

ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT 2025

COLUMBUS, LIMA, MANSFIELD, MARION, NEWARK, WOOSTER



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INTRODUCTION

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR CONCERN. IT ALSO MUST BE YOUR CONCERN. AS A UNIVERSITY, WE WORK DILIGENTLY TO PREVENT CRIME, FIRE, ACCIDENTS, AND ILLNESS, BUT NOTHING WE DO IS AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT YOU DO – AND, IN SOME CASES, DON'T DO.

The Ohio State University Department of Public Safety, including University Police, Central Campus Security Services, Emergency Management and Fire Prevention, and regional campuses with their partnering first responders, has primary responsibility for crime prevention, fire prevention, emergency planning, and law enforcement services on campus. Other areas – such as Student Life, Transportation and Traffic Management, Environmental Health and Safety, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Library Security, the Civil Rights Compliance Office, and many others — contribute to making our campuses safer places to study, work, and live.

This publication and website contain valuable information about how you can help us keep you safe, on and off campus. Please pay special attention to the safety tips. Following them could help reduce the chances that you will be the victim of crime, become injured, or lose valuables.

This report is intended to comply with the requirements of the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act. While we have sought to make this report a valuable resource of safety information, we invite you to contact any of the departments or programs listed in this report for more information about our procedures or resources. Reports for regional campuses of The Ohio State University are incorporated into this document.

Victims are never at fault when crimes occur. We remind you to increase your overall safety by being cautious and looking out for one another, being aware of your surroundings and looking assertive, and walking with a trusted friend or coworker, when possible. If a situation makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, choose an alternative. Utilize transportation services, when

possible, and take advantage of the university's additional safety resources.

UNIVERSITY WEBSITES

- Columbus – osu.edu
- Lima – lima.osu.edu
- Mansfield – mansfield.osu.edu
- Marion – osumarion.osu.edu
- Newark – newark.osu.edu
- Wooster – ati.osu.edu

RESOURCES

- Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio ([SARNCO](#)) - 844-644-6435 (844-OHIOHELP) Confidential, 24/7
- Emergency – 9-1-1. 24/7
- [Campus Non-Emergency](#) – 614-292-2121. 24/7
- AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) – 614-253-8501. Confidential, 24/7
- [Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization](#) (BRAVO) – 1-866-862-7286 (1-866-86-BRAVO). Confidential – 614-333-1907, BRAVO text message line
- [Housing and Residence Education](#) – 614-292-8266
- [LSS Choices for Victims of Domestic Violence](#) – 614-224-4663. Confidential, 24/7
- [Mount Carmel Crime and Trauma Assistance Program](#) (CTAP) – 614-234-5900
- [Civil Rights Compliance Office](#) – 614-247-5838
- [Ohio State Employee Assistance Program](#) (EAP) – (800) 678-6265. Confidential, 24/7
- [Student Advocacy Center](#) – 614-292-1111
- [Student Legal Services](#) – 614-247-5853. Confidential
- [Student Life Counseling and Consultation Service](#) – 614-292-5766. Confidential, 24/7
- [Student Wellness Center](#) – 614-292-4527
- [Wilce Student Health Center](#) – 614-292-4321. Confidential

- Columbus
 - Emergency – 9-1-1
 - University Non-Emergency – 614-292-2121
 - Columbus Police Non-Emergency – 614-645-4545
 - Columbus Alcohol, Drug Abuse – 614-645-6839
 - Wexner Medical Center
614-293-8333 emergency
614-293-8000 non-emergency
 - Wexner Medical Center Stress, Trauma and Resilience (STAR) – 614-293-STAR (7827)
 - OSU East Hospital – 614-257-3000
 - Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO)
614-688-2518 campus
614-267-7020 helpline
 - University Security Services – 614-292-6677
- Lima
 - Emergency – 9-1-1
 - University Non-Emergency – 614-292-2121
 - Allen County Sheriff Non-Emergency – 419-227-3535
 - Alcoholics Anonymous – 419-234-3800
 - Mental Health and Recovery Services Board – 419-222-5120
 - Student Life Counseling, Consultation – 567-242-7158
 - Sexual Assault Clinic – 1-877-867-7273 or 419-222-8666
- Mansfield
 - Emergency – 9-1-1
 - University Non-Emergency – 614-292-2121
 - Security Office – 419-565-2432
 - Campus Sexual Assault Advocate – 419-961-7522
 - Domestic Violence Shelter – 419-774-5840
 - Mansfield Police Non-Emergency – 419-522-1234
 - Ontario Police Non-Emergency – 419-529-2115
 - Ohio State Highway Patrol – 419-756-2222
 - Richland County Sheriff's Office – 419-524-2412
- Marion
 - Emergency – 9-1-1
 - University Non-Emergency – 614-292-2121
 - Marion Campus Non-Emergency – 740-725-6300
 - Counseling and Wellness Center – 740-725-6146
 - Marion County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency – 740-382-8244
- Community Counseling and Wellness Centers – 740-387-5210
- Turning Point – 740-382-8988
- Newark
 - Emergency – 9-1-1
 - University Non-Emergency – 614-292-2121
 - Security Office – 740-366-9237
 - Newark Police, Fire, EMS Non-Emergency – 740-670-7200
 - Licking Memorial Hospital – 220-564-4000
 - Student Life Counseling, Consultation Newark – 740-364-9578
- Wooster
 - Emergency – 9-1-1
 - University Non-Emergency – 614-292-2121
 - [One Eighty: Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Center](#)
330-264-8498 main office
330-264-8498 north end location
800-686-1122
 - Wooster Police Non-Emergency – 330-287-5720
 - Wayne County Sheriff Non-Emergency – 330-287-5750
 - Wooster Community Hospital – 330-263-8100

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DIVISION

Police officers of The Ohio State University are designated by statute as the law enforcement officers for the university. They are empowered to use investigative authority on reasonable suspicion of crime, to search and arrest as authorized by law, and to use reasonable and necessary force to enforce law and protect property on university land and as provided by mutual aid agreements established with other jurisdictions. Their oath of office is a personal commitment to the rule of law and constitutional limitations of police authority. University Police perform the same duties and have the same authority as police departments in Ohio's cities. In addition, the University Police Division receives annual in-service training that exceeds the mandatory training required by public safety agencies that are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The University Police Division follows the best recognized industry practices. The

Division was reaccredited by CALEA in 2021 and has obtained state certification from the [Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency certification program](#). They evaluate reported crimes and conduct investigations to determine the responsible party. University Police enforce laws regulating underage drinking, the use of controlled substances, weapons, and all other incidents requiring police assistance. They have police jurisdiction on all university property, provide primary police services to The Ohio State University Columbus campus, and provide police services at Ohio State's regional campuses located at Lima, Mansfield, Marion, Newark, and Wooster.

The University Police Division has established a strong working relationship with many local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, including a number of agencies in jurisdictions near the university's campuses. Columbus Division of Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and Ohio State Highway Patrol have jurisdiction on the Columbus campus and other university property, and local law enforcement agencies have jurisdiction at the regional campuses. Those agencies may notify the university of criminal activity involving students at off-campus locations, including non-campus locations and housing facilities of student organizations officially recognized by the university. These students may be subject to disciplinary action under the university's Code of Student Conduct and other university policies in addition to any appropriate criminal action.

University Police work cooperatively with these agencies and have regular contacts with the Columbus Division of Police, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol about matters of mutual interest and concern. The University Police Division has entered into agreements with the Cities of Columbus, Bexley, and Upper Arlington; Clinton Township; and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, to allow University Police to investigate criminal offenses and perform other police functions in those jurisdictions under certain circumstances.

Additional relationships include those with the Mansfield Police Division, Marion Police Department, Newark Police Department, Ontario Police Division, Allen County Sheriff's Office, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Licking County law enforcement agencies, Richland County Sheriff's Office, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Wooster

Police Department. These agreements provide for inter-agency assistance and support.

Through the agreement with the City of Columbus, University Police officers engage in crime interdiction and joint crime prevention projects in the Columbus Police 4th Precinct and University District (see "Programs and Education"). In addition, this agreement allows University Police to take law enforcement action when they view certain criminal activity while traveling through the City of Columbus on university business and to provide assistance to the Columbus Division of Police in the event of an emergency. The University Police Division also has entered into a joint agreement with Bowling Green State University, Central State University, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Miami University, Ohio University, Shawnee State University, University of Akron, University of Toledo, Wright State University, Youngstown State University, and Columbus State Community College to provide and receive mutual assistance and police services upon request. Agreements with the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Ohio Investigative Unit provide for law enforcement officers from these agencies to support the operations of the University Police Division during football games. The Ohio Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact law gives Ohio State's Police Division the ability to call upon any law enforcement agency to provide mutual assistance or aid for purposes of responding to and recovering from a disaster, preparing for incidents, exercises, training activities, planned events, or emergencies, any of which require additional resources.

Police receive assistance in providing safety and security services from other university departments. The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center Security office provides security services directly to the university's medical complex, and Central Campus Security Services officers support security needs of the academic core and other campus facilities. These security officers are non-sworn and do not have the arrest authority given to law enforcement officers, but they play an important role in promoting safety and security on the campus. Additionally, the university contracts with private security provider for concerts and other large events on campus, such as [BEST Security Services](#).

Student Life's Risk and Emergency Management has partnered with Central Campus Security Services to

provide nightly patrols of all residence halls and other Student Life properties in and around campus.

University Police are available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, to receive reports and investigate crimes that are reported to have occurred on university property. Walk-in service is available every hour of every day. Specific questions may be directed to University Police through email at police@osu.edu.

The University Police Division consists of the following offices:

- **Columbus** – Blankenship Hall, 901 Woody Hayes Drive, 614-292-2121
- **Lima** – 140 Technical Education Lab, 4240 Campus Drive 567-242-7201
- **Mansfield** – Riedl Hall, 1760 University Drive, 419-755-4156
- **Marion** – 138 Morrill Hall, 1465 Mt. Vernon Ave., 740-725-6300
- **Newark** – 105 Warner Library and Student Center, 1219 University Drive, 740-366-9237
- **Wooster** – Simon Rice House, 1727 Williams Drive, 330-287-0111

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE

All Buckeyes have the right to be free from discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct at The Ohio State University. The Civil Rights Compliance Office (CRCO)^a was created to coordinate the university's response to all reports of protected class discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct, and to be proactive in creating an environment that is equitable, fair, and just. CRCO coordinates the response to reports including faculty, staff, students, student employees, graduate associates, suppliers/contractors, program participants, and visitors. University policy prohibits discrimination and harassment based on the following protected classes: age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex,

gender, sexual orientation, pregnancy, veteran status, or any other bases under the law.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND TITLE IX

Title IX is a federal law that prohibits discrimination and harassment based on sex. Sexual misconduct is a form of sex- and gender-based harassment/discrimination that includes sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, and sexual exploitation.

The Ohio State University is committed to providing a safe and non-discriminatory environment for all members of the university community. To aid in this effort, Ohio State has established the Civil Rights Compliance Office (CRCO). Furthermore, Ohio State is devoted to maintaining its longstanding commitment to a campus environment free from sexual misconduct by responding appropriately, effectively, and equitably to Title IX and sexual misconduct concerns. The Title IX Coordinator is the designated university official with primary responsibility for coordinating the university's compliance with Title IX.

For more information about Title IX, visit civilrights.osu.edu or contact the Title IX Coordinator:

- **Melissa Mayhan**, Title IX Coordinator: 614-247-5838, TTY 614-688-8605, 1501 Neil Ave., Columbus OH 43201, civilrights@osu.edu

To report an allegation of sexual misconduct to The Ohio State University or to learn about investigation and resolution options:

- Call the Civil Rights Compliance Office at 614-247-5838
- Complete an online reporting form at civilrights.osu.edu
- Email civilrights@osu.edu
- Mail to the Civil Rights Compliance Office, 1501 Neil Ave., Columbus OH 43201

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Civil Rights Intake Coordinators are available to support Ohio State students and employees who experience sexual misconduct or other forms of harassment and

^a In 2025, the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) was renamed the Civil Rights Compliance Office (CRCO) to more accurately represent its important work.

discrimination. Civil Rights Intake Coordinators assist survivors of sexual misconduct and those alleged in understanding their rights and options. Civil Rights Intake Coordinators can help with:

- Assistance with supportive measures, such as change of housing, transportation, no contact directives, and other protective measures that are requested and reasonably available for students and employees;
- Referrals to on- and off-campus confidential counseling and advocacy services;
- Options for legal assistance, including information about obtaining protection orders;
- Academic assistance, including contacting instructors about missing time or assignments, changing class selection, arranging leaves of absence or emergency withdrawal, and retroactive withdrawal petitions;
- Workplace supportive measures, including communicating with supervisors, schedule changes, and missed time;
- Assistance in filing reports with appropriate law enforcement;
- Knowledge of university and criminal reporting procedures;
- Provide information about internal and external reporting options; and
- Provide information about the Civil Rights Compliance Office investigative options and assist with filing a formal complaint with the office.

Civil Rights Investigators conduct investigations of complaints of protected class harassment, discrimination, and/or sexual misconduct involving students, faculty, staff, and third parties.

Ohio State aims to educate students, faculty, and staff through primary prevention and ongoing awareness programs, education, and training. Ohio State empowers the Buckeye Community to help prevent sexual misconduct (including Violence Against Women Act offenses) by requiring that all students and employees complete online sexual misconduct training annually. New first year students and transfer students are required to complete the online course, “U Got this: Your Online Guide to Speak Up, Step In, and Create a Better Campus for All.” Returning students are assigned “U Still Got This”, a refresher course, and graduate and professional students are assigned “U Got This 2.”

Faculty, staff, and student employees are required to complete “Report = Support: Identifying and Responding to Sexual Misconduct.” A Report=Support Recharge is assigned to employees who previously completed Report=Support.

Additionally, the Relationship Education and Violence Prevention (REVP) program in the Student Life Student Wellness Center is responsible for the creation of other evidence-based primary prevention programs and awareness campaigns and focuses on initiatives that will promote a positive shift in the culture. Prevention workshops are available through the First Year Success Series, by request via the Student Life Student Wellness Center's website, and online through BuckeyeLearn. View [descriptions of these workshops](#).

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

The Ohio State University is committed to educating the community, including all students and all employees about sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, through a variety of primary prevention programs and ongoing awareness campaigns to promote the awareness of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. These modules include safe and positive options for bystander intervention, risk reduction information, procedures that victims should follow to make a report, confidentiality information, on- and off-campus resources, victim support options, disciplinary procedures, and possible sanctions and protective measures the institution may impose following a final determination of an institutional disciplinary procedure. These programs also explain that the university prohibits sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and include information about how those terms are defined under university policy. They educate participants about the definition of consent and obtaining consent.

“Report = Support” is the online education mandated annually for all faculty, staff, and student employees. This prevention education addresses sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; provides tools to challenge and report inappropriate and harmful behavior; and provides information about how to support someone who has experienced sexual misconduct.

“U Got This!: Your Online Guide to Speak Up, Step In, and Create a Better Campus for All” is the online education mandated for all students. This prevention education provides tools to identify, disrupt, and report sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. It outlines available support resources and how to support others who have experienced sexual misconduct. Returning students are assigned “U Still Got This”, a refresher course, and graduate and professional students are assigned “U Got This 2.”

In addition to these primary prevention educational modules, the university offers a variety of education sessions to students and employees on issues of sexual misconduct.

BUCK-I-CARE

Buck-I-CARE is an online initiative through the Office of Student Life Student Wellness Center, focusing on creating a culture of personal responsibility for each individual to care for themselves and their partners, bringing awareness to the issue of sexual misconduct by providing guidelines for sexual experiences.

- **Check** – Check that your partner has the capacity to make informed and sound decisions for themselves.
- **Ask** – Ask your partner for consent and ensure they are actively and voluntarily engaged.
- **Respect** – Respect your partner’s boundaries by accepting when they do not want to engage in a sexual activity.
- **Empower** – Empower your partner to make their own decisions by communicating with CARE.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

The Ohio State University prohibits sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking as well as other forms of sexual misconduct. The definitions from the university’s Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy apply to faculty, staff, students, student employees, graduate associates, suppliers/contractors, program participants, volunteers, and visitors under the university’s [Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy](#).

EXCERPTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY’S NON-DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY

Download the [Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy](#) for additional policy definitions.

Consent – Permission that is clear, knowing, voluntary, and expressed prior to engaging in and during an act. Consent is active, not passive. Silence, in and of itself, cannot be interpreted as consent. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create mutually understandable clear permission regarding willingness to engage in (and the conditions of) sexual activity.

- Consent to any one form of sexual activity cannot automatically imply consent to any other forms of sexual activity.
- Consent may be withdrawn at any time.
- Previous relationships or prior consent cannot imply consent to future sexual acts; this includes “blanket” consent (i.e., permission in advance for any/all actions at a later time/place).
- Consent cannot be given by an individual who one knows to be – or based on the circumstances should reasonably have known to be – substantially impaired (e.g., by alcohol or other drug use, unconsciousness, etc.).
 - Substantial impairment is a state when an individual cannot make rational, reasonable decisions because they lack the capacity to give knowing consent (e.g., to understand the “who, what, when, where, why, or how” of their sexual interaction).
 - This also covers individuals whose substantial impairment results from other physical or mental conditions including mental disability, sleep, involuntary physical restraint, or from the consumption of alcohol or other drugs.
 - Being impaired by alcohol or other drugs will never function as a defense for any behavior that violates this policy.
- It is the obligation of the person initiating the sexual activity to obtain consent.
- An individual cannot consent who has been coerced, including being compelled by force, threat of force, or deception; who is unaware that the act is being committed; or who is coerced by a supervisory or

disciplinary authority. 1. Force: violence, compulsion, or constraint; physically exerted by any means upon or against a person. 2. Coercion: the application of pressure by the respondent that unreasonably interferes with the complainant's ability to exercise free will. Factors to be considered include but are not limited to the intensity and duration of the conduct.

- A person who does not want to consent to sex is not required to resist or verbally object.
- Withdrawal of consent can be manifested through conduct and need not be a verbal withdrawal of consent (i.e., crying, pulling away, pushing away, not actively participating, lying there, uncomfortable or upset facial expression).
- Consent may not be given by an individual who has not reached the legal age of consent under applicable law.

Sexual Assault – Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the complainant, including instances where the complainant is incapable of giving consent. Sexual assault is an umbrella term that includes nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual penetration, incest, and statutory rape.

Nonconsensual Sexual Contact – The intentional touching of the clothed or unclothed body parts without consent of the complainant for the purpose of sexual degradation, sexual gratification, or sexual humiliation. The forced touching by the complainant of the actor's clothed or unclothed body parts without consent of the complainant for the purpose of sexual degradation, sexual gratification, or sexual humiliation. This definition includes criminal sexual contact.

Nonconsensual Sexual Penetration – 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, or a sex-related object without the consent of the complainant. Nonconsensual sexual penetration includes rape.

Domestic Violence – Conduct that would meet the definition of a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the complainant, by a person with whom the complainant shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the complainant as a spouse or intimate partner, by a

person similarly situated to a spouse of the complainant under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or 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 the jurisdiction.

Dating Violence – Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the complainant.

- The existence of such a relationship will be determined based on the reporting party'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 — 1. Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. 2. Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence

Stalking – A course of conduct directed at a specific individual that would cause a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the complainant to fear for their own or others' safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress. A course of conduct includes two or more acts, including but not limited to those in which the alleged directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about the complainant, or interferes with the complainant's property. When stalking is not based on sex or gender, it may violate other university policies including but not limited to the Code of Student Conduct or the Workplace Violence 7.05 policy.

OHIO REVISED CODE – LEGAL DEFINITIONS

Visit the [Ohio Revised Code](#) (ORC) website.

ORC §2919.25 Domestic Violence. (A) No person shall knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to a family or household member. (B) No person shall recklessly cause serious physical harm to a family or household member. (C) No person, by threat of force, shall knowingly cause a family or household member to

believe that the offender will cause imminent physical harm to the family or household member.

For purposes of eligibility to obtain a protection order, the following Ohio Revised Code (ORC) definition is used:

ORC §3113.31 Domestic Violence. (1) "Domestic violence" means the any of the following: (a) The occurrence of one or more of the following acts against a family or household member: (i) Attempting to cause or recklessly causing bodily injury; (ii) Placing another person by the threat of force in fear of imminent serious physical harm or committing a violation of section §2903.211 or §2911.211 of the Revised Code; (iii) Committing any act with respect to a child that would result in the child being an abused child, as defined in section §2151.031 of the Revised Code; (iv) Committing a sexually oriented offense. (b) The occurrence of one or more of the acts identified in divisions (A)(1)(a)(i) to (iv) of this section against a person with whom the respondent is or was in a dating relationship.

ORC §2903.211 Menacing by Stalking. (A)(1) No person by engaging in a pattern of conduct shall knowingly cause another person to believe that the offender will cause physical harm to the other person or a family or household member of the other person or cause mental distress to the other person or a family or household member of the other person. In addition to any other basis for the other person's belief that the offender will cause physical harm to the other person or the other person's family or household member or mental distress to the other person or the other person's family or household member, the other person's belief or mental distress may be based on words or conduct of the offender that are directed at or identify a corporation, association, or other organization that employs the other person or to which the other person belongs. (2) No person, through the use of any form of written communication or any electronic method of remotely transferring information, including, but not limited to, any computer, computer network, computer program, r-computer system, or telecommunication device shall post a message or use any intentionally written or verbal graphic gesture with purpose to do either of the following: (a) Violate division (A)(1) of this section, (b) Urge or incite another to commit a violation of division (A)(1) of this section. (3) No person, with a sexual

motivation, shall violate division (A)(1) or (2) of this section.

While the term Sexual Assault is not specifically defined, sexual assaults are provided for in §2907 of the Ohio Revised Code:

ORC §2907.02 Rape. (A)(1) No person shall engage in sexual conduct with another when any of the following applies: (a) For the purpose of preventing resistance, the offender substantially impairs the other person's judgment or control by administering any drug, intoxicant, or controlled substance to the other person surreptitiously or by force, threat of force, or deception. (b) The other person is less than thirteen years of age, whether or not the offender knows the age of the other person. (c) The other person's ability to resist or consent is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition or because of advanced age, and the offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person's ability to resist or consent is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition or because of advanced age.

(A)(2) No person shall engage in sexual conduct with another when the offender purposely compels the other person to submit by force or threat of force.

ORC §2907.03 Sexual Battery. (A) No person shall engage in sexual activity with another; cause another to engage in sexual activity with the offender; or cause two or more other persons to engage in sexual activity when any of the following apply: (1) The offender knowingly coerces the other person, or one of the other persons, to submit by any means that would prevent resistance by a person of ordinary resolution. (2) The offender knows that the other person's, or one of the other persons', ability to appraise the nature of or control the other person's own conduct is substantially impaired. (3) The offender knows that the other person, or one of the other persons, submits because the other person is unaware that the act is being committed. (4) The offender knows that the other person, or one of the other persons, submits because the other person mistakenly identifies the offender as the other person's spouse. (5) The offender is the other person's, or one of the other persons', natural or adoptive parent, or a stepparent, or guardian, custodian, or person in loco parentis of the other person. (6) The other person, or one of the other persons, is in custody of law or a patient in a hospital or

other institution, and the offender has supervisory or disciplinary authority over the other person. (7) The offender is a teacher, administrator, coach, or other person in authority employed by or serving in a school for which the director of education and workforce prescribes minimum standards pursuant to division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code, the other person, or one of the other persons, is enrolled in or attends that school, and the offender is not enrolled in and does not attend that school. (8) The other person, or one of the other persons, is a minor, the offender is a teacher, administrator, coach, or other person in authority employed by or serving in an institution of higher education, and the other person is enrolled in or attends that institution. (9) The other person, or one of the other persons, is a minor, and the offender is the other person's athletic or other type of coach, is the other person's instructor, is the leader of a scouting troop of which the other person is a member or is a person with temporary or occasional disciplinary control over the other person. (10) The offender is a mental health professional, the other person, or one of the other persons, is a mental health client or patient of the offender, and the offender induces the other person to submit by falsely representing to the other person that the sexual activity is necessary for mental health treatment purposes. (11) The offender is a licensed medical professional, the other person, or one of the other persons, is a patient of the offender, and the sexual activity occurs in the course of medical treatment. (12) The other person, or one of the other persons, is confined in a detention facility, and the offender is an employee of that detention facility. (13) The other person, or one of the other persons, is a minor, the offender is a cleric, and the other person is a member of, or attends, the church or congregation served by the cleric. (14) The other person, or one of the other persons, is a minor, the offender is a peace officer, and the offender is more than two years older than the other person.

ORC §2907.04 Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor.

(A) No person who is eighteen years of age or older shall engage in sexual conduct with another when the offender knows the other person is thirteen years of age or older but less than sixteen years of age, or the offender is reckless in that regard.

ORC §2907.05 Gross Sexual Imposition. (A) No person shall have sexual contact with another; cause another to

have sexual contact with the offender; or cause two or more other persons to have sexual contact when any of the following applies: (1) The offender purposely compels the other person, or one of the other persons, to submit by force or threat of force. (2) For the purpose of preventing resistance, the offender substantially impairs the judgment or control of the other person or of one of the other persons by administering any drug, intoxicant, or controlled substance to the other person surreptitiously or by force, threat of force, or deception. (3) The offender knows that the judgment or control of the other person or of one of the other persons is substantially impaired as a result of the influence of any drug or intoxicant administered to the other person with the other person's consent for the purpose of any kind of medical or dental examination, treatment, or surgery. (4) The other person, or one of the other persons, is less than thirteen years of age, whether or not the offender knows the age of that person. (5) The ability of the other person to resist or consent or the ability of one of the other persons to resist or consent is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition or because of advanced age, and the offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the ability to resist or consent of the other person or of one of the other persons is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition or because of advanced age. (B) No person shall knowingly touch the genitalia of another, when the touching is not through clothing, the other person is less than twelve years of age, whether or not the offender knows the age of that person, and the touching is done with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person.

ORC §2907.06 Sexual Imposition. (A) No person shall have sexual contact with another; cause another to have sexual contact with the offender; or cause two or more other persons to have sexual contact when the offender knows that the sexual contact is offensive to the other person, or one of the other persons, or is reckless in that regard. (B) No person shall be convicted of a violation of this section solely upon the victim's testimony unsupported by other evidence.

The Ohio Revised Code does not have definitions for Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, or Consent.

SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SAFETY

Risk Management, The Office of International Affairs, and the Department of Public Safety collaborate on a travel risk management program. International Risk Management maintains an emergency response protocol, and travelers have access to a 24-hour international response number, 614-292-6677. As part of the protocol, the university maintains insurance to support health and security response. Faculty and staff leading education-abroad programs receive annual training in incident response.

Pre-travel health, safety, and security information is available on [Global Education website](#). Registered student travelers are provided travel safety materials, are advised to enroll in the U.S. Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program ([STEP](#)), are enrolled in insurance, and are registered in the incident response protocol.

PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION

In addition, the university offers several crime prevention and safety programs to the university community. These programs are offered by various university organizations and are available throughout each academic year. Sponsors and their programs include:

Community Policing

The University Police Division utilizes a community policing philosophy with the goals of (1) establishing positive contacts with the campus community, (2) identifying real and/or perceived problems that exist in the campus community, and (3) developing programs that aid in the resolution of identified problems. University Police use various modes of transportation to patrol the campuses, including bicycles, cars, all-terrain utility vehicles, and walking officers.

Joint Patrol Project

In 2008, the University Police and the Columbus Division of Police expanded their collaborative efforts with the creation of the Joint Policing Program. This program combines resources in a manner that improves the quality and availability of police services to our student population. The policing team focuses efforts on crime and disorder issues affecting students living in the University District. By working together, the team easily can move across the jurisdictional boundaries that tend to slow down and restrict operational effectiveness. They have well developed working relationships with a variety of student and university entities and City of Columbus departments that have an interest in safety in the University District.

Crime Interdiction

Every autumn and spring since 2004, the University Police and Columbus Division of Police have teamed up to focus on student safety in the off-campus student neighborhoods, including non-campus locations of registered student organizations. This area around campus enjoys a vibrant and energetic night life, and it is the mission of both agencies to create an atmosphere that involves maximum deterrent to crime and instills confidence in residents for their safety, ultimately improving the goodwill among students and police. The goal of this program is to combine resources in a manner that improves the quality and availability of police services. This joint effort is led and funded by The Ohio State University Department of Public Safety and involves many aspects of patrol, ranging from high-visibility uniformed police patrols to other tactics designed to provide safety and peace of mind to residents.

Safe Rides

Columbus – The Ohio State University Columbus campus began a new ridesharing program autumn 2019 called Lyft Ride Smart at Ohio State. The program offers eligible students discounted rides, inside the university-designated [service area](#), from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Prices may be impacted by distance, traffic, time of day, special events and prime time surcharges.

Columbus – Look for the blue light emergency phones in parking areas and on campus grounds. Campus phones may be used to dial 9-1-1.

Lima – Look for the red and blue call boxes along the walking paths. Campus phones may be used to dial 9-1-1.

Mansfield – Look for the yellow call boxes along the walking path between the academic and residential areas of campus. Students can also call campus security to request a safe ride or emergency escorts to either Molyet Village Apts. (on-campus housing) or Buckeye Village Apartments (off-campus housing). Campus phones may be used to dial 9-1-1.

Marion – Campus phones may be used to dial 9-1-1.

Newark – Campus phones may be used to dial 9-1-1.

Wooster – Look for the blue light emergency phones in parking areas and on campus grounds. Campus phones also may be used to dial 9-1-1.

Prospective and Current Student Crime Awareness and Prevention Programs

A Student Life audiovisual presentation, including personal safety information, is presented to students and parents, and literature is distributed both on and off campus during the academic year. Students and parents view a bystander intervention video during orientation that is aimed at preventing sexual assault. At various times throughout the academic year, Student Life will partner with the Department of Public Safety to offer training or other safety programs such as Empowerment and Self-Defense. Information also is available at various websites such as dps.osu.edu and studentlife.osu.edu/resources/safety.

Community Wellness Education

AlcoholEdu, Prescription Drug Safety, and Mental Wellbeing are required on-line modules designed to help students develop critical life skills relating to alcohol use, prescription drug safety, and mental and emotional health. These three modules are part of Ohio State's Community Wellness Education, with the goal of ensuring students have the information they need to

make well-informed decisions about their well-being throughout their time at Ohio State and beyond.

While not all individuals may choose to use alcohol or other substances during their time as a college student, it is important each student knows the information provided in the modules to contribute to our campus community and the well-being of all of those who are a part of it.

The modules are assigned to all first-year students as well as undergraduate transfer students and are accessible through BuckeyeLearn.

Crime Prevention Programming

The Ohio State University Police Division provides crime prevention programming for employees and students in a variety of settings. Officers meet with staff members during community events, while performing security surveys, or in a training environment. During these events, employees are given information about the Department of Public Safety operations on campus and information about historic and current crime trends. Examples include table displays at Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center and other locations on campus during staff events, and participation in workplace violence training and procedure development. Representatives from Medical Center Security attend every new hire orientation in the Wexner Medical Center and review crime prevention, safety, and other security-related topics.

Crime prevention information is shared with many students in a classroom setting through programs provided upon request by academic units and through residence halls on campus. Students also get information from police officers that are assigned to be the police contact for their residence halls. Student Life's Risk and Emergency Management is involved in the training program for Student Life staff who work in the residence halls, allowing for general crime prevention information to be shared directly with students.

