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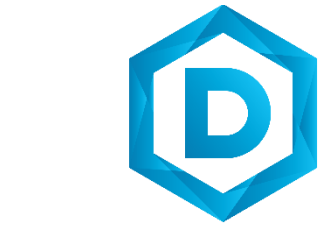

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INTRODUCTION

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Office/Individual responsible	Vice President for Student Affairs
Location where documentation is kept	Vice President for Student Affairs Office
Date information was last updated	September 2025

Statistics from Local Law Enforcement Agencies

Office/Individual responsible	Student Code of Conduct Coordinator
Location where documentation is kept	Student Code of Conduct Office
Date information was last updated	September 2025

Dakota State University is committed to the safety and security of our students, employees, and visitors. Campus personnel monitor the campus and work closely with the Madison Police Department in enforcing community, state, and federal laws, and providing education and prevention programs. This report includes campus crime statistics and critical campus safety information such as policies, crime prevention, crime reporting, and resources to aid you in becoming more safety minded. Statistics are reported for students attending the Madison campus.

JEANNE CLERY REPORT BACKGROUND

Campus Security Authorities

Office/Individual responsible	Student Code of Conduct Coordinator
Location where documentation is kept	Student Code of Conduct Office
Date information was last updated	September 2025

This report is prepared in cooperation with the Office for Student Affairs, the DSU Facilities Management, local law enforcement agencies, and campus security authorities. A campus security authority is recognized, under federal policy, as an individual responsible for appropriately communicating potential Clery Act incidents. At DSU, individuals with responsibility for campus security include officials with significant knowledge and/or oversight of student events and activities, and campus life. These include:

- Resident Assistants
- Residence Hall Directors
- Director of Residence Life and Student Union
- Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
- Title IX Coordinator or any Title IX Deputy
- Athletic Director/Athletic Coaches
- Director of Student Engagement & Leadership
- Faculty/Staff Advisor to a Student Organization
- Disability Services Coordinator
- Safety Resource Officer
- Student Health Nurse
- Campus Watch Specialists

(When acting in a professional counselor capacity, an official may not be considered a campus security authority.)

The Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management Office serves as the primary resource on educational efforts and programs. A campus committee consisting of Student Affairs representatives and the Title IX Coordinator meet to review the ASR statistics and compile the report. Campus crime, arrest and

referral statistics include those reported to designated campus officials, and other local law enforcement agencies. Annual notification on the availability of this report is made via e-mail to all enrolled students, faculty, and staff.

Notification on the availability of this report is made; via a link on the DSU web page (https://dsu.edu/about-dsu/consumer-information/index.html), comment made in person to students and parents during Discover DSU Days, as well as within the packet of information provided by the Admissions Office during any perspective student visit to campus. Information will be included in the benefits packet of information distributed by the Human Resources Office for prospective employees. A paper copy of this report may be obtained by contacting the Office of Student Affairs at 605-256-5124.

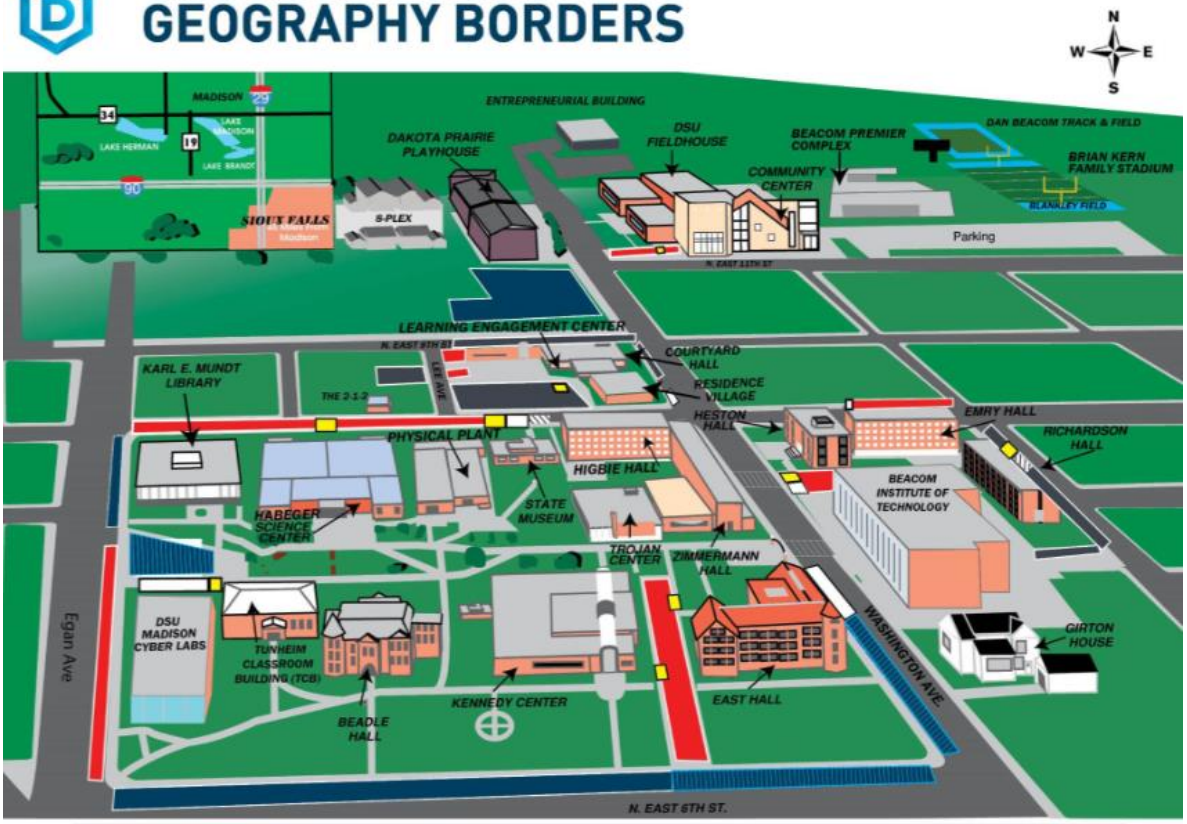
GEOGRAPHY

Office/Individual Responsible	Student Code of Conduct Coordinator
Documentation Location	Annual Security Report
Last Updated	September 2025

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

GEOGRAPHY BORDERS



The Clery Act requires the University to define its geographical borders for the purpose of crime reporting. The borders are defined in three distinct ways;

1. On campus-any building or property owned or controlled by the institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area.
2. Public property-all public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.
3. Non-campus buildings-any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

DSU ON-CAMPUS BORDERS:

NE 6th St. on the south

Egan Ave. on the west

NE 8th St. on the northNE 9th St. from Lee Ave. to Washington Ave.

