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Introduction to this Report

This report has been prepared in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. The report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Bridgewater State University; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. This report also includes institutional policies concerning alcohol and drug use, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, crime prevention, and other matters.

The full text of this report is available online at <http://www.bridgew.edu/Police/stats.cfm>
This report is prepared in cooperation with the Offices of Student Conduct and Residence Life & Housing.

Campus crime, arrest, and judicial referral statistics include those reported to the Bridgewater State University Police Department and designated campus officials.

Each year, an email notification is made to all enrolled students, faculty and staff. This notification provides information on how to access this report online. Employees who do not have a campus email address receive a postcard through campus mail which provides similar information.

Copies of this report may also be obtained at the Bridgewater State University Police Department, located at 200 Great Hill Drive, or by calling the BSUPD at (508) 531-1212. All prospective employees may obtain a copy from the university's Human Resources Office in Boyden Hall, Room 103 or by calling (508) 531-1324.

Overview of the Bridgewater State University Police Department

The Bridgewater State University Police Department provides protection to the BSU community around the clock, year-round. Police Department staff work with university community members to prevent crime, solve problems, and take proactive steps to make the university as safe as possible.

Police department personnel include the chief, deputy chief, captain, lieutenants, sergeants, police officers, institutional security officers, communications dispatchers, and support staff. In addition, the department employs students to assist with the [Safety Escort Service](#), and as student security officers, and provides [student internship opportunities](#) for those pursuing studies in the social service/criminal justice fields.

The department is prepared to deal with the same types of incidents handled by municipal police agencies in cities or towns. All BSU police officers attend municipal police academy training and have full police authority on campus and throughout the town of Bridgewater. The Bridgewater State University Police enforce state laws, including motor vehicle laws, as well as university rules and regulations.

Statement of Policy on Reporting a Crime or Emergency

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are should report all crimes or other emergencies to the Bridgewater State University Police Department in a timely manner.

To report a crime or an emergency from an on-campus phone, call the BSUPD at 911 or, from outside the University phone system at (508) 531-1212. When using a cell phone, please remember that calling 911 will not reach the dispatchers at BSUPD. BSUPD recommends pre-programming of cell phones with

the BSUPD main dispatch number (508-531-1212). Dispatchers are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to answer your call. BSUPD officers respond to all requests for service and are the investigating authority for all crimes on campus.

As an added safety measure, over 22 blue-light assistance phones are located at strategic points on campus. These phones are easily identified by their silver boxes topped with blue lights. When the red emergency button is pushed, the caller is in immediate contact with the BSUPD. In addition to providing voice contact with a police dispatcher, blue-light phone use also enables a dispatcher to pinpoint the caller's exact location on-campus.

When calling for either emergency or non-emergency service, be prepared to:

- Clearly identify yourself;
- State where you are calling from;
- State briefly the nature of your call.

If possible, stay on the line unless otherwise advised by the dispatcher. If assistance is required from off campus, the dispatcher will summon the appropriate police, fire and/or medical service.

To report a crime that occurs at an off-campus location, contact the appropriate local police department. In the case of an emergency it is always best to dial 911 and follow the procedures outlined above.

Useful telephone numbers

ON-CAMPUS EMERGENCY 911
Office of the Chief of Police (508) 531-6140
Non-Emergency Dispatch Center (508) 531-1212

BSU Health Services (508) 531-1252
BSU Counseling Center (508) 531-1331
BSU Residence Life and Housing or (508) 531-1277

Brockton Hospital Emergency Room (508) 941.7400
New Hope (800) 323-4673
Womansplace (508) 588-8255

Statement of Policy Addressing Timely Warnings

The Bridgewater State University Police Department is responsible for issuing timely warnings – Campus Safety Alerts – in compliance with the Clery Act. In the event an incident either on- or nearby the campus, these alerts are issued to keep the campus community informed about law enforcement and safety matters. The decision to issue a Safety Alert is decided on a case by case basis in light of all the facts surrounding an incident, including factors such as the nature of the incident, the continuing threat to the campus community, and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts. Safety Alerts are issued for specific crime classifications, such as arson, aggravated assault, and criminal homicide, robbery, and sex offenses. Safety Alerts may also be posted for other crime classifications as deemed necessary. Safety Alerts are distributed to the university community via campus-wide email. This email

indicates that a Safety Alert has been issued and provides a link to the Bridgewater State University Police Department's web page at:

<http://www.bridgew.edu/Police/safetyalertbulletin.cfm>

Additionally, a copy of the alert is posted in all affected residence halls and is sent to the student newspaper, *The Comment*, to further alert the campus community.

In addition to Safety Alerts, campus wide alerts are sent via SMS text messages are issued in the event of an imminent or ongoing threat to the community.

All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to sign up to receive these notices by going to

<http://www.bridgew.edu/EmergencyCommunication/>

To learn more about the program please go to:

<http://www.bridgew.edu/EmergencyCommunication/>

Policy Regarding Immediate Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

In the event of an incident requiring significant emergency response and evacuation of the campus, the university will immediately notify 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 staff occurring on the campus, unless issuing a notification will compromise efforts to contain the emergency.

The university will also publicize emergency response and evacuation procedures on an annual basis in a manner designed to reach students and staff, and will test emergency response and evacuation procedures on an annual basis.