The Police Division provides Empowerment and Self-Defense courses to the campus community at no cost. This nationally recognized self-defense course is taught by police officers from The Ohio State University Police Division. These courses are conducted on an as-required basis.

Community Police Academy

This free four-week program is designed to give eligible community members an idea of what it's like to protect and serve on campus, while affording OSUPD yet another opportunity to learn first-hand about subjects and issues that matter to the university community. Each session consists of weekly classes at Blankenship Hall where participants will discuss OSUPD programs, policies, and procedures. The comprehensive instruction includes open discussion and scenario-based role playing. It is hoped that Community Police Academy graduates both learn more about how OSUPD operates and share insights with their friends and colleagues.

Safety Planning

Safety planning is conducted, when appropriate, for staff and students when they have been affected by someone in crisis or when they are the victim of a crime with ongoing concerns for safety. Officers work with various offices and departments across the university to address situations involving disruptive behavior and to help mitigate safety concerns.

Lima – “Safe Spring Break Awareness Week” is a series of events and activities with the goal of empowering students to stay safe and make good decisions. Information and resources are stressed regarding alcohol, drugs, and sexual health. Crime Stoppers information and other crime prevention resources are posted regularly for the campus community.

Surviving an Active Attacker

The Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Office of Student Life, in 2015 released “Surviving an Active Shooter,” a 6-minute video that takes the viewer through various scenarios utilizing the concept of Run, Hide, Fight® and highlighting the university's methods of emergency communications.

In August 2018, the Department of Public Safety released an updated 9-minute video called “Surviving an Active Aggressor” that is available for the online orientation checklist distributed to more than 18,000 incoming students.

Closed captioning and audio-described versions can be viewed via YouTube. Since its upload in September

2015, YouTube has recorded more than 4.2 million views of the videos. They have proven to be a valuable resource beyond the university community.

- [Active Shooter Video](#)
- [Active Aggressor Video](#)

Sexual Assault Survivor's Rights

The University Police Division has developed and implemented a “Sexual Assault Survivor's Rights” program. Designed to protect the rights of survivors of sexual assault, it is a road map to empower and inform survivors of sexual assault. Copies of these materials are available at the University Police Division.

SECURITY PLANNING STRATEGIES

The university recognizes that the physical environment has an influence on criminal behavior and in promoting an atmosphere of security and safety for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. For this reason, it is our desire to implement environmental elements that will have a positive impact on security in the design of our buildings, open spaces, and campus as a whole. To further that effort, we focus on several safety and security considerations and security planning principles as we design and develop buildings and other areas of campus. These include appropriate site selection, building placement, effective and appropriate use of signage, natural and man-made security barriers, architectural elements and landscape materials, access control methods, and security cameras. Consistent lighting is found throughout, and the university continues to implement additional lighting improvement projects and consider public safety in maintaining its buildings and grounds. In addition, construction and renovation plans for university facilities are reviewed for principles associated with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). By incorporating these elements into the design of campus spaces, we aim to create a safe and open atmosphere that promotes living, learning, and working while at that same time effectively deterring criminal activity and other inappropriate uses of campus spaces. Additionally, access to campus buildings is restricted after normal business hours, and current university identification must be shown to gain admittance to many facilities.

Student Life is committed to maintaining a safe living environment for our residents. Campus residence halls are secured 24 hours a day. To gain access, students must use their BuckID card to either open an exterior door or access their residential elevators. Anyone who lives in the residence halls can enter any residence hall with their BuckID between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., after which a student must be escorted through any residence hall they do not live in by a resident of that hall. They can contact their resident host to do so or, via a foyer telephone, request assistance from the hall desk staff. Student Life Building and Mechanical Services staff conduct weekly building preventive maintenance inspections that include security-related items such as doors, locks, roof access, lighting, etc.

Following a November 2016 attack on the Columbus campus, a public safety after-action report identified the desire of our campus community to have more uniform classroom locks. In the summer of 2018, Ohio State began installing door locks for classrooms to enhance safety in the unlikely scenario of an active attacker. The project was completed in 2019 with approximately 450 locks being installed.

CAMPUS SERVICE OFFICERS

During special events, Campus Service Officers assist visitors of The Ohio State University. Their intricate knowledge of the campus and its history allow them to serve as ambassadors, contributing to the high standard of excellence the university maintains toward all its interactions with the community. Campus Service Officers also assist the Department of Public Safety with its crime prevention programming.

STUDENT CONDUCT

The Code of Student Conduct may be found at the [Board of Trustees website](#). The primary focus of Student Life's Student Conduct group is to promote university community standards through the administration of The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct. The department also serves as an information source about student behavior, student discipline, and supportive university and community resources to promote student development.

The purpose of the university discipline system is to promote student development by addressing behaviors that are inconsistent with community standards and expectations, as defined by the Code of Student Conduct. Student Conduct follows a fair and impartial investigative process regarding alleged violations of the Code and, when violations are found, administers appropriate sanctions.

Student Conduct often coordinates its services with other campus offices in an effort to serve students to the fullest extent. Student Conduct may be able to assist students in obtaining support and resources for individuals' concerns they may have, including alcohol and drug dependency, mental or emotional wellness, or potential legal issues. Whenever someone witnesses what appears to be criminal activity, it should be reported to police, the primary investigative authority for potential criminal investigations. Whenever someone witnesses what appears to be violations of university rules under the Code, they are encouraged to report it to Student Conduct. When appraised of activities by recognized student organizations that may violate the Code of Student Conduct (including criminal activity), Student Conduct may initiate disciplinary proceedings against the student organization and/or its members.

Columbus – Kelly Smith, 550 Lincoln Tower, 1800 Cannon Drive, **614-292-0748**. For more information about Student Conduct, visit studentconduct.osu.edu.

Lima – Bryan Albright, albright.34@osu.edu, 567-242-7274.

Mansfield – Amy Brunnell, Brunnell.2@osu.edu, Oval Wood Hall, 1760 University Drive, 419-755-4119.

Marion – Leslie Beary, beary.4@osu.edu, 200 Maynard Hall, 1461 Mount Vernon Avenue, 740-725-6249.

Newark – Holly Mason, mason.536@osu.edu, 226 Warner Building, 1219 University Drive, 740-364-9578.

Wooster – Carri Gerber, gerber.140@osu.edu, 128 Skou Hall, 1889 Garrison Circle East, 330-287-1211.

Upon written request, the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the university against the student who is the alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence will be disclosed to the alleged victim, as appropriate under applicable law. If the alleged victim is

deceased as a result of a crime of violence, Student Conduct will provide the results of the disciplinary hearing to the victim's next of kin if requested.

COLLIN'S LAW AND THE STOP CAMPUS HAZING ACT

As part of Ohio State's ongoing commitment to student safety and well-being, the university implemented an anti-hazing policy on January 9, 2023. This policy outlines the university's expectations, reporting procedures, and consequences related to hazing. The policy is designed to promote a culture of respect, accountability, and community care across the university.

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Ohio State is committed to using a comprehensive, data-informed approach to hazing prevention including primary prevention strategies intended to stop hazing before it occurs. Our approach includes:

- Maintaining a university anti-hazing policy,
- Regularly communicating about reporting mechanisms and expectations,
- Responding to reported hazing concerns in a timely manner,
- Involving key stakeholders in the development and implementation of anti-hazing efforts,
- Informing the campus about known hazing violations,
- Utilizing data to continuously improve hazing prevention practices, and
- Offering multiple anti-hazing educational and prevention programs throughout the year focused on awareness, bystander intervention, and promoting hazing-free group norms.

Collin's Law: Anti-Hazing Education

In compliance with Collin's Law, all students must complete hazing prevention training prior to joining a student organization. The educational module is also assigned, via the To Do List in Buckeye Link, to new students and transfer students each semester. Additionally, employees serving as advisors, consultants, coaches or volunteers for student

organizations or groups, must also complete hazing prevention training. The module is available to all students, staff and faculty in BuckeyeLearn.

PREVENTION PROGRAMMING

The university offers additional engagement opportunities for students, faculty and staff, and advisors and other volunteers. These programs teach participants how to recognize, prevent, and respond to hazing and other forms of group-related risks.

Risk Reduction Consultation and Workshops

Students, staff, or faculty members needing support in generating ideas for safer, healthier practices, or who have questions about risk-related topics such as hazing can [schedule a consultation with our Risk Reduction Specialist](#).

Interactive workshops are available on request and can be customized to fit your group's needs. Whether you're looking to raise awareness, spark conversation, or strengthen your group's culture, we'll work with you to create a meaningful learning experience. These sessions explore topics such as:

- Risk Management 101,
- Hazing Prevention and Education,
- Risk recognition and mitigation, and
- Bystander Intervention.

Risk reduction workshops can be requested through the [Ohio State Hazing Prevention web page](#).

National Hazing Prevention Week

Each September, The Ohio State University participates in National Hazing Prevention Week to increase awareness, encourage action, and build safer community. Events may include:

- Community engagement events,
- Workshops and trainings,
- Educational tabling and giveaways, and

- Resource promotion and awareness campaigns.

EXCERPTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY'S ANTI-HAZING POLICY AND STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Download the [Anti-Hazing policy](#) and the [Student Code of Conduct](#) for additional policy definitions.

Hazing-Doing, requiring or encouraging any act, whether or not the act is voluntarily agreed upon, tied to initiation, continued membership, or participation in any group, that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm or humiliation. Such acts may include, but are not limited to, using alcohol, creating excessive fatigue, and paddling, punching, or kicking in any form. Failure to intervene, prevent, or report acts of hazing may constitute a violation of this section.

OHIO REVISED CODE-LEGAL DEFINITIONS

Visit the [Ohio Revised Code \(ORC\) website](#).

ORC §2903.31 Hazing. (1) "Hazing" means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization or any act to continue or reinstate membership in or affiliation with any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person, including coercing another to consume alcohol or a drug of abuse, as defined in section 3719.011 of the Revised Code. (2)

"Organization" includes a national or international organization with which a fraternity or sorority is affiliated. (B)(1) No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another. (2) No administrator, employee, faculty member, teacher, consultant, alumnus, or volunteer of any organization, including any primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or any other educational institution, public or private, shall recklessly permit the hazing of any person associated with the organization. (C)(1) No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another when the hazing includes coerced consumption of alcohol or drugs of abuse resulting in serious physical harm to the other person. (2) No administrator, employee, faculty member, teacher, consultant, alumnus, or volunteer of any organization, including any primary, secondary, or post-

secondary school or any other educational institution, public or private, shall recklessly permit the hazing of any person associated with the organization when the hazing includes coerced consumption of alcohol or drugs of abuse resulting in serious physical harm to that person.

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of hazing. A violation of division (B)(1) or (2) of this section is a misdemeanor of the second degree. A violation of division (C)(1) or (2) of this section is a felony of the third degree.

FEDERAL LEGAL DEFINITION

On December 23, 2024, the [Stop Campus Hazing Act](#) was passed into law, establishing the federal legal definition of Hazing as:

Any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that

- is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and
- causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury.

STUDENT RESOURCES

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE EDUCATION

Each year, this office offers safety and crime prevention policies and information through its web-based Residential Living Handbook. In addition, each residence hall makes safety instruction programs regularly available to its residents in cooperation with other university programs.

Programs and services include:

- Each residence hall is assigned a team of community policing liaisons with University Police. The police liaisons offer a variety of community outreach from attending events, speaking with students about concerns and/or offering educational programming on such topics as safety, alcohol awareness/OVI prevention and drug awareness.
- Important messages related to security, elevator safety, and severe weather are posted in public areas of the residence halls, including but not limited to elevators, lobbies, and hallways.
- Residence hall staff post seasonal safety messages based on relevant concerns during the year, such as protecting valuables during breaks, severe weather response, spring break safety, and information about safe rides.
- Education programs in the halls may be offered to specific communities based on the needs of those communities or the demand of the student community.
- Residence hall staff are trained on building-specific fire panel, severe weather safety, emergency notifications, evacuation and Secure-In-Place procedures. Resident advisors also are given the opportunity to participate in fire extinguisher demonstrations.

For further information, call 614-292-8266 or visit housing.osu.edu.

LEGAL SERVICES

Student Legal Services (SLS) at The Ohio State University is a non-profit law office employing legal professionals to provide advice, representation, education, and resources to eligible Ohio State students. Students in a degree-seeking program attending the Columbus campus who have not opted out of the SLS program are generally eligible for services. Among other legal matters, SLS assists student survivors regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Depending on the matter, SLS attorneys can represent (or when necessary provide referral resources to) survivors in obtaining protection orders and throughout the criminal process and proceedings. Legal professionals are required to keep clients' information confidential (with very limited exceptions). With a survivor's permission, SLS can coordinate closely with other campus and community support services. Students can schedule an appointment online at studentlegal.osu.edu or call 614-247-5853. For

questions about SLS eligibility and scope of services, students should call or text 614-247-5853.

OFF-CAMPUS AND COMMUTER ENGAGEMENT

Student Life Willie J. Young, Sr. Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement, offcampus.osu.edu, 614-292-0100

As part of the Residential Experience, Willie J. Young, Sr. Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement supports students transitioning to and living off-campus.

To foster student success, the organization collaborates with stakeholders to enhance town-grown relations while equipping students with critical life skills to be successful residents of their community. Life skills are developed by participating in a variety of programming and educational opportunities. Assistance with locating and securing off-campus housing is provided through The Ohio State University Off-Campus Housing Network. Safety resources, such as free safety devices, are offered year-round to support safe practices in the off-campus area. Regardless of where students choose to live, Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement empowers students to engage, learn and thrive, contributing to the iconic residential experience.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Columbus – All university hospital employees are required to display hospital identification badges that are monitored and maintained by a computerized access system. The Medical Center Security division provides biweekly orientation programs for new employees and offers workplace violence in-services to all employees. The in-services include verbal de-escalation techniques and tips about crime prevention and personal safety. There is security staff on duty 24/7. Security provides foot and vehicle escorts, responds to emergency calls, and patrols the facilities. For further information, call 614-293-8500.

Student Life's Student Health Services (SHS) at the Ohio State Columbus campus is a Joint Commission, accredited, outpatient facility providing a variety of health-care services to Ohio State university students.

Medical services include primary care, dental, sports medicine, physical therapy, preventive medicine, optometry, gynecology, nutrition, and allergy. Support

services include radiology, laboratory, and injection therapy.

The Wilce Student Health Center also has a full-service pharmacy with prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Services for survivors of sexual assault are provided by Student Health Services regardless of the duration of time since the assault occurred. If the sexual assault occurred within the last 94 hours, the student is encouraged to seek care at the OSUWMC emergency department for a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exam for evidence collection. The student has an option to contact a SARNCO (Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio) Sexual Assault Advocate if the student wishes to have the advocate accompany her to the emergency department.

If the student chooses to be seen at SHS, this exam does not include evidence collection, but the student will receive gynecologic care concerning sexually transmitted infections treatment and pregnancy concerns. The student will also be referred to the SHS embedded counselor for same day or future appointment. The care received at SHS will be confidential. For information, call 614-292-4321, email shs@osu.edu, or visit shs.osu.edu. Student can be referred to the Civil Rights Compliance Office and Student Advocacy office for non-confidential reporting and resources.

If the individual is uncertain about whether to report what has occurred, they can still have evidence collected at local emergency departments. In cases of sexual assault or severe injuries, the hospital will call the police. The survivor can decide to speak with the police at that time or officially report what has happened.

STUDENT AND STAFF RESOURCES

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC AND MEDICAL EXAMS

At local emergency departments, the evidence collection exam may be performed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), with specialized education, training, and experience in

the evaluation and treatment of the sexual assault patients. In cases of sexual assault, within the first 96 hours of an assault is the best time for evidence to be collected that may be helpful in proving that a criminal offense occurred or that may be helpful in obtaining a protection order. Under certain circumstances, it may be collected after this time frame. It is not necessary for evidence to be collected for a case to be reported. It is easier to investigate and prosecute cases that have physical evidence, but it may be possible to go forward without it.

While evidence may be collected anonymously (i.e., without the survivor's name attached to it) and/or when there is no report made to police, these cases are handled differently. A discussion about the merit of collecting evidence anonymously and in instances where the survivor does not want to report should be discussed with medical personnel and/or an advocate.

If an individual wants to have evidence collected, it is best not to bathe and to take the clothes that they were wearing at the time of the assault to the hospital with them. It is also recommended to avoid eating, drinking, smoking, and going to the bathroom, but it is possible that evidence can still be collected if those actions have occurred.

The sexual assault evidence collection exam is paid for by a fund within the Ohio Attorney General's office. Other medical care may be needed, and in that instance insurance will be billed or an individual can arrange to self-pay. Assistance with additional medical bills may be provided through accessing Victims of Crime Compensation. For more information, individuals may contact the Civil Rights Compliance Office at 614-247-5838 or find more information at civilrights.osu.edu. More information about Victims of Crime Compensation can be found at the Ohio Attorney General's website.

Follow-up medical care can occur with an individual's doctor, Student Life's Student Health Services, or another medical facility, including Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center.

The Forensic Nursing Program at The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center provides:

- Medical care, crisis intervention, emotional support, and referrals for female and male survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

- Interaction with a social worker and volunteer patient advocate, if the patient desires (coverage 24/7).
- Follow-up phone contact by program coordinator, if the patient desires.
- Follow-up resources for physical and emotional effects of the event, including Ohio State's [Stress, Trauma and Resilience \(STAR\)](#) program.

Columbus – Area hospitals with SANE programs include:

- East Hospital – 181 Taylor Avenue, Columbus OH 43203
- University Hospital – 410 West 10th Avenue, Columbus OH 43210

Lima – Area hospitals with SANE programs include:

- Lima Memorial Hospital – 1001 Bellefontaine Avenue, Lima OH 45804
- St. Rita's Medical Center – 730 W Market Street, Lima OH 45801
- Bluffton Hospital – 139 Garau Street, Bluffton OH 45817

Mansfield – Area hospitals with SANE programs include:

- Ohio Health Ashland Health Center – 1720 Ohiohealth Way, Ashland OH 44805
- Ohio Health at Mansfield – 335 Glessner Avenue, Mansfield OH 44903
- Ohio Health at Shelby – 199 West Main Street, Shelby OH 44875
- Ohio Health Emergency Care Ontario-1365 N Lexington Springmill Rd, Ontario, OH 44906
- Ohio Health Ashland Health Center-1720 Ohiohealth Way, Ashland, OH 44805
- Avita – 715 Richland Mall, Ontario OH 44906
- Avita – 629 North Sandusky Avenue, Bucyrus OH 44820
- Avita – 269 Portland Way South, Galion OH 44833

Marion – Area Hospitals with SANE Programs:

- Marion General Hospital – 1000 McKinley Park Drive, Marion, 740-383-8500, 740-383-8677
- Grady Memorial Hospital – 561 West Central Avenue, Delaware OH, 740-615-1000

- Hardin Memorial Hospital – 921 East Franklin Street, Kenton OH, 419-673-0761
- Morrow County Hospital – 651 West Marion Road, Mt Gilead OH, 419-946-5015

Newark – Newark and surrounding area hospitals with SANE programs include:

- Licking Memorial Hospital – 1320 West Main Street, Newark OH 43055, 740-348-4000
- Genesis Hospital – 2951 Maple Avenue, Zanesville OH 43701, 740-454-4000
- Knox Community Hospital – 1330 Coshocton Avenue, Mt. Vernon OH 43050, 740-393-9000
- [Mount Carmel East](#) – 6001 East Broad Street, Columbus OH 43213, 614-234-6000

Wooster – Area hospitals with SANE programs include:

- Aultman Orrville Hospital – 832 South Main Street, Orrville OH 44667, 330-682-3010
- Wooster Community Hospital – 1761 Beall Avenue, Wooster OH 44691, 330-263-8100

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE NETWORK OF CENTRAL OHIO (SARNCO)

The Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO) offers confidential victim advocacy to victims/survivors of sexual violence, co-survivors, and the community.

- 24/7 confidential sexual violence helpline: 614-267-7020
- SARNCO On-Campus Advocacy Services, 614-688-2518, provide confidential support for survivors of sexual violence, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors of Ohio State's Columbus campus.

SARNCO also offers advocacy and emotional support services in local emergency departments during sexual assault forensic and medical exams. More information about SARNCO and their additional services can be found at ohiohealth.com/sarnco.

The Ohio Sexual Violence Helpline is the 24/7 confidential helpline serving the state – 844-OHIO-HELP (844-644-6435).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Additional resources are available at civilrights.osu.edu.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS, RESPONSE, EVACUATION

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

The Department of Public Safety assumes the role of issuing emergency notifications to the campus community. As defined, an emergency notification is the process of immediately notifying the campus community upon the confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on campus.

The Ohio State University will, without delay and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system(s), unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise the efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate an emergency.

Emergency notifications may be authorized by the Associate Vice President of Public Safety, the Chief of the University Police Division or other Police Division personnel, the Director of Emergency Management and Fire Prevention, the Director of Central Campus Security Services, the Director of Communications and Security Technology, the Director of Wexner Medical Center Security, the designee of any of these individuals, Public Safety Dispatchers, or other designated officials at the affected regional campus(es).

The process of issuing an emergency notification begins by confirming there is a significant emergency or dangerous situation. Public Safety personnel verify information about a potential significant emergency or dangerous situation. This occurs by collecting and assimilating information from a variety of possible sources, including but not limited to firsthand accounts from the public or uniformed officers in the field, and through the use of security technologies such as alarm

and surveillance systems. Alarm systems are monitored by the Department of Public Safety 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In some locations, cameras can be reviewed in the event of an emergency.

In some circumstances, other Ohio State departments or local, state, or federal agencies may notify the Department of Public Safety of a possible emergency and may provide information or guidance to be used in verifying whether a significant emergency or dangerous situation exists. For example, the Columbus Public Health Department will determine whether there is an outbreak of serious illness. Ohio State may contact or be contacted by external law enforcement agencies, emergency management agencies, public health agencies, or other agencies with expertise in the type of situation affecting the campus. These departments or agencies may provide assistance and guidance in confirming the presence of an emergency or dangerous situation. Ohio State departments that become aware that an emergency or dangerous situation may affect the campus will contact the Department of Public Safety to report the incident.

Upon confirming that an emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees is occurring on the campus, Department of Public Safety personnel will begin the process of issuing an emergency notification.

The Department of Public Safety is responsible for determining the content of an emergency notification, based on the circumstances and the manner in which the situation is impacting campus. The content of the notification message is designed to provide instruction to the university community that promotes the safety and wellbeing of those impacted. To alert the campus community as quickly as possible, messages may state simply that an emergency has occurred on campus and advise the community to be observant and take necessary action as appropriate. In those situations, the Department of Public Safety will provide timely updates to keep the community informed as more information about the emergency becomes available. At other times, messages may recommend specific protective action, information about an area of campus to avoid, or recommendations or information about the nature of the incident itself. A message may be directed to the entire campus community or to specific areas or segments of the campus, depending on the nature of the incident.

Upon determination of the notification's content, systems utilized to transmit emergency notifications are selected and activated to deliver the desired content relating to the emergency to the end user within the university community. These systems are described in the next section.

Delivery of an emergency notification may occur within minutes of the initial confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation, depending upon the time of day, the methods chosen to disseminate information, and the successful activation and performance of technologies used to issue notifications.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

To report an emergency or dangerous situation, dial 9-1-1.

Once the Department of Public Safety is aware that an emergency situation may exist, response agencies such as Police, Fire, or a Health Department can initiate a response and, if appropriate, Public Safety can begin the process of notifying our campus community.

Before or while Department of Public Safety personnel confirm the existence of an emergency or dangerous situation, Department of Public Safety Division of Communications and Central Alarm Center personnel will notify first responders and will request their assistance at the scene if needed. First responders called to a scene typically are the University Police. Depending on the nature of the incident, other Ohio State departments or other local, state, or federal agencies could be involved in responding to the incident. Ohio State will work in cooperation with these agencies to manage the incident.

General Information

In the event of an emergency, the Department of Public Safety will determine the appropriate emergency notification systems to be used to deliver the emergency notification message to the campus community. Ohio State may use any or all communication resources to disseminate information, depending on the nature of the emergency and the surrounding circumstances.

Information pertaining to incidents and emergencies on campus will be disseminated to the larger public via

media organizations through the Office of Marketing and Communications or individuals involved in emergency response on campus, as designated by the Director of Public Safety.

Emergency notifications may be sent to the entire campus community when a situation has the potential to affect a large portion of the campus, or they may be sent to specific buildings or areas of the campus in circumstances where the impact of the situation may be limited. The Department of Public Safety will evaluate the information known about the situation and will determine the appropriate areas of campus to be notified. As the situation progresses, the Department of Public Safety will continue to assess the circumstances and may notify additional segments of the campus community if it is warranted.

Based on the circumstances involved in the emergency or dangerous situation, the Department of Public Safety will develop a notification designed to aid in protecting individuals from harm, in preventing an incident from escalating into a larger or more complex emergency, and in preserving and maintaining law enforcement and other public safety operations.

Buckeye Alert

Buckeye Alert is a multi-modal, all-hazards emergency notification system that includes all of the communications methods listed below. Based on a variety of factors, Ohio State Public Safety officials will determine which method or combination of methods should be utilized to communicate with the university community during an emergency.

Each event/emergency is unique. The message for each event/emergency also will need to be unique. Public Safety leadership will determine the final message before activation. Division of Communications and Central Alarm Center dispatch personnel also have the authority to issue Buckeye Alerts as needed.

If there is a situation on campus that threatens the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors, Ohio State Public Safety officials will warn our campus community using one or more of the following methods:

- [Emergency Management](#) web page
- [The Ohio State University](#) web page

- Regional campus web pages
- Desktop and classroom computer pop-up alerts
- Building Alarm/Speaker Systems
- Electronic Signboards
- Email
- Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center OneSource
- News Websites
- NOAA Weather Radio
- OSU Mobile App
- Outdoor Warning Speakers
- Radio
- Rave Guardian App
- Severe Weather Alerts
- Social Media
- Television
- Text messages
- Two-Way Radios
- Vehicle Public Address Speakers
- Voice messages to campus telephones
- Voice messages to cell phones
- WOSU Radio 89.7 FM (campus closures)

Additional information or follow-up instructions may be provided through any of these resources if the Department of Public Safety determines that providing such information would be helpful to promote safety or to respond to the situation.

Guests to the Columbus campus can choose to opt-in to receive BuckeyeAlerts during their time on campus. Guests may text the phrase "OSUGuest" to 67283 to receive BuckeyeAlerts for the next 24 hours, or "OSUGuest2" to 67283 to receive BuckeyeAlerts for the next 48 hours. Messages are not case sensitive.

Timely Warnings

Note that Timely Warnings, also known as Public Safety Notices, are issued by the University Police. These alerts are distinct from Buckeye Alerts. Timely Warnings/Public Safety Notices provide information about crimes that have already occurred but still pose a serious or continuing threat. The Buckeye Alert emergency notification system will be activated only if the campus community is under an immediate threat

from a significant emergency or a dangerous event and must take immediate action to remain safe and secure. Timely Warnings/Public Safety Notices will be issued to make the general public aware of a crime or series of crimes to help them be better informed and more vigilant of potential dangers to campus. See the "Statement of Policy on Timely Warnings," below. The Ohio State University encourages the university community to pay close attention to both Public Safety Notices and Buckeye Alert text messaging alerts to remain informed of crime activity and emergencies on campus.

- [Buckeye Alert](#) Text Messaging Alerts
- [Timely Warning/Public Safety Notices](#)

Rave Guardian App

Ohio State's Department of Public Safety offers a free safety app for students, faculty, and staff. Rave Guardian, available for download inside the Ohio State app, offers many benefits, including faster delivery of Buckeye Alerts and safety notices via push notifications.

Users can select friends or family as a "virtual guardian" to follow them via GPS tracking as they travel on and around campus. The virtual guardian is shown a timer, based on the person's destination. If time expires, the virtual guardian will be alerted and encouraged to make appropriate follow-up.

Severe Weather

The Ohio State University is officially StormReady, according to the National Weather Service. The designation highlights Ohio State's commitment to alerting the campus community about severe weather. The criteria involve having methods for both receiving and communicating information about severe weather and engaging community members in education. Ohio State is one of 290 colleges or universities nationwide to achieve a [StormReady designation](#).

In the event the National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning that is likely to impact campus, the Buckeye Alert system automatically will be activated and will send a text message to all registered users on the affected campus.

Text Messaging

Text messaging is a simple, reliable way to quickly send and broadcast messages to as many students, faculty, and staff as possible. It is an emergency notification method that will send an alert to a registered user's cell phone in the event of an emergency. Text message alerts are designed for all-hazards emergency notifications. Faculty and staff automatically will be enrolled if their cellular phone number is in the Ohio State Human Resources or Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center database. Likewise, if a student has provided the university with their cell number via BuckeyeLink, they automatically will be enrolled to receive emergency text messages.

Students, faculty, and staff have the capability to add up to two additional cell phone numbers to the system by visiting buckeyealert.osu.edu. This provides the ability to add parents, spouses, or significant others. Others who regularly have business on campus, such as contractors, can request to be added to the system by sending an email to Ohio State's Emergency Management at emergencymanagement@osu.edu.

Bulk Email Alerts

A mass email can be sent to everyone who has an email account on the osu.edu system. This email would be accessible to any account holder whether they are accessing it from campus or remotely.

The Ohio State University Websites

An emergency message can be posted on the home page of Ohio State's website, osu.edu, on departmental websites, and/or regional campus websites. Ohio State's Emergency Management also can utilize its website, emergency.osu.edu, to provide information and updates to the campus community.

WOSU Radio 89.7 FM

WOSU radio is an Ohio State-affiliated radio station that can be used to relay emergency messages during an emergency. This method can be accessed through Ohio State's University Communications.

Ohio State's Department of Public Safety will communicate and coordinate the message or warnings needed with University Communications.

Media Outlets: TV, Radio, Print

The Ohio State University Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with University Communications, will provide advisories to the media through a formal media advisory, a news release, or in response to media inquiries.

Once the activation of mass communication system is initiated and the public becomes aware of a situation occurring at the university, the media often begin to inquire about the nature of the emergency.

Ohio State will provide relevant information to the media to help ensure that the campus community and the public are informed about the emergency.

Emergency Response

Ohio State departments are responsible for developing continuity of operations plans for their staff and areas of responsibility. These plans are coordinated out of Ohio State's Risk Management group. [Building Emergency Action Plans](#) are coordinated out of Ohio State University Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP).

Ohio State Public Safety personnel have received training in Incident Command and critical incident response. When a serious incident occurs that causes an immediate threat to the campus, the first responders to the scene are usually the University Police, Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP), or the fire department. They typically respond and work together to manage the incident. Depending on the nature of the incident, other Ohio State departments and other local or federal agencies also could be involved in responding to the incident.

General information about the emergency response and evacuation procedures for Ohio State are publicized each year as part of the institution's Clery Act compliance efforts, and that information is available at emergency.osu.edu.

Social Media

Social media websites offer the opportunity to reach out to members of our community during an emergency in a manner that interfaces with the modern trends of communicating.

Ohio State's Department of Public Safety maintains social media sites to provide immediate emergency information.

