual-assault> – Department of Justice

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html> – Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights

HAVEN

HAVEN is Bozeman's domestic violence shelter and provides 24-hour crisis support and advocacy for all domestic violence survivors. In addition to emergency shelter and crisis support, HAVEN provides support groups, individual counseling, and legal advocacy. A HAVEN Legal Advocate is housed at the Law and Justice Center in Bozeman and can help victims obtain protective orders, including court accompaniment.

HAVEN

24/7 Helpline: (406) 586-4111

<http://havenmt.org>

Help Center and Sexual Assault Counseling Center

The Help Center is the confidential community crisis line for sexual assault victims and those struggling with suicide and mental health concerns. The Help Center also provides counseling and advocacy services.

Help Center and Sexual Assault Counseling Center

421 E. Peach St., Bozeman, MT (406) 586-3333

<http://www.bozemanhelpcenter.org>

Bridgercare

Bridgercare is a non-profit reproductive healthcare facility in Bozeman. The professional staff provides affordable reproductive and sexual healthcare and education in a safe, supportive, and empowering atmosphere.

Bridgercare

300 North Wilson Avenue, Suite 2001, Bozeman (406) 587-0681

<http://www.bridgercare.org>

Bozeman Health Hospital Emergency Room

Bozeman Health Hospital Emergency Room is the only hospital in Bozeman where anyone can obtain a medical forensic exam. Victims may request an exam and forensic evidence collection at no cost and without having to file a police report. The costs of the evidence collection will be covered as part of Montana's Forensic Rape Examination Payment Program.

Bozeman Health Hospital Emergency Room

915 Highland Boulevard, Bozeman (406) 414-5000

<https://www.bozemanhealth.org/services/emergency-services/>

Legal Assistance in the Community

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) (406) 443-8590
- Citizens' Advocate Hotline (800) 332-2272, citizensadvocate@mt.gov
- Gallatin County Self Help Law Center (406) 582-2158
- Help Center (suicide hot line) 2-1-1 (406) 586-3333
- Human Rights Bureau (800) 542-0807
- Lawyers Referral Services (MT State Bar Assn.) (406) 449-6577
- Montana Legal Services-low income (civil; no criminal) (800) 666-6899
- State Auditor/Insurance Commissioner (Auto insurance questions) (800) 332-6148
www.sao.mt.gov
- Victims Assistance/Legal Advocacy (406) 582-2038
- If you have a misdemeanor, you can ask the judge for a public defender if you face jail time and are indigent (have no money). 582-2450 (Office of Public Defender)
- Other helpful websites: www.montanalawhelp.org; <https://courts.mt.gov/>
(Montana civil legal forms & areas of MT law)

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF DATING VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING

There is no right or wrong way to respond if you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. It is important to remember that it is not your fault. The following are options you can consider, but you don't have to do anything you don't want to do.

If you are a friend helping someone who is a victim, support their decisions and try to not tell them what to do. Find ways to help them make decisions for themselves.

Seek Medical Attention: After an incident of sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, you should consider seeking medical attention as soon as possible. Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital offers physical evidence recovery kit collection, access to forensic nurse examiners and/or sexual assault nurse practitioners. BDH Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) are specially trained and are sensitive to the needs of assault survivors. In the State of Montana, evidence may be collected and held for a year even if you choose not to make a report to law enforcement. If you are uncomfortable going to the hospital, you can go to University Health Partners for a wellness check, but they cannot do forensic exams.

Preserve Evidence: Although it is important for you to make decisions about the kind of service you want, timing is an important factor. It may be important to take action to preserve any evidence for use in a criminal case, even if you aren't sure what you want right now.

Medical forensic evidence may be collected if a sexual assault occurred within 120 hours of the evidence collection. The passage of time may make it more difficult, but not impossible, for a SANE to obtain forensic evidence. You may request an exam and forensic evidence collection at no cost and without having to file a police report. The costs of the evidence collection will be covered as part of Montana's Forensic Rape Examination Payment Program. The Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital Emergency Room is the only location in Bozeman which conducts forensic examinations.

If you are considering a medical forensic exam, it is important that you try not to clean your body, change your clothes, or change any bed linens or other items that may have been near where the assault occurred. This helps preserve evidence that police can use in a criminal case, i.e. proving that the alleged offense occurred, or if you are requesting a protective order.

Even if you do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care providers can still treat injuries and take steps to address concerns of sexually transmitted infections and/or pregnancy.

You are also encouraged to preserve evidence by saving text messages, instant messages, social networking pages, other communications, and keeping pictures, logs, or other copies of documents, if you have any, that would be useful to a campus and/or criminal investigation. Other evidence of a crime should also be preserved in case criminal charges are pursued. Evidence might include pictures of injuries, forensic examination, written and electronic communications, text messages, emails, photos, or any other evidence that may show a course of conduct.

If you want to talk about these options confidentially, you can talk to anyone on the list of confidential resources above.

Assistance for Victims: Rights & Options

Regardless of whether a victim elects to pursue a criminal complaint or university process, the University will assist victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and will provide each victim with a written explanation of their rights and options. Such written information will include:

- the procedures victims should follow if a crime of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking has occurred;
- information about how the institution will protect the confidentiality of victims and other necessary parties;
- a statement that the institution will provide written notification to students and employees about victim services within the institution and in the community;
- a statement regarding the institution's provisions about options for, available assistance in, and how to request accommodations and protective measures; and
- an explanation of the procedures for institutional disciplinary action

It does not matter where the victim experienced the behavior, MSU is here to work with victims regardless of where the crime occurred.

Rights of Victims and the Institution's Responsibilities for Orders of Protection, "No Contact" Orders, Restraining Orders, or Similar Lawful Orders Issued by a Criminal, Civil, or Tribal Court or by the Institution

Montana State University complies with Montana law in recognizing orders of protection or criminal no contact orders by: coordinating with the parties to the order as needed to ensure access for the individual who has protection under a court order. Any person who obtains an order of protection from Montana or any reciprocal state should provide a copy to UPD and the Office of Institutional Equity. A complainant may then meet with UPD and/or the Office of Institutional Equity to

develop a Safety Action Plan, which is a plan for UPD and the victim to reduce risk of harm while on campus or coming and going from campus. This plan may include, but is not limited to: escorts, special parking arrangements, changing classroom locations, or allowing a student to complete assignments from home, etc. The University cannot apply for a legal order of protection for a victim from the applicable jurisdiction(s).

In Montana the law governing Orders of Protection is Chapter 40, Part 21. MCA § 40-15-201 sets forth the procedure for requesting a Temporary Order of Protection. Within 20 days of the issuance of a Temporary Order of Protection, a hearing must be held to determine if there is good cause for the order to be continued, amended, or made permanent. MCA § 40-15-202. The victim is required to apply directly for these services through the City Court, Justice Court, or District Court. Assistance in applying for an Order of Protection may be sought from HAVEN or the VOICE Center. Victim Services may also be available to assist, as well as the Self-Help Law Center located in the Gallatin County Law and Justice Center.

The University may issue an institutional no contact order, if deemed appropriate, at the request of the victim or accused. If the University receives a report that such an institutional no contact order has been violated, the University will initiate appropriate disciplinary proceedings and will impose sanctions if responsibility is found for violation of the no contact order.

Supportive and Protective Measures Available for Victims

Upon receipt of a report of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, MSU will provide written notification to students and employees about supportive and protective measures available to them, including academic, living, transportation, protective orders and working situations. The written notification will include information regarding the accommodation options, available assistance in requesting accommodations, and how to request supportive and protective measures (i.e., the notification will include the name and contact information for the individual or office that should be contacted to request the accommodations). Supportive and protective measures are available to the individual who experienced the behavior regardless of whether they choose to report the crime to UPD or to a local law enforcement agency.

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 implementing supportive and protective measures. If reasonably available, a victim may be offered changes to academic, living, working, protective measures or transportation situations regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to UPD 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 supportive and protective measures, a victim should contact the Managing Director of the Office of Institutional Equity, at 406-994-2042,

OIE@montana.edu, you may also make requests in person in Montana Hall 311. You may request assistance by making a brief statement about what you have experienced, and request the changes that you believe would be helpful to remain safe and successful in your campus environment. Upon receipt, OIE will determine if the request is reasonable and work to implement the interim measures.

MSU'S EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

In an effort to reduce the risk of sexual violence , including the crime of rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, and domestic violence occurring among our students, MSU utilizes a range of campaigns, strategies, and initiatives to promote awareness, educational, risk reduction, and prevention programming.

MSU offers programming each year to identify and prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Educational programs are offered to raise awareness for all incoming students and employees. Students participate in educational programming during new student summer orientation and throughout an incoming student's first semester. Employees attend New Employee Orientation during their first month at MSU which contains an introduction to OIE and VOICE and attend Mandatory Reporter Training each year. The University engages in comprehensive, intentional, and integrated programming, initiatives, strategies, and campaigns intended to end dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking that:

- A. Are culturally relevant, inclusive of diverse communities and identities, sustainable, responsive to community needs, and informed by research, or assessed for value, effectiveness, or outcome; and
- B. Consider environmental risk and protective factors as they occur on the individual, relationship, institutional, community and societal levels.

Educational programming consists of primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees and ongoing awareness and prevention campaigns for students and employees. Programs and other campaigns offered throughout the year to all students and employees include strong messages regarding not just awareness, but also primary prevention (including normative messaging, environmental management, and bystander intervention), and discuss institutional policies as well as the Montana state law definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and the Montana state law definition of consent in reference to sexual activity. The program provides the institution's definition of consent. The programming also includes a statement that the institution prohibits the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking (as defined by the Clery Act).

A description of safe and positive options for bystander intervention is also provided. 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 intervening, identifying safe and effective intervention options, and taking action to intervene.

Programs also offer information on risk reduction that strives to empower victims, how to recognize warning signals and how to avoid potential attacks and do so without victim-blaming approaches.

The programming also includes information regarding:

- a. procedures victims should follow if a crime of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking occurs (as described in “Procedures Victims Should Follow if a Crime of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Occurs” elsewhere in this document)
- b. how the institution will protect the confidentiality of victims and other necessary parties (as described in “Assistance for Victims: Rights and Options” elsewhere in this document);
- c. existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available for victims, both within the institution and in the community (as described in “Assistance for Victims: Rights and Options” elsewhere in this document); and
- d. options for, available assistance in, and how to request changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations or protective measures (as described in “Assistance for Victims: Rights and Options” elsewhere in this document);
- e. procedures for institutional disciplinary action in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (as described in “Adjudication of Violations” elsewhere in this document);

In the past year, offices across campus have facilitated dozens of programs reaching thousands of students on topics ranging from violence prevention and response, bystander engagement, healthy relationships, and gender equity.

MSU offices directly involved in these programs include the MSU VOICE Center, Office of Health Advancement, Office of Institutional Equity, University Student Housing, Intercollegiate Athletics, Office of the Dean of Students, UPD, Women’s Center, Diversity Inclusion Student Commons the President’s Commission on the Status of University Women, and Equity Advocates.

MSU’s Education Outreach includes:

1. **Violence Prevention Workshop:** A five-hour workshop marketed to all MSU students, faculty and staff offered within the first six weeks of Fall and Spring semesters. Participants engage in interactive learning focusing on the primary prevention technique of bystander intervention. Consent is defined and discussed within the workshop. Additional topics include gender stereotypes, causes of violence, and how to support a survivor of sexual violence.
2. **Orientation Sessions:**
 - a. **Summer Orientation (Students):** The MSU Orientation office worked with the MSU VOICE Center inform students of their support systems on campus.
 - b. **New Employee Orientation (Staff):** Every new employee of MSU is required to attend a half day New Employee Orientation. Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) and MSU VOICE Center present information about discrimination and harassment, sexual assault prevention, and available resources.
 - c. **New Faculty Orientation:** All new faculty at MSU are required to attend a New Faculty Orientation. OIE presents information about discrimination and harassment, sexual assault prevention, and available resources.