Washington Ave. from NE 6th St. to NE 11th street on the east

NE 11th St. from Washington Ave. to N Summit Ave.

NE 8th St. from Washington Ave. to N Lincoln Ave.

N. Lincoln Ave. from NE 8th St. to NE 7th St.

DSU ADDITIONAL ON-CAMPUS BUILDINGS:

Stahl-Phillips House (President's House)
1022 NE 9th St

Kringen Alumni and Foundation Center
325 NE 2nd St & 320 NE 1st St

The 212
620 N Lee Ave

Heartland Technology Building
1400 North Washington Ave.

Van Eps Place
321 North Van Eps

Campus Borders City/Public Property bordering campus

TIMELY WARNINGS

Office/Individual responsible	VP for Business and Administrative Services
Location where documentation is kept	VP for Business and Administrative Services Office
Date information was last updated	September 2025

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, Dakota State University issues timely warning reports to notify the campus community of Clery Act crimes that the University determines represent a serious and ongoing threat to the campus.

The University may distribute timely warning reports using a variety of means, including e-mails, text-messages, flyers, DSU website and the Campus Emergency Notification System (EverBridge).

Anyone with information about a potential Clery Act crime that may warrant the issuing of a timely warning should immediately contact:

- Vice President for Student Affairs 605-256-5124, 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday
- University Safety Resource Officer 605-270-0055, Monday-Friday, 10:00am-6:00pm
- 911 from a cellular phone

Reporting individuals may also provide information online at https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?DakotaStateUniv&layout_id=3

A. What circumstances require issuing a timely warning?

Timely warnings are issued on a case-by-case basis for Clery Act crimes reported to campus officials that pose "serious and ongoing threats" to students and employees on campus or in the immediate campus community. In deciding whether to issue a timely warning, the University considers all facts surrounding the incident such as the crime, the continuing danger to the campus community and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts. Incidents that may result in issuing a timely warning include the following Clery Act crimes:

- Murder/non-negligent manslaughter
- Manslaughter by negligence
- Rape
- Fondling
- Incest
- Statutory rape
- Robbery
- Aggravated assault
- Burglary
- Motor vehicle theft
- Arson
- Domestic violence
- Dating violence
- Stalking
- Sexual assault

B. When will timely warnings be issued?

The University will issue a timely warning as soon as it determines there is a serious and ongoing threat to students or employees on campus and/or in the immediate campus community.

C. What department or individual is responsible for issuing the timely warning?

The following offices or individuals are authorized to issue a timely warning:

- Vice President for Business & Administrative Services
- Provost/Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
- Vice President for Student Affairs /Enrollment Management
- Vice President for Human Resources/EO Coordinator
- Title IX Coordinator
- Director of Marketing and Communications

D. What is included in a timely warning?

- A brief statement of the incident
- Possible connection to other incidents, if applicable
- Physical description of the suspect, if available
- Composite drawing of the suspect, if available
- Date and time of the incident
- Information to help students/staff to protect themselves from other similar crimes
- Other relevant information

E. Reporting procedures

To anonymously report a crime at DSU please utilize the following URL: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?DakotaStateUniv&layout_id=3 which is located on the DSU Title IX website. With this information, the University can keep accurate records of the number of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to aparticular location, method or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics for the institution and may result in a timely warning report. If you are the victim of or witness to a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University system or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report.

The purpose of 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. To seek a confidential resource, contact a licensed counselor in the Counseling Center.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

The City of Madison employs 14 full-time law enforcement officers based out of City Hall at 503 S. Highland Ave.

DSU currently contracts with the Madison Police Department to provide for the safety and security of DSU's campus. The law enforcement agreement between DSU and MPD ensures that a certified law enforcement officer is available during the academic calendar to engage in general law enforcement activities.

The law enforcement officer provides services to the campus by investigating crimes on campus and crimes against employees and students, as well as providing a visual deterrent to crime through officer presence. Having an officer stationed at DSU increases accessibility for the students and employees while decreasing response time to incidents on campus.

During the academic year, the law enforcement officer provides a wide variety of services to DSU. Activities commonly include; involvement with the Residence Life staff, assisting in presentations, making students aware of safety issues on and off campus, supervision of the Campus Watch Program and training, foot patrols through campus, and traffic enforcement on and around campus. DSU and the MPD work together and share information with the goal of identifying potential problems and addressing these issues through officer presence, community awareness, and education.

All law enforcement officers assigned are sworn officers with the Madison Police Department and are certified to meet the minimum standards of training for a law enforcement officer as provided by statute in the South Dakota Commission of Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training and shall be subject to other training as deemed appropriate by the Madison Chief of Police. At all times, the law enforcement officer is subject to and will obey the policies and procedures established by the City of Madison and the Police Department.

The Madison Police Department cooperates with DSU to supply pertinent information to DSU regarding observations and reports of the officers assigned to the campus. At all times, the law enforcement officer assigned to campus is subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the Madison Police Department.

DSU community members should report crimes and other emergencies to the Madison Police Department, as well as the appropriate campus law enforcement officer listed below. Emergency services are available from campus phones by dialing 911.