Emergency Management

- [facebook.com/OSUEmergency](https://www.facebook.com/OSUEmergency)
- x.com/OSU_EMFP

OSU Division of Police

- [facebook.com/OSUPD](https://www.facebook.com/OSUPD)
- [instagram.com/OSUPolice](https://www.instagram.com/OSUPolice)
- x.com/OSUPOLICE

MISSING STUDENTS

If a member of The Ohio State University community has reason to believe that an Ohio State student who resides in on-campus housing has been missing for at least 24 hours, they should promptly contact Student Life's Housing and Residence Education and/or the University Police. Note that Lima and Marion do not have university housing.

Columbus

- Housing and Residence Education, 614-292-8266
- University Police, 614-292-2121

Lima

- University Police, 614-292-2121

Mansfield

- Housing and Residence Education, 419-747-8500
- University Police, 614-292-2121

Marion

- University Police, 614-292-2121

Newark

- Housing and Residence Education, 740-364-7700
- University Police, 614-292-2121

Wooster

- Housing and Residence Education, 330-287-7504
- University Police, 614-292-2121

Each Ohio State student who resides in on-campus housing offered through Housing and Residence Education has the option to identify an individual to be contacted by Ohio State within 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing in accordance with this policy.

Student contact information will be registered confidentially, will be accessible only to authorized university officials and may not be disclosed except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing person investigation.

Confidential contact information may be registered as part of the housing application process. Information may be amended or supplemented by contacting Housing and Residence Education. For more information, visit housing.osu.edu or contact Housing and Residence Education at 614-292-8266.

Ohio State immediately will notify the University Police and/or other appropriate law enforcement agencies upon receipt of a missing student report. If the University Police or applicable law enforcement agency makes an official determination that a student is missing, emergency contact procedures will be initiated within 24 hours in accordance with the student's designation. If not already notified, the university will notify local law enforcement when a student who lives in on-campus student housing has been determined to be missing for 24 hours. In addition, Student Life Senior Management or their designees will be notified.

If a missing student is under 18 years of age and is not emancipated, Ohio State is required to notify his or her custodial parent or guardian within 24 hours after the student is determined by law enforcement to be missing, in addition to notifying any additional contact person designated by the student.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS

To protect our campus population from the effects of emergencies, protective action recommendations or evacuation instructions may be issued by the Department of Public Safety and other emergency response authorities, such as the fire department. These instructions may order evacuations for individual buildings or regions of campus, or they could be campuswide.

In the rare event an evacuation of the entire Ohio State campus is ordered by Public Safety officials, it is important to follow evacuation instructions disseminated through the communication systems used to inform the campus of an emergency. Ohio State Public Safety works with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Franklin County Emergency Management, Columbus Division of Police and Division of Fire, and many other emergency response partners to prepare for a large-scale evacuation of the city and/or surrounding area. Any evacuation of a majority of the campus most certainly also would include portions of the City of Columbus, neighboring communities and/or Franklin County. If an evacuation were required, Ohio State Public Safety, in consultation with other local, state, and/or federal agencies, would determine the most appropriate method and route for evacuating the area. It is likely that traffic routes may be altered, that some areas of campus may be inaccessible, and that travel off-campus may require the use of public transportation or other arrangements.

It is important to remember that evacuations are issued only if the safety and well-being of the university community is at serious risk. Ohio State asks that you work together and assist each other during evacuations, and that you follow all instructions and guidance from university officials and first responders.

Building-specific evacuation procedures vary by building. We encourage all individuals on campus to familiarize themselves with evacuation procedures in the buildings they occupy. Specific evacuation information can be obtained from posted procedures, or by requesting a copy of the Building Emergency Action Plan from that building's Building Coordinator.

A link to the Building Emergency Action Plan web page, where faculty, staff, and students can review building-specific evacuation procedures, is sent annually via email as part of the university's autumn semester Buckeye Alert test.

If assistance is required to learn more about building-specific evacuation procedures, contact Emergency Management (614-247-4911) or Fire Prevention (614-247-4911).

SECURE-IN-PLACE

Procedures – If an incident occurs, you may be asked to Secure-In-Place rather than evacuate a building or area, because leaving the area may expose you to danger. Shelter in place means finding a safe location and staying there until you are given an “all clear” or told to evacuate. You may be asked to shelter in place because of an active threat, tornado, chemical or radiological hazard, or other risk.

How You Will Know to Secure-In-Place – A Secure-In-Place notification may come from several sources, including Ohio State's Public Safety, Student Life, other university employees, or other authorities utilizing the university's emergency communications tools.

How to Secure-In-Place – No matter where you are, the basic steps of Secure-In-Place generally will remain the same. If the need ever arises, follow these steps, unless instructed otherwise by local emergency personnel:

Severe Weather

- Remain calm.
- Seek shelter in a centrally located sturdy room on the lowest possible floor, away from windows and exterior doors.
- Do not go outside or into open areas such as gymnasiums or other rooms where there are large open spans.
- Do not open windows during a tornado in an attempt to equalize building pressure.
- Stay away from windows, exterior doors, skylights.

Chemical or Biological Agent

- Remain Calm.
- Listen for and follow instructions provided by Public Safety.
- Return to your room and close all windows and doors unless instructed differently by Public Safety.
- Turn off air conditioning units if able to do so.
- Be prepared to evacuate the area if instructed by Public Safety.

Active Attacker, Active Threat

Run

- Always leave an active threat situation if you are able to do so.
- Leave your belongings behind and keep your hands visible.
- Notify 9-1-1 of the situation when it is safe to do so.

Hide

- Proceed to the nearest interior room that can be locked or secured.
- Close and lock all windows and doors and turn off all the lights. Barricade the door if possible.
- Remain quiet and silence your cell phone.
- Make it as hard as possible for the assailant to find you, see you or get to you.

Fight

- Fighting is a last resort to be used only when your life is in imminent danger.
- Attempt to incapacitate the active attacker.
- Find an object to use as a weapon such as a fire extinguisher or chair.

TESTING AND EXERCISES

Exercises designed to test Ohio State's emergency procedures and preparedness are conducted at least annually at Ohio State and may be conducted in the form of a drill, tabletop, functional, or full-scale exercise. These exercises often include university personnel, surrounding jurisdiction first responders and government agencies, and members of the university community. Ohio State's Department of Public Safety documents a description of each exercise, the date and time of the exercise, and information about whether the test was announced or unannounced. A log of all Buckeye Alert tests, including date, start time, end time, and specific message is maintained by Ohio State Emergency Management.

Public Safety works closely with the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency and the State of Ohio Emergency Management Agency to design and conduct exercise activities.

In addition to tabletop, functional, and full-scale exercises to test emergency response on campus

among first responders, individual departments conduct internal departmental tabletop, functional, and full-scale exercises across campus.

Testing of the Buckeye Alert system occurs, at a minimum, biannually but may occur at more frequent intervals at the discretion of Ohio State's Emergency Management. These tests may be announced or unannounced.

Residence halls conduct fire drills as required under state law. Fire drills are documented by Student Life's Risk and Emergency Management.

In addition to residence hall fire drills, Emergency Management and Fire Prevention also conducts monthly fire drills at the three Ohio State childcare.

Ohio State University Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) maintains and implements the Building Emergency Action Plan (BEAP). The BEAP is a building-specific plan that addresses procedures for building evacuations for incidents related to all hazards, including fire incidents. These plans are updated annually, publicized within units and departments on campus, and tested in a manner that is either announced or unannounced at the preference of each unit.

Building Emergency Action Plans are publicized to affected units in conjunction with evacuation drills conducted for those units. Additionally, Ohio State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is publicized on an annual basis. For further information about Ohio State's emergency response and evacuation procedures, visit emergency.osu.edu or contact Emergency Management (614-247-4911) or Fire Prevention.

Ohio State publishes its emergency notification, response and evacuation procedures annually in this report and publicizes the emergency response and evacuation procedures in conjunction with at least one test of those procedures per calendar year. In addition, students receive at least one email each year providing details about where they can find additional information on emergency and evacuation procedures. This information is repeated multiple times throughout the year to various audiences by members of the public safety community. Information also is posted at emergency.osu.edu.

TIMELY WARNINGS

Timely Warnings, also known as Public Safety Notices, are provided to heighten safety awareness by giving students, faculty and staff notification of Clery crimes that occur only on campus property, noncampus property, or on public property immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus (see “Crime Statistics” for definitions of these property classifications) and are considered by Ohio State to present a serious or continuing threat to students and employees.

Clery crimes include Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter; Manslaughter by Negligence; Sexual Assault (Rape, Fondling, Incest, Statutory Rape); Robbery; Aggravated Assault; Burglary; Motor Vehicle Theft; Arson; Hate Crimes (which can include all of the previously listed crimes and Larceny-Theft, Simple Assault, Intimidation, and Destruction-Damage-Vandalism of Property where the offense manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of perpetrator’s bias against the victim based on the victim’s actual or perceived race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, or disability); Domestic Violence; Dating Violence; Stalking; and violations of Ohio weapons, drug, and liquor laws.

University Police are responsible for preparing a Public Safety Notice when a crime is reported to or brought to their attention and that crime represents a serious or continuing threat to the safety of students and employees. Other university offices and departments will report crimes to University Police for timely warning consideration when they have reason to believe that the crime could represent a serious or continuing threat to students or employees. Information for alerts also may come from other law enforcement agencies or other offices. While every attempt will be made to distribute the alert as soon as possible after an incident or series of incidents is reported, the release will occur after a determination is made that the crime(s) represents a continuing threat to students and employees and is subject to the availability of accurate facts concerning the incident(s).

Information about criminal incidents is reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether those incidents represent a serious or continuing threat to students and employees. Incidents will be reviewed based on the

nature of the crime, the facts of the case, the information known to the University Police, and the continuing danger to the campus community.

Criminal suspects are often unknown to the victims. In the instance of a violent crime occurring between two individuals who know each other, University Police will look at each instance to determine if the suspect poses a continued threat to the campus community and will issue a warning when necessary.

Public Safety Notices also seek information that may lead to arrest and conviction of the offender when violent crimes against people or major crimes against property have been reported to the police and may contain crime prevention tips and safety information.

University Police make every effort to properly classify a criminal incident when issuing a Public Safety Notice. Upon further analysis and investigation, it may be determined that incidents for which Public Safety Notices are issued do not fall within the definitions of reportable crimes included in this report; therefore, some incidents for which Public Safety Notices are issued may not be included in the crime statistics provided by this report.

TIMELY WARNING PROCEDURE

University Police will prepare a Public Safety Notice when a report of a Clery crime is received that is determined to represent a serious or continuing threat to students and employees. Public Safety Notices are most frequently issued in situations involving a violent crime against a person or a particularly threatening crime or series of crimes against property, but they could be issued for any Clery crime, if warranted. Notices may be issued for such crimes that occur within the Clery reporting geography – on campus property, noncampus property, or on public property immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus. Public Safety Notices are sequentially numbered, beginning January 1 of each year, and provide details of the crime, a description of the suspect if known, information on whom to contact about the investigation, and often crime prevention tips. Public Safety Notices do not include the names of crime victims.

University Police will determine the content of the Public Safety Notice based on factors such as the nature of the crime, the information known at the time of issuance, the

risk to students and employees, whether information is likely to aid the prevention of similar crimes or allow individuals to take actions to protect themselves, and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts. Information that may be included in Public Safety Notices:

- A succinct statement of the incident;
- Possible connection to previous incidents, if applicable;
- Physical description of the suspect, if sufficient information is available to reasonably aid in identification of the suspect;
- Photo or composite drawing of the suspect, if available;
- Date and time the bulletin was released.
- Other relevant and important information about the crime(s);
- Actions taken by Public Safety officials in response to the crime(s);
- Information about crime prevention, personal safety or other community safety resources;

University Police may not include some known information in a Public Safety Notice if providing that information could risk compromising law enforcement efforts. Additionally, Public Safety Notices may be updated if new or more accurate information becomes available to the University Police.

Public Safety Notices are distributed by emails sent to all @osu.edu email addresses, which are accessible and available to all students, faculty, and staff. These emails are drafted by the University Police and are distributed by the Department of Public Safety. In some circumstances, the University Police may distribute flyers to appropriate university departments to be posted in affected areas of campus. While several local media outlets receive Public Safety Notices through the subscription service discussed below, the University Police also may contact the media directly to distribute information about criminal incidents in some situations.

Public Safety Notices also may be viewed at dps.osu.edu/police/psn. In addition to the emails sent to all students and staff, the University Police offers a free service that sends an email update to any email address when a Public Safety Notice is issued. Visit dps.osu.edu/police/psn to subscribe to this service.

Note that Public Safety Notices are a separate and distinct process from the emergency notification provided by the Buckeye Alert system, but when an emergency notification is issued for a criminal incident, a separate timely warning may not be issued for the same circumstances. For information about Buckeye Alert text messaging, visit buckeyealert.osu.edu.

OFF-CAMPUS COMMUNITY CRIME MAP

The Off-Campus Community Crime Map is available for crimes that occur on non-Clery-reportable property near the Columbus campus. The [Community Crime Map](#) consists of statistics from the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) and shows off-campus crime reports. Ohio State has pre-programmed the map to a one-mile radius, to include select crime categories for a pre-determined time period. Additional features available include the ability to:

- Turn on additional crime categories
- Access months or years of data
- See heat maps and trends including time of day
- Sign up for crime alerts (daily, weekly, or monthly)
- Enter your own, personal home address to set up tailored alerts

On-campus crimes are not shown on the off-campus map but can be accessed via the [Daily Crime Log](#). Ohio State created a [How to Use the Community Crime Map video](#), and [additional tips and tutorials](#) are available from LexisNexis.

REPORTING A CRIME

Everyone is strongly encouraged to report crime to the police in a prompt and accurate manner. This includes situations where the victim of the crime elects to report a crime or is unable to make such a report.

Under Ohio law, people who have knowledge of a felony are required to report the crime to the police (Ohio Revised Code §2921.22). Failure to report a crime may itself be a crime.

The university strongly encourages all criminal activity to be reported to the University Police. Information about sexual misconduct that may constitute criminal behavior also may be reported to the Title IX Coordinator or

designee in the Civil Rights Compliance Office. Information about Hazing activities that may constitute criminal behavior may also be reported to a designee in the Office of Student Conduct. Students, employees, and other members of the campus community should contact the University Police Division to report Clery Act crimes for the purpose of making timely warning reports and the annual statistical disclosure contained in this report.

Columbus – 614-292-2121

- Columbus Police, 614-645-4545
- Upper Arlington Police, 614-459-2800
- Clinton Township Police, 614-471-5720
- Grandview Heights Police, 614-488-7901

Lima – 614-292-2121

- Allen County Sheriff's Office, 419-227-3535

Mansfield – 419-565-2432

- Mansfield Police, 419-522-1234

Marion – 614-292-2121

- Marion County Sheriff's Office, 740-382-8244

Newark – 740-366-9237

- Newark Police, 740-670-7201

Wooster – 614-292-2121

- Wooster Police, 330-287-5700

Reports of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking may be made to the university:

- 9-1-1 (emergencies); 614-292-2121 (nonemergencies)
- Online at civilrights.osu.edu (See reporting form)
- Title IX Coordinator, Civil Rights Compliance Office – 1501 Neil Ave., Columbus OH 43201, 614-247-5838, civilrights@osu.edu
- Anonymous reports through EthicsPoint, 866-294-9350, ohio-state.ethicspoint.com

CONFIDENTIALITY

Ohio's public records law (Ohio Revised Code §149.43) generally does not permit the university to promise confidentiality to those who report crimes to anyone except counselors at the Counseling and Consultation Service or the Employee Assistance Program as provided by law or, under certain circumstances, to a

physician at the Student Health Center or a hospital or other appropriate medical care setting. Some off-campus reports also may be confidential legally, e.g., reports to clergy or health-care professionals. Reports that are confidential by law will not be considered for issuance of a public safety notice or reported to the university for inclusion in the annual crime statistics report.

The university understands that reporting a crime may involve disclosing sensitive information. Subject to Ohio public records law, the university will use and disseminate such information consistent with the need to conduct an appropriate investigation, to provide assistance and resources to crime victims, and to perform other appropriate university functions. Because of the requirements of public records laws, the university does not have a policy that permits confidential reporting of crimes for inclusion in the annual crime statistics report. Counselors at the Counseling and Consultation Service and at the Employee Assistance Program do, if and when they deem it appropriate, encourage people they are counseling to report crimes on a voluntary basis, but such reports would be subject to Ohio public records law and may be subject to release in accordance with applicable law.

Note that the use and release of personally identifiable information from an education record of a student is governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and the university will disclose covered student information in compliance with that law and the university Privacy and Release of Student Education Records policy. For more information about FERPA, visit registrar.osu.edu/policies/releaseinfo.asp.

PREPARING ANNUAL REPORTS

The university prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act. Crime statistics reported to designated campus officials, including but not limited to officials in those departments listed below and the local law enforcement agencies listed below, are included in this report. Criminal statistics from the Columbus Division of Police include statistics from recognized student organizations with off-campus housing.

- The Ohio State University Police
- Additional Law Enforcement Agencies with jurisdiction over parts of campus or noncampus properties

- Office of Student Life – Vice President of Student Life, Student Conduct, Housing and Residence Education, Student Advocacy, and Sorority and Fraternity Life
- Office of Human Resources
- Civil Rights Compliance Office
- Office of International Affairs
- Office of University Compliance and Integrity
- The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
- Department of Athletics

The Ohio State University's Annual Security Report is the result of the efforts of many people on campus. Each year, we request crime statistics from the offices and individuals listed above and from other campus offices and local law enforcement agencies for inclusion in the annual report. No formal police report is required for a crime to be included in the statistics. Every effort is taken to ensure that all people required to report do so and that statistics are as accurate and complete as possible. Information included in the annual report is reviewed for accuracy, completeness, and readability.

The Ohio State University will not retaliate, intimidate, threaten, coerce, or otherwise discriminate against any individual for exercising the rights or responsibilities provided by the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the statistics and information in this report, contact Ohio State's Department of Public Safety:

- Columbus** – 614-292-2121
- Lima** – 567-242-7400
- Mansfield** – 419-755-4346
- Marion** – 740-725-6300
- Newark** – 740-366-9237
- Wooster** – 330-287-0111

REPORTING HAZING

Students must report any known or suspected hazing incidents to the university by submitting a Hazing Incident Report. This obligation is mandated by the Code of Student Conduct, which prohibits hazing and includes the failure to intervene, prevent, or report such acts as a violation of the Code. To report hazing, visit <https://stophazing.osu.edu/reporting>.

Under Collin's Law, any administrator, employee, faculty, teacher, consultant, alumnus, or volunteer acting in an official and professional capacity must immediately report knowledge of hazing to law enforcement. For hazing on the Columbus campus, call Ohio State University Police Department (OSUPD) at 614-292-2121. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1 immediately. For hazing off campus or on a regional campus, contact local law enforcement. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1. Additionally, these individuals are required to report hazing to the university. To report hazing to the university, go to: <https://stophazing.osu.edu/reporting>.

UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Regarding Cases of Hazing

Allegations that an Ohio State community member has engaged in hazing behaviors are investigated and adjudicated by the appropriate university office(s) in accordance with their applicable procedures. Based on the involved parties and the nature of the allegations, these offices may include, but are not limited to, Student Conduct within the Office of Student Life, the Office of Human Resources, the Civil Rights Compliance Office, and University Police.

INVESTIGATION

The university reviews all reports of hazing that it receives and routinely notifies the appropriate law enforcement agency or agencies when a report of hazing is received. This notification does not replace requirements an individual may have under state law to report hazing.

INVESTIGATION INVOLVING STUDENT RESPONDENTS

Upon receipt of a report the university conducts a preliminary inquiry into the nature of the complaint, jurisdiction, available information, and involved parties. To protect the ongoing health and safety of the university community, the university may issue interim measures such as interim suspension or directive. Within the university's discretion, the preliminary inquiry may lead to:

- A determination that there is insufficient information to pursue the investigation, or the behavior alleged, even if proven, would not violate the Code of Student Conduct;
- An informal resolution such as an educational discussion or mediation. An educational discussion is a discussion about the student's behavior and its impact. Informal resolution is not available in cases of academic misconduct; or
- An investigation and/or initiation of charges.

Typically, an informal resolution will end the conduct process, but if more information is shared during an educational discussion or informal resolution that warrants additional inquiry, an investigation may be initiated.

During the investigation, the student allegedly involved in misconduct may be notified of the alleged violation, requested to make an appointment to discuss the matter, and provided a date by which the appointment must be made. Any person believed to have information relevant to an investigation may also be contacted and requested to make an appointment to discuss the matter.

Upon completion of an investigation, the investigator will decide upon an appropriate course of action, which may include, but is not limited to:

- Taking no further action and closing the case;
- Deferring initiation of charges with or without conditions;
- Seeking informal resolution; or
- Initiating charges by the appropriate university official, when a finding of jurisdiction has been made and there is reasonable cause to believe that a violation of the code may have occurred. Reasonable cause is defined as some credible information to support each element of the violation, even if that information is merely a credible witness or a victim's statement. Charges will not be issued where a complaint is unsupported by any credible information or does not meet the elements of a code violation.

INVESTIGATION INVOLVING EMPLOYEE RESPONDENTS

Employee and Labor Relations is responsible for investigating allegations of hazing, as outlined in the [Employee and Labor Relation Standards](#), except when the respondent is a student and not a student employee. Allegations involving students who are not employees are investigated by the Office of Student Conduct. Not every complaint will follow every step of the investigation process. Employee and Labor Relations will evaluate and determine the proper resolution based on the nature of the complaint.

After completing an initial intake assessment with complainant(s), an investigator will recommend:

- Taking no action;
- Referring issues to employing unit leadership, if applicable;
- Facilitating an informal resolution; and/or
- Starting an investigation.

If the initial intake assessment results in an investigation, the investigator may:

- Interview the parties and any witnesses who may have knowledge of the events and gather relevant documents and evidence. During the interview, the investigator will discuss the allegations of policy violations with the complainant and respondent. The investigator will also discuss these investigation standards;
- Advise the parties of the manner and frequency of updates they will receive about the investigation status; and/or
- Advise the parties of the importance of confidentiality during the investigation.

In cases when the complainant is reluctant to proceed, the university may still take action, including pursuing an investigation, when it deems appropriate. The complainant will be notified in advance if or when the university determines any necessary action.

After analyzing all the information, the investigator will determine a relevant conclusion and finding/outcome to the case. When applicable, the investigator will document a conclusion and detailed action steps to be implemented by the unit.

REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, OR STALKING

Throughout this and subsequent sections, the term “complainant” is used to refer to an individual who is reported to be the victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. This term is used regardless of whether the individual makes a report or participates in the review of that report by the university. Complainants of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are strongly encouraged to report the offense. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1. Reporting an offense to the University Police or other law enforcement or campus security authorities does not necessarily require filing criminal charges, but it does allow all support systems to be put in place for the complainant. Filing a police report will provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful for prosecution and will allow the complainant to be connected with the appropriate support and medical resources. Reporting is best done as soon as possible after the offense, but it may be done at any time.

Complainants of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking may file a report with the Civil Rights Compliance Office via a report form at civilrights.osu.edu or by emailing civilrights@osu.edu, or by calling 614-247-5838.

The university will assist complainants who report sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking by referring to medical support and obtaining information regarding available legal and university resources and counseling and support services. The university also will assist complainants in notifying the University Police or other local police if the complainant requests the assistance of law enforcement. The complainant may choose to decline to notify law enforcement, but the university is required to follow state law requirements to report known felony crimes to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

As discussed more fully above in the section titled “Confidentiality,” the university does not have a policy that generally permits confidential reporting of crimes, but the university will not release information when prohibited by state or federal law. In reporting a crime, a complainant may disclose sensitive information, and the university will, subject to applicable law, use and

disseminate such information consistent with the need to conduct an appropriate investigation, provide assistance and resources to the complainant, and perform other appropriate university functions. The use and release of personally identifiable information from an education record of a student is governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and the university will disclose covered student information in compliance with that law and the university Privacy and Release of Student Education Records policy.

SUPPORTIVE AND PROTECTIVE MEASURES

The university will provide student and employee complainants with written notification of the complainant’s rights and information about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available for complainants both on-campus and in the community, whether the offense occurred on or off campus. Supportive measures issued by the university might include residence hall room changes, course changes, or mutual “no contact” directives. The university may remove a respondent from a university’s education program or activity on an emergency basis in some circumstances, as provided in the university’s Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct policy. An Emergency Removal may be available when the university determines that the respondent presents an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual misconduct, protected class discrimination, or harassment, justifies removal. For allegations of student misconduct other than sexual misconduct, protected class discrimination, or harassment, an interim suspension may be imposed when appropriate. Interim suspension of a student may be available when the university has reasonable cause to believe that the student’s presence on university premises or at a university-related or -registered student organization activity poses a significant risk of substantial harm to the safety or security of themselves, others, or to property. Similarly, employees may be placed on paid or unpaid administrative leave when Human Resources determines that the health or safety of any staff member or of any person or property entrusted to the staff member’s care could be affected

adversely during an investigation. The Civil Rights Compliance Office collaborates closely with other university departments, including Human Resources, Housing and Residence Education, Counseling & Consultation Service, Employee Assistance Program, and University Police, to connect students and employees to the appropriate resources for other remedies or supportive measures. Student Legal Services, Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO), and University Police also may assist individuals in obtaining orders of protection through the appropriate criminal or civil court. Information about this process can be provided by contacting a Civil Rights Intake Coordinator at 614-247-5838 or OSUPD at 614-292-2121.

The university will also provide written notification about options for, available assistance in, and how to request changes in academic, living, transportation, and working situations, and supportive measures, if so requested by the complainant and if such supportive measures are reasonably available, regardless of whether the complainant chooses to report the crime to campus police or local law enforcement. If requested by the complainant and if reasonably available, the university will assist the complainant in changing their academic or living situation after the alleged assault.

Upon receipt of a report of sexual misconduct, the Title IX Coordinator or designee will promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint. The university treats complainants and respondents equitably by offering supportive measures to both parties, if and when a respondent is identified. The Title IX coordinator or designee will conduct an individualized assessment and will review requests from either party to determine supportive measures that are appropriate and reasonably available. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the university's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the university's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment. Options may include but are not limited to academic/financial aid guidance and discussion of

options, assistance in withdrawing from classes or adjusting academic schedule, transitioning the requesting party into another residence facility, or emergency housing. In determining whether a supportive measure is reasonable, the Civil Rights Compliance Office may consider a variety of factors, including but not limited to the specific need expressed by the requesting party; the age of students involved, if applicable; the severity or pervasiveness of the allegations; any continuing effects on the requesting party; whether the complainant and respondent share the same residence hall, dining hall, class, transportation, or job location; and whether other judicial measures have been taken (e.g., civil protection orders). The university maintains as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the university to provide the supportive measures. For any questions or to seek assistance with supportive measures, individuals may contact the Civil Rights Compliance Office at 614-247-5838.

For complainants who choose to notify the police, it is important to know the immediacy of reporting the incident and the importance of preserving physical evidence that may assist in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred or may be helpful in obtaining a protection order at the crime scene and on the complainants. In cases of sexual assault, within the first 96 hours is the best time for evidence to be collected. Under certain circumstances, it may be collected after this time frame. If possible, a complainant of sexual assault should not eat, drink, smoke, wash, douche, use the toilet, or change clothing before a medical/legal examination. The gathering of physical evidence can provide important evidence and support of criminal charges leading to a successful prosecution, but cases may be successfully prosecuted without physical evidence.

If a sexual assault complainant chooses to seek medical treatment and/or report the crime at any time, support resources are available, including access to free, confidential counseling and advocacy. Regardless of whether a complainant chooses to report to police or to the university, medical care should be a priority.

See options for obtaining SANE exams at or near Ohio State's campuses in "Student and Staff Resources."

UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Regarding Cases of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking

Allegations that an Ohio State student or employee has committed sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking are investigated and adjudicated by the Civil Rights Compliance Office, 1501 Neil Ave., Columbus OH 43201, 614-247-5838.

INVESTIGATION

Upon receipt of a report, the Civil Rights Compliance Office will evaluate the report and share information about the formal complaint process, which may include a discussion with the complainant and consideration of a complainant's request not to proceed with the investigation and adjudication. Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the university will provide written notice to the parties who are known. In cases, including those involving allegations of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, the university will provide a prompt, fair, and impartial process from the initial investigation to the final outcome and will treat the complainant and respondent with respect before, during, and after the investigation. The Civil Rights Investigator will contact the complainant, the respondent, and other pertinent witnesses for interviews. The investigator also will review police or other reports when available and collect relevant, available evidence. The entire process will be consistent with the university's published policies and will be transparent to the complainant and the respondent. The investigator will provide both parties with timely notice of meetings at which they may be present, and both parties will be provided with equal access to case materials.

A typical investigation will follow the timeline as outlined in the policy and associated Civil Rights Compliance Office process standards. Other factors may affect one or more parts of the time frame, including and not limited to the complexity, severity, and extent of the alleged sexual misconduct, discrimination, or harassment. The process may be extended as determined appropriate by the Civil Rights Compliance Office if necessary for reasons such as illness, holidays, unavailability of parties or witnesses, complexity of the case, concurrent law enforcement activity, or the need for language assistance or accommodation of disabilities. Parties will

be updated on the status of the investigation.

Approximate time frames follow:

Conducting the investigation, which includes interviewing parties and witnesses and reviewing documentation (90 business days). This period includes but is not limited to:

- Providing parties with an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence, as outlined in the policy (10 business days).
- Scheduling and conducting hearing (if applicable) and written determination issuance or preparation and finalization of investigative report (45 business days).
- Appeals (30 business days).

ADVISOR

Parties (complainant and respondents) have an equitable right to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney. The university may not limit the choice or presence of advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding, but the university may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties. An advisor may provide only counsel or support for a party and not actively participate in the process, except to conduct cross-examination during hearings, unless clarification is needed as determined by the university. The advisor may not engage in any conduct that would constitute harassment or retaliation against any person who has participated in an investigation and may be denied further participation if such conduct occurs. If a party does not have an advisor present at the hearing, the university will provide, without fee or charge to that party, an advisor of the university's choice to conduct cross-examination on behalf of that party for Title IX matters.

RESOLUTIONS IN INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING STUDENT RESPONDENTS

Allegations of potential violations of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving a student as the respondent are adjudicated through a hearing. Violations of the university's Non-

Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct policy include sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct, and a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the resolution process.

Sanctions – There are several possible sanctions that may be imposed when a student is found in violation of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. Available sanctions include separation from the university. Dismissal is a permanent separation. A separation for any limited period of time (measured in semesters or years) is called a suspension. Students may be suspended for any length of time commensurate to the violation, starting at one semester. A separation from the university ends the student’s enrollment at the university and bans the sanctioned student from campus. Other available sanctions less than separation include probation for one or more semesters or a formal reprimand. Additionally, students may receive additional sanctions, referred to as educational sanctions, including making restitution for property damage or misappropriation of university property or services or the property of any person, residence hall contract termination or reassignment to another room, restriction of access to specified campus facilities and/or property, research assignments, community service projects, referral to medical resources or counseling personnel, behavioral assessments, educational workshops, community service, or other instructive experiences.

Hearings – Allegations of potential violations of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving a student as the respondent are adjudicated through a hearing. These hearings are less formal than a hearing in a court of law. The legal rules of evidence do not apply, and the standard of proof is the preponderance of the evidence standard. The hearing body will be a resolutions officer or designee.

In cases involving allegations of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, both complainants and respondents participate equally in the hearing process and may have an advisor of their choice present. Hearings may be conducted virtually with technology enabling participants to simultaneously see and hear each other.