3. **Educational outreach and safety presentations:** residence hall supervisors; Greek organizations; student athletes; student orientation leaders; and faculty and staff groups and organizations.

4. **Awareness Campaigns:**

- a. ***Don't Cancel That Class (DCTC)*** – Facilitated by the VOICE Center, faculty who have to miss a class can choose to bring in a VOICE Center facilitator to present to the class about consent, healthy relationships, bystander intervention, and other issues related to violence prevention and response. This is done through Not in Our House – the educational team within the MSU VOICE Center.
- b. ***It's On Us*** – Members of the MSU community can sign the It's On Us pledge as part of the national It's On Us campaign. The signing of the pledge is hosted by the MSU VOICE Center and held in front of Montana Hall for one week each semester.
- c. ***Sack Lunch Seminars*** – the MSU Women's Center facilitates regular seminars on issues related to violence prevention, gender equity, and intersectional identity, among other topics.
- d. ***Take Back the Night*** – A collaboration between MSU Student organization, Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA) and the MSU VOICE Center uniting to take a stand against violence. Specifically Take Back the Night focused on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). Events include a Survivor Art Show, a Survivor Speak-out, a rally, a march, and a celebration. All events are free and open to the community.
- e. ***Respect is Hot Campaign*** – The MSU VOICE Center collaborates with local coffee shops to offer information and education on Healthy Relationships and resources available for survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, and harassment.

5. **Passive Programming:**

- a. ***Social Media Campaign*** – The MSU VOICE Center posts information and educational posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter daily throughout the year. Each month has a different topic focused on violence prevention.
- b. ***Posters and Flyers*** – The MSU VOICE Center, OHA, and Women's Center work in conjunction to create posters and flyers focused on bringing awareness to sexual violence, relationship violence, stalking, and harassment. These posters and flyers are hung in the Student Union every semester and throughout the Residence Halls. Electronic posters are placed into the cycle on television screens throughout campus buildings.
- c. ***Tabling Events*** – The MSU VOICE Center, OHA, and OIE regularly attend tabling events for new and potential students on campus. Information on preventing sexual violence on campus is provided. Events include MSU Friday, Catapalooza, and Student Information Fairs.

6. **Lecture Series:** the Women's Center and the President's Commission on the Status of University Women provide annual lectures specifically centered on gender-based equity issues. Lectures are free to the University community and occur throughout the year.

7. **Student online training:** MSU uses the Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates/Graduate (SAPU/SAPYAL) Program in conjunction with alcohol.edu from Everfi. This online training is mandated for all incoming new undergraduate and graduate students. SAPU/SAPYAL covers the topics of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, bystander engagement, risk reduction, and campus resources. All students are required to take an online follow up training before registering for their second semester on-campus.

8. **Mandatory Reporter Training:** the Office of Institutional Equity facilitates training related to mandatory reporting of sex discrimination and sexual harassment, including, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. All mandatory reporters are required to attend. The training covers definitions, reporting requirements, response to reports, and campus and community resources.

PRIMARY PREVENTION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Specifically, the University offered the following **primary prevention and awareness programs** for **all incoming students** in 2020:

Name of Program	Date Held	Location Held	Which Prohibited Behavior* Covered?
Violence Prevention Workshop	2/16/2020, 10/13/2020	Student Union Building	DoV, DaV, SA, S
First Floor Meetings	8/6/2020	All residence life halls	DoV, DaV, SA, S

**DoV means Domestic Violence, DaV means Dating Violence, SA means Sexual Assault and S means Stalking*

The University offered the following **primary prevention and awareness programs** for all **new employees** in 2020:

Mandatory Reporter Training	Multiple	Procrastinator Theatre/ Norm 165	DoV, DaV, SA, S
New Employee Orientation	1/10/2020, 2/14/2020, 6/12/2020, 8/14/2020, 9/11/2020, 10/9/2020, 11/13/2020, 12/11/2020	Animal Bioscience Building	DoV, DaV, SA, S

**DoV means Domestic Violence, DaV means Dating Violence, SA means Sexual Assault and S means Stalking*

ONGOING PREVENTION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

The University offered the following **ongoing awareness and prevention programs** for **students** in 2020:

Name of Program	Date Held	Location Held	Which Prohibited Behavior* Covered?
Admissions	1/10/2020	Gaines	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Athletics	1/21/2020	Hall of Fame Room	DoV, DaV, SA, S
DCTC	1/21/2020	Roberts	DoV, DaV, SA, S
DCTC	1/22/2020	Cheever	DoV, DaV, SA, S
PanHel	1/22/2020	Fireplace Room	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Rec Sports	1/22/2020	Hoseaus	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Office of Health Advancement	2/4/2020	OHA House	DoV, DaV, SA, S
ROTC	2/5/2020	Reid	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Kappa Sigma	2/9/2020	Kappa Sigma House	DoV, DaV, SA, S
AGR	2/10/2020	AGR House	DoV, DaV, SA, S
DCTC	2/13/2020	Sherrick	DoV, DaV, SA, S
DCTC	2/14/2020	Linfield	DoV, DaV, SA, S
DCTC	2/14/2020	Wilson	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Alpha Sigma Phi	2/24/2020	Norm	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Alpha Gamma Delta	2/24/2020	AGD House	DoV, DaV, SA, S
DCTC	2/25/2020	Norm	DoV, DaV, SA, S
SigEp	3/1/2020	SigEp House	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Sigma Chi	3/2/2020	Sigma Chi House	DoV, DaV, SA, S
NASPA	6/24/2020	Virtual	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Hilleman Scholars	6/9/2020	Norm	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Athletics	9/10/2020	Roberts	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Leadership Foundations Class	9/14/2020	Outdoors	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Athletics	9/14/2020	Wilson	DoV, DaV, SA, S
DCTC	10/8/2020	Ballrooms	DoV, DaV, SA, S
DCTC	10/8/2020	Norm	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Help Center	10/21/2020	Virtual	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Alpha Sigma Phi	11/2/2020	Virtual	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Nursing	11/5/2020	Sherrick Hall	DoV, DaV, SA, S
DCTC	11/6/2020	Virtual	DoV, DaV, SA, S
DCTC	11/6/2020	Virtual	DoV, DaV, SA, S
DCTC	11/6/2020	Virtual	DoV, DaV, SA, S
AGR	11/9/2020	AGR House	DoV, DaV, SA, S
PIKE	11/9/2020	PIKE House	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Sigma Chi	11/18/2020	Virtual	DoV, DaV, SA, S

**DoV means Domestic Violence, DaV means Dating Violence, SA means Sexual Assault and S means Stalking*

The University offered the following **ongoing awareness and prevention programs** for **employees** in 2020:

Name of Program	Date Held	Location Held	Which Prohibited Behavior* Covered?
Mandatory Reporter Training	Multiple	Procrastinator Theatre	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Residence Life Senior Staff Training	8/6/2020	Johnstone Hall	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Residence Life RA Training	8/6/2020	Linfield Hall	DoV, DaV, SA, S
Violence Prevention Workshop	2/16/2020, 10/13/2020	Student Union Building	DoV, DaV, SA, S

**DoV means Domestic Violence, DaV means Dating Violence, SA means Sexual Assault and S means Stalking*

BYSTANDER ENGAGEMENT

Bystander engagement is encouraged through safe and positive intervention techniques and by empowering third-party intervention and prevention. Techniques taught at MSU include the 4 D’s: Direct, Distract, Delegate, and Delay. Students are taught each technique and practice using these techniques in scenarios within the prevention training. Students are encouraged to be mindful of safety when using any bystander intervention technique.

Direct intervention focuses on students identifying an unsafe situation and intervening in a direct manner to prevent violence. Distract intervention offers students the ability to intervene by distracting individuals involved in a situation and refocusing on an alternative. Delegate intervention encourages students to find assistance in intervening including calling 911 as needed. Delay intervention reminds students to keep themselves safe and not cause additional violence. They also may use this technique to support a survivor in connecting them with appropriate resources if they have experienced or are experiencing violence. Bystander empowerment training highlights the need for those who intervene to ensure their own safety in the intervention techniques they choose. Bystander Intervention Training also motivates participants to intervene as stakeholders in the safety of the community when others might choose to be bystanders.

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. Below is a list of some ways to be an active bystander. If you or someone else is in immediate danger, dial 911. This could be when a person is yelling at or being physically abusive towards another and it is not safe for you to interrupt.

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, 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.

REDUCING THE RISK OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) OFFENSES ON CAMPUS AND IN OUR COMMUNITY

We all have a responsibility to keep our campus and community safe. Being aware of different strategies and taking action when you feel someone is unsafe can help someone get out of a potentially dangerous situation. Look out for your fellow Bobcats. If someone looks uncomfortable or afraid, check in, find someone who knows the person who can help, or call someone in a position of authority to step in.

If you ever are unsure about a situation you are in, trust your instincts. Make an excuse to leave, ask for help, or even just walk away. Be true to who you are and what you value most. You aren't obligated to do something you don't want to do, and a simple, "I don't want to" is a good enough reason. If you're feeling pressured in a situation, or if you're afraid a blunt "no" will make the situation worse, don't hesitate to make an excuse or even lie if that's what you need to do to get out of the situation.

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 (taken from Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network, 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 and that you have cab or Uber money.
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 him or her 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 that 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 may regret later.

UNIVERSITY RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF DATING VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING

MSU has designated the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) to oversee the University's compliance with state and federal civil rights laws, including laws covering dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. OIE is responsible for the implementation of the University's [Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Policy and the related Discrimination Grievance Procedures](#). This Policy and its related Procedures govern the University's response to incidents of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Violations of this Policy will be addressed through the [Discrimination Grievance Procedures](#). Consequences for violating this policy will depend upon the facts and circumstances of each particular situation.

In determining the severity of sanctions or corrective actions, factors such as the frequency and severity of the offense and any history of past discriminatory, harassing, or retaliatory conduct are relevant. A finding of discrimination, harassment that creates a hostile environment or results in a tangible employment or educational action, or sexual violence may be cause for disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of employees and the expulsion of students, in accordance with applicable University policies and procedures and collective bargaining agreements. A complete list of sanctions for students is available in the Student Code of Conduct.

This policy shall not be construed or applied to restrict academic freedom at the campuses of Montana State University, nor shall it be construed to restrict constitutionally protected expression, even though such expression may be offensive, unpleasant, or even hateful.

In addressing all complaints and reports under this policy, the University will take all reasonable permissible actions to ensure the safety of students and employees while complying with free speech requirements for students and employees.

The University has procedures in place that serve to be sensitive to individuals 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, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid and other services on and/or off campus as well as additional remedies to prevent contact between a complainant¹ and an accused party, such as changes to housing, academic, protective orders, transportation and working situations, if reasonably available. The University will make such accommodations or protective measures, if the victim requests them and if they are reasonable available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to the UPD or local law enforcement. Students and employees should contact the Managing Director of the Office of Institutional Equity, 406-994-2042, by email at oiie@montana.edu , or in person at Montana Hall 311.