You can contact the Campus Officer at Lake County Dispatch 605-256-7531 or Cell 605-270-0055 or via email at sean.nielsen@dsu.edu. During the 2024 academic year Officer Heath Abraham served in this role. Officer Nielsen will be in this role in 2025 academic year.

When the Madison Police Department officer is not present on campus, the MPD will attempt to monitor the DSU campus by providing random patrols through campus and responding to calls on campus. In addition to the on-campus officer, the MPD will provide additional officers who patrol the campus in the evening, overnight, and early morning hours. During all other hours, please contact the Madison Police Department non-emergency number at 605-256-7531 or for emergencies call 911.

Working- Relationship with Local, State, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

The MPD works closely with state and federal police agencies and has direct radio communications with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, South Dakota Highway Patrol, fire, ambulance and other emergency agencies. Any university owned or leased property in outlying areas is patrolled either by the Madison Police Department, the Lake County Sheriff's Office, or the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

Madison is also the headquarters for the Lake County Sheriff's Office, which is located in the Public Safety Building at 219 NE First Street and the Lake County State's Attorney, which is located at 200 East Center St.

To obtain information regarding the Law Enforcement Agreement between these four parties (Madison Police Department, Lake County Sheriff, Lake County State's Attorney and Dakota State University), contact the Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students. On occasion, DSU will contract with the Madison Police Department (via a Law Enforcement Agreement addendum) to monitor specific campus activities.

Each member of the campus community has the responsibility to immediately and accurately report actions on the part of any person(s) taking place on or off campus which violate either University regulations or local, state or federal law. The report should be made to a DSU campus security authority. Local law enforcement may share information with DSU officials when a report is made regarding any off campus criminal activity. Campus security includes services of nighttime facilities services staff who are responsible for locking doors, checking buildings and tending boilers. These individuals will report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement in a timely fashion.

A Campus Watch Specialist can be reached by cellular phone (**605-270-7713 or 605-270-7712**) during the following hours 8:00 pm – 12:00 am during fall and spring semesters every day except when campus is closed due to holidays or inclement weather. Individuals wishing to be escorted across campus after dark can contact a Campus Watch Specialist or a facilities services staff member for assistance.

Crimes Involving Student Organizations at Off-Campus Locations

The Madison Police Department monitors and records off-campus criminal activity involving DSU students. This information may be provided to the Office of Student Affairs and the Student Code of Conduct coordinator's office for any action or follow-up that may be required upon request.

Safety Resource Officer (cell phone)	605-270-0055
Campus Watch (cell phone)	605-270-7713 or 605-270-7712
Emergency Dispatch Service (medical, crime, or fire reporting)	911
Madison Police Department 503 S. Highland Ave	605-256-7531 (non-emergency)
Madison Volunteer Fire Department 200 SE Third Street	605-256-7523 (non-emergency)
Lake County Sheriff's Office 219 NE First Street	605-256-7615 (non-emergency)
SD Highway Patrol 5316 W. 60th St North Sioux Falls, SD 57107	1-800-637-3255 (non-emergency)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE WARNING AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Office/Individual responsible	VP for Business and Administrative Services
Location where documentation is kept	VP for Business and Administrative Services Office
Date information was last updated	September 2025

During an emergency situation on campus, designated officials will alert the campus community. Those designated officials include:

- Vice President for Business & Administrative Services
- Provost/Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
- Vice President for Student Affairs /Enrollment Management
- Vice President for Human Resources/EO Coordinator
- Title IX Coordinator
- Director of Marketing and Communications

A designated official may contact local law enforcement. Upon confirmation of an emergency affecting campus, the designated official(s) will initiate a notice to the entire campus via the Campus Emergency Alert System (EverBridge), which is available to all students and employees. This service allows DSU to send emergency alerts to cell phones, landlines, and campus and/or personal emails. More information about the Campus Alert System, including detailed registration information, may be found at https://sdbor.edu/campus-alert-system/ the event the emergency may affect the larger community, the Office of Public Relations will notify the proper media outlets.

Taking into account the safety of the community, designated officials will, without delay, determine the content of the notification (type of situation, perceived level of severity, who may be impacted, health/safety concern for the university community) and initiate the campus alert system to the appropriate parties without delay. A delay in notification may occur if, in the professional judgment of the responsible authorities, issuing the notification will compromise efforts to assist the victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. DSU will test the emergency procedures during the fall and spring semesters. Hostile person(s) and fire evacuation procedures are addressed in the DSU Residence Life Handbook. A copy of the Residence Life Handbook can be obtained by contacting the office of Residence Life located in Courtyard Residence Hall, by calling 605-256-5146, or online at https://heyzine.com/flip-book/ba49736004.html

DSU does annual live testing of the DSU Emergency Notification System. The system has the capability of reaching faculty, staff, and students via email. It may also provide contact via phone, text messages, and instant messages if provided by the students or employees. DSU tests this system during the fall and spring semesters (if not already utilized for an actual emergency notification). DSU publicizes its emergency response and evacuation procedures. DSU utilizes the Everbridge notification system, which documents, for each test, a description of the exercise and the date and time. These tests are unannounced.

Dates of Most Recent Tests/Use:
January 2024
August 2024
January 2025

Future Test Timeframes:
September 2025
January 2026

The notification system provides information about who has been contacted, method of contact, time received, and percent of confirmation if the message sent by DSU requests a confirmation. It maintains these data records for tests and live messages within the system software.

All DSU students and employee email accounts are automatically registered for the emergency alert system. DSU employees and students receive an email on how to register their account preferences for additional communication methods including text, voice, instant message, and secondary email. Testing is unannounced. DSU follows up as needed or requested with another communication piece that helps troubleshoot or provides additional information for employees and students to register additional means of communication methods.

Dakota State University has established the **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP)**. This plan outlines relationships with local and state disaster services, describes warning systems, defines essential disaster services, and identifies responsibilities for various segments of the campus community. It provides Dakota State University with a systematic approach for solving problems created by the threat or occurrence of any type of disaster or emergency.