Appeals – Once a result is determined by the resolutions officer or designee, the Civil Rights Compliance Office promptly communicates simultaneously, in writing, to both parties a written determination that includes the outcome of the hearing, the institution’s appeal procedures, and other information as outlined in the Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct policy. The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the university provides the parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely. The university will offer both parties an appeal from a determination regarding responsibility and from a dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, on the following bases:

- Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;
- New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter; and/or
- The Title IX Coordinator or Civil Rights Compliance Office director as applicable, investigator(s), or resolutions officer or designee(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the individual complainant or respondent specifically that affected the outcome of the matter.

RESOLUTIONS IN INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING EMPLOYEE OR OTHER RESPONDENTS

Per the university’s Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct policy, an investigation involving an employee or other individual as provided by the Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct policy as the respondent of any matter involving a Title IX complaint, as defined by policy, may proceed to a hearing. These hearings are less formal than a hearing in a court of law. The legal rules of evidence do not apply, and the standard of proof is the preponderance of the evidence standard. The hearing body will be a resolutions officer or designee. In cases involving allegations of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, both complainants and

respondents participate equally in the hearing process and may have an advisor of their choice present. Should one party desire, the complainant and respondent shall be in separate rooms connected by video and audio during the hearing. Hearings also may be conducted virtually with technology enabling participants to simultaneously see and hear each other.

For all matters involving a Civil Rights Compliance Office complaint, as defined by policy, following an investigation, a written determination that includes the outcome, the institution's appeal procedures, and other items as explained in the Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct policy, will be issued. The Civil Rights Compliance Office reserves the right to take immediate action when the alleged is a program participant, supplier/contractor, volunteer, or visitor. The university's disciplinary response may be limited if the respondent is a visitor or other third-party or is not subject to the university's jurisdiction.

In matters involving both Title IX and Civil Rights Compliance Office complaints, when the respondent is an employee, corrective actions may be taken pursuant to the [Corrective Action and Involuntary Termination policy](#), [Student Employment policy](#), applicable collective bargaining agreements, and/or [University Faculty Rule 3335-5-04](#). Corrective actions include reduction in supervisory duties and leadership responsibilities, changes in salary, termination, and other appropriate corrective actions.

The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the university provides the parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely. The university will offer both parties an appeal from a determination regarding responsibility, and from a dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegations therein, on the following bases:

- Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;
- New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal was made, that could affect the outcome of the matter; and/or
- The Title IX Coordinator or Civil Rights Compliance Office director as applicable, investigator(s), or

resolutions officer or designee(s) had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the individual complainant or respondent specifically that affected the outcome of the matter.

TRAINING & CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All individuals who are responsible for effectuating any part of a Title IX process as outlined in the Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy are required to be trained annually on the substantive requirements of Title IX. The training includes issues related to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, proper hearing procedures that protect complainant safety and promote accountability. Individuals who are responsible for effectuating any part of the Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct policy will remove themselves from any proceeding when there is a conflict of interest or bias for or against either party or bias for or against complainants and respondents generally.

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL OPTIONS IN ADDITION TO UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES

Complainants of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking have the right to initiate a criminal investigation and initiate the disciplinary process through the Civil Rights Compliance Office. Complainants may be assisted by the Civil Rights Compliance Office staff or confidential community and on-campus advocates through SARNCO in learning about the options for reporting sexual assault to the university, the University Police, and/or local law enforcement agencies. For more information, visit civilrights.osu.edu.

PROTECTION ORDERS

OSUPD can provide information and assistance with No Contact Orders, Civil Protection Orders (CPO), Civil Stalking Protection Orders (CSPO), Civil Sexually Oriented Offense Protection Orders (CSOOPO), Temporary Protection Orders (TPO), or Juvenile Civil Protection Orders through the Franklin County Court System or, when applicable, other court jurisdictions.

A “No Contact Order” can be issued by OSUPD as a safety measure by request of the reporter. It prohibits any contact in person, through shared contacts, social media, email, text, telephone, or any other means. If an officer provides a No Contact on behalf of the reporter, it will be documented in the case file.

A “No Contact Order” or “Stay Away Order” from the court may be issued in a criminal action that the criminal defendant not have contact with the protected person. The protected person may be a complainant, a witness, a co-defendant, or anyone else the court determines may be negatively affected by contact from the defendant. The order may be issued as a condition of probation if the defendant has been convicted of the offense or of bond if the case is still pending. Violation of this order may subject the Defendant to answering to the court for violating his/her probation or his/her bond conditions. Violation of a No Contact Order itself is not a criminal offense, but, in dangerous situations, the police always should be called. In these instances, the responsibility to comply with the Order is entirely on the person who was ordered, not on the protected person.

A “TPO” is a court order for those currently involved in certain misdemeanor or felony criminal cases. No relationship is required. This order lasts the life of the case and expires upon sentence or dismissal. The order generally requires the offender to stay away from the protected person and have no contact in any way with the protected person, including through a third party. Generally, the offender is ordered to stay away from the residence, place of employment, and other necessary locations of the protected person. It is a criminal offense to violate a TPO.

A “CPO” is issued through the Domestic Relations Court for those related by blood or marriage, those who have a child in common or who have lived together within the last 5 years as a spouse, including same-sex couples, or those who have a dating relationship. There need not be a current criminal case. This order lasts up to 5 years. No criminal case need be pending, but it must involve a domestic relationship and there must be violence or legitimate fear of violence that can be articulated to a judge or magistrate. The order generally is similar to the guidelines set out above for a TPO. It is a criminal offense to violate a CPO. To initiate a CPO, contact the appropriate court:

Columbus – Franklin County Clerk of Courts, 375 S. High St., Columbus OH 43215, 614-525-3600

Lima – Allen County Clerk of Courts, 301 N. Main Street, Lima OH 45801, 419-223-8513

Mansfield – Richland County Clerk of Courts, 50 Park Avenue East, Mansfield OH 44902, 419-774-5549

Marion – Marion County Clerk of Courts, 100 N. Main Street, Marion OH 43302, 740-223-4270

Newark – Licking County Domestic Relations Court, 75 E. Main Street, Newark OH 43055, 740-670-5400

Wooster – Wayne County Clerk of Courts, 215 N. Grant Street, Wooster OH 44691, 330-262-2070

For questions about the process or the appropriate court, please contact OSUPD.

For Franklin County, questions can be directed to the Protection Order Liaison at 614-525-3766. You also may contact the Capital University Family Advocacy Clinic at 614-236-6779. For those who cannot afford to hire private counsel, possible legal representation may be available at Franklin County’s Family Advocacy Clinic, Domestic Violence Unit, 375 S. High St., Columbus OH 43215.

Requirements for issuance of a CSPO or CSOOPO in Franklin County:

- resident of the issuing county
- photographic identification for notary purposes
- not share children with the respondent
- demonstrate two or more incidents in which the respondent caused him/her to believe that they are in danger, or one sexually oriented offense.

Columbus – Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, 345 S. High St., Columbus OH 43215

Lima – Allen County Clerk of Courts, 301 N. Main Street, Lima OH 45801, 419-223-8513

Mansfield – Richland County Clerk of Courts, 50 Park Avenue East, Mansfield OH 44902, 419-774-5549

Marion – Marion County Clerk of Courts, 100 N. Main Street, Marion OH 43302, 740-223-4270

Newark – Licking County Clerk of Courts, 1 Courthouse Square, Newark OH 43055, 740-670-5791

Wooster – Wayne County Clerk of Courts, 215 N. Grant Street, Wooster OH 44691, 330-262-2070

Juvenile Civil Protection Orders may be issued in situations where an individual under the age of 18 engages in behaviors such as felonious assault, aggravated assault, assault, aggravated menacing, menacing by stalking, menacing, aggravated trespass, sexually oriented offenses, and domestic violence behaviors. The filing of criminal charges is not necessary to commence a juvenile civil protection order proceeding; these proceedings are conducted in the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the person seeking the order resides. A violation of a juvenile civil protection order may result in civil and/or criminal penalties.

ADAM WALSH CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY ACT OF 2006

The responsibility for tracking people in Ohio who have been designated as Sex Offenders is assigned to the sheriffs of the various counties. The [Franklin County Sheriff's website](#) contains information regarding registered sex offenders for geographic areas covered by this report.

View [County Sex Offender Information](#).

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS POLICY

To provide for the health and safety of students, employees and visitors, Ohio State prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances. Please review the university's Alcohol and Other Drugs policy on the following pages, or as an accessible version [online](#), for more information.



Applies to: Faculty, staff, graduate associates, student employees, students, volunteers, vendors, and visitors

Responsible Office

Office of Academic Affairs

POLICY

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The Ohio State University's primary concern is for the health, safety, and welfare of the university community. The university complies fully with local, state, and federal regulations regarding the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The unlawful manufacture, possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs or controlled substances on university property or as part of university activities is strictly prohibited. All members of the university community are held responsible for their behavior and for respecting the rights of others.

Ohio State endeavors to encourage a culture of compliance. The university is committed to providing education regarding the negative impacts of illicit drug use, misuse of prescription drugs, and the excessive or illegal consumption of alcohol. Ohio State provides programs, support, and resources to promote health-enhancing experiences. Additionally, Ohio State seeks to encourage responsible bystander behavior and timely reporting.

Please refer to The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct for additional information for students and the Office of Human Resources Drug Free Workplace policy for additional information for faculty, staff, graduate associates, and student employees.

Definitions

Table with 2 columns: Term and Definition. Rows include: Ohio State property, Open container, Physical control of a vehicle.

Policy Details

- I. Alcoholic beverage consumption is prohibited on Ohio State property or at off-campus university sponsored events at which the primary audience is under the legal consumption age unless:
A. Written approval from the Office of Student Life when students are the primary event organizer; and the Offices of Legal Affairs and Business and Finance for faculty, staff, and alumni.
B. The event occurs in designated areas licensed to sell alcohol, such as the Faculty Club, Fawcett Center, Ohio State Golf Course, Ohio Union, etc.
II. Events serving alcohol must have a primary purpose for the gathering other than the availability of alcohol. Alcohol must not be used as an inducement for participation in events.
A. Controls must be enforced to prevent underage drinking. These controls shall be consistent with local, state, and federal laws and the Code of Student Conduct.
B. Events involving alcoholic beverages as part of a competition, such as drinking games or chugging contests are prohibited.



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- C. Soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages such as water, punch, and fruit drinks should be available in the same location and be featured as prominently as the alcoholic beverages during the entire time alcoholic beverages are being served.
 - D. Food and/or snacks should be prominently displayed and available during the entire event.
 - E. Individual units may implement more restrictive policies relating to the use and/or promotion of alcohol within their facilities that are otherwise in accordance with university policy and local, state, and federal laws.
- III. Registered student organizations, on a university-related trip must comply with the [Code of Student Conduct](#) and local, state, federal, and international laws that apply to Ohio State students.
- A. Funds allocated to a registered student organization from the Council on Student Affairs Student Activity Fund, or otherwise from the university, must not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.
 - B. Funds collected through a registered student organization's voluntary dues, donations, or fund-raising may be used to purchase alcoholic beverages if the purchase and use of those beverages is otherwise in accordance with university policy and local, state, and federal laws.
- IV. Alcoholic beverages may be served in designated areas of the Jerome Schottenstein Center. No thermos bottles, coolers, bottles, cans, or other containers of any type may be brought into the Jerome Schottenstein Center, Ohio Stadium or other university athletic facilities.
- A. Possession and consumption of alcohol in stadium parking areas are subject to local, state and federal laws and regulations. Police and the Ohio Investigative Unit may patrol these areas and enforce applicable laws.
 - B. **Open containers** are not allowed at any tailgating events.
 - C. Any open container must be transported as required by law.
- V. Alcohol is prohibited at undergraduate group events on Ohio State property, including public or semi-private common areas.
- A. Students 21 years of age or older, may possess and consume legal beverages in their rooms or suites, or rooms of others of legal age, in accordance with university policy and local, state, and federal laws.
- VI. Advertising that promotes the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or the misuse of prescription drugs is prohibited on Ohio State property. This applies to events and activities organized or sponsored by the university.
- A. Subject to administrative restrictions, events organized on Ohio State property may display the corporate names and logos of alcohol-related sponsors, as long as it does not encourage consumption or irresponsible use.
 - B. Promotional materials, including advertisements for college events sponsored or co-sponsored by student organizations, must not make reference to or include pictures of alcoholic beverages or the name of alcohol distributors.
 - C. Advertising should focus on the purpose or theme of the event and not on the availability of alcohol in ways that imply drinking is the focus, such as a "beer blast," "forty kegs," or "all the beer you can drink."
- VII. The unlawful manufacture, possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs or controlled substances on university property or as part of university activities is strictly prohibited.
- VIII. The Ohio State University faculty, staff, graduate associates, student employees, students, volunteers, vendors, and visitors must abide by all applicable local, state, and federal laws regarding illicit drugs and controlled substances. Under local, state, and federal laws, it is a crime to do any of the following. For more information, see the [Ohio Department of Commerce](#) and [U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration](#).
- A. Underage Drinking
 - 1. Purchase, order, pay for, or share the cost of alcohol if you are under 21.



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2. Possess alcohol if you are under 21.
 3. Consume alcohol if you are under 21, unless it is provided by and consumed in the presence of your parent, legal guardian, or adult spouse who is 21 or older.
 4. Sell alcohol to, buy alcohol for, or furnish alcohol to anyone under 21.
 5. Allow anyone under 21 who possesses or consumes alcohol to remain in your home, apartment, or residence hall room, or in other property that you own or occupy unless alcohol is given by and consumed in the presence of the underage person's parent, legal guardian, or adult spouse.
- B. False Identification
1. Show or give false information about your name, age, or other identification to purchase or obtain alcohol if you are under 21.
 2. Provide false information about the name, age or other identification of another person under 21 to purchase or obtain alcohol for that person.
- C. Open Containers
1. Have an open container of alcohol in your possession in any unlicensed public place.
 2. Have an open container of alcohol in your possession while driving or riding in or on a motor vehicle.
 3. Have an open container of alcohol in your possession while in or on a motor vehicle that is parked in or on a highway, street, or other place open to the public for parking.
 4. Open containers are not allowed at any Ohio State tailgating events.
- D. Transportation
1. Operate a vehicle under the influence. If you are under 21, you are considered to be operating a vehicle under the influence if your blood alcohol level is .02 or higher and 0.08 at age 21. Refusing an alcohol test results in an immediate administrative license suspension.
 2. Consume alcohol while in a motor vehicle.
 3. Drive while under the influence of alcohol.
 4. Be in **physical control of a vehicle** while drinking or under the influence of alcohol.
- E. Disorderly Conduct
1. Engage in conduct likely to be offensive or cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to others or that poses a risk of physical harm to yourself, to others, or to property while you are voluntarily intoxicated.
- F. Alcohol Sales
1. Hold an event where alcohol is sold, or an event where alcohol is provided without charge but there is an entrance fee, cover charge, or other fee, without an appropriate permit. Information on how to obtain a temporary liquor permit is available from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.
- G. Illicit Drugs
1. Sell or offer to sell any controlled substance, or prepare or package any controlled substance for sale.
 2. Distribute any controlled substance, unless authorized to do so by law.
 3. Knowingly obtain, possess, or use a controlled substance without a prescription.
- H. State of Ohio Alcohol and Drug Law Criminal Sanctions
1. Underage drinking: Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) 4301.63 provides that no person under the age of 21 shall purchase beer or intoxicating liquor. Penalty for violation: Violation of O.R.C. 4301.63 will result in a fine of not less than \$25 but not more than \$100. The court may order that the fine be paid by the performance of public work at a reasonable hourly rate established by the court and may specify the designated time in which the public work shall be completed.
 2. False identification used to purchase alcohol for someone under 21: O.R.C. 4301.633 provides that no person shall knowingly furnish any false information as to the name, age, or other identification of any person under 21 years of age for the purpose of obtaining or with the intent to obtain, beer or intoxicating liquor for a person under 21 years of age, by purchase, or as a gift. Penalty for violation: Violation of O.R.C. 4301.633 is a misdemeanor of the first degree. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for not more than six months and a fine not more than \$1,000.



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3. False identification used to purchase alcohol by someone under 21: O.R.C. 4301.634 provides that no person under the age of 21 years shall knowingly show or give false information concerning the same person's name, age, or other identification for the purpose of purchasing or otherwise obtaining beer or intoxicating liquor in any place in this state where beer or intoxicating liquor is sold under a permit issued by the division of liquor control or sold by the division. Penalty for violation: Violation of O.R.C. 4301.634 is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by up to six months imprisonment and fines up to \$1,000. If a false or altered state identification card was used in commission of a violation of O.R.C. 4301.634, the punishment is a first degree misdemeanor with a fine of not less than \$250 but not more than \$1,000 and up to six months imprisonment.
 4. Open container in a motor vehicle: O.R.C. 4301.64 prohibits the consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor in a motor vehicle. Penalty for violation: Violation of O.R.C. 4301.64 is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a fine up to \$250.
 5. Furnishing or selling alcohol to someone under 21: O.R.C. 4301.69(A) prohibits any person from selling or furnishing beer or intoxicating liquor to an person under 21 years of age, or buying it for any person under the age of 21. Penalty for violation: Violation of O.R.C. 4301.69(A) is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of at least \$500 but not more than \$1,000, and up to six months imprisonment.
 6. Underage purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol: O.R.C. 4301.69(E) provides that no underage person shall knowingly order, pay for, share the cost of, attempt to purchase, possess, or consume any beer or intoxicating liquor in any public or private place or knowingly be under the influence of any beer or intoxicating liquor unless he or she is accompanied by a parent, spouse, or legal guardian who is not an underage person, or unless the beer or intoxicating liquor is given for religious purposes or by a physician for medical purposes. Penalty for violation: Violation of O.R.C. 4301.69(E) is a misdemeanor of the first degree. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for not more than six months and a fine up to \$1,000.
 7. Driving while intoxicated: O.R.C. 4511.19 prohibits any person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Penalty for violation: A violation of O.R.C. Section 4511.19 is a misdemeanor of the first degree, the maximum penalty for which is a jail term of up to six months and a fine up to \$1,000. The court may also impose additional fines, community rehabilitation or intervention programs, and suspend or revoke the offender's driver's license. Additional penalties exist for repeat offenders of O.R.C. 4511.19.
 8. Selling or distributing illicit drugs: O.R.C. 2925.03 prohibits any person from selling or offering to sell any controlled substance, preparing or packaging any controlled substance for sale, or distributing any controlled substances. Penalty for violation: Anyone who violates this statute is guilty of drug trafficking. Violation of this statute is a felony, the level of which depends on the specific criteria set forth in O.R.C. 2925.03(C), including type and weight of drug. The minimum penalty for a fifth degree felony can include six to 12 months in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500. The maximum penalty for a first degree felony can include imprisonment up to 10 years and a fine up to \$20,000.
 9. Possessing or using illicit drugs: O.R.C. 2925.11 prohibits any person from knowingly obtaining, possessing, or using a controlled substance. Penalty for violation: Violation of O.R.C. 2925.11 is drug abuse, which may be a misdemeanor or a felony depending on the specific criteria set forth in O.R.C. 2925.11(C), including type and weight of drug. The minimum penalty, a fourth degree misdemeanor, is punishable by imprisonment of up to 30 days and a fine up to \$250. The maximum penalty, a first degree felony, is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine up to \$20,000.
 10. A complete list of Ohio drug prohibitions can be found in [Chapter 2925 of the Ohio Revised Code](#).
- I. Federal Drug Laws
1. Federal law prohibits the trafficking and illegal possession of controlled substances as outlined in 21 United States Code, Sections 841 and 844.



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2. Depending on the amount possessed, first offense maximum penalties for trafficking marijuana range from five years' imprisonment with a \$250,000 fine to imprisonment for life with a \$10 million fine for an individual, and from five years imprisonment with a \$1 million fine to imprisonment for life with a \$50 million fine if not an individual. Also depending on the amount possessed, first offense maximum penalties for trafficking Class I and Class II controlled substances (methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, cocaine base, PCP, LSD, fentanyl analogue) range from five years' imprisonment with a \$5 million fine to imprisonment for life with a \$10 million fine for an individual, and from five years' imprisonment with a \$25 million fine to imprisonment for life with a \$50 million fine if not an individual. First offense penalties for simple possession, 21 USC §844, range from at most one years' imprisonment or at least a \$1,000, fine or both; to at most 20 years' imprisonment and a fine of at least a \$1,000.
3. For the most current and complete information regarding Federal penalties for drug trafficking, visit the [U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Federal Trafficking Penalties](#).

J. Disclaimer

1. This information is provided as a general summary of the major applicable laws. Laws are frequently amended and reinterpreted, and the application of law to specific situations generally requires an analysis of all of the facts and circumstances. This information should not be substituted for specific legal advice.
2. If you are charged with a crime it is a good idea to seek advice of an attorney. Updates to these laws are generally reflected on the websites mentioned here, but individuals are ultimately responsible for knowing the laws. This information should not be substituted for specific legal advice.
3. Ohio State's [Code of Student Conduct](#) and university policies and rules are campus behavior and safety standards that may result in sanctions, educational outcomes, or penalties that are independent of any criminal considerations.
4. Violation of the laws referenced previously may also be a violation of Ohio State's [Code of Student Conduct](#) and university policies and rules and could result in university sanctions. It should also be noted that the university's expectations for appropriate behavior are higher than those under the law.

PROCEDURE

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- I. Process for University Events that Involve Alcohol
 - A. Colleges and support units seeking to serve alcohol must request approval through the Office of Business and Finance.
 - B. Students over the legal drinking age seeking to serve alcohol at an event must request approval through the Office of Student Life.
 - C. At least **three weeks** before the event, apply for university approval if the university event involves serving alcohol outside of a licensed premise. Proof of Liability Insurance may be required of the sponsor of the event.
 - D. At least **eight weeks** before the event, submit a request for a permit from the Department of Liquor Control if planning an event that involves serving alcohol where there will be charges for anything, such as for a reception, conference registration, food, etc.
 - E. At least **three weeks** prior to the event, the University Police Special Events Coordinator must be contacted and the sponsoring party must ensure adequate security, provide a safe and secure environment, and follow reasonable risk management procedures as defined by University Police.
- II. Violations



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- A. Any faculty, staff, graduate associates, student employees, students, volunteers, vendors, and visitors found to be in violation of local, state, and/or federal law, or who violate the university’s alcohol or other drug policies, are subject to university disciplinary procedures and/or referral to the appropriate authorities for legal action.
 - 1. Campus disciplinary sanctions include, but are not limited to: written warnings, loss of privileges, probation, participation in an alcohol or other drug assistance or rehabilitation program, suspension, and/or dismissal.
 - 2. Sanctions may also apply to registered student organizations and to off-campus conduct.
 - 3. Additional disciplinary procedures may also be applied from professional schools, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and vendors.
 - B. We value the actions of student “Good Samaritans” or those individuals who are concerned for the health and safety of their peers. For more information regarding the University’s Amnesty Policy, please refer to the [Code of Student Conduct](#) (3335-23-06).
- III. Corrective Action
- A. Faculty, staff, graduate associates, student employees, students, volunteers, vendors, and visitors are responsible for complying with all university policies and rules. If alcohol violations occur, corrective action is governed as follows:
 - 1. Students are subject to appropriate discipline by Residence Hall staff or by the Office of Student Conduct.
 - 2. Faculty and staff may be disciplined under all applicable university rules and policies, up to and including termination of employment.
 - 3. Volunteers and vendors are subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the college or unit.
 - B. Alcohol policy violations can be reported via the university [Anonymous Reporting Line](#).

Responsibilities

Position or Office	Responsibilities
University leaders, managers, and supervisors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate policy expectations. 2. Hold individuals responsible for compliance. 3. Communicate policy violations to leaders and managers in specific areas where problems occur.
Student Life	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate policy expectations to the university community. 2. Consult with students on the policy. 3. Provide alcohol and other drug education and support. 4. Review the policy and update as needed. 5. Address non-employment setting policy violations with students. 6. Review, and when appropriate, approve student requests to serve alcohol at events.
Business and Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate policy expectations to the university community. 2. Consult with units on the policy. 3. Review, and when appropriate, approve college and support unit requests to serve alcohol at event(s).
Legal Affairs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate policy expectations to the university community. 2. Consult with units on the policy. 3. Review authorization forms and update as needed.
University Communications	Communicate to the university community through an annual notification, which must include the following: standards of conduct; a description of sanctions for violating federal, state, and local law and campus policy; a description of health risks associated with AOD use; and a description of treatment options.
Human Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate policy expectations to the university community. 2. Consult with units on the policy. 3. Provide information on support services. 4. Address and refer policy violations to the appropriate position or office.
Employing or volunteer sponsoring unit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate policy expectations. 2. Provide information on support services.



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Address and refer policy violators to the appropriate position or office. 4. Report policy violations to the appropriate position or office.
Individuals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comply with the policy. 2. Inform others about the policy whenever possible. 3. Use education and support resources as needed.

Resources

Anonymous Reporting Line, secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/7689/index.html
 Authorization to Serve Alcohol Request Form, legal.osu.edu/pdf/alcohol_authorization.pdf
 Drug-Free Workplace policy 7.30, hr.osu.edu/policy/policy730.pdf
 Expenditures policy 4.11, busfin.osu.edu/FileStore/PDFs/411_Expenditures.pdf
 Legal Topics Alcohol on Campus Sites, legal.osu.edu/legaltopics.php
 Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control, com.ohio.gov/liqr/
 Ohio Liquor Permit Classes and Fees, com.ohio.gov/liqr/permitClasses.aspx
 Ohio Revised Code, codes.ohio.gov/orc/
 Registered Student Organizations, ohiounion.com/get_involved/student_organizations
 Student Code of Conduct, studentaffairs.osu.edu/csc/
 U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, justice.gov/dea/index.shtml
 U.S.D.E.A. Federal Trafficking Penalties, justice.gov/dea/druginfo/ftp3.shtml

Contacts

Subject	Office	Telephone	E-mail/URL
Policy questions	Student Wellness Center	614-292-4527	swc.osu.edu/
Alcohol and other drug coaching/ screenings	Student Wellness Center	614-292-4527	wellness@osu.edu swc.osu.edu/
Alcohol permission requests	Office of Business and Finance	614-292-7970	ASArequests@osu.edu
Code of Student Conduct	Student Conduct	614-292-0748	studentconduct@osu.edu studentconduct.osu.edu/
Collegiate recovery community	Student Wellness Center	614-292-4527	wellness@osu.edu swc.osu.edu/
Corrective action for employees	Employee and Labor Relations, Office of Human Resources	614-292-2800	ohrc@hr.osu.edu hr.osu.edu/elr/
Couple and family counseling	Couple and Family Clinic	614-292-3671	cftc.ehe.osu.edu/
Employee substance abuse	Employee Assistance Program	800-678-6265	osuhealthplan.com/programs-and-services/eap
Group support	Student Wellness Center	614-292-4527	wellness@osu.edu swc.osu.edu/
Psychological services	Anxiety and Stress Disorders Clinic/ Psychological Services Center	614-292-2345	psc.osu.edu/
Student alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs coordinator	Student Wellness Center	614-292-4527	wellness@osu.edu swc.osu.edu/
Student counseling group/ individual	Counseling and Consultation Service	614-292-5766	ccs.osu.edu/ ccs@studentlife.osu.edu
Student wellness coaching	Student Wellness Center	614-292-4527	wellness@osu.edu



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Subject	Office	Telephone	E-mail/URL
			swc.osu.edu/
University Police special events coordinator	Department of Public Safety		dps-specialevents@osu.edu ps.ohio-state.edu/

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Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

Alcohol and Other Drug Health Risks

Alcohol and other drugs affect the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, volunteers, and campus visitors, and are very costly in relationship to campus crime and interference with the learning environment. The Ohio State University is committed to providing a safe, healthy learning community.