If a report of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking is reported to the University, below are the procedures that the University will follow:

Incident Being Reported	Procedure Institution Will Follow
Sexual Assault	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Depending on when reported (immediate vs delayed report), institution will provide complainant with access to medical care 2. Institution will assess immediate safety needs of complainant 3. Institution will provide the complainant with a written explanation of the complainant's rights and options 4. Institution will assist complainant with contacting local police if complainant requests AND provide the complainant with contact information for local police department 5. Institution will provide complainant with referrals to on campus mental health providers 6. Institution will assess need to implement supportive and protective measures, if appropriate. 7. Institution will provide a "No trespass" (PNG) directive to accused party if deemed appropriate 8. Institution will provide instructions on how to apply for Protective Order 9. Institution will provide a copy of the policy applicable to Sexual Assault to the complainant and inform the complainant regarding timeframes for inquiry, investigation and resolution 10. Institution will inform the complainant of the outcome of the investigation, whether or not the respondent will be administratively charged and inform them of the outcome. 11. Institution will enforce the anti-retaliation policy and take immediate and separate action against parties that retaliate against a person for complaining of sex-based discrimination or for assisting in the investigation
Stalking	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institution will assess immediate safety needs of complainant 2. Institution will assist complainant with contacting local police if complainant requests AND provide the complainant with contact information for local police department 3. Institution will provide written instructions on how to apply for Protective Order 4. Institution will provide written information to complainant on how to preserve evidence 5. Institution will assess need to implement supportive and protective measures to protect the complainant, if appropriate 6. Institution will provide the complainant with a written explanation of the complainant's rights and options 7. Institution will provide a "No trespass" (PNG) directive to accused party if deemed appropriate
Dating Violence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institution will assess immediate safety needs of complainant 2. Institution will assist complainant with contacting local police if complainant requests AND provide the complainant with contact information for local police department 3. Institution will provide written instructions on how to apply for Protective Order 4. Institution will provide written information to complainant on how to preserve evidence 5. Institution will assess need to implement supportive and protective measures to protect the complainant, if appropriate 6. Institution will provide the complainant with a written explanation of the complainant's rights and options 7. Institution will provide a "No trespass" (PNG) directive to accused party if deemed appropriate

Domestic Violence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institution will assess immediate safety needs of complainant 2. Institution will assist complainant with contacting local police if complainant requests AND complainant provided with contact information for local police department 3. Institution will provide written instructions on how to apply for Protective Order 4. Institution will provide written information to complainant on how to preserve evidence 5. Institution will assess need to implement supportive and protective measures to protect the complainant, if appropriate 6. Institution will provide the victim with a written explanation of the victim's rights and options 7. Institution will provide a "No trespass" (PNG) directive to accused party if deemed appropriate
--------------------------	--

Adjudication of Violations

The University's Discrimination Grievance Procedures provide for a prompt, fair, and impartial investigation, and resolution process of alleged violations of the university policy prohibiting domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Furthermore, it is the practice of the Office to provide, where feasible:

1. The Complainant and the Respondent will have timely notice for meetings at which the Complainant or Respondent, or both, may be present;
2. The Complainant, the Respondent and appropriate officials will have timely and equal access to any information that will be used during formal and informal investigations;
3. The institutional disciplinary procedures will not be conducted by officials who have a conflict of interest or bias for or against the Complainant or the Respondent;
4. The Complainant and the Respondent will have the same opportunities to have an advisor present during any institutional proceeding. The Complainant and the Respondent each have the opportunity to be advised by an advisor of their choice at any stage of the process and to be accompanied by that advisor to any related meeting or proceeding. The University will not limit the choice of advisor for either the Complainant or the Respondent in any meeting or institutional proceeding. If Respondent or Complainant does not have an advisor of their choosing, the University will provide an advisor for the hearing. Please note, however, the role of the advisor is limited to providing advice to the individuals, cross examination during the hearing, and may not speak freely on their behalf;
5. The Complainant and the Respondent will be notified simultaneously, in writing, of any initial, interim and final decision of any formal investigation; and
6. Where an appeal is permitted under the applicable policy, the Complainant and the Respondent will be notified simultaneously in writing, of the procedures for the Respondent and the Complainant to appeal of the result of the institutional disciplinary proceeding. When an appeal is filed, the Complainant and the Respondent will be notified simultaneously in writing of any change to the result prior to the time that it becomes final as well as of the final result once the appeal is resolved.

MSU'S NON-DISCRIMINATION GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

REQUIRED INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, DATING VIOLENCE, OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Victims may request that directory information on file with the University be withheld by request to either the Office of Institutional Equity (406-994-2042 or oiie@montana.edu) or to the Registrar, Tony Campeau (406-994-1972 or registrar@montana.edu).

Regardless of whether a victim has opted-out of allowing the University to share “directory information,” personally identifiable information about the victim and other necessary parties will be treated as private and only shared with persons who have a specific need-to-know, i.e., those who are investigating/adjudicating the report or those involved in providing support services to the victim, including accommodations and protective measures. By only sharing personally identifiable information with individuals on a need-to-know basis, the institution will maintain as private, any accommodations or protective measures provided to the victim to the extent that maintaining such privacy would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the accommodations or protective measures.

The University does not publish the name of crime victims or other identifiable information regarding victims in the Daily Crime Log or in the annual crime statistics that are disclosed in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. Furthermore, if a Timely Warning Notice is issued on the basis of a report of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, the name of the victim and other personally identifiable information about the victim will be withheld.

Types of Disciplinary Proceedings Utilized in Cases of Alleged Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

Montana State University has adopted a Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Policy and the associated Discrimination Grievance Procedures for the adjudication of reports of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking.

These procedures apply to Employees (Faculty/Staff), Students, and Guests.

1. How to File a Complaint Under this Policy

The individual who experienced the behavior may initiate a complaint by reporting to the Office of Institutional Equity. This office will work with the Complainant to determine what course of action under the policy they would like to take. In most cases, the decision is up to the individual who experienced the behavior. The policies and procedures documents may be accessed at: <https://www.montana.edu/policy/discrimination/procedures/>
<https://www.montana.edu/policy/discrimination/>

2. How the University Determines Whether This Policy will be Used

Each report received by the Office of Institutional Equity is reviewed for jurisdiction and an immediate health and safety risk for campus. If the Managing Director of the Office of Institutional Equity determines that the Office does not have jurisdiction to pursue a Complaint under the Discrimination, Harassment, g and Retaliation Policy, the appropriate referrals will be made.

3. Steps in the Disciplinary Process

In general, the procedural steps under the University [Discrimination Grievance Process](#) include the following:

1. Upon receipt of a report of conduct prohibited by the policy that falls within the jurisdiction of the Office of Institutional Equity, the Office will offer the person who experienced the behaviors supportive and protective measures and invite the person to meet with a staff member to discuss the options available to the person and the process for filing a Formal Complaint.
2. If the Complainant wishes to proceed with a Formal Complaint, the OIE staff will notify Respondent(s) of the allegations contained in the Formal Complaint and will conduct a preliminary investigation. Prior to completion of the investigation, the parties will be provided an opportunity to review the evidence collected and submit a written response. The investigator will issue a pre-hearing investigative report.
3. Upon completion of the pre-hearing investigative report, a Hearing Officer will preside over a live hearing at which each party will present witnesses and engage in cross-examination as allowed under the policy and will be advised by an advisor of their choosing or, if they have no advisor, one will be appointed by the University.
4. Following the conclusion of the Hearing, the Hearing Officer will issue a written determination regarding responsibility using a preponderance of the evidence standard of proof. If applicable, the determination will include the sanctions to be imposed on the Respondent.
5. The Investigator's findings will be provided to the Title IX Coordinator.
6. Each party has the right to appeal the determination of responsibility to the Title IX Coordinator as outlined in the Discrimination Grievance Process.

A full description of the procedures can be found [here](#).

4. Anticipated Timelines

The University makes every effort to complete the investigative process in a prompt manner, while adhering to the required time frames established in the policy and the schedules of the parties.

Unless the investigation is complex and involves numerous witnesses, the University will complete an investigation within 160 days of the receipt of the report.

5. Decision-Making Process

Generally, upon receipt of a Formal Complaint the decision-making process will follow the process described in section 4 above.

6. Standard of Evidence

Preponderance of the Evidence.

7. Possible Sanctions

For Students

Sanctions include, but are not limited to: Suspension, Expulsion, Conduct Probation, Suspension Warnings, Disciplinary Remand, Restitution, Residence Hall Sanctions, Community or University Service Requirements, Loss of Privileges, Trespass from Campus and affiliated properties.

For Employees

Sanctions include, but are not limited to: Termination, Letter of Warning, Letter of Expectation, Leave with Pay, Leave Without Pay, Restitution, Disciplinary Remand, Trespass from Campus and affiliated properties, and other progressive discipline as deemed appropriate.

8. Range of Supportive and Protective Measures Available to a Victim

Supportive and protective measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of campus, safety planning, referrals to on and off-campus services, trainings, mutual restrictions on contact, and other similar measures.

MSU SEXUAL OR VIOLENT OFFENDER LIST (MONTANA STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY)

The federal Campus Crimes Prevention Act, enacted on October 28, 2000, requires:

- 1 Registered sex offenders to provide notice, as required under State law, to each institution of higher education where they are employed or enrolled;
- 2 States must make this information available to a law enforcement agency where the institution of higher education is located; and
- 3 Institutions of higher education must advise the campus community where the information on registered sex offenders can be obtained.

The MSU Police Department has a website that lists individuals who are registered with the Montana Department of Justice as sexual or violent offenders and who are affiliated with the institution.

Updates to the MSU Sexual or Violence Offender List are made regularly and throughout the year.

To search the current names of offenders for sexual offender pictures and additional information, go to <https://app.doj.mt.gov/apps/svow/search.aspx>

ADDITIONAL CAMPUS SECURITY POLICIES

UNIVERSITY WEAPONS POLICY AND STORAGE POLICY

The University has a weapons policy that outlines various definitions, storage facilities, and corresponding procedures for safe handling and transportation of firearms and other weapons. Based on this policy, no person, student or University employee, may carry or possess a weapon, regardless of whether the person has a permit to carry a concealed weapon, on University premises except as authorized by the University weapons policy.

Students residing in University residence halls or visiting campus must store all weapons at the University's weapons storage facility located adjacent to the University Police Department. All weapons must be unloaded and in a hard gun case. Storage of any weapon in a parked vehicle on campus is strictly prohibited. Concealed carry permits are not recognized on campus.

Licensed peace officers working in the course and scope of their employment as law enforcement officers and employees of a contracted private security company, registered to carry firearms pursuant to Title 37, Chapter 60, MCA, working in the course and scope of their employment, are authorized to carry loaded firearms on campus.

Students and employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion or termination of employment. The UPD shall be responsible for appropriate enforcement of the policy for visitors and others on campus which may include removal from the campus, restriction of access to campus under section 1200.00 of the Facilities Use Manual, criminal and/or civil proceedings.

MISSING STUDENT POLICY

MSU has established a Missing Student Policy concerning the procedures for reporting and responding to reports of missing students. After 24 hours, when students are unaccounted for, they are presumed missing and the missing student procedures are invoked.

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act, MSU has a procedure that is followed when residential students are determined to be missing for 24 hours. Students residing in campus housing will be informed annually that each student has the option to identify a person designated as a confidential missing person contact to be notified by MSU no later than 24 hours after the time the student is determined to be missing by the designated University officials authorized to make that determination (specifically, the University Police Department) or the local law enforcement agency in which the student went missing. When students are informed of their option to provide a confidential contact, they are advised that their contact information will be registered confidentially, and that this information will be accessible only to authorized campus officials and law enforcement and that it may not be disclosed outside of a missing person investigation.

Reports of missing students should be referred immediately to the University Police Department. If members of the MSU community believe that a student has been missing for 24 hours, it is critical that they report that information to UPD by calling (406) 994-2121. When a student is reported

missing by any source, the University will determine whether the report is valid and, if so, will institute action to find the student. It will also notify other appropriate law enforcement agencies and specified University officials.

If the student has designated a missing person contact as recommended by this policy, or as offered by University Student Housing, MSU will notify that contact person within 24 hours, if the student is determined to have been missing for 24 hours. If the missing student is under 18 years old and is not emancipated, MSU will notify the custodial parent or guardian and any other designated contact person within 24 hours.

For all missing students, MSU will notify the local law enforcement agency within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing, unless the local law enforcement agency was the entity that made the determination that the student is missing.