In any disaster situation, the University expects to make full utilization of its resources to meet its needs and to call upon outside agencies when University resources are or become inadequate.

The major goals of the Plan are the preservation of life, the protection of property, and continuity of academic and business operations.

The overall objective is to ensure the effective management of emergency efforts involved in preparing for and responding to situations associated with emergencies. Specifically, this will include:

- Manage the care of persons and their movement.
- Minimize the risk of property loss.
- Collecting, evaluating, and disseminating damage information and other essential data.
- Establishing priorities and adjudicating conflicting demands for support.
- Activating and using communication systems.
- Disseminating community warnings and alerts.
- Managing the movement and reception of persons in the event an evacuation is ordered.
- Request and allocate resources.
- Responding to requests for resources and other support.
- Coordinate mutual aid.
- Prepare and release information to media outlets.
- Re-establish normal campus operations.

No amount of planning can provide for all contingencies. Because of the unpredictable nature of disasters, success cannot be guaranteed. The guidelines need flexibility. The unique nature of a disaster situation will determine what actions are ultimately taken; there will need to be ongoing planning, exercising and development.

Furthermore, Dakota State University implements a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) to establish policy and guidance to ensure the execution of the mission-essential functions for the DSU campus in the event that an emergency threatens or incapacitates operations. The following scenarios would likely require the activation of the DSU COOP:

- The primary facility or any other essential facility of the DSU campus is closed for normal business activities as a result of an event or credible threat of an event that would preclude access or use of the facility and the surrounding area.
- The area in which the primary facility or any other essential DSU facility is located is closed for normal business activities as a result of a widespread utility failure, natural disaster, significant hazardous material incident, civil disturbance, or terrorist or military threat or attack.

In the beginning of each fall and spring semester, the DSU Residence Hall staff conducts fire drills in each of the residence halls. After each fire drill, the Residence Hall Director in each residence hall sends a fire drill follow-up report to the Assistant Director of Residence Life. The DSU Residence Life Handbook states that a minimum of one fire alarm drill will be conducted at the start of the semester and that all residents are expected to fully cooperate with staff in order to evacuate the hall during these drills. A copy of the Residence Life Handbook may be obtained by contacting the Office of Residence Life, which is located in the Trojan Center (605-256-5146) or online at https://heyzine.com/flip-book/ba49736004.html

Madison law enforcement utilizes an email-based communication system to update the citizens of the area on routine public safety issues and/or potential criminal activity or threats. Individuals can register to receive text message updates at https://cityofmadisonsd.com/ .

REPORTING A CRIME / SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Whether a victim or a witness to a crime; students, employees, and visitors are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety related incidents in a timely manner. To report a crime in progress or an emergency on the DSU campus, call 911. To report a non-emergency security or public safety related matter, residence hall students should contact the Resident Assistant on-call cellular phone at (Emry, 605-291-9213; Higbie, 605-291-9602; Richardson, 605-291-9930; Zimmermann, 605-291-9959; 8-Plex/Van Eps/Girton, 605-291-9335; Courtyard, 605-270-0348, Residence Village 605-403-4042).

Other contacts include:

- Director of Residence Life and Student Union – Courtyard – 605-256-5146
- Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management – LEC – 605-256-5124
- Title IX Coordinator – Heston Hall – 605-681-8118
- Facilities Management at 605-256-5222.

If a crime occurs on campus or university authorities are made aware of a crime off campus, an investigation will be initiated. All parties will be advised as to the policy and procedures with regard to the subsequent investigation. The following list, which is not comprehensive, is representative of possible steps and resources.

- Contact the Madison Police Department
- Contact the Madison Fire Department
- Issue a Timely Warning
- Implement Interim Measures
- Convene the Behavioral Assessment Team
- Provide Victim resources; i.e. Medical Services, Counseling, Relocation alternatives

Crimes should be reported to any Campus Security Authority to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics report, and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate.

Confidential Reporting of a Crime: Victims of, or witnesses to, a crime who do not want to pursue action within the DSU student conduct code system or with local law enforcement, may opt to make a confidential report. The purpose of the confidential report is to comply with the desire to keep information confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of DSU students and staff. With such information, DSU can keep accurate records of the number of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. DSU follows the South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 1:4.1 (Sexual Harassment Policy), 1:4.2 Prevention of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking and 1:4.3 (Human Rights Complaint Procedures) for reporting of crimes in a confidential manner regarding harassment, discrimination and sex crimes.

An online reporting form allowing anonymous reporting of all crimes including, but not limited to: harassment, discrimination, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and hate crimes is available at: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?DakotaStateUniv&layout_id=3

The Counseling Center offers students the opportunity to talk privately about personal, academic, or other concerns in a safe, confidential setting. After initial consultations with a campus professional counselor, some students may be referred to other professional counseling resources. Under the Clery Act, "professional counselors" such as the counselors in the Counseling Center, when acting in their professional capacity, are not considered to be campus security authorities and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. They are encouraged, if and when appropriate, to inform students being counseled of the option to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion in the annual crime statistics report. Dakota State University does not employ an official pastor; however, there is access to visiting pastors on-campus. When acting in their official capacity, they are not considered to be campus security authorities and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics.

MISSING STUDENT NOTIFICATION

Office/Individual responsible	Director of Residence Life & Student Union
Location where documentation is kept	Director of Residence Life & Student Union Office
Date information was last updated	September 2025

Reporting a Student as Missing:
Reference Board of Regents policy 3.4.5 https://public.powerdms.com/SDRegents/tree/documents/1680645
Any person may report a DSU student as missing by filing a report with the Office of Residence Life or any campus security authority. It is not necessary to wait until the student has been missing for 24 hours before making a report. For purposes of this policy, a student is missing when the student's whereabouts are unknown and unexplained for a period of time that would be regarded as highly unusual or suspicious by persons familiar with the student's plans, habits or routines.

Institutional Response: Upon receipt of a missing student report, residence life, student affairs, and campus security personnel will promptly attempt to locate the student on campus or at other sites controlled by the university.