ALCOHOL

Risk	Possible Health Effect
Alcohol Use Disorders: Alcoholism & Alcohol Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol withdrawal syndrome Cardiomyopathy Certain types of cancer (oral, pharynx, esophagus, larynx, and lung) Cirrhosis Deficiency in thiamine Gastrointestinal disorders Heart Disease Korsakoff's psychosis Learning and memory problems Nerve damage Pancreatitis Permanent damage to brain and liver Wernicke's encephalopathy
Birth Defects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders Miscarriage Physical and mental birth defects Stillbirth
Chronic Heavy Drinking or Binge Drinking Heavy: 14 drinks/week for men; 7 drinks/week for women Binge: 5+ drinks for men in 2 hours, 4+ drinks for women in 2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol poisoning Anemia Cancer (correlated with mouth, throat, larynx, esophagus, liver, breast, and colon) Cardiovascular disease Dementia Depression Gout High blood pressure Liver disease, heart disease Nerve damage Pancreatitis Sleep disorders STDs and unwanted pregnancy from unsafe sex Stroke
Intoxication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreased ability to analyze sensory information resulting in disturbed balance, slurred speech, blurred vision, heavy sweating, and dulled sensation of pain Dehydration Disrupted balance of minerals in the blood Disrupted judgment Gastritis Hangovers consisting of headache, thirst, nausea and dizziness as well as fatigue Impaired brain function



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Risk	Possible Health Effect
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impaired judgment • Impaired motor skills • Increased chances of death, accidents, and injuries, falls, sexual victimization, suicide • Increased lethargy • Inflammation of esophagus • Interference with sleep rhythms

COMMONLY ABUSED DRUGS

Category	Possible Health Effect
Anabolic Steroids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggression or rage • Blood clotting and cholesterol changes • Delusions • Extreme irritability • Extreme mood swings • Fluid retention • For men—shrinkage of the testicles (testicular atrophy), reduced sperm count or infertility, baldness, development of breasts (gynecomastia), increased risk for prostate cancer • For women—growth of facial hair, male-pattern baldness, changes in or cessation of the menstrual cycle, enlargement of the clitoris, deepened voice • Hypertension • Impaired judgment stemming from feelings of invincibility • Increased risk of contracting HIV/AIDS or hepatitis • Kidney cancer • Liver cysts • Paranoid jealousy • Severe acne
Bath Salts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agitation • Altered mental state • Chest pain • Extreme paranoia and delusions • Hallucinations • Highly addictive • Hypertension • Increased blood pressure and heart rate • Kidney injury • Panic attacks • Seizures • Violent behavior, self-injury, self-mutilation, suicide
Cannabinoids (Hashish, Marijuana)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anxiety, paranoia and panic attacks • Asthma • Bloodshot eyes • Cancer of the lungs • Difficulty speaking, listening, thinking, and problem solving • Distorted perception (sight, sound, time, touch)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry mouth and throat • Impaired complex motor skills • Impaired concentration • Impaired judgment • Increased risk of damaging the lungs and reproductive system, • Increased heart rate • Linked to heart attacks • Loss of coordination • Lowered sperm production • Problems with memory and learning • Psychological dependence • Respiratory problems: bronchitis, emphysema and bronchial asthma
Depressants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatigue; confusion; impaired coordination, memory, judgment; addiction; respiratory depression and arrest; death • Barbiturates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depression - Dizziness - Fever; irritability - Life-threatening withdrawal - Poor judgment - Slurred speech - Unusual excitement • Benzodiazepines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dizziness • Flunitrazepam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memory loss for the time under the drug's effects - Urinary retention - Visual and gastrointestinal disturbances • GHB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coma - Death - Drowsiness - Loss of consciousness - Loss of reflexes - Nausea/vomiting, headache - Seizures • Methaqualone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depression
Dextromethorphan (DXM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body rash/itching • Closed-eye hallucination • Difficulty breathing • Dizziness • Drowsiness • Gastrointestinal disturbances • Memory loss • Nausea • Numbness
Dissociative Anesthetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ketamine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Altered body image - Altered hearing



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aphasia - Blunted affect - Blurred vision - Delirium - Diplopia - Dizziness - Erythema - Euphoria - Hallucinations - Hypersalivation - Hypertension - Illusions - Impaired attention, memory and judgment - Nausea and vomiting - Nightmares - Nystagmus - Pain at injection site - Psychomimetic phenomenon - Psychomotor retardation - Tachycardia - Vivid dreams • PCP and analogs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aggression - Decrease in blood pressure and heart rate - Depression - Loss of appetite - Panic - Violence
Hallucinogens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSD, Mescaline, & Psilocybin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delusions and hallucinations - Increased body temperature, heart rate, and blood pressure - Loss of appetite - Numbness, weakness - Sleeplessness - Tremors - Unpredictable psychological effects, with "trips" lasting about 12 hours • Mental disorders • Nervousness, paranoia
Inhalants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspiration of vomit • Birth defects if pregnant • Cramps • Damage to central nervous system and brain • Depression • Frostbite • Hearing loss • Heart failure • Hypoxia • Kidney damage • Limb spasms • Memory impairment • Muscle weakness



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Opioids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unconsciousness • Heroin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coma, unconsciousness - Confusion - Constipation - Depressed breathing so overdose can be fatal - Highly addictive and tolerance builds up rapidly - Increased risk of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and hepatitis - Nausea - Sedation - Staggering gait
Stimulants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphetamines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aggression, erratic behavior - Bad feelings as drug wears off - Convulsions, coma, death - Depression - Extreme exhaustion - Hallucinations - Headache - Loss of coordination - Low blood pressure - Nausea - Panic and paranoia - Physical effects: hyperactivity, dilated pupils, vasoconstriction, blood shot eyes, flushing, restlessness, dry mouth, bruxism, headache, tachycardia, bradycardia, tachypnea, hypertension, hypotension, fever, diaphoresis, diarrhea, constipation, blurred vision, aphasia, dizziness, twitching, insomnia, numbness, palpitations, arrhythmias, tremors, dry and/or itchy skin, acne, pallor, convulsions, and with chronic and/or high doses, seizure, stroke, coma, heart attack and death can occur - Psychological effects: euphoria, anxiety, increased libido, alertness, concentration, energy, self-esteem, self-confidence, sociability, irritability, aggression, psychosomatic disorders, psychomotor agitation, grandiosity, repetitive and obsessive behaviors, paranoia, and with chronic and/or high doses, amphetamine psychosis can occur - Reduced performance at work, disruption of relationships - Twitching/tremors • Cocaine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abdominal pain - Anxiety, panic attacks, paranoia - Chest pain - Cocaine is very addictive and many users quickly develop a strong psychological dependence on it - Damage to the veins, leading to ulcers and gangrene, and increased risk of blood-borne infections such as hepatitis or HIV - Damage to the lungs - Damage to the nasal septum as the drug causes vasoconstriction - Feeling constantly run-down when not taking cocaine - Headaches - Heart attacks - Increased body temperature - Long-term changes to the brain, particularly in the brain's 'reward' circuits, which control sense of pleasure, and personality changes - Loss of libido



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- Malnutrition
 - Nausea
 - Raised heart rate and blood pressure
 - Respiratory failure
 - Strokes or seizures
 - Tolerance builds quickly
 - MDMA
 - Anxiety, panic, confusion
 - Cardiac/liver toxicity
 - Depression as drug wears off
 - Dry mouth
 - Hyperthermia
 - Impaired memory and learning
 - Increased heart rate and raised blood pressure
 - Increased liver and kidney problems in later life
 - Interferes with body's fluid control mechanisms and salt balance, making it easy to overhydrate and cause the brain to swell
 - Long-term brain changes such as depletion of serotonin, leading to chronic depression, memory impairment, and personality changes
 - Mild hallucinogenic effects
 - Raised body temperature, leading to dehydration
 - Renal failure
 - Nicotine
 - Adverse pregnancy outcomes
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Chronic bronchitis and emphysema
 - Heart disease
 - Increased risk of cancer in almost every organ and tissue of the body, especially cancer of the lung, throat, and stomach
 - Lung disorders and disease
 - Stroke
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Subject	Office	Telephone	Website
30 Task Model	Healing Hearts Counseling Center	(419) 528-5993	healingheartscsc.com/addiction-2/
Adult intensive outpatient programs	Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic	(800) 228-8287	nkrc.org
Adult residential treatment facility	North Central Mental Health Services	(614) 299-6600	ncmhs.org
Case Management	Coleman Services	(330) 673-1347	colemanservices.org/
Challenge Therapy	Healing Hearts Counseling Center	(419) 528-5993	healingheartscsc.com/addiction-2/
Comprehensive services	Cornerstone of Recovery	(866) 352-8537	cornerstoneofrecovery.com/
Counseling Services	We Care Crisis Center	(800) 567-HOPE (4673)	wecarepeople.org/wecarecrisis
Counseling Services	Lutheran Social Services	(614) 228-5200	lssnetworkofhope.org/
Crisis Hotline	We Care Crisis Center	(800) 567-HOPE (4673)	wecarepeople.org/wecarecrisis
Crisis Intervention	Coleman Services	(330) 673-1347	colemanservices.org/
Detoxification	Maryhaven	(614) 445-8131	maryhaven.com/
Detoxification	Parkside Recovery/ Woods at Parkside	(614) 881-4825	thewoodsatparkside.com/
Detoxification residential substance abuse treatment facility	CompDrug Corporation	(614) 224-4506	compdrug.org
Diagnostic Assessment	Coleman Services	(330) 673-1347	colemanservices.org/
DUI offender programs	Maryhaven	(614) 445-8131	maryhaven.com/
Family support	Al-Anon and Alateen of Central Ohio	(614) 547-1550	coafg.org
Group Counseling	Coleman Services	(330) 673-1347	colemanservices.org/
Group Counseling	Mansfield Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program	(419) 525-3525	mansfieldumadaop.com
Group Therapy	Catalyst Life Services	(419) 522-4357	catalystlifeservices.org
Group Therapy	OneEighty	(330) 264-8498	one-eighty.org/our-services/substance-abuse-and-addiction-services
Individual Counseling	Coleman Services	(330) 673-1347	colemanservices.org/
Individual Counseling	Mansfield Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program	(419) 525-3525	mansfieldumadaop.com
Individual support	Alcoholics Anonymous	(212) 870-3400	aa.org/
Individual support	Alcoholics Anonymous-Central Ohio Group Fellowship	(614) 253-8501	aacentralohio.org
Individual support	Central Ohio Area Narcotics Anonymous	(614) 252-1700	centralohionarcoticsanonymous.org/
Individual Therapy	Catalyst Life Services	(419) 522-4357	catalystlifeservices.org



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Subject	Office	Telephone	Website
Inpatient Services	Lutheran Social Services	(614) 228-5200	lssnetworkofhope.org/
Inpatient Services	Catalyst Life Services	(419) 522-4357	catalystlifeservices.org
Inpatient Services	Marion Area Counseling Center	(740) 387-5210	maccsite.com
Inpatient Services	Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio	(740) 522-8477	bhcpartners.org
Inpatient substance abuse treatment facilities	Maryhaven	(614) 445-8131	maryhaven.com/
Inpatient substance abuse treatment facilities	North Central Mental Health Services	(614) 299-6600	ncmhs.org
Inpatient Treatment Services	Shepherd Hill	N/A	shepherdhill.net/Programs-Services.aspx
Inpatient Treatment Services	OneEighty	(330) 264-8498	one-eighty.org/our-services/substance-abuse-and-addiction-services
Inpatient Treatment Services	Wooster Community Hospital New Vision	(330) 263-8100	woosterhospital.org/services/inpatient-rehabilitation/
Inpatient Treatment Services	Anazao Community Partners	(330) 264-9597	anazao.co/treatments
Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services	Shepherd Hill	N/A	shepherdhill.net/Programs-Services.aspx
Medication assisted treatment for adults in an outpatient program	Premier Care Inc.	(567) 940-9145	premiercare.org/find-a-clinic/lima-oh/
Medication-Assisted Treatment	Healing Hearts Counseling Center	(419) 528-5993	healingheartssc.com/addiction-2/
Meetings held at various locations throughout Mansfield	Narcotics Anonymous	N/A	narcotics.com/na-meetings/ohio/mansfield-ohio/
Meetings held at various locations throughout Newark	Narcotics Anonymous	N/A	narcotics.com/na-meetings/ohio/newark-ohio/
Meetings held at various locations throughout Wooster	Narcotics Anonymous	N/A	narcotics.com/na-meetings/ohio/wooster/
Meetings held at various locations throughout Marion	Narcotics Anonymous	(740) 387-8531	narcotics.com/na-meetings/ohio/marion-ohio/
Meetings held at various locations throughout Lima	Narcotics Anonymous	N/A	narcotics.com/na-meetings/ohio/lima/
Mental health and psychiatry	Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) and AL-ANON	(310) 534-1815	adultchildren.org/
Mental health and psychiatry	Amethyst, Inc.	(614) 242-1284	alvis180.org/services/recovery-services/amethyst/



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New Beginnings Alcohol & Drug Treatment Services	Catalyst Life Services	(419) 522-4357	catalystlifeservices.org
Non-profit outpatient center providing comprehensive services	Catalyst Life Services	(419) 522-4357	catalystlifeservices.org
Opioid detox	Rehabilitation Care Group	(614) 901-0590	
Outpatient	Parkside Recovery/ Woods at Parkside	(614) 881-4823	thewoodsatparkside.com/
Outpatient	Southeast, Inc.	(614) 225-0990	southeastinc.com
Outpatient programs	House of Hope for Alcoholics	(614) 291-4691	hofhope.org/
Outpatient Services	Lutheran Social Services	(614) 228-5200	https://lssnetworkofhope.org/
Outpatient Services	Catalyst Life Services	(419) 522-4357	catalystlifeservices.org
Outpatient Services	Marion Area Counseling Center	(740) 387-5210	maccsite.com
Outpatient Services	Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio	(740) 522-8477	bhcpartners.org
Outpatient Services	Anazao Community Partners	(330) 264-9597	anazao.co/treatments
Outpatient Treatment Services	OneEighty	(330) 264-8498	one-eighty.org/our-services/substance-abuse-and-addiction-services
Peer Recovery	OneEighty	(330) 264-8498	one-eighty.org/our-services/substance-abuse-and-addiction-services
Peer Support Services	Mansfield Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program	(419) 525-3525	mansfieldumadaop.com
Recovery Housing	Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program Lima	(419) 224-4474	limaumadaop.com/index.html
Recovery Housing	Mansfield Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program	(419) 222-4474	mansfieldumadaop.com
Recovery Support Services	Mansfield Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program	(419) 525-3525	mansfieldumadaop.com
Recovery to Work Project	Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services	(419) 774-5811	richlandmentalhealth.com/
Residential Facility	Parkside Recovery/ Woods at Parkside	(614) 881-4823	thewoodsatparkside.com/
Residential Services	Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program Lima	(419) 222-4474	limaumadaop.com/index.html
Residential treatment	Southeast, Inc.	(614) 225-0990	southeastinc.com
Substance abuse counseling	CompDrug Corporation	(614) 224-4506	compdrug.org



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Subject	Office	Telephone	Website
Substance abuse counseling	Concord Counseling Center	(614) 882-9338 ext. 205	concordcounseling.org
Substance abuse counseling	Directions Counseling Group	(614) 888-9200	directcounselinginc.com/
Substance abuse counseling	Dublin Counseling Center	(614) 889-5722	dublincounselingcenter.org
Substance abuse counseling	House of Hope for Alcoholics	(614) 291-4691	hofhope.org/
Substance abuse counseling	Montalvo-Crumbley and Associates, LLC	(614) 781-6590	N/A
Substance abuse counseling	Neighborhood House	N/A	nhwa.org/
Substance abuse counseling	North Community Counseling Centers	(614) 261-3196	northcommunity.com
Substance abuse counseling	Northwest Counseling Services	(802) 524-6554	northwestcounselingservices.org
Substance abuse counseling	Maryhaven	(614) 445-8131	maryhaven.com/
Substance abuse counseling	North Central Mental Health Services	(614) 299-6600	ncmhs.org
Substance abuse counseling	Parkside Recovery/ Woods at Parkside	(614) 881-4823	thewoodsatparkside.com/
Substance abuse drop in services	PEER Center	(614) 453-4840	https://thepeercenter.org/
Substance abuse education/prevention	Alcohol And Drug Awareness Series	(614) 566-5000	ohiohealth.com/riverside/
Substance abuse education/prevention	Columbus Public Health	(614) 645-7417	publichealth.columbus.gov
Substance abuse education/prevention	Community for New Direction	(614) 272-1464	cndonline.org
Substance abuse education/prevention	CompDrug Corporation	(614) 224-4506	compdrug.org
Substance abuse education/prevention	Drug-Free Action Alliance	(614) 540-9985	drugfreeactionalliance.org
Substance abuse education/prevention	Educational Council	(903) 892-9911	sachelp.org/Home
Substance abuse education/prevention	Franklin County Public Health	(614) 525-3160	myfcph.org/
Substance abuse education/prevention	Maryhaven	(614) 445-8131	maryhaven.com/
Substance abuse education/prevention	North Community Counseling Centers	(614) 261-3196	northcommunity.com
Substance abuse education/prevention	Northwest Counseling Services	(614) 600-2708	northwestcounselingservices.org



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Subject	Office	Telephone	Website
Substance abuse education/prevention	Ohio Physicians Health Program	(614) 841-9690	ophp.org/
Substance abuse education/prevention	Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program of Franklin County Inc.	(614) 227-9694	umadaopfc.com
Substance Abuse Therapy	Healing Hearts Counseling Center	(419) 528-5993	healingheartscce.com/addiction-2/
Treatment Court Advisory Board	Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services	(419) 774-5811	richlandmentalhealth.com/
Treatment Services	Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program Lima	(419) 222-4474	limaumadaop.com/index.html
Veterans support (all areas: detox, counseling)	United States Department of Veterans Affairs	(614) 257-5200	columbus.va.gov

CRIME STATISTICS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CLERY DEFINITIONS

Campus

- Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of or in a manner related to the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls; and
- Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the area identified in paragraph (1) that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor).

Noncampus

- Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or
- Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

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. Public property, for purposes of data collection and this report, does not include businesses or private residences adjacent to the campus.

Columbus - Crimes Reported

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Category - Crime Statistics						
Aggravated Assault	2024	13	0	13	9	4
	2023	10	4	14	7	3
	2022	13	1	14	2	1
Arson	2024	2	1	3	0	0
	2023	3	0	3	1	0
	2022	4	0	4	0	1
Burglary	2024	18	17	35	8	0
	2023	19	21	40	9	0
	2022	43	19	62	10	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2024	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	0	0	0	0	1
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2024	66	3	69	7	1
	2023	113	1	114	23	5
	2022	26	0	26	32	1
Robbery	2024	1	0	1	0	4
	2023	3	0	3	2	4
	2022	10	1	11	1	2
Rape	2024	15	43	58	9	0
	2024 Strauss [a,b]	0	0	0	0	0
	2024 Total	15	43	58	9	0
	2023	24	34	58	1	0
	2023 Strauss [a,b]	1	0	1	0	0
	2023 Total	25	34	59	1	0
	2022	23	63	86	15	0
	2022 Total	23	63	86	15	0
Fondling	2024	48	14	62	5	0
	2024 Strauss [a,b]	0	0	0	0	0
	2024 Total	48	14	62	5	0
	2023	355	10	365	12	1
	2023 Strauss [a,b]	1	0	1	0	0
	2023 Total	356	10	366	12	1
	2022	45	8	53	12	1
	2022 Total	45	8	53	12	1
Incest	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Statutory Rape	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	2024	19	1	20	3	0
	2023	11	1	12	2	1
	2022	9	0	9	6	2
Dating Violence	2024	19	12	31	3	0
	2023	9	15	24	0	1
	2022	5	17	22	2	0
Stalking	2024	57	14	71	2	0
	2023	54	22	76	2	1
	2022	44	26	70	5	1
Category - Arrests						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	58	4	62	0	1
	2023	128	2	130	0	0
	2022	57	0	57	0	0
Drug Law Violations	2024	11	1	12	0	1
	2023	13	0	13	3	6
	2022	22	0	22	1	3
Weapons Law Violations	2024	1	0	1	0	0
	2023	1	0	1	1	0
	2022	5	0	5	0	2
Category - Disciplinary Referrals						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	29	607	636	5	3
	2023	30	557	587	8	0
	2022	74	564	638	3	1
Drug Law Violations	2024	5	109	114	0	0
	2023	39	129	168	1	0
	2022	37	102	139	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2024	0	1	1	0	0
	2023	0	1	1	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0

NOTES

To the extent any of the crime statistics differ from previous reports, the figures in this year's report reflect the most current data provided to the university.

Statistics include reports that have been made to campus security authorities in addition to the University Police or municipal or county law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to Student Conduct and Housing and Residence Education. Although these reports are not always reported to or independently investigated and verified by university, municipal, or county law enforcement agencies as having occurred, lack of verification does not necessarily reflect on the report's veracity.

Reported crimes may involve individuals not associated with The Ohio State University.

- a. The Annual Security Report and the Annual Fire Safety Report comply with the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, and, in accordance with federal law, counts incidents in the year that they were reported rather than the year in which they occurred.

As such, any reports made in 2022, 2023, or 2024 of acts committed by Richard Strauss in the specified locations during his 20-year employment as a physician at Ohio State, from 1978 to 1998, are included in the 2022, 2023, and 2024 statistics, respectively. Strauss' abuse was the subject of a year-long, independent investigation by law firm Perkins Coie, which was commissioned by the university. The findings were released publicly in May 2019. Additionally:

- Per federal law, statistics reflect total incidents reported rather than total number of victims. One individual could report multiple crimes or multiple occurrences of a single crime, for example, and all of those reports would be counted. As evident in the findings of Perkins Coie's Strauss investigation, several survivors reported recurring abuse.
- To help ensure an accurate accounting for Strauss' abuse, all reports of incidents have been included. In some instances, former student-athletes indicated that, along with themselves, their teammates had been abused by Strauss decades ago. If no further details were available, a determination was made based on the characterization of the reporting party.

These determinations were made by Perkins Coie using Clery Act definitions, based on reports received during its independent investigation and from guidance sought by the university from the U.S. Department of Education. Perkins Coie provided the majority of Strauss-related data for Ohio State's 2023, 2024, and 2025 Annual Security Report.

- b. The figures in this year's report reflect the most current data provided to the university. It is possible that the university may learn new information through various means, including but not limited to additional reports or litigation that could cause these figures to increase, decrease, or be reclassified in accordance with federal law. Should such modifications occur, the university will publish updated statistics to keep the campus community informed. In 2022 Perkins Coie received no new or revised allegations in litigation pertaining to the Strauss matter. As a result, there are no reportable incidents relating to the Strauss matter for calendar year 2022. In 2023, Perkins Coie reviewed allegations in the litigation documents. As a result, one count of rape and one count of fondling were reported. In 2024 Perkins Coie received no new or revised allegations in litigation pertaining to the Strauss matter.
- c. Noncampus statistics include but are not limited to police reports taken from suburban municipalities, county law enforcement, and Columbus Division of Police. Every effort has been made to comply with the definitions contained in 34 CFR 668.46(a), but noncampus statistics provided by outside agencies are not independently verified by the university and may include reports of crimes that occurred in private residences or businesses or in other noncampus locations. Noncampus statistics may include statistics from foreign law enforcement agencies for properties used during study abroad trips or other foreign activities involving students or for Ohio State's county extension offices. Statistics reported by foreign law enforcement agencies are not independently verified by the university.
- d. "Public Property" statistics include but are not limited to police reports taken from suburban municipalities, county law enforcement, and Columbus Division of Police. Every effort has been made to comply with the definitions contained in

34 CFR 668.46(a), but public property statistics provided by outside agencies are not verified independently by the university and may include reports of crimes that occurred in private residences or businesses or in other noncampus locations. The figures in this year's report reflect the most current data provided to the university. Columbus Division of Police statistics are available at columbus.gov/police.

- e. Municipal and county law enforcement agencies provide statistics according to F.B.I. Uniform Crime Reporting (U.C.R.) requirements. Requested statistics that were not provided in a usable format have not been included.
- f. A hate crime is a criminal offense that manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim's actual or perceived race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, or disability. Reportable hate crimes include the offenses of Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter, Manslaughter by Negligence, Sexual Assault (Rape, Fondling, Incest, Statutory Rape), Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson, Larceny-Theft, Simple Assault, Intimidation, and Destruction-Damage-Vandalism of Property.
- g. "Unfounded" crimes are reported crimes investigated by law enforcement authorities and found to be false or baseless. Only sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel may "unfound" a crime. When a crime statistic has been disclosed and is "unfounded" in a subsequent year, the crime statistics will be revised and a notation will be made to explain the revision.

Hate Crimes [f]

2024: There were twelve (12) reportable hate crimes.

- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Larceny/Theft characterized by religion
- One (1) Public Property Simple Assault characterized by religion
- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Simple Assault characterized by religion
- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Simple Assault characterized by national origin
- Two (2) Campus (residence facility) Intimidation characterized by race
- One (1) Campus (residence facility) Intimidation characterized ethnicity
- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Intimidation characterized by ethnicity
- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Intimidation characterized by race
- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Intimidation characterized by religion
- One (1) Campus (residence facility) Destruction/Damage/Vandalism characterized by national origin
- One (1) Campus (residence facility) Destruction/Damage/Vandalism characterized by race

2023: There were nine (9) reportable hate crimes.

- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Simple Assault characterized by national origin
- Two (2) Campus (not including residence facility) Simple Assaults characterized by race
- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Simple Assault characterized by sexual orientation
- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Simple Assault characterized by religion
- Two (2) Public Property Simple Assaults characterized by religion
- One (1) Campus (residence facility) Intimidation characterized by sexual orientation
- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Intimidation characterized by race

2022: There were five (5) reportable hate crimes.

- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Fondling characterized by gender identity
- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Intimidation characterized by race
- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Intimidation characterized by religion
- One (1) Campus (residence facility) Destruction/Damage/Vandalism characterized by sexual orientation
- One (1) Campus (not including residence facility) Destruction/Damage/Vandalism characterized by race and religion

Unfounded Crimes [g]

2024: There were fifteen (15) unfounded crimes.

2023: There were eight (8) unfounded crimes.

2022: There were fifteen (15) unfounded crimes.

Lima - Crimes Reported

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Category - Crime Statistics						
Aggravated Assault	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Arson	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Burglary	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	1	0
Robbery	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Rape	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	1	n/a	1	0	0
Fondling	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Incest	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Stalking	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	1	n/a	1	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Category - Arrests						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Category - Disciplinary Referrals						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0

Hate Crimes [f]

2024: There were no reportable hate crimes.
 2023: There were no reportable hate crimes.
 2022: There were no reportable hate crimes.

Unfounded Crimes [g]

2024: There were no unfounded crimes.
 2023: There were no unfounded crimes.
 2022: There were no unfounded crimes.

Mansfield - Crimes Reported

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Aggravated Assault	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	1	0	1	0	0
Robbery	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2024	0	1	1	0	0
	2023	0	10	10	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	1	1	2	0	0
	2022	0	2	2	0	0
Incest	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2024	1	2	3	0	0
	2023	0	2	2	0	0
	2022	0	1	1	0	0
Stalking	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Category - Arrests						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Drug Law Violations	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Category - Disciplinary Referrals						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	0	41	41	0	0
	2023	0	10	10	0	0
	2022	0	17	17	0	0
Drug Law Violations	2024	0	10	10	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	14	14	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0

Hate Crimes [f]

2024: There were no reportable hate crimes.
 2023: There were no reportable hate crimes.
 2022: There were no reportable hate crimes.

Unfounded Crimes [g]

2024: There were no unfounded crimes.
 2023: There was one (1) unfounded crime.
 2022: There were no unfounded crimes.

Marion - Crimes Reported

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Category - Crime Statistics						
Aggravated Assault	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Arson	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Burglary	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Robbery	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Rape	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Fondling	2024	2	n/a	2	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	3	n/a	3	0	0
Incest	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	1	n/a	1	0	0
Stalking	2024	2	n/a	2	0	0
	2023	1	n/a	1	0	0
	2022	1	n/a	1	0	0
Category - Arrests						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Drug Law Violations	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Category - Disciplinary Referrals						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0

Hate Crimes [f]

2024: There were no reportable hate crimes.
 2023: There were no reportable hate crimes.
 2022: There were no reportable hate crimes.

Unfounded Crimes [g]

2024: There were no unfounded crimes.
 2023: There were no unfounded crimes.
 2022: There were no unfounded crimes.

Newark - Crimes Reported

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Category - Crime Statistics						
Aggravated Assault	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	1	0	1	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	1	1	0	0
Burglary	2024	0	1	1	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	1	2	3	0	0
Fondling	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	1	1	2	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	2024	1	1	2	0	0
	2023	1	0	1	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Category – Arrests						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Drug Law Violations	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Category - Disciplinary Referrals						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	0	17	17	0	0
	2023	0	35	35	0	0
	2022	0	62	62	0	0
Drug Law Violations	2024	0	10	10	0	0
	2023	0	15	15	0	0
	2022	0	16	16	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2024	0	1	1	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0

Hate Crimes [f]

2024: There were no reportable hate crimes.
 2023: There were no reportable hate crimes.
 2022: There were no reportable hate crimes.

Unfounded Crimes [g]

2024: There were no unfounded crimes.
 2023: There were no unfounded crimes.
 2022: There were no unfounded crimes.

Wooster - Crimes Reported

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Category - Crime Statistics						
Aggravated Assault	2024	0	1	1	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	2	2	0	0
Arson	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2024	1	2	3	0	0
	2023	1	2	3	0	0
	2022	1	0	1	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2024	0	3	3	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	1	1	0	0
Fondling	2024	2	0	2	0	0
	2023	1	1	2	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	1	0	1	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	1	1	0	0
Stalking	2024	2	0	2	0	0
	2023	1	1	2	0	0
	2022	2	0	2	0	0

	Year	Campus Crime Reported (not including residence facilities)	Campus Crime Reported (residence facilities only)	Campus Total	Noncampus [c,e]	Public Property [d,e]
Category – Arrests						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
Category - Disciplinary Referrals						
Alcohol Law Violations	2024	2	46	48	0	0
	2023	0	70	70	0	0
	2022	5	44	49	0	0
Drug Law Violations	2024	1	4	5	0	0
	2023	0	24	24	0	0
	2022	0	7	7	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	2024	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0

Hate Crimes [f]

2024: There were no reportable hate crimes.

2023: There was one (1) reportable hate crime.

One (1) Campus (residence facility) Intimidation characterized by sexual orientation

2022: There was one (1) reportable hate crime.

One (1) Campus (residence facility) Simple Assault characterized by gender

Unfounded Crimes [g]

2024: There was one (1) unfounded crime.

2023: There was one (1) unfounded crime.

2022: There were no unfounded crimes.

ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT 2025

COLUMBUS, LIMA, MANSFIELD, MARION, NEWARK, WOOSTER



During an Emergency

Dial 9-1-1

To report a fire that has occurred on campus (non-emergency),
contact The Ohio State University Department of Public Safety at 614-292-2121.

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INTRODUCTION

Fire prevention on The Ohio State University campus is led by The Ohio State University Department of Public Safety. Other partners include Ohio State's Student Life, Environmental Health & Safety, the Wexner Medical Center at The Ohio State University, area fire departments, and the State of Ohio Fire Marshal's Office. Together, along with the support of students, faculty, and staff, we can foster a culture of fire prevention and promote the safety and well-being of our campus community.

PURPOSE

This report provides information and data pertaining to fire safety at The Ohio State University. The data and information contained in this document are reported annually in compliance with legal requirements set forth by the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

Information in this report and in The Ohio State University Annual Security Report aims to provide the information and data required by federal law and the situational awareness required to further develop and enhance the culture of safety and preparedness on Ohio State's campuses.

For further information or questions pertaining to this report, call 614-292-2121 or visit:

- dps.osu.edu
- emergency.osu.edu
- firesafety.osu.edu

CONTACT INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department of Public Safety provides law enforcement, security services, emergency management planning, and other public safety services designed to

enhance a safe and secure environment at Ohio State. Contact them at 614-292-2121 or visit dps.osu.edu.

- **Mission** – To provide a safe and secure environment that supports that academic research, and service missions of the university community.
- **Vision** - To earn the distinction as a national leader in university public safety through commitment to our values.
- **Core Values** – Integrity, Diversity, Innovation, Service, Respect

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION

In the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management and Fire Prevention coordinates planning, exercises, drills, training, building inspections, plan review, fire alarm response, and policies relating to emergency management and fire prevention at Ohio State. The division works in cooperation with many offices and organizations to implement planning and capabilities related to emergency response and fire safety on campus. Contact this office at 614-247-4911 or visit <https://dps.osu.edu/divisions/emergency-management> for more information.

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE, RISK AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Student Life's Risk and Emergency Management provides advice and services to departments and student organizations, including advice and services related to personal safety, enhanced security, safety training, alarms and closed-circuit television, emergency planning, emergency response, keys/access, risk reduction, and fire prevention. For more information, call 614-292-9334 or visit selfacilities.osu.edu/rem.

FACILITIES OPERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Facilities Operations and Development provides maintenance, repair, inspection, and installation of fire safety systems and equipment in campus buildings. This includes sprinkler systems, fire detection devices, smoke detection devices, extinguishers, fire doors, alarms, and other devices. For more information about the services provided by Facilities Operations and Development, contact this office at 614-292-0257 or visit fod.osu.edu.

STATE OF OHIO FIRE MARSHAL

The Division of State Fire Marshal provides services across the State of Ohio. The division consists of eight bureaus, including Administration, Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation (BUSTR), Code Enforcement, Fire Prevention, Forensic Laboratory, Investigation Bureau, Ohio Fire Academy, and Testing and Registration. The State of Ohio Fire Marshal's Office also provides fire investigation, inspections, and fire prevention services to the Ohio State community. You may contact the Division of State Fire Marshal at 614-752-8200 or com.ohio.gov/divisions-and-programs/state-fire-marshal/contact-us.

COLUMBUS DIVISION OF FIRE

The Columbus Division of Fire is the lead fire department for fire response, fire investigation, inspection, fire prevention, emergency medical response, training, and many other services to the Ohio State Columbus campus community. You may contact the Columbus Division of Fire at 614-221-3132 or visit columbus.gov/Services/Public-Safety/Fire.

HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT

DEFINITIONS

Cause of fire — The factor or factors that give rise to a fire. The causal factor may be, but is not limited to, the result of an intentional or unintentional action, mechanical failure, or act of nature (34 C.F.R. §668.49 (a)).

Fire — Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner (34 C.F.R. §668.49 (a)).

Fire drill — A supervised practice of a mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire (34 C.F.R. §668.49 (a)).