Missing Student Procedures

If the student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, UPD will notify the student's parent or guardian and any other designated contact person within 24 hours.

Regardless of whether the student has identified a contact person, if above the age of 18, or is an emancipated minor, the University will inform the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction in the area that the student is missing within 24 hours.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION POLICY

Montana is one of two states in the country where State privacy law is more restrictive than Federal privacy law. Montana Code Annotated 20-25-515 – Release of student records prevent any State agency from releasing student records. When the Family Education Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA) was amended in 1998 to include parental notification provisions, the Montana University System determined that the above state law would prohibit such notification without the consent of the student.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Introduction

MSU has a Campus Alcohol and Drug Policy that promotes a healthy campus environment. That Policy is found at www.montana.edu/policy/campus_alcohol_drug and it conforms to the requirements of the [Drug Free Schools and Communities Act](#), and the Montana Board of Regents Policy 503.1, Alcoholic Beverages.

Standards of Conduct

MSU's policy prohibits unlawful possession, consumption, use, distribution or sale of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on campus property. These acts are prohibited by both

the Student Conduct Code and Section 1230 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. UPD has primary responsibility for the enforcement of State underage drinking laws as well as the enforcement of Federal and State drug laws.

MSU is a tobacco-free campus, which includes all nicotine delivery devices. Even though recreational and medical marijuana is legal in the state of Montana, University policy prohibits use in compliance with federal and state law which prohibits the possession and/or use of drugs and drug paraphernalia at educational institutions. On December 20, 2019, the President signed legislation raising the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age.

Alcoholic Beverages

Montana Board of Regents Policy 503.1 provides that consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted on property belonging to the Montana University System only as follows:

1. Within student living quarters, consumption of alcohol is allowed only by persons of legal age.
Legal consumption by students in student living quarters shall not interfere with the rights of other residents and their guests or cause the normal operation of residence halls/student housing to be disrupted.
2. Within approved areas on campus property that are used or rented as approved by the President.

Approval Process

MSU has established procedures for obtaining approval for events where alcohol will be available. See Section 890.00 of the Facilities Use Manual.

University Student Housing

All events involving alcohol held on campus must receive approval from University Catering. University Catering provides information about policies, laws, and the procedures to initiate the University's approval process. The requirements for events with service of alcoholic beverages are found in the Campus Alcohol and Drug Policy and the Facilities Use Manual.

MSU's policy allows the possession and consumption of alcohol in the privacy of student rooms or individual family and graduate housing units, in accordance with applicable State law (legal drinking age in Montana is 21). However, it does not allow alcoholic beverages to be consumed in public areas such as hallways and lounges. If a public area is used for an event and alcohol will be present, the event sponsor must follow the requirements in Section 890 of the Facilities Use Manual.

Also, the Policy does not allow parties or activities in student rooms where large amounts of alcohol are present.

Residence Hall social funds (managed by Residence Hall Association (RHA)) may not be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. Approved residence life and family and graduate housing sponsored functions involving alcohol must also adhere to the state law and the policies of the university. Off-campus events organized or sponsored by MSU Residence Life or Family and Graduate Housing may serve alcohol only in accordance with the Campus Alcohol and Drug Policy.

Fraternity/Sorority Organizations

MSU Policy provides that possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages at Fraternity/Sorority houses and functions are subject to policies established by the Board of Regents, Montana State University, IFC/Panhellenic policies, and with national chapter policies, local ordinances, and State laws.

Any Fraternity/Sorority events must follow MSU's Alcohol and Drug Policy including its provisions concerning prohibitions on: alcohol at open parties; use of alcohol at recruitment functions; the use of Chapter funds for the purchase of alcohol. Events with alcohol must also meet the requirements for registration with university officials and other related requirements and procedures.

ASMSU, Departmental and Other Registered Student Organizations

MSU's Alcohol and Drug Policy also regulates the use of alcohol at gatherings or events of ASMSU, registered student organizations, and other organized student groups. Such groups must follow MSU's policies and procedures governing the use of alcohol at events and must receive prior approval in accordance with Section 890.00 of the Facilities Use Manual. No organizational or ASMSU funds are allowed to be used to buy alcohol.

Stadium and Sports Facilities

Alcohol use is not allowed in sports facilities except in specific locations (e.g., Stadium Club) or as authorized under Section 890.00 of the Facilities Use Manual. Alcohol concessions at Football games and at tailgating are allowed in accordance with the requirements of MSU policies.

University Employees and Outside Groups

MSU's Alcohol and Drug policy also requires employee or private party events using University facilities that involve the service of alcohol to comply with the requirements of Section 890.00 of the Facilities Use Manual. No organizational funds of employee groups may be used to purchase alcohol.

Alcohol Marketing Guidelines

MSU's Policy also regulates alcohol advertising and marketing on campus. It prohibits reference to alcoholic beverages, free drinks, and drinking games, and regulates any allowed advertising.

Illegal Drugs

MSU's Policy also prohibits the use, possession, manufacture, sale, or distribution of any illegal drugs on University property or at University sponsored, including the non-medical use of prescription drugs.

Prescription Drug Abuse

Students' inappropriate use of prescription drugs to "get high," cram for exams, or use to enhance sports performance is a violation of MSU's policy. Prescription drugs, when mixed with alcohol, are particularly dangerous and potentially lethal. This is especially true of opiates, such as OxyContin, Vicodin or other painkillers. Harmful effects of prescription drug abuse include:

1. Mental health: increased irritability, agitation, anger, apathy, depression, paranoia (delusions and Hallucinations), violence, and dependence.
2. Physical health: drastic changes in sleep patterns, sudden weight loss or gain, stunted growth, and dependence.

Medical and Recreational Marijuana

Although Montana state law permits the use of recreational and medical marijuana, i.e., use by persons possessing lawfully issued medical marijuana cards or those over the age of 21, federal laws prohibit marijuana use, possession and/or cultivation at educational institutions and on the premises of other recipients of federal funds. Therefore, MSU's Policy prohibits the use, possession or cultivation of marijuana for recreational or medical purposes in any Montana State University property, inclusive of housing; nor is it allowed at any University-sponsored event or activity off campus.

Health Risks of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Abusive use of alcohol and/or the use of illicit drugs or misuse of prescription drugs can be detrimental to the physical and mental health of students and members of the surrounding community. The various risks are classified and described in this section of the Report.

Social, Academic, and Personal Risks of High-Risk Substance Abuse

Social, academic and personal risks are associated with students who drink alcohol, use illicit drugs or abuse prescription drugs. High-risk and illegal use of alcohol and illicit drugs are the most prominent health and safety risks to the MSU student population, which can result in significant legal and academic problems. Prevalence of this type of alcohol use (also known as "binge drinking" or heavy episodic drinking) and/or use of drugs can directly or indirectly lead to:

1. Social problems: driving under the influence, fighting, unwanted sexual contact, vandalism, trouble with authorities, unsafe sexual behavior, among others.
2. Academic problems: poor grades, missed classes, memory loss, falling behind in class work or projects.
3. Personal problems: depression, illness and injury, experiencing unwanted attempted or completed sexual intercourse, suicide, being the victim of violence or racial harassment, being unable to control drinking or drug use.

Second-Hand Effects

“Second hand” effects result from other peoples’ drinking or drug use, often experienced by students who choose not to use drugs or alcohol in a high-risk manner. These problems are typically most prominent among students living in close quarters (e.g., residence halls or Greek houses). Effects include: disruptions of sleep or studying, having one’s property damaged, feeling unsafe, having one’s membership in an organized group adversely affected, and decreased enjoyment of campus activities. Non-students, i.e., community members, are also at risk of experiencing problems as a result of student drinking or drug use (e.g., intoxicated driving, vandalism, violence, sexual assault).

Risks Associated with Dependency or Addiction

For some students, substance use escalates to dependency. Adverse effects of dependency can include illnesses such as liver disease, peripheral neuropathy, and cerebella degeneration. Additional health risks to students with chemical or psychological dependency include the personal problems listed above in addition to blackouts, alcoholic hallucinations, and delirium tremens. Prescribed medications and illicit drugs can be abused with or without dependency, leading to potential dependency, acute intoxication (can include depression or euphoria, altered time perception, impairment of immediate memory, overdose, stupor, shock, coma or death), acute withdrawal, psychosis, or aggravation of existing mental illness.

Symptoms of dependency include the following:

1. psychological craving: intense feeling of need for the drug which may be accompanied with antisocial behavior involved in the procurement of the substance;
2. physiological dependence: withdrawal symptoms are displayed when use of the substance is discontinued; and
3. tolerance: need to increase the dose of the substance to obtain the desired effects.

In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, Montana State University publishes information regarding the University’s educational programs related to drug and alcohol abuse prevention; sanctions for violations of federal, state, and local laws and University policy; a description of health risks associated with alcohol and other drug use; and a description of available treatment programs for MSU students and employees. A complete description of these topics, as provided in the University’s annual notification to students and employees, is available online on the Office of the [Dean of Students website](#). Additional information related to student use of AOD use is available online at [Office of Health Advancement Alcohol and Drug Assistance Center](#)

Education, Prevention, and Treatment Programs

Because of the health and social risks of alcohol and drug abuse, Montana State University provides alcohol and drug abuse prevention education, counseling and treatment programs, and recovery programs designed to reach all segments of the campus community.

All incoming students regardless of their age are required to take Alcohol EDU and Sexual Assault Prevention Education. Both programs are science-based, interactive online programs, providing students with facts and skill-based information on alcohol and sexual assault, other consequences of

alcohol abuse, including alcohol's impact on the brain, body, and behavior. The program matches course content to each student based on his or her behavior, attitudes, and what he or she already knows about alcohol.

Whether students choose to drink or not, the online education is designed to encourage informed decision-making about alcohol use as well as providing skills to respond to the drinking and risk behaviors of friends and peers. The program delivers information with a non-judgmental tone that supports students in making their own plan to reduce the risk of harm associated with drinking while in college.

This program is one of many efforts at MSU to support better decision-making and a healthier campus environment where everyone every can live, study, work and play. MSU Office of Health Advancement provides education programs addressing risk reduction as well as policy development to prevent substance misuse.

Details about online educational programs and the Office of Health Advancement are available at 406-994-4380 or www.montana.edu/oha

Student Treatment and Assistance – Alcohol and Drug Assistance Center/Insight Program

The MSU Office of Health Advancement provides a voluntary, confidential resource to assist all students who are impacted directly or indirectly by chemical abuse through its Alcohol and Drug Assistance Center/Insight Program, including the MIP (Minor in Possession) program.

INSIGHT is a state approved three-level assistance and intervention program open to all MSU students, either by self-referral or by referral from MSU offices, departments or the local court system. This program can be contacted at (406) 994-5937, and is located at 1106 S 6th Avenue. Student confidentiality will be respected. The Center provides referral and pre-assessment support.

The Center:

- Offers referral assistance to students and their friends who have alcohol and other drug use issues.
- Offers workshops, seminars and training related to substance abuse.
- Provides support to friends and family who are affected by someone else's substance use/abuse.
- Supports other MSU offices, faculty and staff in issues relating to alcohol/drugs.
- Provides factual information and dispels myths about alcohol and other drugs.
- Disseminates information on local treatment and recovery program options.
- Provides information, support and referral for those students affected by behavioral compulsions and for students who are/were affected by chemical abuse within a family.

The Center also offers limited family counseling and referral. A licensed counselor will meet and consult with family or friends of students on a limited basis in order to discuss options and offer support. The Center also provides treatment referrals. The three levels (Focus Seminar, Brief Alcohol Screening and Interventions for College Student—BASICS, and Intervention and Referral) are described in detail on the Insight website.

Students can also call Insight at 406-587-5937.

A full-time licensed clinical and addiction counselor works specifically with substance abuse issues. This service is provided as part of the health fees and is free to participants.