1) Initial efforts to contact students will involve telephone or other electronic communications.
2) If unable to contact the students by electronic means, university personnel will attempt to contact the students at their lodgings on the campus or in the municipal limits of the city where the University is located.
3) If students who reside in university-controlled residences do not respond to electronic contacts or to knocking on their doors, student affairs personnel may enter the students' rooms in order to assess the condition of the room and to look for visible personal property (eg. wallet, keys, cellular phone or clothing) that might provide clues as to whether the student has taken an extended trip or other planned absence from the residence hall. If the initial investigation is being undertaken by campus security officers, they will either request that student affairs personnel enter student rooms, or they will obtain search warrants.

4) University personnel may pursue such additional or other investigative activities as are reasonable under the circumstances.

a) If the University determines that the student has been missing for a period of 24 hours, or if it cannot locate the student and it determines that the student appears to be missing, the University will immediately notify local law enforcement agencies that the student is missing.

b) When the University notifies local law enforcement agencies, it will also notify such persons as a residence hall student may have designated, that the student is missing.

1) In the case of unemancipated students under the age of 18, the University will notify the students' custodial parents or legal guardians. The University will determine whether circumstances suggest that others living, working or participating in activities at the University may be in danger, and if it determines that such a danger may exist, it will warn the campus.

Publication of this Policy: Each university will publish this policy electronically through websites designed to convey emergency or law enforcement information, will incorporate its provisions into student handbooks, resident life or similar publications, and will otherwise assure that students know, or should know, of its provisions.

Students' Option to Identify Persons to Be Informed: At the time that a student is accepted as a resident in university controlled housing, the student will be given an opportunity to designate an individual to be notified pursuant to this policy in the event that the student becomes missing.

1) Students will be provided confidential means to designate such individuals and to update their designations.

2) Such contact information will be registered and held as a confidential student record.

Un-emancipated students under eighteen will be informed that, if they become missing, the University will notify a custodial parent or legal guardian pursuant to this policy. Source: BOR, August 2009; October 2023 (Clerical).

ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

During regular business hours, University buildings (except residence halls) are open to students, employees, and the general public. During non-business hours, access to all University facilities is by hard key (if issued), by University ID card, or by admittance via biometric device access. Security cameras are installed in several of the academic buildings and in all residence halls. In some instances, additional housing owned by the university may not have security cameras. A review of campus safety issues is conducted annually by the Facilities Management staff, the Risk Management Committee, building managers, and additional staff where necessary.

All main entrances to residence halls are locked down 24/7. In most cases, building access occurs through one main entrance; all other exterior doors are considered emergency exits only. Only those students assigned to a specific hall, or university personnel as identified above, have hard key or University ID card entrance rights to their hall and/or their room. Guests must be met at the front entrance and escorted by a resident through the hall during their stay. Residents are responsible for their guests while present in the hall. Residents are encouraged to lock their rooms when they are not occupied. Emergency numbers are posted on the information board near each floor's main entrance.

In 2024, Dakota State University, prohibited the open carry of firearms and other items defined as dangerous weapons on institutional premises, including both facilities and grounds. Concealed carry in compliance with SB 100 of the South Dakota Legislature is permitted starting July 1st, 2025. For more details and/or exceptions

to this policy, please see DSU Policy 01-81-00 DSU Weapons Policy at https://dsu.edu/root-files/01-81-00.pdf.

SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS IN THE MAINTENANCE OF CAMPUS FACILITIES

The safety of students, employees, and visitors is a matter of highest priority for the University.

Campus security includes the services of the campus watch staff who lock doors and check buildings. All exterior doors are normally locked at the end of the day's activities and kept locked on weekends and holidays. Faculty and staff are responsible for locking their own office doors. Several buildings are accessible by electronic card access afterhours.

Safety and security issues are considered and executed in the design and placement of all new campus lighting, shrubs, trees, etc. Safety and security issues are also considered when planning major facility renovations or construction of new facilities. Maintenance personnel and other campus security authorities are expected to promptly report any safety and security maintenance issues when discovered.

The Risk Management Committee consisting of the Vice President for Business and Administration, Vice President for Student Affairs, Director of the Facilities Management, Assistant Director of the Facilities Management, Campus Safety Resource Officer, Vice President for Human Resources/EO Coordinator, Athletic Director, Facility Security Officer, Research Compliance Manager, Director of Marketing & Communications, Director of Technical Operations & Development, Director of Dining Services, a faculty representative, and a student representative conduct a walk-through of campus properties to identify points of concern. The Facilities Management Department manages a university-wide hard key system, allowing for prompt lock changes when lost keys are reported. All university hard keys are stamped “Duplication Prohibited."

SECURITY AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Educational events concerning personal safety and security are sponsored by the residence hall staff in each hall in cooperation with the On Campus MPD Officer on an annual basis. The hall covers safety and security information in floor meetings during the first days of each semester and periodically throughout each semester.

DSU periodically contracts instruction on preparation and planning geared toward proactively handling the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. The instruction employs the traditional RUN, HIDE, FIGHT response.