Fire log — (1) An institution that maintains on-campus student housing facilities must maintain a written, easily understood fire log that records, by the date that the fire was reported, any fire that occurred in an on-campus student housing facility. This log must include the nature, date, time, and general location of each fire. (2) An institution must make an entry or an addition to an entry to the log within two business days, as defined under §668.46(a), of the receipt of the information. (3) An institution must make the fire log for the most recent 60-day period open to public inspection during normal business hours. The institution must make any portion of the log older than 60 days available within two business days of a request for public inspection. (4) An institution must make an annual report to the campus community on the fires recorded in the fire log. This requirement may be satisfied by the annual fire safety report described in paragraph (b) of this section (34 C.F.R. §668.49 (d)).

Fire-related death — Any instance in which a person (1) Is killed as a result of a fire, including death resulting from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of a fire; or (2) Dies within one year of injuries sustained as a result of the fire (34 C.F.R. §668.49 (a)).

Fire-related injury — Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of a fire, including an injury sustained from a natural or accidental cause, while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of the fire. The term "person" may include students, employees, visitors, firefighters, or any other individuals (34 C.F.R. §668.49 (a)).

Fire safety system — Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire, or the control of a fire. This may include sprinkler systems or other fire extinguishing systems; fire detection devices; stand-alone smoke alarms; devices that alert one to the presence of a fire, such as horns, bells, or strobe lights; smoke-control and reduction

mechanisms; and fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of a fire (34 C.F.R. §668.49 (a)).

Fire statistics — (1) An institution must report statistics for each on-campus student housing facility, for the three most recent calendar years for which data are available, concerning — (i) The number of fires and the cause of each fire; (ii) The number of persons who received fire-related injuries that resulted in treatment at a medical facility, including at an on-campus health center; (iii) The number of deaths related to a fire; and (iv) The value of property damage caused by a fire. (2) An institution is required to submit a copy of the fire statistics in paragraph (c)(1) of this section to the Secretary on an annual basis (34 C.F.R. §668.49 (c)).

Value of property damage — The estimated value of the loss of the structure and contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quantity. This estimate should include contents damaged by fire, and related damages caused by smoke, water, and overhaul; however, it does not include indirect loss, such as business interruption (34 C.F.R. §668.49 (a)).

FIRE PREVENTION

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Ohio State University is a diverse and exciting environment immersed in the riches of academic achievement, advanced research, healthcare, and world class activities and events.

The university strives to promote safety on campus and works to implement programs aimed at preventing fires and the devastating impacts they may have on our campus community. All members of the campus community, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors, can contribute to fire prevention and safety. Working together, we can make this a safer campus for all to enjoy. This report provides information to the university community that describes activities, policies, and capabilities maintained and undertaken by Emergency Management and Fire Prevention, Office of Student Life, and Facilities Operations and Development to promote the health and welfare of our campus community and to help prevent or mitigate the impact of fires on campus.

This report provides current policies, information, and fire statistics for on-campus student housing facilities from 2021, 2022, and 2023 for Ohio State's Columbus, Mansfield, Newark, and Wooster campuses. The Lima and Marion campuses do not have residence halls.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

The Ohio State University takes an active role in fire prevention. This is accomplished in many ways and requires the collaborative efforts of individuals and departments across the campus community along with partnering agencies such as area fire departments and the State of Ohio Fire Marshal.

Of all activities undertaken to prevent fire, building inspections provide the best opportunity to ensure our community is adequately mitigated and protected in the event of a fire.

Building inspections allow Ohio State to monitor and maintain its buildings for compliance with the Ohio Fire Code, local ordinances, Ohio State policies, and national standards promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The inspection frequency is determined by the occupancy and use of the building.

All Ohio State buildings are inspected annually. Some buildings, based on their use group and occupancy are inspected 4 or more times per year. During inspections, compliance is promoted by noting deficiencies, assigning corrective actions, highlighting positive efforts, and developing and enhancing relationships with building tenants and managers.

The building inspection process also allows university staff to become familiar with building systems and locations of fire safety equipment. This knowledge assists local first responders when responding to alarms, fires, and other incidents on campus. Interoperable radio communications among Ohio State and area fire departments also assist in that process.

Each calendar year, Emergency Management and Fire Prevention, the Office of Student Life, Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center, area fire departments, and the State of Ohio Fire Marshal's Office work together to conduct several hundred fire inspections on all Ohio State campuses.

FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS AND FIRE DRILLS

Fire safety systems and fire drills work together to promote the safety and wellness of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors on campus.

Fire safety systems provide detection capabilities, fire suppression, and the opportunity to evacuate a building early in the onset of a fire. On the Columbus campus, all of the residence halls are equipped with central alarm monitoring capabilities and fire safety systems. A chart providing detailed information about the fire safety systems in Columbus on-campus student housing facilities is provided later in this report.

Some components of fire safety systems in buildings or residence halls on campus may include:

- Smoke detectors, heat detectors, duct detectors placed in hallways, stairwells, elevator shafts, ventilation ducts, and mechanical spaces;
- Automatic alarms such as bells, tones, klaxons, and strobes;
- Suppression systems such as wet, dry, pre-action, and deluge sprinkler systems;
- Alarm panels, annunciators, talk-aloud PA systems.
- Fire resistant building design, wall/floor assemblies, and materials; and
- Smoke evacuation systems, automated fire doors, standpipes, etc.

Fire drills educate and empower our students, faculty, staff, and visitors with the familiarization required to evacuate in the event of an actual fire on campus.

These drills highlight exit locations, stairwell access, protective actions, and safe areas of refuge away from the impacted building. Each year, hall directors and resident advisors are required to attend training that includes information about their duties and responsibilities during fire alarms and fire drills.

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Ohio State offers safety discussions, training, and educational opportunities to students, faculty, and staff across campus.

Education and training events help institutionalize the culture of preparedness and fire safety on campus. Education and training programs assist students, faculty,

and staff in developing the confidence and knowledge required to safely act during the event of a fire or other emergency.

The combination of fire prevention training programs and fire drills specifically focused and targeted toward evacuation provide the best opportunity to preserve life and avoid injury in the event of a fire incident on campus.

Education and training events are collaborative efforts among the Department of Public Safety, Student Life, Environmental Health & Safety, Facilities Operations and Development, Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center, and area fire departments.

Student Housing employees in our residence halls are required to provide training to their residents regarding general emergency procedures and safety strategies during the first floor meeting of the academic year. Topics of instruction include but are not limited to evacuation procedures, mandatory evacuation under alarm conditions, 9-1-1 dialing procedures, and fire prevention practices.

Evacuations are mandatory for all students in residence halls when a fire alarm is activated. Failure to evacuate is a violation of the Ohio State Residential Living Handbook and may be investigated or result in sanctions by Ohio State Student Conduct. For more information about procedures that should be followed in case of a fire, see "Student Housing Evacuations."

Fire extinguisher training is offered to students, fraternities, sororities, colleges, and departments throughout the year. This training combines classroom instruction of fire safety topics with hands-on demonstrations to familiarize individuals with the proper use of fire extinguishers and the physical characteristics of fires.

The classroom instruction portion of fire extinguisher training details basic fire prevention information such as:

- How to contact authorities in an emergency;
- What actions to take in the event of a fire;
- The physical properties of fire and how it interacts with our surroundings;
- The safe operation of fire extinguishers;

- Facts about campus fires and fire history at Ohio State;
- Preparedness tips and smart practices to prepare for fires and disasters;
- Environmental health issues; and
- Ohio State fire policies.

For some training opportunities, fire extinguisher training involves the use of actual fire extinguishers and a live fire, giving the opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to learn the procedures and techniques required to use an extinguisher effectively.

Ohio State is required by federal law to annually disclose statistical data about all fires that occur in on-campus student housing facilities. To report that a fire has occurred on campus (non-emergency), contact the Department of Public Safety at 614-292-2121. In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1. Provide as much information as possible about the location, date, time, and cause of the fire.

FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN FIRE SAFETY

Ohio State strives to continuously improve its fire prevention and safety efforts. Future fire prevention efforts at the university will continue to aim at the sustainment of fire prevention activities and assessment and adoption of new fire safety practices and education opportunities in the future.

Feedback and comments about current or future fire prevention activities are proactive ways to become involved in fire prevention efforts at Ohio State. If you would like to provide feedback about any of our current programs or activities or suggest new ideas for fire prevention programs, contact:

Columbus - The university's Emergency Management, 614-247-4911.

Mansfield - University Police, 419-755-4346.

Newark – University Police, 740-366-9237.

Wooster - University Police, 330-287-0111.

FIRE SAFETY 101

IF YOU DISCOVER FIRE OR SMOKE ... **RACE**

- *Rescue* any person in immediate danger.

- *Alarm* – pull the fire alarm to alert everyone.
- *Confine* the fire by closing all doors, where possible. Turn off electronic and gas equipment in your area as you evacuate, if possible.
- *Evacuate* using the nearest stair exit. Follow the exit signs.
- Report the incident by calling 9-1-1 from a safe location.
- Report any discharged fire extinguishers and any first-hand information that you might have.

IF YOU HEAR OR SEE A FIRE ALARM SIGNAL OR ANNOUNCEMENT ...

- Follow emergency procedures for your building or area.
- Follow the exit signs. Use stairs. Do not use elevators. Walk at a normal pace.
- Wait outside at least 50 feet or more away from the building.
- Re-enter the building only after the “all clear” is announced by first responders.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER USE ... **PASS**

- *Pull* the pin.
- *Aim* at the base of the fire.
- *Squeeze* the handle.
- *Sweep* side to side.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER TYPES ...

- Class A: Wood, paper, plastic
- Class B: Oil, grease, flammables
- Class C: Electrical
- Class D: Combustible metals
- Class K: Animal fats or cooking oils

FIRE PROCEDURES

To ensure that fire safety issues are adequately addressed and to ensure that fires in on-campus housing are included in the statistics provided by this report, students, faculty, and staff should report any incidence of fire to the Department of Public Safety at 614-292-2121. These policies apply in all university buildings, including on-campus student housing facilities. Additional information about fire safety and specific

procedures related to fire prevention are in the “Fire and Life Safety Compliance Guide.”

Smoking

- Smoking is prohibited in all university buildings and on all university-owned properties.

Open Flames

- Open flames, candles, candle warmers, or incense are prohibited in residence halls, academic, and administrative buildings.

Cooking Appliances

- Cooking appliances are not permitted in residence hall rooms without prior permission from Residence Life.

Grilling

- Charcoal grilling is prohibited on campus. Propane is authorized if a fire extinguisher is available and safe distances from buildings are observed.

Electrical Safety

- Ensure electrical circuits are not overloaded.
- Ensure all electrical appliances are UL rated, and do not overload circuits.
- Ensure surge protectors are UL rated and do not extend into other rooms through doors, windows, or stairwells.
- Ensure festive lighting is UL rated.

Fire Safety Systems

- Do not tamper with fire protection systems. Ensure they are not obstructed from view or access. All alarm systems must be kept free of storage materials and remain readily accessible.
- Fire and smoke barrier doors must be closed at all times.
- Storage of items may not be within 24 inches of ceilings, block exits, stairwells, extinguishers, or fire alarm pull stations in any building on campus.

Inflammable Liquids

- Inflammable liquids storage is prohibited in all residence halls and office buildings on campus unless stored in an inflammable liquid cabinet.

Space Heaters

- Space heaters are not permitted in residence halls without permission of facilities staff. Any space heaters on campus must be UL-certified and have tip-over protection. Kerosene heaters are not permitted in any Ohio State university building.

Holiday Decorations

- Holiday decorations must not impede fire safety devices, such as exit signs, sprinkler systems, smoke alarms, strobe lights or any other device.

IF A FIRE OCCURS IN YOUR BUILDING

- Assist individuals who are in immediate danger. This may include people who are injured or with access and functional needs who need assistance in evacuating from smoke or fire. If providing assistance places you in further danger or if you are uncomfortable providing assistance, inform first responders of the situation and assist them with finding the individual with information about their location, situation, and the conditions (fire and smoke) observed in that location at the time of evacuation.
- As you begin to evacuate a location on campus because of fire or smoke, pull the nearest fire alarm as soon as possible to allow other occupants of that location the chance to evacuate in a timely manner. No matter how small or insignificant a fire may seem at the time, recognize that fire can quickly become “out of control” and can put individuals at significant risk within a matter of minutes. Pulling a fire alarm early in the stages of a fire will save lives. If you are unsure if a fire alarm should be activated, it most likely should. Hesitancy may put occupants of a building at risk.
- After you have made the decision to evacuate an area, ensure that doors within your area are closed, including stairwell doors (that typically may shut automatically) and doors that separate hallways and

buildings. To find the quickest exit, follow the lit exit signs to the nearest exit or stairway.

STUDENT HOUSING EVACUATIONS

In addition to adhering to fire policies, students, faculty, and staff must understand and practice policies regarding activities during the course of a fire at Ohio State.

If a student discovers smoke or fire, immediately pull the nearest fire alarm and evacuate the building. Upon exit, dial **9-1-1** to report the fire.

Residence hall occupants should become familiar with posted evacuation routes and procedures for their buildings. These are typically located near elevators, stairwells, and exits. In general, any student residing in or present in a university residence hall must evacuate the building when a fire alarm sounds using stairwells and exits.

All students should know and memorize two exits from the building and understand that an evacuation may require you to evacuate a smoke-filled area. In the case of smoke, stay low and check all doors before proceeding to an exit.

Windows also may be an exit option in some buildings. If you need to exit from a window, verbally summon the assistance of a first responder before attempting to exit a building from a window.

Upon exiting the residence hall, students must move to a location away from the building and fire equipment until notified by first responders that the building is clear to be re-occupied.

After evacuating, if you know of a resident who may still be in the impacted building, provide that information to first responders by giving the name and location of the individual so they may assist them.

Refer to the “Residential Living Handbook” to review residence hall fire policies and evacuation.

RESIDENTIAL LIVING HANDBOOK - EXCERPTS

3.5 Room Furnishings

(d) In personalizing apartments, rooms or suites, residents may not rewire them or otherwise modify electrical outlets, switches, fixtures, or wall coverings.

(e) Installing wall- or ceiling-mounted electrical items (including but not limited to fans, lights, etc.) is prohibited.

5 Guests and Visitation

For the health and safety of our university community, visitors (anyone living outside of a student’s specific residential community) will not be permitted after student move-in. Overnight guests are also prohibited.

7.1 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Network

Dialing 9-1-1 or the use of an emergency phone in a non-emergency situation is prohibited by the university and by law. Ohio State University Police may be contacted in a non-emergency by dialing 614-292-2121. Use 9-1-1 when immediate assistance is required for life threatening or other emergencies, including medical emergencies, fire, or issues requiring immediate support from fire or police personnel.

7.3 Fire Prevention

Each residence hall adheres to the specific regulations concerning fire prevention and safety that are mandated by the Ohio Fire Code. Violations of these regulations are violations of state law and are prohibited.

(a) Residents, in addition to Ohio Fire Code stipulations, are prohibited from the use of halogen bulbs and incense.

(b) Setting fires inside or outside university housing is prohibited and is punishable under the Ohio Fire Code. This includes but is not limited to igniting bulletin boards, wall coverings, trash containers, and door decorations. The police will be involved in investigating all fire incidents.

(c) Pulling a fire alarm or falsely reporting an emergency to the police or fire department is prohibited and is punishable under the Ohio Fire Code.

- Residents of a room or suite may be charged for unnecessary fire safety visits when it is determined that the smoke detector in an individual room was intentionally or negligently activated.
- The unauthorized use, tampering, or damage to emergency or safety equipment, including but not limited to smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, building fire hose connections, and sprinkler systems, is prohibited and is punishable under the Ohio Fire Code.

(d) Obstructing or disobeying emergency evacuation procedures or drills is prohibited and is punishable under the Ohio Fire Code. If the fire alarm bells are ringing in a building, residents must evacuate the building.

(e) The Department of Public Safety Fire Prevention prohibits the use of non-university charcoal grills on campus. Propane grills may be used only when beyond 25 feet from any building and/or window. Propane tanks must be stored in accordance with the Ohio Fire Code.

(f) Using items such as candles, wax/candle/oil warmers, incense, torches, or any item with an open flame, which by nature of their use may be left unattended, poses a fire hazard and therefore is not permitted in residence halls, whether indoors or outdoors. This includes smoking and the use of tobacco as defined and prohibited in Section 4.7 and vaping.

7.5 Personal Safety

(c) Paper, fishnets, parachutes, flags, drapes, tapestries, or other combustible items must not be hung from or attached to apartment, room or suite ceilings; they constitute a fire hazard. Items may not be hung from sprinkler heads, no matter how light they are. Hanging items and inserting devices into sprinklers may break or interfere with the mechanism or set off the sprinkler. In residential settings, combustible materials like paper, posters, and decorations can cover up to 20% of the wall area in non-sprinklered buildings and 50% in buildings with full fire sprinkler systems.

(d) Storage and use of hazardous chemicals and materials are strictly prohibited other than common household cleaning materials in consumer quantities.

Other exceptions, such as therapeutic drugs and medical gases, may apply and must be approved through the Office of Student Life Risk and Emergency Management.

(f) Using doors with security alarms is prohibited except during emergency evacuation. Because they prevent the spread of smoke and fire, fire doors or locked doors may never be propped open.

FIRE STATISTICS AND FIRE LOG

The Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) group maintains a written Fire Log that records required incident information concerning fires that occur in on-campus student housing.

The university also is required to provide an annual report to the campus community about the fires recorded in the Fire Log. The Fire Statistics section is intended to satisfy this requirement and contains information about all fires recorded in the Fire Log.

The Fire Log provides the date reported, nature, date the fire occurred, time, and general location of each fire. The university is required to update the Fire Log within two business days of receiving the information about a fire in an on-campus housing facility.

The Fire Log will be open to public inspection for at least the most recent 60-day period during normal business hours. Any portion of the Fire Log older than 60 days will be made available within two business days of a request for public inspection.

Contact these resources to make a non-emergency report of a fire that has occurred on campus so it may be included in the Fire Log. View the Fire Logs for the [Columbus](#) and [regional campuses](#). Note that the Lima and Marion campuses do not have on-campus housing.

Columbus - Blankenship Hall, 901 Woody Hayes Drive - 614-292-2121.

Mansfield - 159 Riedl Hall, 1760 University Drive - 419-755-4346.

Newark - 105 Warner Building, 1179 University Drive - 740-366-9237.

Wooster - Simon Rice House, 1727 Williams Drive -
330-287-0111.

REPORTING

The following pages represent the fire drills and fire statistics for The Ohio State University campuses that have residence halls — Columbus, Mansfield, Newark, Wooster.

Columbus – 2024 Fire Safety Systems and Fire Drills for On-Campus Housing

COLUMBUS Building Name	Monitored Alarm System	Sprinklered	Standpiped	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguishers	# of Fire Drills
Archer House	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	2
Baker Hall	YES	PARTIAL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Barrett House	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Blackburn House	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Bowen House	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Bradley Hall	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Buckeye Village	YES	NO	NO	LOCAL	YES	4
Busch House	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Canfield Hall	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Curl Hall	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	1
Drackett Tower	YES	PARTIAL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Fechko House	YES	NO	NO	SYSTEM	YES	4
Fisher Commons*	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	0
Gateway Apartments	YES	FULL	NO	SYSTEM	YES	4
German House	YES	NO	NO	SYSTEM	YES	4
Halloran House	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Hanley House	YES	NO	NO	SYSTEM	YES	4
Haverfield House	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Highline*	YES	YES	NO	SYSTEM	YES	0
Highline on 9 th BLDG 1*	YES	YES	NO	SYSTEM	YES	0
Highline on 9 th BLDG 2*	YES	YES	NO	SYSTEM	YES	0
Highline on 9 th BLDG 3*	YES	YES	NO	SYSTEM	YES	0
Highline on 9 th BLDG 4*	YES	YES	NO	SYSTEM	YES	0
Houck House	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Houston House	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Jones Tower	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Kennedy Commons	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	1
Lawrence Tower	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Lincoln Tower	YES	PARTIAL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Mack Hall	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Mendoza House	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Morrill Tower	YES	PARTIAL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Morrison Tower	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4

COLUMBUS Building Name	Monitored Alarm System	Sprinklered	Standpiped	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguishers	# of Fire Drills
Neil Ave. Building	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
North Rec	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	1
Norton House	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Nosker House	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Ohio Union	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	1
Park-Stradley Hall	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Paterson Hall	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Pennsylvania Place	YES	NO	NO	SYSTEM	YES	4
Point on Lane*	YES	YES	NO	SYSTEM	YES	3
Pomerene House	YES	NO	NO	SYSTEM	YES	4
Poultry Facility	NO	NO	NO	LOCAL	YES	0
Raney House	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Residence on Tenth	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Scholars House East	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Scholars House West	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Scott House	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Sheep Barn	NO	NO	NO	LOCAL	YES	0
Siebert Hall	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Smith-Steeb Hall	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Taylor Tower	YES	NO	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Torres House	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Veteran's House	YES	NO	NO	SYSTEM	YES	4
Worthington Building	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	4
Younkin	YES	FULL	YES	SYSTEM	YES	1

* Fisher Commons and Point on Lane fall into the definition of "on-campus student housing facility" as provided in 34 C.F.R.668.41(a).

Columbus – Fire Statistics for On-Campus Housing

COLUMBUS Building Name	Year	Number of Fires	Date, Time, Cause	Number of Fire-related Injuries	Number of Fire-related Deaths	Value of Property Damaged
Archer House 2130 Neil Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Baker Hall 93 & 129 W. 12th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Barrett House 88 W. Woodruff Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	1	10/02/2023-1:36 a.m.-unintentional- Aluminum used in a microwave	0	0	\$500
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Blackburn House 136 W. Woodruff Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Bowen House 2125 N. High St	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Bradley Hall 221 W. 12th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Buckeye Village 2724 Defiance Dr	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Busch House 2115 N. High St	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0

COLUMBUS Building Name	Year	Number of Fires	Date, Time, Cause	Number of Fire-related Injuries	Number of Fire-related Deaths	Value of Property Damaged
Canfield Hall 236 W. 11th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Drackett Tower 191 W. Lane Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Fechko House 220-222 W. 11th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	1	4/14/2022-3:00 p.m.-unintentional – fire caused by dryer malfunction	0	0	\$3,000
Fisher Commons* 900 Nettle Dr	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Gateway Apartments 1595 & 1620 N. High St, 11th Ave, 9th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
German House 141 W. 11th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Halloran House 60 W. Woodruff Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Hanley House 225 W. 10th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0

COLUMBUS Building Name	Year	Number of Fires	Date, Time, Cause	Number of Fire-related Injuries	Number of Fire-related Deaths	Value of Property Damaged
Haverfield House 112 W. Woodruff Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Highline* 1494 North High Street	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2022	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Highline on 9 th Building 1 – 55 East 9 th Avenue	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2022	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Highline on 9 th * Building 2 – 60 East 8 th Avenue	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2022	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Highline on 9 th * Building 3 – 31~53 East 8 th Avenue	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2022	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Highline on 9 th * Building 4 – 71~85 East 8 th Avenue	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2022	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0

COLUMBUS Building Name	Year	Number of Fires	Date, Time, Cause	Number of Fire-related Injuries	Number of Fire-related Deaths	Value of Property Damaged
Lawrence Tower 328 W. Lane Ave	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Lincoln Tower 1800 Cannon Dr	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Mack Hall 1698 Neil Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Mendoza House 190 W. Woodruff Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Morrill Tower 1900 Cannon Dr	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Morrison Tower 196 W. 11th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Neil Ave. Building 1578 Neil Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Norton House 2114 Neil Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2024	1	04/26/2024-02:30 a.m.-intentional-burning paper	0	0	0

COLUMBUS Building Name	Year	Number of Fires	Date, Time, Cause	Number of Fire-related Injuries	Number of Fire-related Deaths	Value of Property Damaged
Nosker House 124 W. Woodruff Ave	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Park-Stradley Hall 120 W. 11th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	1	04/20/2022-12:30 p.m.-unintentional-unattended food on stove	0	0	\$20
Paterson Hall 191 W. 12th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Pennsylvania Place 1478 Pennsylvania Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Point on Lane* 2212 Tuttle Park Place	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2022	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pomerene House 231 W. 10th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Poultry Facility 2201 Fred Taylor Dr	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Residences on Tenth 230 W. 10th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	1	11/14/2023 8:41 a.m.- unintentional- malfunctioning battery charger	0	0	\$50,000
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Raney House 33 W. Lane Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0

COLUMBUS Building Name	Year	Number of Fires	Date, Time, Cause	Number of Fire-related Injuries	Number of Fire-related Deaths	Value of Property Damaged
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Scholars House East 221 W. 10th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Scholars House West 239 W. 10th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Scott House 160 W. Woodruff Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Sheep Barn 2325 W. Case Rd	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Siebert Hall 184 W. 11th Ave	2024	1	10/18/2024-10:45PM-unintentional-stovetop fire	1	0	\$500
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Smith-Steeb Hall 80 W. 11th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Taylor Tower 55 W. Lane Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Torres House 187 W. Lane Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0

COLUMBUS Building Name	Year	Number of Fires	Date, Time, Cause	Number of Fire-related Injuries	Number of Fire-related Deaths	Value of Property Damaged
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Veteran's House 237 E. 17th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Worthington Building 203 W. 10th Ave	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0

Columbus – Fire Statistics for Ohio State Leased Properties**

COLUMBUS Building Name	Year	Number of Fires	Date, Time, Cause	Number of Fire-related Injuries	Number of Fire-related Deaths	Value of Property Damaged
55 East 15th Ave.	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
67 East 15th Ave.	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
94 East 15th Ave.	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
116 East 15th Ave.	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
141 East 15th Ave.	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
1934 Indianola Ave.	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0

* Fisher Commons and Point on Lane fall into the definition of “on-campus student housing facility” as provided in 34 C.F.R.668.41(a).

** Ohio State leased properties are located off-campus. They do not fall into the definition of an “on-campus student housing facility. As of summer, 2021 Ohio State is no longer involved with the leasing of the listed properties, they now fall into the definition of “non-campus buildings and property” as provided in 34 C.F.R.668.41(a).

Mansfield – 2024 Fire Safety Systems and Fire Drills for On-Campus Housing

MANSFIELD Building Name	Monitored Alarm System	Sprinklered	Standpipied	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguishers	# of Fire Drills
Molyet Village	NO	NO	NO	LOCAL	YES	4
1351 Springmill Rd	NO	NO	NO	LOCAL	YES	0

Mansfield – Fire Statistics for On-Campus Housing

MANSFIELD Building Name	Year	Number of Fires	Date, Time, Cause	Number of Fire-related Injuries	Number of Fire-related Deaths	Value of Property Damaged
Molyet Village 1365 Springmill St	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
1351 Springmill Rd	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0

Newark – 2024 Fire Safety Systems and Fire Drills for On-Campus Housing

NEWARK Building Name	Monitored Alarm System	Sprinklered	Standpiped	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguishers	# of Fire Drills
McConnell Hall	YES	FULL	YES	YES	YES	4
Newark Residence 1	YES	PARTIAL	NO	YES	YES	4
Newark Residence 2	YES	PARTIAL	NO	YES	YES	4

Newark – Fire Statistics for On-Campus Housing

NEWARK Building Name	Year	Number of Fires	Date, Time, Cause	Number of Fire-related Injuries	Number of Fire-related Deaths	Value of Property Damaged
McConnell Hall 929 Sharon Valley Rd	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Newark Residence 1 929 Sharon Valley Rd	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	1	03/05/2022-4:15 p.m.-intentional-resident burned items in a trash can	0	0	\$50
Newark Residence 2 929 Sharon Valley Rd	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0

Wooster – 2024 Fire Safety Systems and Fire Drills for On-Campus Housing

WOOSTER Building Name	Monitored Alarm System	Sprinklered	Standpiped	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguishers	# of Fire Drills
Applewood Village Apple Orchard Dr	NO	NO	NO	STAND ALONE	YES	2
Applewood Village Franklin Ct	NO	NO	NO	STAND ALONE	YES	2
Applewood Village Holly Ct	NO	NO	NO	STAND ALONE	YES	2
Applewood Village Ruby Ct	NO	NO	NO	STAND ALONE	YES	2
Graduate Student House	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0

Wooster – Fire Statistics for On-Campus Housing

WOOSTER Building Name	Year	Number of Fires	Date, Time, Cause	Number of Fire-related Injuries	Number of Fire-related Deaths	Value of Property Damaged
Applewood Village Apple Orchard Dr	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Applewood Village Franklin Ct	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Applewood Village Holly Ct	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Applewood Village Ruby Ct	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Graduate Student House	2024	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2023	0	n/a	0	0	0
	2022	0	n/a	0	0	0

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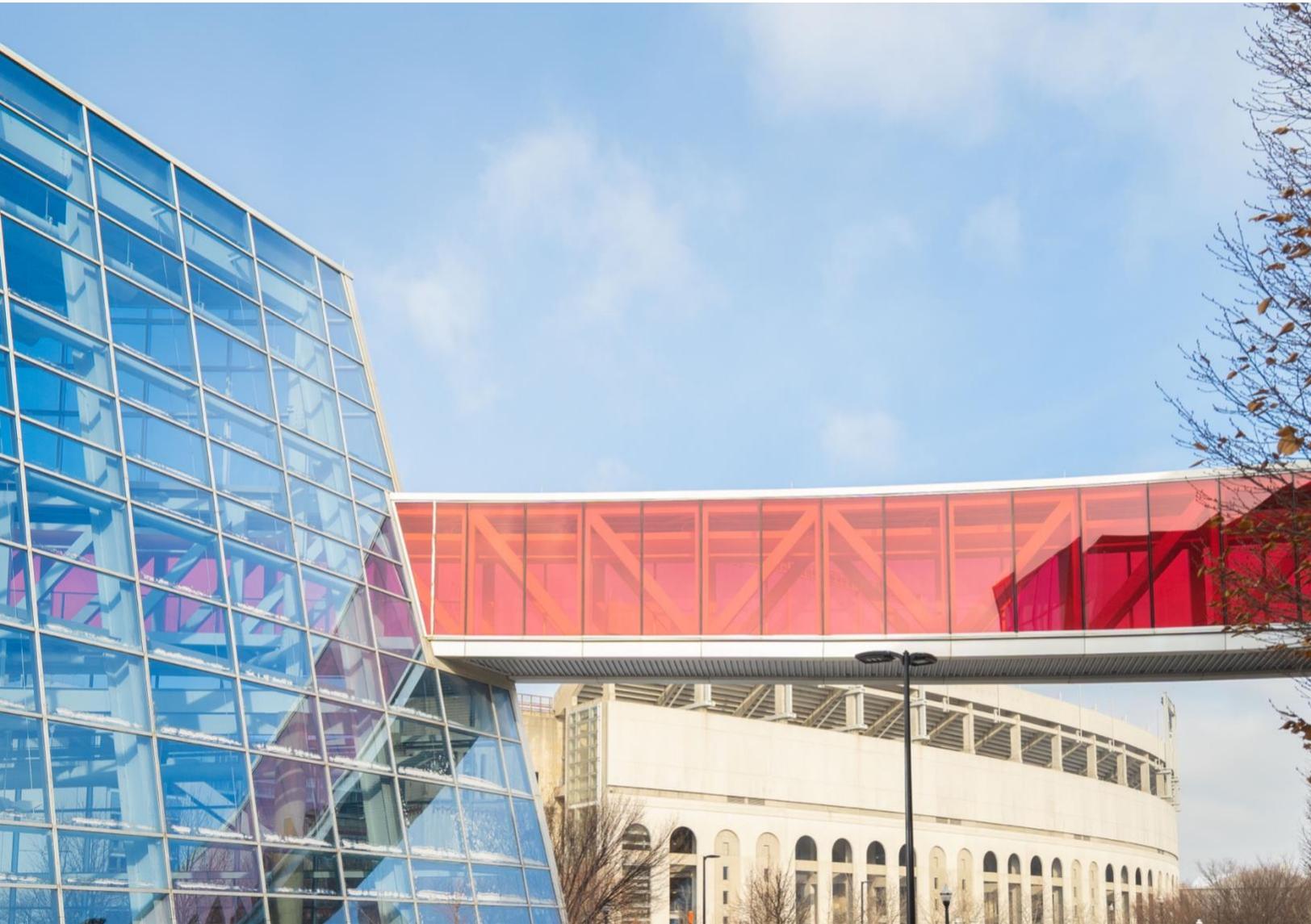


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INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

The Ohio State University is committed to providing a fire-safe environment for its students, faculty, staff, patients and visitors and to protect its property through an effective fire prevention, protection, preparedness and response program. The purpose of this Fire and Life Safety Compliance Guide is to assist the university community in working together to maintain an environment that reduces the risk of fire hazards.