The Office of Health Advancement/Insight program also supports Students in Recovery. The Insight office staff also includes an MIP Case Coordinator and graduate student employees. Graduate students facilitate the Level I Focus Seminars; the licensed counselor conducts the BASICS program and oversees Levels III interventions. This program also provides support meetings for those in recovery and sober activities and community service.

CENTER FOR STUDENTS IN RECOVERY

The MSU Office of Health Advancement provides the Center for Students in Recovery. This is a community for students in sobriety, their allies, and those looking to gain or maintain recovery from addictive disorders. They provide sober events, fellowship, wellness mentoring and other resources. The Center provides recreational opportunities, service work, academic and professional growth as well as a peer-based recovery mentorship program that helps students manage and excel in challenging situations, on and off campus.

Details are available www.montana.edu/oha or email at crs@montana.edu. The Center is located at 1106 S 6th Ave.

The Center for Recovering Students offers several Alcoholic Anonymous and Marijuana Anonymous meetings throughout the week. For more information on meeting times and dates please contact 406-994-5937.

Students and Employees – General Counseling Services

In addition to the Student Alcohol and Drug Assistance/Insight Program, general counseling is available through [MSU's Counseling and Psychological Services](#) located in 211 Swingle, 406-994-4531. Assessments and individual counseling for students whose lives have been affected by their own or someone else's substance abuse are available. Persons who voluntarily avail themselves of University services shall be assured that applicable professional standards of confidentiality will be observed.

These counseling and rehabilitation services include:

1. Training professional staff and student staff on drug abuse information, intervention and referral;
2. Conducting education programs for students who have demonstrated abusive behavior with drugs;
3. Conducting individual counseling for members of the university community with drug problems;
4. Conducting drug abuse assessments;
5. Providing consultation, information and referral for students, staff and faculty with drug problems;
6. Designing and developing referral opportunities for members of the university community who desire to seek professional assistance beyond the campus. This will be done in cooperation with the employee assistance program and MSU Human Resources; and
7. Providing, with peer involvement, a system of intervention and referral services for students, faculty and staff.

This program has been designed to make faculty, students, administrators, and other employees served by the program comfortable, to give choice in the selection of assistance, to maintain confidentiality of clients, and to provide professional service.

Employees needing help in dealing with drug/alcohol problems or information on insurance coverage for treatment and rehabilitation programs may also contact Human Resources.

Enforcement and Sanctions

MSU's policy provides that students who violate the University alcohol and drug abuse policy, city or state laws are subject to disciplinary action as a student under the Student Conduct Code; and employees violating the policy are subject to discipline under personnel policies or applicable collective bargaining agreement. Individuals may also be subject to criminal prosecution.

Student sanctions may include reprimand, probation, suspension, expulsion and/or restitution as well as required attendance at educational and/or treatment programs.

Employee sanctions may include disciplinary measures up to and including termination. MSU may require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program by any employee who violates campus policy. (Section 1230.30 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.)

Criminal sanctions, regardless of status, may include jail, probation, mandatory counseling and/or education, fines, and suspension or revocation of driving privileges. Groups displaying unreasonable and irresponsible conduct or violating this University Alcohol/ Other Drugs policy will jeopardize continuance of the University-recognized or supported event and access to University service and facilities.

Biennial Review

MSU's Office of the Dean of Students and the Office of Health Advancement reviews the University's drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs for students and employees biennially to determine the programs' effectiveness and to implement changes if needed. The review will include the collection of information about a) the number of drug and alcohol-related violations and fatalities that occur on campus or as part of the institution's activities which are reported to campus officials; and b) the number and types of sanctions imposed by the institution as a result of those drug and alcohol-related violations and fatalities.

A written report of the review shall be prepared and maintained by MSU for a period of at least three years.

PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF CLERY CRIME STATISTICS

The procedures for preparing the annual disclosure of crime statistics include reporting statistics to the University community obtained primarily from the following sources: the University Police Department (UPD), Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) the Bozeman Police Department, and Campus Security Authorities (CSAs). For statistical purposes, crime statistics reported to any of these sources are recorded in the calendar year the crime was reported.

All of the statistics are gathered, compiled, and reported to the University community via this report, which is published by the Office of the Dean of Students. The MSU Dean of Students submits the annual crime statistics published in this Report to the Department of Education (ED). The statistical information gathered by the Department of Education is available to the public through the Department of Education's website, and hardcopies of this report are available from the MSU Office of the Dean of Students.

Under the Clery Act, Montana State University is required to report annual crime statistics showing reported occurrences of specific types of crime for the benefit of current/prospective students and current/prospective employees.

Crimes reported under the Silent Witness Program are included in the annual disclosure of crime statistics. The VOICE Center staff report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics. The VOICE Center staff will inform persons they are counseling that they will make these confidential reports. The VOICE Center staff will not disclose any identifying information without the written consent of the client.

Statistics pertaining to referrals for disciplinary action reflect those incidents of alcohol, drugs, and weapons violations that were referred to the Dean of Students, Director of University Student Housing, and the Fraternity/Sorority Leadership for student disciplinary action.

Statistics for off-campus crime are not collected by the Bozeman Police Department or Gallatin County Sheriff's Office for Clery reportable offenses or arrests. The Dean of Students' Office has requested the information for public property and non-campus buildings or property within the jurisdiction of each agency.

However, the agencies have officially confirmed that they are not able to provide this data.

There are two private apartment complexes immediately adjacent to the campus and across from the MSU Football Stadium that are not affiliated with MSU. Visitors sometimes assume that those apartment buildings are part of the campus, but the institution has no written agreement with those apartment complexes to provide student housing. Thus, there are no MSU staff members assigned to those buildings and the policies, procedures, and statistics for those buildings are not addressed in the Annual Fire Safety Report. Furthermore, crime statistics are not provided for those private apartment buildings in the Annual Security Report.

MSU CRIME STATISTICS: CLERY DATA

The following crime statistics are for selected crimes that have been reported to appropriate and corresponding police agencies or to campus security authorities based on our Clery geography. The statistics reported for the sub-categories on liquor laws, drug laws, and weapons offenses represented the number of people arrested or referred to campus judicial authorities for respective violations, not the number of offenses documented.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES (Reported by Hierarchy)	On-Campus			On-Campus Student Housing			Non-Campus			Public Property		
	18	19	20	18	19	20	18	19	20	18	19	20
Murder/ Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	10	10**	13	9	6**	13	1	2	1	2	0	0
Fondling	4	3**	2	3	2	1	1	3**	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	3	2**	0	3	2**	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
Burglary	2	6**	4	1	5**	3	1	3**	0	0*	0**	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Arson	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VAWA OFFENSES	On-Campus			On-Campus Student Housing			Non-Campus			Public Property		
	18	19	20	18	19	20	18	19	20	18	19	20
Domestic Violence	6	14**	6	6	14**	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	3	3**	6	3	2**	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Stalking	11	17**	16	6	4**	9	0	2**	1	0	0	0

ARRESTS	On-Campus			On-Campus Student Housing			Non-Campus			Public Property		
	18	19	20	18	19	20	18	19	20	18	19	20
Weapons Law Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Drug Law Arrests	101	105	33	86	85	24	0	13	0	6	3	1
Liquor Law Arrests	59	124	49	24	32	16	3	11	1	9	31	9

DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS	On-Campus			On-Campus Student Housing			Non-Campus			Public Property		
	18	19	20	18	19	20	18	19	20	18	19	20
Weapons Law Violations	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	66	49	118	63	41	117	0	0	0	2	0	1
Liquor Law Violations	236	235	368	218	218	355	1	3	2	2	3	15

**The original 2019 ASFSR reported 2 burglaries on public property in 2018. The University later discovered that these two burglaries occurred adjacent to the University and not within our Clery geography. MSU became aware of the discrepancy on October 16, 2019. This revised 2019 report was published on October 22, 2019*

***The original 2020 ASFSR was published on November 13, 2020. An administrative error was discovered by the University on July 22, 2021 that has since changed a number of MSU's crime statistics. These statistics have been updated and revised in the 2020 report.*

UNFOUNDED CRIMES

Year	Description
2020	No unfounded crime
2019	One unfounded crime**
2018	No unfounded crime

HATE CRIMES BY CATEGORY AND BIAS

Year	Description
2020	One on-campus housing Intimidation incident, characterized by Racial Bias
	One on campus Intimidation incident, characterized by Racial, Gender, and Sexual Orientation Bias
2019	One on-campus housing Intimidation incident, characterized by Racial and Sexual Orientation Bias**
2018	One on-campus housing Intimidation incident – characterized by National Origin Bias.
	One public property Intimidation incident – characterized by Racial Bias.

DEFINITION OF CRIME CATEGORIES UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Criminal Offenses are defined as outlined by the U.S. Department of Justice, FBI National Incident-Based Reporting System. For the purposes of complying with the requirements of 34 CFR 668.41, and incident meeting these definitions is considered a crime for the purpose of Clery Act reporting.

1. **Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter:** The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Any death caused by injuries received in a fight, argument, quarrel, assault, or commission of a crime is classified as murder and non-negligent manslaughter.
2. **Manslaughter by Negligence:** Is defined as the killing of another person through gross negligence. Deaths of persons due to their own negligence, accidental deaths not resulting from gross negligence, and traffic fatalities, are not included in the category Manslaughter by Negligence.
3. **Sexual Assault:** An offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Per the National Incident-Based Reporting System User Manual from the FBI UCR Program, a sex offense is “any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.”
 - a) **Rape:** The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.
 - b) **Fondling:** The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent 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 or physical incapacity. (Because there is no penetration in fondling, this offense will not convert to the SRS as Rape)

- c) **Incest:** sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
- d) **Statutory Rape:** sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.
4. **Robbery:** The taking, or attempted taking, of anything of value from one person by another, in which the offender uses force or the threat of violence.
5. **Aggravated Assault:** Aggravated assault is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
6. **Burglary:** The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft.
7. **Motor-Vehicle Theft:** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle, including automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, and mopeds.
8. **Arson:** The willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle, or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.
9. **Domestic Violence:** Includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that persons acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.
10. **Dating Violence:** 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 a relationship shall be determined by the victim with consideration of the following factors: (1) The length of the relationship, (2) The type of relationship, (3) The frequency of the interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
11. **Stalking:** Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or to suffer substantial emotional distress. Course of conduct means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about, a person, or interferes with a person's property.
- *Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.*
- *Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.*
12. **Liquor-Law Violations:** The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; underage possession; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned offenses.
- *Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.*

13. **Drug-Law Violations:** Violations of State and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).
14. **Weapons-Law Violations:** The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned offenses.

Categories of Prejudice

Hate Crime is defined as a criminal offense committed against a person or property that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias. Bias is a preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their race, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity or disability.

For Clery Act reporting purposes, hate crimes include any offense in the following list that is motivated by bias:

- Murder and Non-negligent manslaughter
- Sex Offense
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson
- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism to Property
- Intimidation
- Larceny/Theft
- Simple Assault

Hate Crime Bias

- Race
- Gender
- Religion
- National Origin
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity
- Ethnicity
- Disability



DEFINITION OF CRIME CATEGORIES UNDER MONTANA LAW

The terms Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Consent are defined in the applicable jurisdiction as outlined by Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2019, Title 45. Crimes, Chapter 5. Offenses Against the Person, Part 5. Sexual Crimes.

1. **Domestic Violence:** The state of Montana does not have a definition of domestic violence.
2. **Dating Violence:** The state of Montana does not have a definition of dating violence.
3. **Sexual Assault:** The state of Montana defines sexual assault as follows: Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 40-15-116. Definitions: As used in 40-15-115 through 40-15-121, the following definitions apply: (5) “Sexual assault” means sexual assault as defined in 45-5-502, sexual intercourse without consent as defined in 45-5-503, incest as defined in 45-5-507, or sexual abuse of children as defined in 45-5-625.