Program Title	Topic	Method of Delivery	Target Audience
DSU Residence Assistant Training	Title IX & The Student Staff Role- Instruction on how to record a Title IX incident	DSU Staff Presenter	Students
DSU Residence Assistant Training	Behind Closed Doors (Training on how to handle situations; including depression, suicidal ideation, and possible sexual assault)	DSU Staff Presenter	Students
Fire Drills & Safety Conversations	Fire Safety	Residence Directors and Residence Assistants	Students
Title IX- Bystander Intervention Presentations	Defining bystanders, how to be an active bystander, ways to intervene in dangerous situations, and scenarios for hands-on practice	DSU Staff Presentation	Students
Vector Solutions	Preventing discrimination, sexual violence, bullying, and harassment; promoting respectful language, mental health awareness, and alcohol safety	Online	Staff/Students
New Student Orientation- Safety and Security Tips	Fire and personal safety, identity protection, social media use, and managing belongings and vehicles	DSU Staff Presentations	Students
Posters/Flyers	Tips for situations students may encounter; theft, alcohol/drug indulgence, sexual assault, mental health, domestic violence	Educational Materials	Staff/Students
Washroom Wellness Chronicles	Monthly posters put in bathrooms across campus with wellness tips	Educational Materials	Staff/Students
Fire Drills- All Residence Halls	Fire Safety	DSU Staff Presentations	Students
Residence Hall Security Awareness	Initial hall meetings cover safety topics like fire drills, door security, alerts, tornado drills, and fire hazards	DSU Staff Presentations	Students

DSU has identified a layered training approach with a variety of program offerings to students and faculty. DSU is committed to providing on-going training to students and employees regarding various campus security, safety, and crime prevention procedures and practices, which include but are not limited to: Title IX, Sexual Assault, Bystander Intervention, Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Fire Safety, Personal Safety Awareness. Below is a table of various trainings and delivery methods:

DRUG-FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

It is the policy of Dakota State University to create and maintain a drug-free work and study environment. The unlawful use of controlled substances or alcohol is inconsistent with the professional and responsible behavior we expect of employees and students. It also subjects all employees, students, and visitors to our facilities to unacceptable health and safety risks and undermines Dakota State University's ability to operate effectively and efficiently. Therefore, the employees and students of DSU are strictly prohibited from engaging in the unlawful or unauthorized manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of alcohol or a controlled substance on University owned or controlled property, being present in any University controlled area where such activity is believed to take place, or as part of any of its activities or employments. Employees shall not be under the influence while on duty.

Each employee will, as a condition of employment, agree to abide by the terms of this policy. Employees who are convicted of a criminal drug offense occurring in the workplace must notify the Human Resources Office no later than five days after such conviction. For purposes of this policy, college Federal Work Study students are also considered employees.

A student's eligibility might be suspended if the offense occurred while they were receiving federal student aid (grants, loans, or work-study). When a student completes the FAFSA, they will be asked whether they had a drug conviction for an offense that occurred while they were receiving federal student aid. If the answer is yes, they will be provided a worksheet to help them determine whether their conviction affects their eligibility for federal student aid.

If their eligibility for federal student aid has been suspended due to a drug conviction, they can regain eligibility early by successfully completing an approved drug rehabilitation program or by passing two unannounced drug tests administered by an approved drug rehabilitation program. If they regain eligibility during the award year, they will need to notify their financial aid office immediately so they can get any aid they're eligible for.

If they are convicted of a drug-related offense after they submit the FAFSA, they might lose eligibility for federal student aid, and they might be liable for returning any financial aid they received during a period of ineligibility.

Program Title	Topic	Method of Delivery	Target Audience
Vector Solutions	Using authentic student stories and interactive content, this course engages learners in alcohol prevention by exploring peer support, effects of substance use, and the benefits of abstaining or reducing use, while promoting a culture of awareness and healthy choices	Online	Staff/Students
Alcohol Programming	Education on the effects of alcohol	Bulletin Boards in Residence Halls & Activities Targeted to Show Effects of Alcohol	Students
Posters/Flyers	Tips for situations students may encounter; theft, alcohol/drug indulgence, sexual assault, mental health, domestic violence	DSU Staff Presentation	Staff/Students
Student Orientation- Know Your IX	Title IX Overview- You're your IX, campus safety, alcohol/drug polices, sexual assault, domestic violence	DSU Staff Presentation	New Students, International Students
Athletes Presentation	Title IX Overview- You're your IX, campus safety, alcohol/drug polices, sexual assault, domestic violence	DSU Staff Presentation	Athletic Groups
Student Orientation- AODV Trends in College	A statistical review of alcohol and drug usage patterns among college students	DSU Staff Presentation	Students

Each academic year, DSU offers several substance abuse educational programs and promotions for students. A list of these programs includes:

An Employee/Student Assistance Program is available and designed to offer the employee or student assistance with a drug- or alcohol-abuse problem before the condition renders them unemployable and/or incapable to function in an academic environment. All referrals will be kept confidential.

More information on Dakota State University's drug free environment can be found in;

- DSU Policy 02-74-00 at https://dsu.edu/root-files/02-74-00.pdf
- BOR Policy 4:7.1 found at 4.7.1 Drug-Free Environment - South Dakota Board of Regents (SD) - PowerDMS
- BOR Policy 3:4.1 found at https://www.sdbor.edu/policy/Documents/3-4.pdf
- Drug free environment statement can be found at https://dsu.edu/student-life/counseling-center/aod-resources.html

The South Dakota Board of Regents policy 6:14 on the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Institutions can be found at https://www.sdbor.edu/policy/Documents/6-14.pdf
For information related to South Dakota Underage Drinking Penalties refer to South Dakota Codified Law Chapter 35 found at Codified Law 35-9 | South Dakota Legislature (sdlegislature.gov).
For information related to Federal Drug Penalties and Sanctions refer to https://www.dea.gov/drug-information.
For information related to South Dakota Drug Penalties and Sanctions refer to SD Codified Law Chapter 22-42 found at https://sdlegislature.gov/statutes/Codified_laws/DisplayStatute.aspx?Statute=22-42&Type=Statute.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) AND POLICY

Dakota State University is committed to providing a safe learning and work environment for its students and employees, as well as providing individuals with knowledge that will assist with personal safety. Dakota State University strictly prohibits the crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and/or sexual harassment, and stalking as outlined and defined in South Dakota Board of Regents Policies; Harassment Including Sexual Harassment 1:4.1 1729424 (powerdms.com)
Prevention of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking 1:4.2 1729423 (powerdms.com), and Human Rights Complaint Procedures 1:4.3 1729422 (powerdms.com)

Procedures to follow in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking

If someone tells you that they have experienced prohibited conduct including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking:

- If the person's safety is an immediate concern, contact 911.
- Offer them support.
- Listen to them and encourage them to seek help and counseling as soon as possible.
- To report concerns you may:
  - Speak directly to the Title IX Coordinator, Austin Slaughter 605-681-8276 or Austin.Slaughter@dsu.edu or the Campus Resource Officer, 605-270-0055
  - Report online using our report it form: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?DakotaStateUniv&layout_id=3
  - Contact any of the DSU Campus Security Authorities

Educational opportunities are routinely provided on sexual assault and/or sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Several departments assist in training and awareness-raising, including Counseling Center, Residence Life, and the Office of Human Resources.