The Fire and Life Safety Compliance Guide outlines how the university proposes to safeguard life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from storage, handling or using materials or equipment, and from conditions hazardous to life and property. The requirements of the policy are based on compliance with Ohio Fire Code (2025), enforced by the State of Ohio Fire Marshal Office, State of Ohio Department of Commerce, and other applicable federal, state, and local codes and standards.

This Fire and Life Safety Compliance Guide was developed to give our campus community the information needed to adhere to the Ohio Fire Code and to help contribute to the safety of our campus community. It offers guidance on some of the most common fire and life safety issues that, if not properly addressed, can become fire code violations. This guide addresses four major areas: fire prevention, fire protection, fire emergency preparedness, and fire response.

SCOPE AND APPLICATION

The requirements in this guide apply to all university faculty, staff, students, volunteers, and outside contractors working on university premises. The policy is applicable to all occupied or unoccupied facilities owned or leased by the university, activities including storage, handling and use of materials and equipment within the

facilities, and new construction and renovation from the planning stage to project completion.

RESPONSIBILITY

Students, faculty, and staff are responsible for complying with the procedures outlined in this guide, and any additional procedures specific to their department or building. Each individual must follow the fire safety and emergency evacuation procedure specific for their area and any specific instructions from the area floor evacuation coordinators and Building Coordinators. All fire- or smoke-related incidents, regardless of their size, promptly should be reported by dialing **9-1-1**. Any unsafe condition and injury should be reported to the appropriate supervisor. Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) is available to assist by providing technical and code information, guidance, training, and education.

We look forward to working with our staff, students, and volunteers to provide a fire-safe environment at Ohio State. Feel free to contact Emergency Management and Fire Prevention for further information or clarification regarding fire and life safety issues.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Emergency Management – 614-247-4911
- Facilities Operations and Development, Columbus – 614-292-HELP
- Environmental Health and Safety – 614-292-1284
- University Police Division
 - Columbus – Blankenship Hall, 901 Woody Hayes Drive, 614-292-2121
 - Lima – 140 Technical Education Lab, 4240 Campus Drive 567-242-7201
 - Mansfield, Riedl Hall, 1760 University Drive, 614-292-2121
 - Marion – 138 Morrill Hall, 1465 Mt. Vernon Ave., 614-292-2121

- Newark, 105 Warner Library and Student Center, 1219 University Drive, 614-292-2121
- Wooster, Simon Rice House, 1727 Williams Drive, 614-292-2121

- Re-enter the building only after the “all clear” is announced by Ohio State Public Safety or the responding fire department.

FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

FIRE RESPONSE PROCEDURES

In case of a fire or a fire alarm, the following procedure is to be followed. Generally, the RACE procedure is used in all university facilities with some variations. Always consult and follow your building-specific Building Emergency Action Plan or posted evacuation procedures.

If you discover a fire or smoke condition: RACE

- Rescue any person in immediate danger.
- Alarm — pull the fire alarm to alert everyone.
- Confine the fire by closing all doors, where possible. Turn off electric and gas equipment in your area as you evacuate, if possible.
- Evacuate using the nearest stair exit. Follow the exit signs.
- Extinguish a small fire using a fire extinguisher, if trained.
- Report the incident by calling 9-1-1 from a safe location.
- Report any discharged fire extinguishers and any first-hand information that you might have.

If you hear or see a fire alarm signal or announcement:

- Follow the emergency procedure for your building and area.
- Follow the announcements on the public address system or instructions of your area floor captains.
- Evacuate or stand by and stay alert as instructed on the public address system.
- Follow the EXIT signs. Use stairs. Do not use elevators. Walk at a normal pace.
- Wait outside in the designated assembly areas at least 50 feet or more away from the building as instructed.

Procedure for People with Disabilities

- Note: Each department should complete the Emergency Plan for People with Disabilities form to develop their specific evacuation strategy. Refer to the Building Emergency Action Plan (BEAP) for specific guidance about evacuation procedures for people with disabilities and roles and responsibilities for staff, faculty, and evacuation assistants.
- All occupants: report the presence of any person with a disability in the building to the fire department.
- 4 Types of Evacuation: Horizontal, stairway evacuation, shelter in place, or seek an area of refuge.
- Evacuation Assistants: Assist individuals with evacuation. Report to first responders.
- Floor Evacuation Coordinators: Assist individuals with evacuation. Report to first responders.
- Do not evacuate vertically unless the person is able to ambulate.
- Do not use the elevators unless assisted by first responders.

Remember Fire Extinguisher Key Words – P.A.S.S.

- Pull the pin
- Aim at the base of the fire
- Squeeze the handle
- Sweep from side to side

Fire Types

- Class A = wood, paper, plastic
- Class B = oil, grease, flammables
- Class C = Electrical
- Class D = combustive metals
- Class K = animal fats or cooking oils

USING THE FIRE ALARM BOX

As you walk toward an exit in the corridor or near the stairwell door, you should find at least one wall-mounted metal box – a fire alarm pull box. In case of fire or smoke, just pull it down as indicated. An alarm should sound and an announcement might follow, where equipped. The alarm system also can be activated

automatically when a heat or smoke detector senses a fire or smoke condition.

Once the alarm is activated, notification goes to the Department of Public Safety, which then dispatches appropriate responders. Use the fire alarm pull box promptly to minimize the loss of life and property because of fire.

Some pull boxes have Plexiglas covers that, when lifted, produce a local warning sound. Note that this is not a fire alarm sound. To activate the fire alarm throughout the building, you must pull the inner pull box.

To ensure that the system will protect you, you should know at least two pull box locations in your area. Maintain pull boxes free of obstructions and clearly visible at all times.

Report any fire alarm concerns to Ohio State's Emergency Management and Fire Prevention at **614-247-4911**.

FIRE INCIDENT RESPONSE

In addition to the fire evacuation procedure, the following responses may be necessary:

Utilizing Fire Extinguishers

A fire extinguisher should be used only for small, incipient stage fires such as ones that might occur in a wastepaper basket, and only by a trained individual. A large, developed or spreading fire should be handled by the responding fire department.

Training is available to familiarize members of the university community with proper fire extinguisher use and tactics by contacting Ohio State's Fire Prevention at **614-247-3473**.

All used, missing or damaged fire extinguishers should be reported to Service2Facilities at go.osu.edu/servicerequest or by calling **614-292-4357**.

Responding to Clothing Fires and Burn Injuries

What you do for a burn in the first few minutes can make a difference in the severity of the injury.

- Stop the burning process. Remove the source of heat. If clothing catches fire, **STOP, DROP, COVER YOUR FACE, AND ROLL** to smother the flames.
- you should- Cover your face with your hands to protect it from the flames
- Remove all burned clothes. Clothing may retain heat and cause a deeper injury. If clothing adheres to the skin, cut or tear around adherent area to preserve good skin tissue.
- Pour cool water over areas burned. Keep pouring the cool water for at least 3-5 minutes (30-40 minutes for chemical injury). **DO NOT PACK THE BURNED AREAS IN ICE!** This may increase the extent of injury and cause hypothermia.
- Remove all jewelry, belts, tight clothing, etc., from the burned areas and from around the victim's neck. Swelling of burned areas occurs immediately.
- Do not apply ointments or butter to wounds. These may cause infection because of their oil base and convert wounds to deeper injury.
- Cover burns with a clean dry dressing, bandage, or sheet.
- Keep the victim warm!
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible!

FIRE OR SMOKE INCIDENT REPORTING

Students, staff, faculty, volunteers, and outside contractors working on the university premises must immediately report all fire or smoke incidents regardless of size or type, by calling **9-1-1** or **614-292-2121**. This notification must be made whether or not the fire already has been extinguished.

The fire scene should not be disturbed. Removal of any items from the fire or smoke scene without prior approval is prohibited. This is to ensure that no evidence that may be critical in incident investigation is lost. The affected department should promptly notify Ohio State's Department of Public Safety if there is a potential for further damage to property or injury to the occupants, if left on the fire scene. Where the department must act swiftly to protect valuable research or records from further damage, it should be made known to the Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety documents all fires, regardless of size.

The area of the fire cannot be re-occupied until public safety officials announce “all clear.”

RESPONDING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Once a fire alarm is activated, notification goes to the Department of Public Safety that then dispatches appropriate responders. If you have specific emergency-related information, share it with the responding fire department or public safety personnel.

FIRE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS

Each university-owned or -leased facility has a Building Emergency Action Plan (BEAP) specific to that location. Each school/unit administrator and appropriate Building Coordinator is responsible for developing a Building Emergency Action Plan, implementing it, and updating the BEAP in conjunction with Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP). All employees should take the online Building Emergency Action Plan training available through the Office of Environmental Health & Safety.

Upon discovering a fire or smoke condition or upon hearing a fire alarm, each building occupant should follow the instructions as noted on the posted evacuation floor plans or follow the direction of the area floor captains or other emergency responders. Emergency procedures may require either total or partial building evacuation. Special “defend-in-place” procedures also are utilized for health-care facilities and areas where critical activities are occurring. Procedures are available in one or more of the following formats:

[Building Emergency Action Plans](#) are required for all buildings. Copies of these plans should be made available to employees for review and use. Each written plan should outline the roles and responsibilities of departments or individuals during an emergency. Topics such as evacuation, communications, emergency procedures, fire safety, training, planning, and implementation are primary components of the BEAP. In addition, individual departments may add or create

supplementary appendices to the BEAP to satisfy the needs of a specific area.

Emergency evacuation floor plans are posted throughout the building to assist the building occupants in becoming familiar with their location, directions to exit, and location of fire protection and safety devices. These plans also include a brief fire alarm emergency procedure. As you walk out from your work area to an exit, you may find an evacuation floor plan posted on a wall, probably near the elevator lobby or fire alarm pull box. Take time to review the information for your safety.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

People with disabilities and Access and Functional Needs (PWN) are more at risk during an emergency situation. Their presence in the stairwells during an emergency, especially when stair landings are crowded with evacuating people, can significantly impede the flow of evacuation, potentially causing serious injury to both the evacuees and people with disabilities. Therefore, sheltering in place of people with disabilities for their safe evacuation during fire or other emergencies requires careful planning and preparation. Appropriate procedures based on risk factors, such as occupant and building characteristics, are required to prevent serious life safety hazards.

Emergency procedures for PWN have been developed to promote the safety of PWN and all other building occupants during an emergency evacuation. It also may be used with appropriate modifications in areas where patients may be undergoing medical procedures and where discontinuing any active patient care may pose an increased risk to the patient. In these cases, those who are involved directly in patient care should ensure that all necessary communications, notifications, and safety measures outlined in the procedure are implemented.

Each department should develop and implement a departmental plan, using the Emergency Procedures for People with Disabilities in conjunction with the Building Coordinator and Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) as required. The department should ensure that this procedure is incorporated in the building-specific Building Emergency Action Plan (BEAP).

EMFP can offer technical assistance for emergency preparedness training for evacuation assistants and floor evacuation coordinators as part of training programs and for individual departments as requested.

FIRE EXIT DRILLS

Fire exit drills are conducted to provide an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and emergency responders to become familiar with the building fire safety features, to practice emergency procedures, and to ensure the efficient and safe use of exits.

To ensure that this practice is adequate, the Building Coordinator, in consultation with Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) should arrange the drills so they simulate probable varying emergency conditions specific to the building. The schedule for such drills should be representative of various shifts. All drills must be coordinated with the Building Coordinator and EMFP in such a manner so as to minimize the disruption of normal business operations or patient care, to the greatest extent possible.

An unscheduled fire alarm evacuation shall not be considered as a fire evacuation drill. The Building Coordinator may complete the Fire Alarm Procedure Evaluation form and submit it to EMFP for record keeping and have any evacuation-related deficiencies addressed.

All deficiencies identified during the drills must be promptly addressed. The Building Coordinator or floor evacuation coordinators must follow-up on identified issues. EMFP or the Building Coordinator should report all building-related items to Service2Facilities at 614-292-HELP (4357) or via web-based reporting as provided by Facilities Operations and Development at fod.osu.edu/s2f.

Fire exit drills must be conducted utilizing the procedure established by EMFP and the Ohio Fire Code.

Occupancy Group B: Annually
Occupancy Group E: Monthly
Occupancy Group R-2: Quarterly

For questions regarding the occupancy type of your building, contact Ohio State's Fire Prevention at 614-247-4911 for specific information.

FIRE ALARM PROCEDURE EVALUATION

All building floor evacuation coordinators, evacuation assistants, and Building Coordinators should complete a "Fire Drill Checklist" to evaluate all fire alarms, including fire exit drills and fire incidents. The purpose of this form is to evaluate fire alarm response performance and identify and correct any deficiencies. The completed form is then forwarded to Ohio State's Fire Prevention.

FIRE SAFETY TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Fire and life safety training and education are provided to the university faculty, staff, students, area floor evacuation coordinators, and Building Coordinators as part of fire exit drills, hands-on fire extinguisher training, student orientation programs, and other training as necessary. Appropriate department managers or supervisors should ensure that their staff members are adequately informed or trained in building-specific fire emergency evacuation and response procedure. The department managing the project should ensure that all outside contractor personnel are informed of the building fire emergency procedures.

Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) offers fire and life safety education and training for the Building Coordinators, floor evacuation coordinators and evacuation assistants as part of scheduled fire exit drills and extinguisher training programs. EMFP also offers additional training as requested. The following areas are covered during the quarterly pre-drill training session: explanation of the plan; how to sound an alarm; how to isolate the fire or smoke; how to evacuate; how to use a fire extinguisher; fire exit drill procedure; the location of fire exits, pull boxes, exit stairwells; and areas of refuge.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Portable fire extinguishers of appropriate type and size are provided as required in all areas. Extinguishers are inspected, tested, maintained, and documented as required by the Ohio Fire Code. Facilities Operations and Development (FOD), Environmental Health & Safety (EHS), and Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) must ensure compliance with this requirement as applicable. Fire extinguishers are provided throughout all university buildings for use by trained students, faculty, and staff. EMFP provides

related classroom training during scheduled fire exit drills and during hands-on training. Each user should be familiar with the following basic safety information in the fire extinguisher fact sheet.

Portable fire extinguishers effectively extinguish 90% of all fires before the fire department responds. Research shows that fires get out of control in 3-5 minutes. A fire extinguisher is your first aid to fire fighting. Because an average extinguisher discharges completely in less than 1 minute, it is important that you know at least two locations for extinguishers nearest to your work area and know how to use them effectively.

Safety Precautions

- Before using a fire extinguisher, always pull the building fire alarm.
 - Do not attempt to use a fire extinguisher if the fire is large and spreading. Use it only for small-fire defense (e.g., a wastepaper basket).
 - Do not use the fire extinguisher if the lock pin is tampered, the cylinder is damaged, or if the pressure gauge pointer is in the “recharge” zone.
 - Do not use the fire extinguisher if you are not trained and confident about using it.
 - Read the extinguisher label to ensure it is the right type for the kind of fire at hand. The label indicates one or more of the fire classes and symbols (below), and specific applications for which it can be used.
 - Protect yourself at all times:
- Never block your escape route.
 - Stay low. Avoid breathing the heated smoke and fumes.
 - If the fire cannot be controlled, get out immediately to safety.

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

- Position yourself at a safe distance from the fire (e.g., 8-10 feet when using an ABC-type unit, 5-7 feet when using a CO₂ unit, or 20-25 feet with Pressurized Water extinguisher).
- Remember the “P-A-S-S” procedure:
 - Pull the pin: This unlocks the operating lever and allows you to discharge the extinguisher.
 - Aim low: Point the extinguisher nozzle, horn, hose at the base of the fire.
 - Squeeze and hold the handle to discharge the extinguishing agent without any interruption.
 - Sweep slowly from side to side as you hold the handle squeezed.
- Move closer carefully as the fire gets smaller and as you continue spraying.
- Watch the fire area until it has completely cooled down.
- Repeat the “P-A-S-S” procedure if the fire re-ignites.
- Report the discharged extinguisher to Service2Facilities at 614-292-HELP (4357). Once used, the extinguisher must be recharged.

Types of Fire Extinguishers

Class	Symbol	Application	Identification/Description
A	Letter "A" in triangle	Ordinary combustibles. (e.g., wood, paper, cloth)	Stainless steel cylinder body with pressure gauge. Cools fire with pressurized water. Do not use for flammable liquids (B) or electrical (C) fire.
B	Letter "B" in square	Flammable liquids/gases. (e.g., gasoline, oil, paint)	Red cylinder body and horn, no gauge. Deprives the fire reaction of oxygen with carbon dioxide. Home kitchen fire use.
C	Letter "C" in circle	Energized electrical equipment. (e.g., powered appliances)	Interrupts chemical chain reaction. Both carbon dioxide and ABC type extinguishers can be used.
ABC	A, B, and C	All of the above applications. Multipurpose ABC, home use	Red cylinder body. Interrupts chemical chain reaction of fire with dry chemical powder. Most commonly used.
K	Letter "K"	Commercial cooking, deep-frying with oils and fats. Minimum rating: 2A: 1B: C: K	Stainless steel cylinder body with long safety wand. Cools and interrupts chemical reaction. Uses wet chemical with fine mist application. Relatively new.
AC	Water Mist Letter "A" Letter "C"	Trash, wood, paper, and electrical equipment. For clean rooms; minimum rating 2A: C	White paint finish cylinder with long safety wand. Preferred for clean rooms, telecom, electronics equipment areas. Relatively new.

BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS

As you walk in the hallways on your way to an exit – and usually near the stairwell door – you should find at least one fire alarm pull box. In case of fire or smoke, always pull the alarm box first, regardless of the size of the fire. Upon pulling this box, an alarm should sound, and verbal instructions might follow.

The alarm system also should be activated automatically when a heat or smoke detector detects a fire or smoke condition, protecting both people and property even when the fire is not noticed by an individual. Once the alarm is activated, notification goes to the local fire department through the Department of Public Safety. Your awareness and prompt use of the fire alarm system can minimize the loss of life and property because of fire. To ensure that the system will protect you, you must:

- Evacuate during all fire alarms.
- Respond to all alarms equally. Never assume that it is a test or a drill or a false alarm!

- Become familiar with your building's fire alarm system and alarm notification procedures.
- Know at least two pull box locations in your area.
- Know how to activate the fire alarm.
- Maintain pull boxes free of obstructions and clearly visible at all times.
- Report promptly to the Department of Public Safety, if the alarm is not heard properly in your area.
- Some pull boxes have Plexiglas covers that, when lifted, produce a local warning sound. Note that this is not a fire alarm sound. To activate the fire alarm throughout the building, you must pull the inner pull box.

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Sprinklers are installed in many building areas to protect both life and property. In case of fire, each sprinkler head detects temperature in the room and begins spraying water as soon as the room temperature exceeds a predetermined value.

Not all buildings or areas are equipped with sprinkler systems. Hazardous locations, storage areas and basement levels generally are protected with sprinklers as required by the Ohio Fire Code. Many new houses are now equipped with residential sprinkler systems

because most fire-related deaths continue to occur in residential buildings.

As you store materials and boxes in your area, always maintain a minimum of two feet clearance between the ceiling and the storage. This clearance allows the sprinkler head to spray water uniformly and extinguish the fire effectively. If you notice any unsafe conditions, such as a sprinkler head that is painted over or heavily laden with dust, blocked in any other manner, or broken, promptly report this condition to Emergency Management and Fire Prevention and Facilities Operations and Development (614-292-HELP).

FIRE AND SMOKE-BARRIER DOORS

University buildings are equipped with fire-rated doors and smoke-barrier doors. These doors prevent smoke and heat from traveling up stairwells and along corridors. Facilities Operations and Development is tasked with maintaining these doors, including all hardware.

FIRE HOSE CONNECTIONS

As you walk in the building corridor, you may find cabinets marked “Fire Hose Connection.” The fire department generally connects their fire hose to this connection. This area must be maintained free of obstructions and clearly visible at all times for effective firefighting. If you see any fire hose connection that is not properly capped or a cap is missing, report it to Emergency Management and Fire Prevention and Facilities Operations and Development.

FIRE PREVENTION

AVOIDING FIRE CODE VIOLATIONS

The university is required to comply with the fire safety regulations enforced by the State of Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of the State Fire Marshal, and the Columbus Division of Fire. Therefore, the university is subject to various inspections by these agencies. Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) inspects all buildings owned, operated, and rented by the university at least on an annual basis, and the Ohio State University’s Wexner Medical Center on a quarterly basis.

The following tips chiefly reflect the most commonly cited violations at Ohio State. Look for these items or conditions in your workplace, correct them, or contact EMFP for assistance.

Common Fire Code Violations

- Compressed gas – unsafe storage
- Poor housekeeping
- Blocked exit and storage
- Combustibles
- Exit blocked
- Exit sign inoperable
- No fire stopping in open penetration
- Unsafe storage of chemicals
- Open electrical panel
- Door wedge
- Storage in stairwell
- Door chock to hold open a fire door
- Materials storage in hallway
- Extension cords instead of permanent wiring

Maintain Safe Ingress/Egress Locations and Corridors

- Maintain all ingress/egress locations and corridors in a safe condition, available for immediate utilization and free of all obstructions or impediments for full instant use in case of fire or other emergency.
- Do not store combustibles or hazardous materials in any egress corridors.
- Maintain fire alarm pull boxes, fire extinguishers, hose connections, audiovisual alarm flashers, safety showers, eyewashes, and other emergency response equipment free of obstructions and clearly visible at all times.
- Do not use doorstops, wedges, or other unapproved hold-open devices with fire-rated or smoke-barrier doors.

Maintain Safe Ceiling Clearances in All Areas

- Maintain at least 24” clearance between all material storage and the ceiling.

Maintain Safe Chemicals Storage in Laboratories

- Limit the quantities of flammable liquids to 10 gallons per laboratory and combustible liquids to 30 gallons per laboratory.
- Store flammable liquids not in active use in an approved flammable storage cabinet. Storage of flammable liquids is not permitted outside of an approved flammable storage cabinet in laboratories constructed or renovated after December 2001.
- Consult Environmental Health & Safety (EHS, 614-292-1284) for a safety review if quantities are expected to exceed the above limits.
- Keep all chemical containers that are not in active use properly capped.
- Do not store any empty or full chemical bottles or containers on the laboratory floor without proper containment.
- Do not store flammables in standard refrigerators, freezers, or cold rooms.
- Do not keep peroxide formers, such as ethers, beyond the expiration date printed on the label.
- Restrict the container size to one gallon for all flammable liquids (e.g., liquids with a flash point less than 100°F). Flammable liquids received in original approved containers, which are of 5 gallons or less capacity, are exempt from this requirement.
- Do not dispense by gravity, any flammable liquids in quantities of one gallon or more. Use approved pumps taking suction from the top of the container.
- Collect hazardous waste in appropriate containers and transfer to the designated Hazardous Waste Storage Room within three working days.

Electrical Safety

- Replace or report promptly any defective or damaged wiring or equipment.
- Keep all wiring away from general traffic areas and secure properly to prevent falls or trips.
- Do not use extension cords as a substitute for permanent wiring.
- Plug heavy equipment like refrigerators or freezers directly into an outlet.

- Maintain proper clearances between electrical equipment and hazardous chemical storage.

Fire/Heat and Smoke Detectors

- Smoke detectors are installed in your area to save life and property. If these devices are covered by plastic or other objects, report the condition to Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) and Facilities Operations and Development (FOD).

Emergency Exits

- Emergency exits are provided in all buildings. Report if any exit is blocked by storage or by snow or ice. Fire-rated doors or smoke-barrier doors protect people and property in case of fire. Report to EMFP and FOD if you discover that any such door is damaged or not working properly.

Doorstops, Wedges, Hold-Open Devices

- The use of doorstops, wedges, and certain types of hold-open devices are not permitted by the Ohio Fire Code.
- Where such devices are used to accomplish tasks such as environmental services-related activities, moving furniture or materials through the doors, etc., they must be promptly removed once the task is completed.
- Report use of such devices on a permanent basis in your area.
- Emergency Management and Fire Prevention must be consulted before installing a permanent hold-open device on any means of egress doors.
- Any individual or department creating a fire code violation by employing the use of unapproved doorstops, wedges or hold-open devices is responsible for any fire or life safety hazards created by such use.

Workplace fire safety conditions are evaluated on a regular basis to ensure compliance with applicable fire codes. Ohio State facilities are regularly inspected by the State of Ohio fire code-enforcing and -accrediting agencies. The Ohio Fire Code requires that all fire and life safety systems, including fire detection and alarms,

sprinklers, fire hydrants, fire pumps and others, be inspected, maintained, and tested regularly.

While these features are inspected by professionals, routine walk-through inspections by building occupants are of extreme importance. For instance, a temporarily stored material in the exit passage may become permanent, creating a life safety hazard, if not immediately addressed. Therefore, every individual should know and check their areas and activities for fire safety. Use the "Fire Drill Checklist." Always contact EMFP for assistance or appropriate corrective measures.

COMPRESSED GASES AND CRYOGENIC LIQUIDS

All compressed gases and cryogenic liquids should be stored, handled, and used in accordance with the requirements of the applicable Ohio Fire Code, Ohio State's Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations to minimize the hazards of fire, explosion and personal injury. Each department or laboratory storing or using compressed gases and cryogenic liquids should, as a minimum, comply with all the applicable safety requirements of this guide.

Compressed Gas (CG) means gases and mixtures of gases stored under pressure in cylinders. CG can be grouped mainly as liquefied gases (LG), nonliquefied gases (NLG), or dissolved gases (DG). Cylinders containing compressed gas are used every day on campus without incident, but these gas cylinders easily may become a serious hazard if mishandled or stored improperly. A cylinder with a broken valve easily can take off like an uncontrolled rocket or a pinwheel, bounding around the room and breaking brick walls. Report any damaged cylinder or valve immediately to Environmental Health & Safety (EHS, 614-292-1284) and the supplier.

Many compressed gases are toxic. They could cause various health problems depending on the specific gas, its concentration, the length of exposure and the route of exposure. Contact between the skin or eye and liquefied gases in liquid form can freeze tissue and result in a burn-like injury. With the exception of oxygen and air (19.5% O₂), possibly the greatest hazard to the user of CG is asphyxiation. All gases are asphyxiants. If

suddenly released, especially cryogenics (liquefied gases at very low temperatures, having boiling points below -150°C or -238°F) such as liquid nitrogen can expand up to 700 times and displace all breathing oxygen, presenting a serious asphyxiation hazard. It also can create a highly visible fog (because of condensation of moisture in the air) that may obscure the emergency exit path.

To promote safety of life and property, all compressed gases and cryogenic liquids must be stored, handled and used in accordance with the requirements of the applicable Ohio Fire Code, NFPA 45, Ohio State Life Safety Policy, and the Ohio State Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) to minimize the hazards of fire, explosion and personal injury. Each department or laboratory storing or using compressed gases and cryogenic liquids should, as a minimum, ensure that:

- All employees have adequate knowledge and training regarding safety and first aid procedures for gases being used or handled. Employees should be provided with and encouraged to read and follow the instructions on the warning labels, review applicable Safety Bulletins and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for specific gases.
- All individuals working on or near CG systems wear eye protection at all times and wear protective gloves, particularly, when handling cylinders containing cryogenic (super cold) gases.
- The maximum number of cylinders in a laboratory is limited to a two-month supply. Cylinders not "in use" are not to be stored in the laboratory. A single cylinder secured alongside the cylinder in use as the reserve cylinder is considered "in use." Flammable compressed gas cylinders (e.g., acetylene, butane, ethylene, hydrogen, methylamine, vinyl chloride) in laboratories are limited only to those in current use. The maximum quantities of compressed gases and cryogenic liquids never should exceed those specified by the Ohio Fire Code or other applicable fire codes. When noncompliance is identified during lab safety audit or fire code inspection, Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) and Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) should work with the appropriate department manager to resolve this issue.
- Excess cylinders and tanks are stored in a separate ventilated room approved for that use. All cylinders (in service or storage, full or empty) are:

- Adequately secured with chains or straps positioned around the upper third of the cylinder, or by proper nesting to prevent falling or being knocked over.
- Protected with valve protective caps in place until the gas is about to be used.
- Never stored in any portion of an exit or common corridor, elevator, or in space under the stairway. A cryogenic container (CGC) should not be located such that it could prevent safe egress in the event of accidental release of their contents unless a second means of access to an exit is available from a laboratory work area.
- Stored away from elevators, staircases or main traffic areas to avoid dangerous impediments.
- Promptly moved to their designated storage area once delivered.
- Removed within one day, when placed in the hallways for pickup.
- Moved with a suitable hand cart and never allowed to be dropped or banged together violently.
- Kept away from fire, heat and spark-producing operations.
- Grouped according to their properties. Do not store flammable gases next to exits or oxygen cylinders.
- Stored such that flammable gases are separate from oxidizing gases, and empty cylinders are separate from the full cylinders. Note: oxidizing gases contain oxygen at higher than atmospheric concentrations (more than 23-25%). Common examples are nitrogen oxides, halogen gases such as chlorine and fluorine.
- Properly marked with the name of the contained gas. Don't accept unidentified cylinders and don't rely on color codes. Read the label.
- Lecture bottle-sized cylinders also must be secured properly. Such cylinders with content health hazard 2 without physiological warning properties, health hazard 3 or 4, and pyrophoric (spontaneously ignitable) always must be stored in constantly ventilated hood/enclosure.
- Each department or laboratory should ensure that:
 - A CG cylinder is never used without a pressure-reducing regulator that safely reduces the cylinder pressure to the required level.
 - Only those regulators are used that have both a high-pressure gauge and a low-pressure gauge to be able to monitor both the pressure in the cylinder and in the system.
- Never use a pressure gauge greater than 75% of its maximum face reading. Immediately replace any gauge whose pointer does not go back to its zero point when pressure is removed.
- Cylinder valves are cleaned of any dust or dirt before attaching proper regulators.
- Cylinder valves are closed properly and the protective caps are replaced before returning the cylinders.
- The adjusting screw is released on the regulator before opening cylinder valve.
- An adaptor never is used between a cylinder and a pressure-reducing regulator.
- Regulators never are interchanged. Some regulators are only for specific gases.
- Excessive force never is used to connect a CGA connection.
- Safety devices in cylinder valves or regulators never are tampered with.
- Any damaged cylinder or valve is immediately reported to the supplier and to the campus emergency number.
- Any aid, such as pipe dope or Teflon tape, is never used to connect a regulator to a cylinder.
- The users are trained to stand to the side of the regulator when opening cylinder valve and open the cylinder valve slowly.
- The users are instructed never to transfer CGs from one container to another, refilled or sucked back into the cylinder.
- Separate empty and full cylinders during storage. Mark empty cylinders "empty" or "MT." Note that cylinder with a pressure gauge reading of 0 psig (0 kPa) is not really empty. It still contains gas at atmospheric pressure. Gauge pressure = total gas pressure inside cylinder - atmospheric pressure (14.7 psi or 101.4 kPa).
- Cryogenic liquid (liquefied gases at very low temperatures, having boiling points below -150°C or -238°F) tanks are checked periodically to ensure that they:
 - Have not lost vacuum or insulation. A cold outside jacket of the tank indicates the need for tank service.
 - Are checked at the neck of the tank opening for any ice accumulation to prevent any blockage and subsequent pressure buildup within the container.
 - Are checked for sabotage of the pressure relief devices on the tank.