45-5-502. Sexual assault:

1. A person who knowingly subjects another person to any sexual contact without consent commits the offense of sexual assault.
 - a. On a first conviction for sexual assault, the offender shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both.
 - b. On a second conviction for sexual assault, the offender shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 1 year, or both.
 - c. On a third and subsequent conviction for sexual assault, the offender shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$10,000 or be imprisoned for a term not to exceed 5 years, or both.
2. If the victim is less than 16 years old and the offender is 3 or more years older than the victim or if the offender inflicts bodily injury upon anyone in the course of committing sexual assault, the offender shall be punished by life imprisonment or by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of not less than 4 years, unless the judge makes a written finding that there is good cause to impose a term of less than 4 years and imposes a term of less than 4 years, or more than 100 years and may be fined not more than \$50,000.
3. An act “in the course of committing sexual assault” includes an attempt to commit the offense or flight after the attempt or commission.
 - a. Subject to subsections (5)(b) and (5)(f), consent is ineffective under this section if the victim is:
 - i. incarcerated in an adult or juvenile correctional, detention, or treatment facility or is on probation or parole and the perpetrator is an employee, contractor, or volunteer of the supervising authority and has supervisory or disciplinary authority over the victim, unless the act is part of a lawful search;
 - ii. less than 14 years old and the offender is 3 or more years older than the victim;
 - iii. receiving services from a youth care facility, as defined in 52-2-602, and the perpetrator:
 - A. has supervisory or disciplinary authority over the victim or is providing treatment to the victim; and
 - B. is an employee, contractor, or volunteer of the youth care facility; or
 - iv. admitted to a mental health facility, as defined in 53-21-102, is admitted to a community-based facility or a residential facility, as those terms are defined in 53-20-102, or is receiving community-based services, as defined in 53-20-102, and the perpetrator:

- A. has supervisory or disciplinary authority over the victim or is providing treatment to the victim; and
- B. is an employee, contractor, or volunteer of the facility or community-based service.
- v. a program participant, as defined in **52-2-802**, in a private alternative adolescent residential or outdoor program, pursuant to Title 52, chapter 2, part 8, and the perpetrator is a person associated with the program, as defined in **52-2-802**;
- vi. the victim is a client receiving psychotherapy services and the perpetrator:
 - A. is providing or purporting to provide psychotherapy services to the victim; or
 - B. is an employee, contractor, or volunteer of a facility that provides or purports to provide psychotherapy services to the victim and the perpetrator has supervisory or disciplinary authority over the victim; or
- vii. a student of an elementary, middle, junior high, or high school, whether public or nonpublic, and the perpetrator is not a student of an elementary, middle, junior high, or high school and is an employee, contractor, or volunteer of any school who has ever had instructional, supervisory, disciplinary, or other authority over the student in a school setting.

Subsection (5)(a)(i) does not apply if one of the parties is on probation or parole and the other party is a probation or parole officer of the supervising authority and the parties are married to each other.

Subsections (5)(a)(iii) and (5)(a)(iv) do not apply if the individuals are married to each other and one of the individuals involved is a patient in or resident of a facility, is a recipient of community-based services, or is receiving services from a youth care facility and the other individual is an employee, contractor, or volunteer of the facility or community-based service.

45-5-220 Stalking – exemption – penalty.

1. A person commits the offense of stalking if the person purposely or knowingly engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person and knows or should know that the course of conduct would cause a reasonable person to:
 - a. fear for the person's own safety or the safety of a third person; or
 - b. suffer other substantial emotional distress.
2. For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
 - a. "Course of conduct" means two or more acts, including but not limited to acts in which the offender directly or indirectly, by any action, method, communication, or physical or electronic devices or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, harasses, or intimidates a person or interferes with a person's property.
 - b. "Reasonable person" means a reasonable person under similar circumstances as the victim. This is an objective standard.
 - c. "Substantial emotional distress" means significant mental suffering or distress that may but does not necessarily require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.
3. This section does not apply to a constitutionally protected activity.

4. Except as provided in subsection (4)(b), for the first offense, a person convicted of stalking shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 1 year or fined an amount not to exceed \$1,000, or both.
 - a. For a second or subsequent offense within 20 years or for a first offense when the offender violated any order of protection, when the offender used force or a weapon or threatened to use force or a weapon, or when the victim is a minor and the offender is at least 5 years older than the victim, the offender shall be imprisoned in the state prison for a term not to exceed 5 years or fined an amount not to exceed \$10,000, or both.
 - b. A person convicted of stalking may be sentenced to pay all medical, counseling, and other costs incurred by or on behalf of the victim as a result of the offense.
5. Upon presentation of credible evidence of violation of this section, an order may be granted, as set forth in Title 40, chapter 15, restraining a person from engaging in the activity described in subsection (1).
6. For the purpose of determining the number of convictions under this section, “conviction” means:
 - a. a conviction, as defined in **45-2-101**, in this state;
 - b. a conviction for a violation of a statute similar to this section in another state; or
 - c. a forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the defendant’s appearance in court in this state or another state for a violation of a statute similar to this section, which forfeiture has not been vacated.
7. Attempts by the accused person to contact or follow the stalked person after the accused person has been given actual notice that the stalked person does not want to be contacted or followed constitutes prima facie evidence that the accused person purposely or knowingly followed, harassed, threatened, or intimidated the stalked person.

Consent

The State of Montana defines consent, in relation to sexual activity, with reference to sexual assault, in the applicable jurisdiction (Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2019, (45-5-501), as follows:

1. The term “consent” means words or overt actions indicating a freely given agreement to have sexual intercourse or sexual contact and is further defined but not limited by the following:
 - a. an expression of lack of consent through words or conduct means there is no consent or that consent has been withdrawn;
 - b. a current or previous dating or social or sexual relationship by itself or the manner of dress of the person involved with the accused in the conduct at issue does not constitute consent; and
 - c. lack of consent may be inferred based on all of the surrounding circumstances and must be considered in determining whether a person gave consent.
2. Subject to subsections (1)(c) and (1)(d), the victim is incapable of consent because the victim is:
 - a. mentally defective or incapacitated; b. physically helpless; c. overcome by deception, coercion, or surprise; d. less than 16 years old;
 - b. As used in subsection (a), the term “force” means:
 - i. the infliction, attempted infliction or threatened infliction of bodily injury or the commission of a forcible felony by the offender; or
 - ii. the threat of substantial retaliatory action that caused the victim to reasonably believe that the offender has the ability to execute the threat.

STATE OF MONTANA LAWS ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER ILLEGAL DRUGS

Montana’s Underage Consumption of Alcohol Law

45-5-624. Possession of or unlawful attempt to purchase intoxicating substance.

A person under 21 years of age commits the offense of possession of an intoxicating substance if the person knowingly consumes or has in the person’s possession an intoxicating substance. A person may not be arrested for or charged with the offense solely because the person was at a place where other persons were possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages. A person does not commit the offense if the person consumes or gains possession of an alcoholic beverage because it was lawfully supplied to the person under 16-6-305 or when in the course of employment it is necessary to possess alcoholic beverages.

Relevant Age	Offense Level	Penalty
Under 18 years of age who is convicted	1st Offense	Shall be fined an amount not less than \$100 and not to exceed \$300 and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shall be ordered to perform 20 hours of community service; • shall be ordered, and the person’s parent or parents or guardian shall be ordered, to complete and pay all costs of participation in a community-based substance abuse information course that meets the requirements of subsection (9), if one is available; and • if the person has a driver’s license, must have the license confiscated by the court for 30 days, except as provided in subsection (2)(b).
	2nd Offense	Shall be fined an amount not less than \$200 and not to exceed \$600 and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shall be ordered to perform 40 hours of community service; • shall be ordered, and the person’s parent or parents or guardian shall be ordered, to complete and pay all costs of participation in a community-based substance abuse information course that meets the requirements of subsection (9), if one is available; • if the person has a driver’s license, must have the license confiscated by the court for 6 months, except as provided in subsection (2)(b); and • shall be required to complete a chemical dependency assessment and treatment, if recommended, as provided in subsection (8).
	3rd or Subsequent Offense	Shall be fined an amount not less than \$300 or more than \$900 and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shall be ordered to perform 60 hours of community service, • shall be ordered, and the person’s parent or parents or guardian shall be ordered, to complete and pay all costs of participation in a community-based substance abuse information course that meets the requirements of subsection (9), if one is available, and • shall be required to complete a chemical dependency assessment and treatment, if recommended, as provided in subsection (8). • If the person has a driver’s license, the court shall confiscate the license for 6 months, except as provided in subsection (2)(b).

18 Years of age or older who is convicted	1st Offense	Shall be fined an amount not less than \$100 or more than \$300 and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shall be ordered to perform 20 hours of community service; and • shall be ordered to complete and pay all costs of participation in a community-based substance abuse information course that meets the requirements of subsection (9).
	2nd Offense	Shall be fined an amount not less than \$200 or more than \$600 and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shall be ordered to perform 40 hours of community service; and • shall be ordered to complete and pay for an alcohol information course at an alcohol treatment program that meets the requirements of subsection (9), which may, in the court’s discretion and on recommendation of a licensed addiction counselor, include alcohol or drug treatment, or both.
	3rd or Subsequent Offense	Shall be fined an amount not less than \$300 or more than \$900, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shall be ordered to perform 60 hours of community service; • shall be ordered to complete and pay for an alcohol information course at an alcohol treatment program that meets the requirements of subsection (9), which may, in the sentencing court’s discretion and on recommendation of a licensed addiction counselor, include alcohol or drug treatment, or both; and • in the discretion of the court, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months
A person under the age of 21 (Attempts to purchase an intoxicating substance)		A person convicted of attempt to purchase an intoxicating substance shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$150 if the person was under 21 years of age at the time that the offense was committed and may be ordered to perform community service.

Montana’s Medical Amnesty Law

45-5-624. Possession of or unlawful attempt to purchase intoxicating substance

A person under 21 years of age may not be charged or prosecuted under subsection (1) if:

1. the person has consumed an intoxicating substance and seeks medical treatment at a health care facility or contacts law enforcement personnel or an emergency medical service provider for the purpose of seeking medical treatment;
2. the person accompanies another person under 21 years of age who has consumed an intoxicating substance and seeks medical treatment at a health care facility or contacts law enforcement personnel or an emergency medical service provider for the purpose of seeking medical treatment for the other person; or
3. the person requires medical treatment as a result of consuming an intoxicating substance and evidence of a violation of this section is obtained during the course of seeking or receiving medical treatment.

Montana's Carrying False Identification Law

61-5-302. Unlawful use of license or identification card.

It is a misdemeanor for a person to:

1. display or cause or permit to be displayed or have in the person's possession a canceled, revoked, suspended, fictitious, or altered driver's license, identification card, or tribal identification card;
2. lend the person's driver's license, identification card, or tribal identification card to any other person or knowingly permit its use by another;
3. display or represent as one's own any driver's license, identification card, or tribal identification card not issued to the person;
4. fail or refuse to surrender to the department upon its lawful demand a driver's license or identification card that has been suspended, revoked, or canceled;
5. use a false or fictitious name in an application for a driver's license or identification card or knowingly make a false statement or knowingly conceal a material fact or otherwise commit a fraud in an application; or
6. permit any unlawful use of a driver's license, identification card, or tribal identification card issued to the person.
7. Fines typically range between \$280 and \$500.

Montana's Public Drunkenness Law

61-8-508. Intoxicated pedestrian

Except in an authorized crosswalk, a person who is under the influence of alcohol or any drug may walk or stand in the public right-of-way, as defined in 60-1-103, but not on a roadway or a shoulder as is otherwise permissible under 61-8-506(2). Fines typically range between \$100 and \$500.