VAWA Programming Definitions

Awareness Programs: Community-wide or audience-specific programming, initiatives, and strategies that increase audience knowledge and share information and resources to prevent violence, promote safety, and reduce perpetration.

Primary Prevention Programs: Programming, initiatives, and strategies informed by research or assessed for value, effectiveness, or outcome that are intended to stop dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking before they occur through the promotion of positive and healthy behaviors that foster healthy, mutually respectful relationships and sexuality, encourage safe bystander intervention, and seek to change behavior and social norms in healthy and safe directions.

Ongoing Prevention and Awareness Campaigns: Programming, initiatives, and strategies dealing with sexual assault, harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking that are continuously administered on an annual basis.

Bystander Intervention: 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. This 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.

Risk Reduction: Options designed to decrease perpetration and bystander inaction, and to increase empowerment for victims in order to promote safety, and to help individuals and communities address conditions that facilitate violence.

Examples of DSU programs which are primary prevention, on-going prevention, bystander intervention, and risk reduction include:

Program Title	Topic	Method of Delivery	Target Audience
Vector Solutions	Preventing discrimination, sexual violence, bullying prevention, unlawful harassment prevention, respectful language	Online	Staff/Students
Posters/Flyers	Various Topics	Educational Material	Staff/Students
Student Orientation- Know Your IX	Title IX Overview- Know Your IX, campus safety, alcohol/drug policies, sexual assault, domestic violence	DSU Staff Presentation	New Students, International Students
Athletes Presentation	Title IX Overview- Know Your IX, campus safety, alcohol/drug policies, sexual assault, domestic violence	DSU Staff Presentation	Athletic Groups
DSU Residence Assistant Training	Title IX & The Student Staff Role-Instruction on how to record a Title IX incident	DSU Staff Presentation	Students
DSU Residence Assistant Training	Behind Closed Doors (Training on how to handle situations; including depression, suicidal ideation, and possible sexual assault)	DSU Staff Presentation	Students
New Student Orientation Safety and Security Tips for College Students	Fire safety, security, bystander intervention, harassment, domestic/dating violence, Title IX Overview	DSU Staff Presentation	Students
New Transfer Student Sessions	Reporting, harassment, violence, stalking	DSU Staff Presentation	Students
Title IX Training	Reporting, harassment, violence, stalking	DSU Staff Presentation	Students

The policies regarding sexual assault pertain to any student or employee who commits a sexual act against another university student, faculty, or staff member, occurring on University property or at a University-sponsored event. A sexual act committed against another person with or without consent may be classified as a felony or misdemeanor violation of South Dakota Codified Law. Felonies must be reported to law enforcement by any person having knowledge of the felony, excluding only those excepted by law.
DSU references the definition of Consent in South Dakota Board of Regents policy 1:4.2 1729423 (powerdms.com) which states as follows:

Consent may be implied from the facts and circumstances surrounding the commission of an act. Consent will not be found where an act was done through force, coercion, or threats of immediate and great bodily harm. Submission does not equal consent, and to establish consent, a party charged must utterly negate any element of force, coercion, or threat. Consent, once given, may be retracted. Consent will not be found under any of the following circumstances:

1) if the victim is less than thirteen years of age; or
2) through the use of force, coercion, or threats of immediate and great bodily harm against the victim or other persons within the victim's presence, accompanied by apparent power of execution; or
3) if the victim is incapable, because of physical or mental incapacity, of giving consent to such act; or

4) if the victim is incapable of giving consent because of any intoxicating, narcotic, or anesthetic agent or hypnosis; or Prevention of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking
5) if the victim is thirteen years of age, but less than sixteen years of age, and the perpetrator is at least three years older than the victim.

A complete copy of the SD Board of Regent's Sexual Harassment policy and Prevention of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking policy, which include the definition of these crimes, and the definition of consent can be found at 1729424 (powerdms.com) and 1729423 (powerdms.com) .

Steps a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, or dating violence should consider immediately after an incident has occurred and the procedures the institution will follow when an incident of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking is reported can be found at 1729422 (powerdms.com).

The procedures for institutional disciplinary action in case of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking can be found in the respective policies.

- Students: https://www.sdbor.edu/policy/Documents/3-4.pdf
- Faculty/Staff:
    - https://www.sdbor.edu/policy/documents/4-14.pdf
    - https://sdlegislature.gov/#/Rules/Administrative/33028 This link is not supported by Internet Explorer.
    - https://www.sdbor.edu/policy/documents/4-9.pdf

For information regarding the University's relationship and jurisdiction with law enforcement, refer to the section of the ASR entitled Local Law Enforcement.

Sex Offender Registry:

a. Upon release from prison, individuals convicted of sex crimes may be required to register with law enforcement agencies (under laws referred to as "Megan's Laws"). If registered sex offenders are enrolled at, or employed at a postsecondary institution, the offenders must also provide this information to the state (a requirement of the federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000). The information is then provided by the state to law enforcement authorities in the jurisdiction where the institution is located.
b. A list of registered sex offenders in the Lake County area, as well as the State of South Dakota and the national list, are available through the Madison Police Department at Sex Offenders | Madison, SD (cityofmadisonsd.com)

Dakota State University will disclose the results of a disciplinary proceeding for a violent crime or non-forcible sex offense to the victim of such crime or offense or the next of kin, if the victim is deceased.