- The following two safety precautions must be taken with cryogenic gases:
 - Use protective gloves and eye wear when handling cylinders containing cryogenic (super-cold) gases.
 - Where cryogenic gases are vented or released at a rate more than a few cubic centimeters of gas per minute inside an area, adequate 24-hour ventilation is required. Install continuous oxygen monitor(s) with a “low oxygen” alarm in such areas for safety.

CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, AND DEMOLITION

Fires during construction, renovation, or demolition operations are an ever-present threat. Inherently, greater fire potential exists on these sites because of the presence of large quantities of combustible materials and debris, together with such ignition sources as temporary heating devices, hot work operations, open fires, and smoking by construction workers. Safety of the occupants during these projects is of great concern. Change in an exit route or restricted exit, storage of materials in the corridors, and restricted access to the emergency response equipment are some of the important things to look for during these projects. If you notice any unsafe condition, report it promptly to the department managing the project and Emergency Management and Fire Prevention.

COOKING APPLIANCES AND STERNO HEAT

Cooking-related appliances utilizing gas, electric or sterno heat, toasters, toaster ovens, hot plates, electric fry pans, woks, and crock pots are not permitted to be used inside of any university building unless such use is necessary for conducting university business. Permission should be obtained from the appropriate school’s or unit’s administrative office after consulting with Emergency Management and Fire Prevention. Where one or more of these appliances are used, appropriate safety precautions should be taken as outlined below.

In facilities where the use of sterno heat is permitted, the following requirements must be complied with:

- When in use, sternos must be attended at all times.

- Keep all combustible materials, such as napkins and paper plates, away from any heat sources to avoid overheating or fire.
- Appropriate metal or ceramic trays must be used under the sterno cans to prevent accidental contact with any combustible material.
- Approved means of fire extinguishment capability.
- Ensure that two individuals who are trained in the use of a fire extinguisher are designated to monitor any unsafe condition. These individuals must not leave the area until all open flames are extinguished.

DECORATIONS: HOLIDAYS, CANDLES, OPEN FLAMES

To prevent fires related to decorations and lighting during holidays or special events and to ensure compliance with the Ohio Fire Code, each school or unit administrator or Building Coordinator should ensure compliance with the following specific fire prevention and safety requirements. All university students, staff, and faculty should comply with the following requirements.

Holiday Trees, Wreaths, Decorations

- Decorations and lighting must not be placed so as to obscure emergency exit paths or signs.
- All decorative materials should either be noncombustible or flame resistant or treated with an approved fire retardant in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications, NFPA 701 Testing criteria, and the Ohio State Life Safety Policy.
- Look for “non-combustible” or “flame resistant” labels on the decoration packages. If the decorations are to be re-used, retain the original packaging.
- Live trees, natural wreaths, and other live greens are not permitted indoors.
- Use only flame-retardant artificial trees and decorations in appropriate locations (flame retardant information can be found on the packaging).
- Trees or decorations must not block or obstruct exits, aisles, corridors, vision panels on the hallway doors, stairwells, fire extinguishers, fire alarm pull boxes, exit signs, evacuation floor plans, and other emergency equipment/information.

- No trees or wreaths of any kind are permitted in laboratories, but a wreath on the exterior of a laboratory door is permissible.
- Place all decorations and combustibles at least 3 feet away from sources of heat (e.g., radiators, lights).
- All decorations with powered electricity must be turned off when unattended or before leaving the area for the day.

Holiday Lighting

- Carefully inspect new and previously used electrical light strings and replace damaged items before plugging lights in.
- All holiday lighting and electrical decorations should be Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed and should be plugged directly into wall-mounted outlets or UL-listed power-strips. Look for a UL symbol on the equipment. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and maintenance.
- Extension cords should not be used for holiday lighting. Instead, use UL-listed outlet powerstrips with built-in fuse or circuit breaker protection.
- Electrical wires should not be extended through windows or doors or under carpeting.
- Lighted candles or lanterns should not be permitted in any university facilities.
- Electrical light bulbs should not be decorated with paper or other combustible materials unless flame resistant.
- All lighting must be turned off when unattended or before leaving the area for the day.

Removal of Decorations

- All decorations and lightings should be removed promptly upon the completion of an event or within seven calendar days after the end of the holiday period.

Life Safety Measures for Departmental Holiday Events

- Avoid the use of emergency exit corridors for seating and tables. If these spaces must be used, Emergency

Management and Fire Prevention must first be consulted to ensure safety of the occupants.

Candles, Incense, Open Flames

- Candles, incense, and other objects that produce open flames or burning (outside of approved kitchens and laboratories) are prohibited in all university facilities.

DOOR WEDGES AND OTHER HOLD-OPEN DEVICES

University buildings are equipped with fire-rated doors and smoke-barrier doors. These doors prevent smoke and heat from traveling up stairwells and along corridors. Facilities Operations and Development maintains these doors, including all hardware, in good working condition.

A seemingly harmless door wedge used to hold open a fire door represents a serious fire/life safety hazard and fire code violation. Moreover, the inappropriate use of door wedges can cause damage to doors, resulting in significant expenditures for repair. Therefore, the use of doorstops, wedges and other hold-open devices, which are not permitted by the Ohio Fire Code, is prohibited in all university buildings.

Never prop open fire doors. Fire doors are to remain closed. If your operational needs call for a particular fire-rated or smoke-barrier door to remain open, consult Emergency Management and Fire Prevention for appropriate resolution.

All fire-rated or smoke-barrier doors that are approved to remain open during normal operation are equipped with electrically powered magnets that hold them in open position and release (close) automatically during a fire alarm. Never block a fire-rated or smoke-barrier door from closing.

MAGNETICALLY LOCKED EXIT DOORS

Several university buildings are equipped with exit doors that are electronically locked for security reasons. This type of lock allows people to exit the building safely during fire alarm emergencies. Check that all magnetically locked exit doors in your area automatically release (open) during an alarm to allow for your safe egress.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

All departments, including laboratories, should comply with the university's electrical safety procedures outlined in this guide to minimize the hazards of fire because of improper use of electricity and electrical equipment. These procedures include restrictions on the use of portable electrical space heating devices, extension cords, cooking appliances utilizing gas, electric or sterno heat, toasters, toaster ovens, hot plates, electric fry pans, woks, and crock pots.

Any staff observing any hazardous electrical conditions promptly should report them to their supervisors or other appropriate department(s) for corrective action.

To protect building occupants and property from the direct (electric shock injury) and indirect (heat, fire and explosion) hazards of electricity, each school/unit should comply with the following electrical safety procedures.

- Use equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Never bypass electrical interlocks. Calibrate heating equipment regularly as required.
- Post procedures for critical equipment, including "on-off procedures" and warning signs on or near the equipment. Clearly identify the equipment to be left "on" when the laboratory is unoccupied (e.g., by posting on the lab door).
- All defective/damaged wiring (e.g., frayed, cut wires, broken/defective plug or switch) or equipment should be promptly reported to Emergency Management and Fire Prevention and Facilities Operations and Development (FOD).
- To prevent fires because of electrical overload on fixtures and wiring, do not use:
 - Extension cords and flexible cords as a substitute for permanent wiring. Do not extend cords through windows or doors or under carpeting.
 - Multiple outlet strips, other than for computer systems. Use strips with built-in fuse or circuit breaker protection, having a minimum 12/3 (gauge/wires) labels, maximum length of 6 feet, and Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) listed for the use.
 - Cube taps for multiple connections from a single outlet. These types of devices are not permitted within the university.
 - Multiple plugs in interconnection. In other words, never connect an additional plug(s) into the main plug that is inserted in the outlet or a powerstrip to connect multiple devices.
- Secure all wiring, cords, cables, and conduits. Keep them away from general traffic areas to prevent falls or trips.
- Allow appropriate clear spaces between electrical equipment and storage of flammable combustible materials. A minimum clearance of 36 inches should be maintained between electrical service equipment and any other storage to allow easy access for emergency use (42 inches of clearance is required for voltage level higher than 120 volts). Never drape combustibles (e.g., cloth, paper) over equipment.
- Laboratory electrical motors should be of induction type, i.e., totally enclosed fan-cooled because the sparks emitted from brush-type motors can cause fire in a flammable environment. This information can be found on the equipment label.
- Dedicated circuits and proper grounding may be required for equipment, such as refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners. Do not use extension cords with this equipment. Consult with Facilities Operations and Development to check for the adequacy of electrical power or circuits before purchasing, installing, or relocating such equipment.
- Cooking-related appliances utilizing gas, electric or sterno heat, toasters, toaster ovens, hot plates, electric fry pans, woks and crock pots are not permitted to be used inside any university building unless such use is necessary for conducting university business. Written permission should be obtained from appropriate school's or unit's administrative office after consulting with FOD. Where one or more of these appliances are used, appropriate precautions should be taken as outlined in this guide.
- Portable electrical space heating devices generally are not permitted in any university building. Review specific restrictions and guidelines about space heaters later in this document.
- If electrical work is required in any area, it should be submitted to FOD for review and/or cost estimate and approval.
- Promptly report any unsafe hazardous electrical conditions to the department supervisor or FOD.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Workplace fire safety conditions are evaluated on a regular basis to ensure compliance with applicable fire codes. Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP), the State of Ohio, and the Columbus Division of Fire regularly inspect university facilities. The fire code requires that all fire and life safety systems, including fire detection and alarm, sprinklers, fire hydrants, fire pumps and others be inspected, maintained, and tested regularly. While these features are inspected by the professional, routine walk-through inspections by building occupants are of extreme importance.

For instance, temporarily stored material in the exit passage may become permanent, creating a life safety hazard, if not immediately addressed. Therefore, every individual should know and check their areas and activities for fire safety. Use the “Fire Drill Checklist.” Always contact EMFP for assistance or appropriate corrective measures.

FURNISHINGS AND DECORATIONS

Certain furnishings and decorations ignite very easily and quickly release a high amount of heat. Any item of upholstered furniture, wastebaskets, mattresses, curtains, draperies, surface coverings (carpet, wall and ceiling), acoustical, and other materials used for decoration can contribute fuel to fire. Therefore, in health-care facilities, such items are required to be resistant to ignition by both cigarettes and small flames. Noncombustible or flame-resistant materials that are appropriate for use are available on the market.

Departments purchasing new furnishings and decorations and Ohio State Purchasing must ensure compliance with the following requirements of the Ohio State Life Safety Policy: (1) furnishings and decorations are noncombustible or flame resistant in accordance with the appropriate NFPA or other equivalent standard, (2) all upholstered furniture, including sofas and mattresses, comply at least with California Technical Bulletins (CAL TB) 117 and 133 for unsprinklered general assembly areas, and (3) all other decorative materials comply with NFPA 701 standard.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND CHEMICALS

Hazardous materials and chemicals should be stored, handled and used in accordance with the requirements of the Ohio Fire Code and other applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards. To ensure uniform compliance university wide, each laboratory or other areas using hazardous materials, such as flammable and combustible liquids, oxidizing materials, radioactive materials, unstable (reactive) chemicals, highly toxic materials and poisonous gases, at a minimum should comply with all the applicable safety requirements of this guide.

Extensive use of flammable solvents in laboratories and other areas presents a potentially serious fire and explosion hazard. Even a very small quantity involved in the fire significantly can increase the potential of fire spreading. To ensure uniform compliance university wide, each laboratory or other areas using hazardous materials should:

- Maintain an up-to-date inventory of hazardous chemicals by types and quantity, as required by the Ohio Fire Code and the Ohio State Life Safety Policy, Ohio Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA), Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA Title III), State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
- Work with Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) to ensure that the initial inventory is created and updated as required.
- Restrict the container size to one gallon for all flammable liquids (e.g., alcohol, toluene, acetone, benzene) with a flash point lower than 100°F. Flammable liquids received in original approved containers that are of 5 gallons or less capacity are exempt from this requirement.
- All chemical containers that are not in active use should be capped properly.
- No chemical containers should be stored on a laboratory floor without proper containment.
- All flammable and combustible liquids containers should be stored in a cool area, away from sunlight or any sources of heat or ignition, and away from any corrosives or oxidizers.

- Flammable liquids not in active use should be stored in an approved flammable storage cabinet. Storage of flammable liquids is not permitted outside of an approved flammable storage cabinet in laboratories constructed or renovated after December 2001.
- Storage cabinets used in laboratories should not be required to be vented for fire protection purposes. Where vented, performance-based requirements of NFPA 30 should be complied with.
- Flammable Liquids Dispensing and Transferring: Dispensing and transfer of these liquids can present a static electricity hazard, depending on their ability to generate static electricity, how well they conduct electricity (conductivity), and their flash point. Thus, the level of hazard depends on factors such as the type of containers, the type of liquids (flash point, vapor pressure) being transferred, working environment (temperature), and the rate of liquid transfer.
- To reduce your risk of injury during such activity, all flammable liquids dispensing and transfer should comply with the following requirements:
 - Flammable liquids in containers larger than 4 liters (1.1 gallons) should not be dispensed by gravity, whether the containers are conductive or not. Approved pumps taking suction from the top of the container should be utilized. Containers with a bottom spout are acceptable but not recommended because of an increased risk of spill caused by a damaged spout.
 - Any transfer of flammable liquids between conductive containers larger than 4 liters (1.1 gallons) should be bonded and grounded. Note: transferring inflammable liquids from 4 liter (1.1 gallon) glass containers to any metal containers is relatively hazardous, and such a practice is not considered prudent. Therefore, this should be avoided.
 - Transfer of flammable liquids is not permitted in any exit access corridor.
 - Transfer of flammable liquids to smaller containers from bulk stock containers not exceeding 19 liters (5 gallons) should be performed only in a lab hood or an approved inside area, and in an adequately ventilated area that must not allow the accumulations of flammable vapor/air mixtures to exceed 25% of the lower flammable limit.
- Where practicable, dispensing operations should be separated from the storage area because of the exposure of greater quantities to the hazards of dispensing operations.
- Any transfer of more than 19 liters (5 gallons) of flammable liquids is not allowed inside the building except in an area specifically designed and protected for dispensing such liquids.
- Consult Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) for any activity that you think may not comply with these requirements to determine appropriate strategy to control a fire hazard.
- Collect hazardous waste in appropriate containers as specified by EHS. Once a container is full, promptly contact EHS to schedule a pickup and transfer to the designated Hazardous Waste Store Room within three working days.
- Limit the quantities of flammable liquids to 10 gallons per laboratory and combustible liquids to 30 gallons per laboratory. In cases where a common fire area is divided into multiple laboratories, each laboratory may have to comply with more stringent quantity restrictions. When noncompliance is identified during a lab safety audit or fire code inspection, EMFP will work with the appropriate department manager to resolve this issue in accordance with the applicable fire code requirements.
- Ensure that radioactive materials are stored, handled and used only by the trained authorized users to keep exposure “As Low As Reasonably Achievable” (ALARA) and to minimize the property damage by radioactive materials resulting from fires and explosions. The users of such materials also should comply with the requirements of the university’s radiation safety policies and procedures.

LECTURE HALLS AND PLACES OF ASSEMBLY

The Ohio Fire Code classifies lecture halls, multi-purpose rooms, and places of assembly as a “life hazard use group” because of safety concerns for a large number of people in these areas. In case of fire, people must be able to evacuate these areas safely and in a reasonable time frame.

To ensure safe and timely evacuation, changes in furniture setups must be pre-planned and approved by

the university. Your Building Coordinator or a designee reviews and approves all setup plans in consultation with Emergency Management and Fire Prevention as needed to ensure compliance with the Ohio Fire Code.

Rearrangements of setups are prohibited without the proper authorization. The individual requesting the setup is responsible for ensuring that the approved setup is not rearranged after approval. In any case, the Maximum Occupancy Load for all Places of Assembly must be adhered to, without exception. Exceeding the occupancy load by one person is cause for the function to be suspended until the legal occupancy load is achieved.

SPACE HEATERS

Portable space heaters can pose a major workplace fire safety hazard. Use of unapproved or unsafe space heaters – or use of space heaters in an inappropriate or unsafe manner – presents a significant fire risk. Also, if the size of the heater is too big for the area, it can be a source of pollution, energy waste, and fire. Therefore, to ensure safety of life and property from the risks of space heater use at Ohio State, all students, faculty, and staff or visitors are required to comply with the following requirements of Ohio State’s Fire and Life Safety Compliance Guide in accordance with the Ohio State Life Safety Policy.

- Portable space heaters are not permitted in any university-owned or -leased facility unless Facilities Operations and Development (FOD) or the landlord of a leased facility has approved such use as a temporary measure to address inadequate heating by the building’s heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system. Space heaters should not be used as a substitute for any required repair or maintenance of the HVAC system. Where approved, only electric space heaters that meet the safety criteria are allowed.
- Any non-UL-rated space heaters are not permitted for use on university premises.
- Space heaters of any kind are strictly prohibited in all Ohio State laboratories, in all areas in health-care occupancies accredited by the Joint Commission, (except, under certain circumstances, in non-sleeping staff or employee areas only), and in all areas primarily used for the storage of combustible materials such as office stationery, drapes or chemicals.

- Where the use of an electrical space heater (in any previously approved area) may present an undue danger to life or property, the authority having jurisdiction, or an Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) representative may prohibit such use. Any heating unit or its use that does not comply with the Ohio State Life Safety Policy must be confiscated.
- The user of a space heater ultimately is responsible for any hazard or fire code violation created as a result of unauthorized or inappropriate use.
- If a space heater is to be used, the following safety criteria must be met, and operational safety precautions must be followed:

Safety Criteria for Space Heaters

All electric space heaters must meet the following criteria:

- The equipment is Underwriter Laboratories (UL) approved for the use for which it is designed.
- The equipment has a sealed element and does not produce any flames or fumes or use any fuel.
- The equipment is equipped to turn off automatically when tilted or turned over.
- The heating elements cannot exceed 100°C or 212°F.
- Oil-filled electric space heaters are recommended over any other types of heaters because they have the best safety record.

Operational Safety Precautions for Space Heaters

Students, staff, faculty, and visitors should comply with the following operational safety precautions:

- Maintain a minimum clearance of three feet (or one meter) at all times between stored materials and the heating device.
- Never leave the heating unit “on” when unattended.
- Plug the heating unit directly into an outlet with sufficient capacity.
- Never use an extension cord with a heater because it may overheat and cause a risk of fire.

- Check the heating unit before each use to ensure that all indicator lights are working. Remove the defective unit from service immediately.
- Ensure that the power cord is properly plugged in and is not damaged, crushed by objects, or covered under carpet or rug.
- Promptly report any unsafe or hazardous conditions to EMFP and FOD.
- Contact Emergency Management and Fire Prevention for any space heater questions.

SPECIAL PUBLIC EVENTS

Exhibitions, Vendor Fairs, Parties, Carnivals, Picnics

To prevent fires during indoor and outdoor public events such as exhibitions, vendor fairs, parties, carnivals, picnics, etc., and to ensure compliance with Ohio Fire Code requirements, each school or unit administrator or Building Coordinator should comply with the following fire prevention and safety requirements for on-campus indoor and outdoor public events. All such events should be organized with appropriate consultation with the Department of Public Safety. Compliance with all applicable fire safety requirements for decorations and lightings and electrical safety procedures outlined in this guide is required.

Requirements for Indoor Events:

- Use or storage of propane cylinders and propane or charcoal grills is prohibited.
- Implement these fire and life safety measures as a minimum for all indoor events:
 - Maintain clear aisle width and keep all emergency exits accessible at all times. Avoid the use of emergency exit corridors for seating and tables. If these spaces must be used, Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) must be consulted first to ensure safety of the building occupants.
 - Observe maximum occupancy limits for a specific area.
 - Maintain good housekeeping and areas free of clutter.

- Follow the applicable electrical safety procedures and comply with all applicable fire safety requirements for decorations and lightings outlined above.
- Have readily available at least two ABC-type fire extinguishers of minimum 10-pound capacity to extinguish small fires. Contact Facilities Operations and Development (FOD) or EMFP to obtain the needed fire extinguishers.
- Ensure that at least two individuals, trained in the use of a fire extinguisher, are designated to monitor any unsafe conditions for the duration of the event. Contact the EMFP office for specific training needs.
- In case of a fire, call **9-1-1**. Do not attempt to extinguish a large or spreading fire.
- Cooking appliances utilizing gas, electric or sterno heat, toasters, toaster ovens, hot plates, electric fry pans, woks, and crock pots are not permitted to be used inside of any university building unless such use is necessary for conducting university business. Permission should be obtained from the appropriate school's or unit's administrative office after consulting with EMFP. Where one or more of these appliances are used, appropriate safety precautions should be taken.
- In facilities where the use of sterno heat is permitted, compliance with the following requirements is mandatory:
 - When in use, sternos must be attended at all times.
 - Keep all combustible materials, such as napkins and paper plates, at a safe distance to avoid overheating or fire.
 - Appropriate metal or ceramic trays should be used under the sterno cans to prevent accidental contact with any combustible material.
 - The person preparing the flaming foods shall have a wet cloth towel immediately available for use in smothering the flames in the event of an emergency.
 - A 10-pound ABC-type fire extinguisher should be readily available and located within a 20-foot distance to extinguish small fires. Use the fire extinguisher fact sheet.
 - Ensure that two individuals, trained in the use of a fire extinguisher, are designated to monitor any unsafe condition. These individuals must not leave the area until all open flames are extinguished.

Requirements for Outdoor Events

- In case of a fire, follow the campus emergency procedure. Do not attempt to extinguish a large or spreading fire.
- The use of propane cooking equipment is prohibited on porches, balconies, or any other portion of a building. All such equipment should be used at least 15' away from any building with consenting prior approval through EMFP.
- Do not store any spare propane gas cylinder in any part of the building.
- Charcoal grills are not permitted except in preapproved recreational facilities in consultation with EMFP.
- Keep all combustible materials away from grills to avoid any fire. Have 10-pound ABC-type fire extinguishers available to extinguish small fires.
- Ensure that at least two individuals, who are trained in the use of fire extinguishers, are available during any event. These individuals should be responsible for monitoring any unsafe condition.
- Where tents are to be installed outside on campus grounds, appropriate permits should be obtained from the State of Ohio or the City of Columbus, and fees must be paid. In this case, the State Fire Official, Columbus Fire Inspector, or EMFP also may choose to inspect the location before and during the event. Contact Emergency Management and Fire Prevention for assistance in coordinating approval.
- Open burning, bonfires, fire pits, fire rings, charcoal grills, or similar fires are not permitted anywhere on campus.

STORAGE SAFETY

Storage of materials, equipment and furniture in corridors and stairwells used for an emergency exit can present an impediment and falls and trips hazards to both building occupants and responding firefighters. Storage in corridors also may block installed emergency equipment such as fire extinguishers, safety showers and fire hose connections. Inappropriate storage height in sprinklered areas can hinder effective firefighting. To avoid these problems, the following should be complied with regard to storage:

Storage in Egress Corridors

Corridors leading to exits or any other similar elements of the means of egress should be maintained in a safe condition, available for immediate utilization and free of all obstructions at all times. Obstructions such as tables, display cases, holiday decorations, powered equipment, display boards, signs, coat racks and other movable equipment that may interfere with firefighting access are prohibited. Storage of combustible, flammable or other hazardous materials, including compressed gas cylinders and cryogenic liquid tanks, in any portion of an exit, elevator, or under the stairway is prohibited. Chairs, tables, and other furniture or equipment in each room must be arranged to provide ready access to each egress door.

Safe Ceiling Clearance for Storage

To allow for effective firefighting, the individual departments should ensure that a 2' ceiling clearance is always maintained when storing materials on shelves. Any storage flush with the room walls is exempt as long as such storage does not present other safety hazards (e.g., storage that is unstable or very close to an electrical fixture). All new furniture or equipment, including storage racks or shelves, should allow a minimum of two feet clear distance between the ceiling and the top surface.

PROCEDURES

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Introduction

This general procedure has been developed to promote the safety of people with disabilities and all other building occupants during emergency situations, including fire alarm evacuation. It also may be used with appropriate modifications in areas where patients may be undergoing medical procedures and where halting any active patient care may pose an increased risk to the patient. In these cases, those who are directly involved in patient care should ensure that all necessary communications, notifications, and safety measures

outlined in this procedure are implemented in addition to any department-specific measures.

The evacuation route must be predetermined!

Procedure

Individual departments should ensure that the following general procedure is followed as a minimum requirement and should assign two volunteers per disabled person. Any specific changes must be reviewed and approved by the Building Coordinator in conjunction with Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP).

Evacuation Assistants should:

- Follow the building-specific Building Emergency Action Plan (BEAP) until specifically instructed otherwise by the Responding Fire Department (RFD).
- Note: The RFD may call for a different procedure depending on their judgment and the nature of the emergency.
- Identify any people with disabilities by observation and inquiry. Ask if anyone is in need of assistance.
- Never attempt to move or evacuate any person using stairs or using elevators unless authorized by RFD.
- Report the presence, exact number, and specific location of any person with a disability in the building to RFD.

Responding Fire Department should:

- Once on the scene, the responding fire department should coordinate all evacuations for people with disabilities, if necessary. Everyone must follow the instructions of the responding fire department.
- Elevators typically return to the ground floor when a fire alarm is activated and then can be operated only by use of a firefighters' keyed switch. In case of fire emergencies requiring an evacuation, elevators should be used only as per instructions of the responding fire department. In the event of non-fire emergencies requiring an evacuation, emergency responders may use elevators, if it is safe.

Evacuation Assistants and/or Floor Evacuation Coordinators should:

- Exercise caution to avoid falls and trips while assisting the person with a disability.
- First remove the people with a disability from the area of immediate danger and then move them carefully to a primary (predetermined) waiting area, usually the corridor by the nearest exit stair.
- Important: Do not lift any person unless you are specifically trained and it is required by your department-specific procedure. Provide a plain brief note to a person having a hearing disability, if necessary. Offer your elbow to any visually impaired person to guide him or her to safety. Communicate as needed, to ensure safe evacuation.
- If the primary waiting area is not safe (e.g., if you see or smell smoke or fire), then move to the predetermined secondary designated waiting area.

Evacuation Assistants and/or Fire Wardens should:

- Position yourself and the person with a disability on one side of the corridor near the stair door such that traffic is not obstructed. Caution: Unless otherwise directed by the responding fire department, buddies should use only the Safe Waiting Area specified in the Building Emergency Evacuation Plan (BEAP).
- Do not attempt to walk the person up or down the stairwell.
- Note: Stairway evacuation of wheelchair users should be conducted only by trained professionals such as the responding fire department, and only after major traffic has passed. Discourage any person with mobility impairment from using stairs without assistance, even though they may be able to go up and down stairs easily. They may not be able to properly operate door locks, latches, and other devices.
- Keep the stair doors closed at all times. Caution: If the stairs doors are left open, the smoke may enter the stairwell.
- Once people with disabilities are positioned at the safe predetermined waiting area,
 - Evacuate and report to the responding fire department or to the Command Post, if set up.
 - Report the exact location and number of people with disabilities to the responding fire department and/or other responders. Give them the disabled person's cell phone number.

- Wait at the designated assembly area or near the Command Post, as directed by the emergency responder, to provide any information as required.
- Follow-up with the responding fire department if people with disabilities who were reported as waiting in the building have been contacted or if they are being assisted.
- Follow-up if the emergency seems to be of a continuing nature or lasting for more than 10 minutes (for low-rise buildings) or 15 minutes (for high-rise buildings).

- [Wild land fires](#): Learn to protect your family and community from wild land fires.

Related Topics on the U.S. Fire Administration's website include the following:

- [Candle Fire Safety](#)
- [Electrical Fire Safety](#)
- [Heating Fire Safety](#)
- [Carbon Monoxide Poisoning](#)
- [Wildfires](#)

Other Links of Interest:

- [American Red Cross](#) (disaster services)
- [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) (portable generator hazards)
- [National Candle Association](#) (fire safety)
- [ready.gov](#) (preparing Americans for all kinds of emergencies)
- [Older Adults](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)

FIRE SAFETY RESOURCES

While you can always call Emergency Management and Fire Prevention (EMFP) for assistance in fire safety matters, valuable fire and life safety fact sheets are available on the internet. EMFP recommends that you use the information available from the following two sources:

- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) website at nfpa.org » Public Education » Safety Tips Sheets.
- U.S. Fire Administration's website at usfa.fema.gov.

Fact sheets on the NFPA website include:

- [Home escape planning](#): Learn the steps to create a home fire escape plan and putting it into practice.
- [Prepare for an emergency](#): Your family needs to be prepared because you won't have time to shop or search for supplies when a disaster strikes.
- [For people with disabilities](#): Ensure that people with disabilities are included in safety planning.
- [Electrical safety](#): Safety in the home and with circuit interrupters.
- [Fire protection equipment](#): Automatic sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, smoke alarms.
- [Homeland Security](#): Free access to NFPA 1600 and other information and resources.
- [Mine fires and explosions](#): Mining and mineral processing facilities represent significant fire and explosion exposures.
- [Seasonal safety](#): Fireworks, Christmas trees, grilling, Halloween safety, winter and summer safety.
- [Vehicles/gas/fuel safety](#): Gasoline at home, propane, service station safety, and more.

Building Information		
Common Building Name		Official Building Address
Departments/Units Located in the Facility		
# of Building Emergency Egress/Exterior Doors		# of Stairways out of the Building
Primary and Alternative Means of Notifying Occupants of a Fire or Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Building is equipped with horns and strobe lights <input type="checkbox"/> Building fire alarm issues a preprogrammed voice message <input type="checkbox"/> Building is equipped with an intercom system <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):		
Primary and Alternative Means of Reporting Fire or Emergencies to the Fire Department <input type="checkbox"/> Building is equipped with fire alarm monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Ohio State's Public Safety Dispatch Center (Blankenship Hall) <input type="checkbox"/> Dial 9-1-1- <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):		
# of Manual Fire Alarm Pull Boxes	Location of Closest Fire Hydrants	Location of Assembly Points
Building Emergency Action Plan (BEAP) is available to building occupants <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		BEAP Contact Person
Fire Drill Exercise		
Date/Time of Fire Drill Exercise		Notification Method Used
Number of Occupants Evacuated		Weather Conditions
Elapse Time to Evacuate (target 5 minutes)		Did identified sweepers confirm sweep of floor(s) and report to evacuation point? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
List issues, mistakes, or problems that occurred during this fire drill exercise.		
List action steps to address issues, mistakes, or problems listed above.		
Any evacuation routes blocked or exit doors unusable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Was this a successful fire drill exercise? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Contact Information	
Name	Phone
Email	Date