Montana's Driving Under the Influence of Substances Law

61-8-401. Driving under influence of alcohol or drugs – definitions

It is unlawful and punishable, as provided in 61-8-442, 61-8-714, and 61-8-731 through 61-8-734, for a person who is under the influence of:

- a. alcohol to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle upon the ways of this state open to the public;
- b. a dangerous drug to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle within this state;
- c. any other drug to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle within this state; or
- d. alcohol and any dangerous or other drug to drive or be in actual physical control of a vehicle within this state.
- e. Fines typically range between \$600 and \$5,000.

Offense Level	Penalty
1st Offense	<p>a) Shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 24 consecutive hours or more than 6 months and by a fine of not less than \$600 or more than \$1,000, except that if one or more passengers under 16 years of age were in the vehicle at the time of the offense, the person shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 48 consecutive hours or more than 1 year and by a fine of not less than \$1,200 or more than \$2,000.</p> <p>b) The mandatory minimum imprisonment term may not be served under home arrest and may not be suspended unless the judge finds that the imposition of the imprisonment sentence will pose a risk to the person’s physical or mental well-being.</p> <p>c) The remainder of the imprisonment sentence may be suspended for a period of up to 1 year pending successful completion of court-ordered chemical dependency assessment, education, or treatment by the person.</p>
2nd Offense	<p>a) Except as provided in subsection (4) or (5), a person convicted of a second violation of 61-8-401 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,200 or more than \$2,000 and by imprisonment for not less than 7 days or more than 1 year, except that if one or more passengers under 16 years of age were in the vehicle at the time of the offense, the person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$2,400 or more than \$4,000 and by imprisonment for not less than 14 days or more than 1 year.</p> <p>b) The mandatory minimum imprisonment term may not be served under home arrest and may not be suspended unless the judge finds that the imposition of the imprisonment sentence will pose a risk to the person’s physical or mental well-being.</p> <p>c) The remainder of the imprisonment sentence may be suspended for a period of up to 1 year pending the person’s successful completion of a chemical dependency treatment program pursuant to 61-8-732.</p>
3rd Offense	<p>a) Except as provided in subsection (4) or (5), a person convicted of a third violation of 61-8-401 shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than 30 days or more than 1 year and by a fine of not less than \$2,500 or more than \$5,000, except that if one or more passengers under 16 years of age were in the vehicle at the time of the offense, the person shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than 60 days or more than 1 year and by a fine of not less than \$5,000 or more than \$10,000.</p> <p>b) The mandatory minimum imprisonment term may not be served under home arrest and may not be suspended unless the judge finds that the imposition of the imprisonment sentence will pose a risk to the person’s physical or mental well-being.</p> <p>c) The remainder of the imprisonment sentence may be suspended for a period of up to 1 year pending the person’s successful completion of a chemical dependency treatment program pursuant to 61-8-732.</p>
4th Offense – Felony	<p>4. If the person has a prior conviction under 45-5-106, the person shall be punished as provided in 61-8-731 for a fourth or subsequent offense of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or with an excessive alcohol concentration, driving under the influence of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, or aggravated driving under the influence.</p> <p>5. If the person has a prior conviction or pending charge for a violation of 61-8-465, the person shall be punished as provided in 61-8-465.</p>

Montana's law on selling or furnishing alcohol to minors

16-6-305. Age limit for sale or provision of alcoholic beverages – liability of provider.

- A. Except in the case of an alcoholic beverage provided in a nonintoxicating quantity to a person under 21 years of age by the person's parent or guardian, physician or dentist for medicinal purposes, a licensed pharmacist upon the prescription of a physician, or an ordained minister or priest in connection with a religious observance, a person may not sell or otherwise provide an alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age.
 - B. A parent, guardian, or other person may not knowingly sell or otherwise provide an alcoholic beverage in an intoxicating quantity to a person under 21 years of age.
 - C. For the purposes of this section, "intoxicating quantity" means a quantity of an alcoholic beverage that is sufficient to produce:
 - i. a blood, breath, or urine alcohol concentration in excess of 0.05;
 - ii. substantial or visible mental or physical impairment.
1. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor who:
 - i. invites a person under the age of 21 years into a public place where an alcoholic beverage is sold and treats, gives, or purchases an alcoholic beverage for the person;
 - ii. permits the person in a public place where an alcoholic beverage is sold to treat, give, or purchase alcoholic beverages for the person; or
 - iii. holds out the person to be 21 years of age or older to the owner of the establishment or to the owner's employee.
 2. It is unlawful for any person to fraudulently misrepresents the person's age to any dispenser of alcoholic beverages or to falsely procure any identification card or to alter any of the statements contained in any identification card, including a tribal identification card.
 3. A person 21 years of age or older who violates the provisions of subsection (1)(b) is, in addition to applicable criminal penalties, subject to civil liability for damages resulting from a tortious act committed by the person to whom the intoxicating substance was sold or provided if the act is judicially determined to be the result of the intoxicated condition created by the violation.

Montana's open container laws

61-8-460. Unlawful possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle on highway

1. Except as provided in subsection 2), a person commits the offense of unlawful possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle if the person knowingly possesses an open alcoholic beverage container within the passenger area of a motor vehicle on a highway.
2. This section does not apply to an open alcoholic beverage container:
 - a. in a locked glove compartment or storage compartment;
 - b. in a motor vehicle trunk or luggage compartment or in a truck bed or cargo compartment;
 - c. behind the last upright seat of a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a trunk;
 - d. in a closed container in the area of a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a trunk and that is not normally occupied by the driver or a passenger; or
 - e. in the immediate possession of a passenger:
 - i. of a motor vehicle, including a bus, taxi, or limousine, that is used for the transportation of persons for compensation and that includes the provision of a hired driver; or
 - ii. in the living quarters of a camper, travel trailer, or motor home.

3. A person convicted of the offense of unlawful possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$100.
4. A violation of this section is not a criminal offense within the meaning of 3-1-317, 3-1-318, 45-2-101, 46-18-236, 61-8-104, and 61-8-711 and may not be recorded or charged against a driver's record, and an insurance company may not hold a violation of this section against the insured or increase premiums because of the violation. The surcharges provided for in 3-1-317, 3-1-318, and 46-18-236 may not be imposed for a violation of this section.

Bozeman Municipal Code Sec. 4.04.030. Public drinking or display of open alcoholic beverages; open containers; prohibited

Public drinking or display or exhibition of open alcoholic beverages (open container) as defined in section 4.04.020 is prohibited, and it is unlawful for any person to engage in public drinking, public display or exhibition of open alcoholic beverages (open container) within the city limits. Fines are typically \$100.

Bozeman Municipal Code Sec. 4.04.070. Violation; penalty

It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of this article. b) Anyone found guilty of the offense of having an open container under section

4.04.030 shall be fined an amount not less than \$100.00 and not to exceed \$500.00 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed six months, or both. The first \$100.00 of a fine under this section may not be suspended.

Upon conviction, the court may, in its discretion, order the payment of the costs of prosecution or imprisonment, or both, as part of the sentence.

Montana's public urination or defecation laws

Bozeman Municipal Code Sec. 24.06.010. Public urination and defecation

No person within the jurisdictional limits of the city shall publicly defecate or urinate on streets, sidewalks, alleys, parks, parking lots or other places open to the public including areas open to the public in buildings unless a sanitary facility capable of and commonly used for disposal of human urine or excrement is used.

Possession of Dangerous Drugs (PODD)

45-9-102. Criminal possession of dangerous drugs

1. Except as provided in **50-32-609** or Title 50, chapter 46, a person commits the offense of criminal possession of dangerous drugs if the person possesses any dangerous drug, as defined in 50-32-101.
2. A person convicted of criminal possession of marijuana or its derivatives in an amount the aggregate weight of which does not exceed 60 grams of marijuana or 1 gram of hashish is, for the first offense, guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.
 - a. A person convicted of a second offense under this subsection (2) shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 months, or both.

- b. A person convicted of a third or subsequent offense under this subsection (2) shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 1 year, or both.
 - c. This subsection does not apply to the possession of synthetic cannabinoids listed as dangerous drugs in 50-32-222.
3. A person convicted of criminal possession of dangerous drugs not otherwise provided for in subsection (1) or (2) shall be imprisoned in the state prison for a term not to exceed 5 years or be fined an amount not to exceed \$5,000, or both.
 4. A person convicted of a first violation under this section is presumed to be entitled to a deferred imposition of sentence of imprisonment.
 5. Ultimate users and practitioners, as defined in 50-32-101, and agents under their supervision acting in the course of a professional practice are exempt from this section.

Possession of Dangerous Paraphilia (PODP)

45-10-103. Criminal possession of drug paraphernalia

Except as provided in **50-32-609** or Title 50, chapter 46, it is unlawful for a person to use or to possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a dangerous drug. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 6 months, fined an amount of not more than \$500, or both. A person convicted of a first violation of this section is presumed to be entitled to a deferred imposition of sentence of imprisonment.



Flowers bloom on MSU's campus in spring 2021

2021 ANNUAL CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY REPORT FOR REPORTING YEAR 2020, 2019 & 2018

INTRODUCTION

MSU publishes this Annual Fire Safety Report as part of its annual Clery Act/HEOA Compliance document, which contains information regarding fire safety practices, education and standards for the University. This report includes statistics concerning the number of fires, the cause of each fire, the number of injuries and deaths related to a fire, and the value of the property damage caused by a fire (see Fire Statistics later in this report).

In an effort to standardize the information an institution publishes on fire safety, the U.S. Department of Education requires all universities that maintain on-campus student housing facilities and receive U.S. Department of Education funding to publish an annual fire safety report, maintain a fire log, and report fire statistics to the Secretary of Education. The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is also posted on the University Student Housing website. Paper copies of the full report are available upon request at the Residence Life Office during business hours.

Federal Definition of Fire: Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner. Fire safety is essential in protecting a campus community from injuries, deaths, business interruption, and property damage resulting from fires.

On-Campus Student Housing: A student housing facility that is owned or controlled by the institution, or is located on property that is owned or controlled by the institution, and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that make up the campus.

FIRE REPORTING AND UNIVERSITY RESPONSE TO ARSON

If you suspect an active fire or witness evidence of a fire (smoking paper on bulletin board, fire in trash can, etc.), please call UPD located at the corner of 7th Ave. and Kagy Blvd., in the Roy Huffman Building or dial:

- For emergencies call 911
- Non-Emergencies call (406) 994-2121

MSU is required to annually disclose statistical data on all fires that occur in on-campus housing facilities. To report a non-emergency fire which has already been extinguished in on-campus housing contact the University Police Department non-emergency line at (406) 994-2121.

Arson is the act of maliciously, voluntarily, and willfully setting fire to the building, buildings, or other property within the building. Arson is a criminal offense and will be treated as such. Any acts or attempted acts of arson will result in disciplinary sanctions, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the university as well as criminal charges.

If you are not sure if UPD or the Fire Department has been contacted, call 911 or the University Police Department immediately. Make a difference, please call and report arson. Concerned citizens can (and should) report fires and/or arson.

UNIVERSITY FIRE MARSHAL

MSU's Fire Marshal is the authority that has jurisdiction over fire and life safety across Bozeman campus and as part of his duties annually reviews MSU's fire safety policies, evacuation plans, and oversees fire drills in MSU's academic buildings. For questions related to MSU's fire and life safety programs please contact MSU Fire Marshal Ryan Brickman at (406) 994-7583. University Student Housing oversees MSU's fire safety efforts and drills in campus housing facilities.

UNIVERSITY FIRE SAFETY POLICIES

Smoking: Montana State University became a "tobacco- free" campus, effective August 1, 2012. Smoking is prohibited within the residence halls, academic buildings, public areas and student rooms. Smoking is prohibited in all University Student Housing and Apartments and grounds.