CRIME STATISTICS

Office/Individual responsible	Student Code of Conduct Coordinator
Location where documentation is kept	Student Code of Conduct Coordinator Office
Date information was last updated	September 2025

Administration or Madison Police	On Campus			Included in On Campus			Non-Campus Property			Public Property		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	4	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Arrests and Referrals	On Campus			Included in On Campus			Non-Campus Property			Public Property		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Arrests: Liquor Law Violations	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discipline Referral: Liquor Law Violations	6	13	7	6	13	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests: Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discipline Referral: Drug Law Violations	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests: Weapons Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discipline Referral: Weapons Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

All Hate Crimes	On Campus			Included in On Campus			Non-Campus Property			Public Property		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	2	3	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Crime statistics in this table are compiled by the DSU Clery Act Taskforce Committee comprised of the Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, Student Code of Conduct Coordinator, Director of Residence Life & Student Union, Title IX Coordinator, Director of Counseling Services, Campus Safety Officer and VPSA Secretary. The purpose of this committee is to ensure compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. These statistics are gathered from local law enforcement agencies, DSU Residence Life, and the DSU Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management Office. These numbers do not include privileged counseling or medical information from the Counseling Center and DSU Health Nurse. DSU owns and leases off-campus housing options for students. DSU does not have off-campus student organization facilities. The Clery Act crime statistics at DSU can be found at https://dsu.edu/student-life/campus-safety-security.html

Reported according to Uniform Crime Report procedures and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Crime Statistics Act

CRIME DEFINITIONS FROM THE FBI'S UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING HANDBOOK

The following is the UCR definition of each crime listed in the Jeanne Clery Annual Report. For more information visit https://ucr.fbi.gov/ucr

Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter: The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Negligent Manslaughter: The killing of another person through gross negligence

Robbery: The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault: 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. Simple assaults are excluded.

Burglary: The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes: unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned--including joyriding.) A motor vehicle is self-propelled and runs on land surface and not on rails. Motorboats, construction equipment, airplanes, and farming equipment are specifically excluded from this category.

Weapon 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.

Drug Abuse 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, methadones); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, benzedrine).

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; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

Domestic Violence: Asserted violent misdemeanor and felony offenses committed by the victim's current or former spouse, current or former cohabitant, person similarly situated under domestic or family violence law, or anyone else protected under domestic or family violence law.

Dating Violence: Violence by a person who has been in a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim. Whether there was such relationship will be gauged by its length, type, and frequency of interaction.

Stalking: A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for her, his, or others' safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

SEX OFFENSES DEFINITIONS FROM THE NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM EDITION OF THE UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING PROGRAM

Sex Offenses, Forcible: Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Forcible Rape: The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (or because of his/her youth).

Forcible Sodomy: Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Sexual Assault With An Object: The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Forcible Fondling: The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or, not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Sex Offenses, Non-Forcible: Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

Incest: Non-Forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Statutory Rape: Non-Forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

CAMPUS FIRE REPORT

Annual Fire Safety Report

Office/Individual responsible	Vice President for Student Affairs
Location where documentation is kept	Vice President for Student Affairs Office
Date information was last updated	September 2025

Campus Fire Report

Office/Individual responsible	Director of Residence Life & Student Union
Location where documentation is kept	Vice President for Student Affairs Office
Date information was last updated	September 2025

Fire Safety Statistics

Office/Individual responsible	Director of Residence Life & Student Union
Location where documentation is kept	Vice President for Student Affairs Office
Date information was last updated	September 2025

Madison and Dakota State University is served by the Madison Volunteer Fire Department, which maintains a standard of training to ensure both a prompt response to emergencies and the safety of citizens. The Madison Volunteer Fire Department can be notified of emergencies by calling 911 or may be contacted for non-emergencies by calling 605-256-7523.

DSU's fire report and campus guidelines can be found at https://dsu.edu/student-life/campus-safety-security.html.

Residence Hall Fire Safety Report							
		Number of Fires	Cause of Fire	Fire Relate Injuries	Fire related Deaths	Property Damage Value	Fire Drills per Residence Hall
Calendar Year	2022	0	NA	0	0	0	2
	2023	0	NA	0	0	0	2
	2024	0	NA	0	0	0	2

FIRE SAFETY RELATED POLICIES – RESIDENCE HALLS

Each residence hall has a Seaman's integrated fire alarm system that includes heat/smoke detectors in every room along with heat sensors in all kitchens. The system automatically dials the campus Facilities Management and the Madison Fire Department if the system goes into alarm.

Electrical heaters, hotplates, toasters or other electrical devices with exposed heating surfaces or candle flames are not allowed in the residence halls. Smoking, vaping, or the use of any tobacco products are strictly prohibited in all residence halls.

All fire alarms are to be taken seriously. Residents and their guests are expected to immediately proceed to the nearest exit after an alarm sounds. Residents may not return to the hall until the appropriate campus official informs the senior hall staff member that conditions are safe for occupancy.

In the event of a fire, the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs or the Vice President of Student Affairs/Dean of Students must be contacted via phone call by the Residence Hall Director or their designee as soon as possible, but no later than a half-hour after the event occurred if at all possible. The Assistant Dean of Student Affairs or the Vice President of Student Affairs/Dean of Students will take responsibility for contacting the University President, Director of the Facilities Management, and Director of Marketing and Communications.

Fire safety information is shared during hall meetings at the beginning of each fall and spring semester.

FIRE SAFETY RELATED POLICIES – ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS

Procedures to be followed in the case of a fire and other emergencies are posted near the door of all meeting rooms and classrooms. The procedures are reviewed annually by the Risk Management Committee.

Electric space heaters are prohibited, as are candles or other objects using an open flame. The Facilities Management employs a licensed contractor to conduct an annual inspection of all campus fire alarms, and fire extinguishers are checked by DSU staff routinely.

As part of the campus culture, Dakota State University and the Risk Management team will continue to assess campus needs and current activities through our CQI processes and discuss opportunities for improvements regarding fire safety in academic and administrative buildings.