Open Flames: Within the residence halls system, any type of open flame is prohibited. Within Family and Graduate Housing open flames are allowed when operated under safe conditions.

Use of Portable Electrical Appliances: Within the residence halls, hot plates, George Foreman Grills, and toaster ovens are not permitted. Other appliances are allowed provided there are no exposed heating elements. Within University Student Apartments, standard household electrical appliances are allowed.

Candles: Burning candles in campus housing is prohibited (Residence Life Handbook)

Lamps: Halogen lamps, lava lamps, and space heaters are not allowed in the residence halls due to significant fire hazards. (Residence Hall Handbook) Incense – Burning of incense in the residence halls is strictly prohibited. (Residence Hall Handbook)

Family and Graduate Housing Fire Safety rules: Gasoline, kerosene, burning fluid, or other combustible or explosive materials are prohibited. Any condition that creates a fire hazard is prohibited and must be eliminated upon request of University Staff.

Beds: Storage and work space under loft beds should be maintained in a safe manner. Lamps/lights under the loft must have a shade/covering to protect the bulb and heat generating appliances should (e.g. refrigerators and microwaves) be kept to a minimum.

Chemicals and Explosives: Chemicals and explosives (including firecrackers, spray-paint, explosive devices, smoke bombs, combustion engines, flammable and explosive liquids/gases, ammunition and fireworks) are not permitted in the residence halls. Spray painting is not allowed in the residence hall rooms or common areas. If residents are unsure about a substance, check with an RA/CD. This includes materials and devices which by themselves, or when combined, could be explosive, toxic, flammable or dangerous (such as camping fuel). Spray adhesive can be used unless it is disrupting other residents in the building.

PROHIBITED ACTS

The following acts are prohibited in any University Housing and will result in disciplinary action and possible criminal charges:

1. Misuse of any fire equipment, including extinguishers, pipes, pull stations, smoke/heat detectors, hoses, exit signs, emergency lights, horns, alarms, bells, and doors;
2. starting fires or setting off false alarms;
3. failing to evacuate and/or hindering in the evacuation of others; and
4. the use of fire escapes during a “non-emergency” (Residence Hall Handbook)

FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Fire alarms alert community members of potential hazards, and community members are required to heed their warning and evacuate buildings immediately upon hearing a fire alarm in a facility. Use the nearest stairwell and/or exit to leave the building immediately. Community members should familiarize themselves with the exits in each building. Fire drills are mandatory and failure to participate in fire drill is subject to disciplinary action.

When a fire alarm is activated, the elevators in most buildings will recall automatically to a safe floor. Occupants should use the stairs to evacuate the building. If you are caught in an elevator, push the emergency phone button. The emergency phones in elevators on campus typically ring to Montana State University Police Dispatch at the Gallatin County 911 Center.

University Student Housing: Resident Advisors explain the evacuation procedures to residents at the first-floor meeting of each academic year, including discussion of evacuation plans posted at each floor exit door. Residents are directed to exit through the nearest safe exit route/stairwell, and are informed of the exterior hall meeting location for students. Students are required to evacuate any residence hall immediately upon the sound of an alarm and may not re-enter until authorized by University personnel.

During the alarm, front desk personnel document the fire alarm and evacuation progress. University Student Housing Senior Staff members facilitate the fire panel and direct residence life staff during the alarm. Residents are not permitted to re-enter until Residence Life staff, fire department personnel, and/or University Police give authorization.

University Student Apartments: Tenants are instructed to evacuate their apartment and call 911 if they hear an alarm or see smoke or fire.

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Procedures that Students and Employees Should Follow in Case of Fire

In these programs, procedures that students and employees should follow in case of a fire are reviewed and include the following:

Student Housing Evacuation Procedures In Case of a Fire

- If you hear the fire alarm immediately evacuate the building using the nearest available exit.
Do not attempt to fight a fire unless you have been trained to do so.

- Awaken any sleeping roommate or suitemates. Prepare to evacuate by putting on shoes and coat if necessary. Feel the doorknob and the door. If they are hot, do not open the door. If they are cool, open slowly, if heat or heavy smoke rushes in, close the door immediately and remain inside.
- When leaving your room, be sure to take your key in case it is necessary to return to the room should conditions in the corridor deteriorate. Make sure to close the door tightly when evacuating.
- Residence hall staff members who are present on their floors should facilitate the evacuation of their floor/section if possible. When the alarm sounds shout (Example: there is an emergency in the building leave by the nearest exit) and knock on doors as they make their way to the nearest exit and out the building.
- When exiting in smoky conditions keep your hand on the wall and crawl to the nearest exit. Always know more than one path out of your location and the number of doors between your room and the exit.
- DO NOT USE ELEVATORS. Elevator shafts may fill with smoke or the power may fail, leaving you trapped. Elevators have features that recall and deactivate the elevator during an alarm. Standing and waiting for an elevator wastes valuable time.
- Each resident should report to their assigned assembly area. Residence hall staff should report to their assigned assembly area and make sure that students have cleared the building. Conduct a head count and do not allow re-entry into the building until directed to do so by emergency personnel.

University Student Housing

All residence halls are equipped with portable fire extinguishers and Resident Advisors attend and complete fire extinguishing training and fire evacuation simulation each academic year. Students in the residence halls are provided with the housing requirements set forth in the Residence Life Handbook and are instructed on evacuation procedures.

University Student Apartments

Check-in Appointment – Tenants are required to attend a check-in appointment within one week of their move into their apartment. During this meeting, tenants are given the following instructions. These are ongoing throughout the year, dependent on when the tenant(s) obtains housing.

- If an alarm is audible, vacate the building immediately in a safe manner;
- **If smoke or fire are visible, dial 911 immediately and report visible fire/smoke; as well instructed to activate the emergency pull station for their building.**
- Tenants are encouraged and instructed to practice E.D.I.T.H. (more information below)

Fire Safety Brochure: A fire safety brochure is delivered to all tenants during our week of welcome. This provides information for new tenants and a refresher for existing tenants. Details are listed below:

- **E.D.I.T.H (Exit Drills in the Home)** – education materials provided by NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) are provided to the tenants.
- **Family & Graduate Housing Safety Fair** – Held within first two weeks of fall semester, the Annual Safety Fair is an event for all tenants of Family & Graduate Housing. Fire safety is featured, along with a variety of other safety related topics (bicycle safety, household safety/security, neighborhood crime reporting, fire extinguisher training, personal safety, etc.)
- All University Student Apartments are equipped with portable fire extinguishers and Community Assistants attend and complete live fire extinguisher training.

FIRE DRILLS AND FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS

The Higher Education Act (HEA) defines a fire drill as “A supervised practice of a mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire.” Fire drills are announced and assist in the educational process for students and staff alike. Within the residence halls and University Student Apartments, fire drills are conducted in each building at the beginning of each academic period. Fire drills are scheduled with staff and unannounced to the general public.

The table below lists the various fire drills conducted in 2020, as well as a list of on campus residential and academic buildings and their current fire/life safety status.

	Fire Alarm Monitoring Done On Site	Partial Sprinkler System	Full Sprinkler System ⁶	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguisher Devices	Evacuation Plans/Placards	Number of Evacuation (fire) drills each calendar year
RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES							
East Julia Martin 101-111	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	1
Gallatin Hall	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
Hannon Hall	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
Hapner Hall	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
Hedges Hall (North)	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
Hedges Hall (South)	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
Hyalite	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	1
Jefferson Hall	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
Johnstone Hall	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
Langford Hall	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
Madison Hall	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
Miller Dining	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	0
Quads A-F	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
Roskie Hall	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
West Julia Martin 112-115	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	1
Yellowstone Hall	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	2
FAMILY & GRADUATE HOUSING							
Branegan Court	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	0
Grant Chamberlain	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	0
McIntosh Court	NO	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	0
Nelson Story Tower	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	0
Paisley Court	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	0
Peter Koch Tower	YES	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	0

⁵Partial Sprinkler System is defined as having sprinklers in the common areas only.

⁶Full Sprinkler system is defined as having sprinklers in both the common areas and individual rooms.

South Street Residence	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	0
West Side Houses	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	0
West Julia Martin 116-119	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	0

FIRE SAFETY REPORT LOG 2018/2019/2020

The [MSU Fire Log](#) includes date, time and location of fire reports and the nature of the fire for the past three years in on-campus living units. The MSU Fire Log is accessible online and hard copies are available at the Residence Life Office during normal business hours.

The following table indicates the fire statistics from each on-campus housing facility during the last three years.

2018 RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES	Total Number of Fires in Each Building	Fire Number	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire (in USD)
East Julia Martin 101-111	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gallatin Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hannon Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hapner Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hedges Hall (North)	3	1	Unintentional – Heating Equipment	0	0	\$0-99
		2	Unintentional – Electrical	0	0	\$0-99
		3	Unintentional – Heating Equipment	0	0	\$0-99
Hedges Hall (South)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnstone Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Langford Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miller Dining	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quads A-F	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roskie Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Julia Martin 112-115	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellowstone Hall	1	1	Intentional	0	0	\$0-99

FAMILY & GRADUATE HOUSING (2018)

Branegan Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Chamberlain	0	0	0	0	0	0
McIntosh Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson Story Tower	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paisley Court	1	1	Unintentional - Cooking	0	0	\$0-99
Peter Koch Tower	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Street Residence	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Side Houses	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Julia Martin 116-119	1	1	Unintentional	0	0	\$0-99

2019 RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES	Total Number of Fires in Each Building	Fire Number	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire (in USD)
East Julia Martin 101-111	0*	0*	0*	0	0	0*
Gallatin Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hannon Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hapner Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hedges Hall (North)	1	1	Unintentional	0	0	\$0-99
Hedges Hall (South)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnstone Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Langford Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miller Dining	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quads A-F	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roskie Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Julia Martin 112-115	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellowstone Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0

FAMILY & GRADUATE HOUSING (2019)

Branegan Court	1	1	Unintentional – Cooking	0	0	\$0-99
Grant Chamberlain	0	0	0	0	0	0
McIntosh Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson Story Tower	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paisley Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peter Koch Tower	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Street Residence	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Side Houses	0*	0*	0*	0	0	0*
West Julia Martin 116-119	0	0	0	0	0	0

2020 RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES	Total Number of Fires in Each Building	Fire Number	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire (in USD)
East Julia Martin 101-111	1	1	Unintentional - Cooking	0	0	\$0-99
Gallatin Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hannon Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hapner Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hedges Hall (North)	0*	0*	0*	0	0	0*
Hedges Hall (South)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hyalite Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnstone Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Langford Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miller Dining	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quads A-F	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roskie Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Julia Martin 112-115	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellowstone Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0

FAMILY & GRADUATE HOUSING (2020)

Branegan Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Chamberlain	0	0	0	0	0	0
McIntosh Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson Story Tower	1	1	Light Bulb cracked and produced flame	0	0	\$0-99
Paisley Court	1	1	Unintentional – Cooking	0	0	\$0-99
Peter Koch Tower	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Street Residence	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Side Houses	2*	1	Unintentional – Cooking	0	0	\$0-99
		2*	Unintentional – Cooking*	0*	0*	\$0-99*
West Julia Martin 116-119	0	0	0	0	0	0

**The original 2020 ASFSR was published on November 13, 2020. An administrative error was discovered by the University that has since changed a number of MSU's crime statistics. These statistics have been updated and revised in the 2020 report.*

PLANS FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN MSU'S FIRE SAFETY

Montana State University is committed to reviewing trends as it relates to residence hall fire incidents, alarms and best practices in order to provide our campus community with a fire-safe living and learning environment. New programs and policies are developed as needed to help ensure the life safety for all faculty, staff and students. Montana State University is committed to enhancing the degree of fire and life safety of all campus facilities. As funding allows, the university would like to improve fire and life safety across facilities through:

- Replacement of the fire alarm system in Madison Hall and Jefferson Hall planned for the summer of 2022.