Policy Addressing Limited Voluntary Confidential Reporting

Campus "pastoral counselors" and "professional counselors," when acting as such, are not considered to be campus security authorities for the purposes of the Clery Act and are *not* required to report crimes for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics. However, as a matter of policy, counselors at Bridgewater State University are encouraged; if and when they deem it appropriate, to report incidents on a voluntary basis for inclusion in the university's report of annual crime statistics.

Counselors are defined as:

Pastoral Counselor

An employee of an institution, who is associated with a religious order or denomination, recognized by that religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and who is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor.

Professional Counselor

An employee of an institution whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the institution's community and who is functioning within the scope of his or her license or certification.

Statement of Policy for Addressing Campus Law Enforcement Authority & Jurisdiction

Bridgewater State University, with a population of over 11,000, including 3,500 resident students, is both a center for higher education and a vibrant, active community. As with any community of similar size, criminal activity and emergencies can and do occur on campus.

To combat crime and preserve public order, the Bridgewater State University Police Department is a visible part of campus life. The BSUPD is organized, trained, and equipped to provide progressive law enforcement and emergency services to the university community.

Pursuant to the General Laws of Massachusetts, *Chapter 15A, § 22*, and *Chapter 73, § 18*, the Board of Trustees at Bridgewater State University has established the Bridgewater State University Police Department; and the Board has invested the department all the same powers, authority, immunities, and privileges of state and municipal police officers, including but not limited to the power to make arrests, to handle prisoners, and to enforce all traffic laws on streets and highways, throughout the property owned, leased, used, or controlled by the university or of the property owned by the Bridgewater State University Foundation.

In addition to the enforcement of state law, Bridgewater State University Police officers enforce the rules, regulations, and policies of Bridgewater State University, including but not limited to parking and traffic regulations, whether or not violation thereof constitutes a criminal offense.

Police officers' authority has also been interpreted by case law to include the vicinity of the campus – the “environs and passageways” – in certain circumstances.

Police officers are also granted limited police authority under *G.L., Chapter 147 § 10F* for the enforcement of university parking regulations. Some institutional security officers may also receive grants of authority to conduct parking enforcement under this law.

Subject to the approval of the Chief of Police, Bridgewater State University Police officers may also receive supplemental police authority through special appointment as town of Bridgewater police officers under *G.L., Chapter 41§ 99*, or as special state police officers pursuant *G.L., Chapter 22C § 63*, or as Plymouth County Deputy Sheriffs under *G.L., Chapter 37, § 3*.

Bridgewater State University Police Officers attend municipal police training committee academies located throughout the Commonwealth. The Bridgewater State University Police Department operates 24 hours per day, seven days a week, providing all patrol, investigation, specialized, and emergency response, as well as crime prevention and educational services at the Bridgewater State University campus.

By mutual agreement with state and federal agencies, BSUPD maintains a Criminal Justice Information Services terminal which provides department personnel with access to the National Crime Information Computer System as well as the Criminal History Systems Board of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These computer databases are used to enhance public safety by accessing criminal

history data, nationwide police records, driver/vehicle identification information, as well as other local, state and federal law enforcement information.

The sworn personnel and support staff of Bridgewater State University Police Department are dedicated to ensuring that the Bridgewater campus is a safe environment for studying, teaching, researching, recreating, and living. Our department strives toward this goal through problem-solving partnerships with the faculty, staff, and students, as well as state and local governmental bodies, and our community's neighbors.

Statement of Policy Addressing Safety Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs

Bridgewater State University believes that through crime prevention and safety awareness education, community members are better prepared to prevent crime and to respond if crime does occur. During New Student Orientation, students and their parents are informed of safety and crime prevention resources offered by the university. They are informed of crime on-campus and in surrounding neighborhoods. Similar information is presented to new employees. Crime prevention programs and sexual assault prevention programs are offered on a continual basis. Periodically, during the academic year, the Bridgewater State University Police Department, in cooperation with other university organizations and departments, presents crime prevention awareness sessions on sexual assault, Rohypnol abuse, theft, and vandalism, as well as educational sessions on personal safety and residence hall security. A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others. In addition to seminars, information is disseminated to students and employees through crime prevention awareness packets, security alert posters, displays, videos, and articles in the student newspaper.

The following links to the BSUPD website are some specific examples of on crime prevention and security awareness programs:

<http://www.bridgew.edu/police/protecting.cfm>
<http://www.bridgew.edu/police/restrainingorders.cfm>
<http://www.bridgew.edu/Police/rad.cfm>

Emergency Preparedness:

<http://www.bridgew.edu/FMP/enviro/Emergency%20Evacuation.cfm>

Rape Aggression Defense System (R.A.D.)

The R.A.D. Program is designed to teach women about awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance while progressing into the basics of hands-on defense training. R.A.D.'s objective is to "develop and enhance the options of self-defense, so they may become viable considerations to the woman who is attacked." Contrary to popular belief, rape is not a crime of sex. Rape is a violent crime and a devastating experience, but it is survivable. Rape affects all people, no matter what their age, race or economic status. It is one of the most rapidly growing crimes in American society. FBI projections suggest that one out of three women can expect to be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. In the United States, one forcible rape occurs every seven minutes. Each year, about 90,000 forcible rapes are reported to the police, but it is estimated that almost 90% of all rapes and attempted rapes are not reported.

Each situation is different, making rape prevention especially challenging. Steps can be taken, however, to lessen the chances of being raped. The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic, self defense tactics and techniques. R.A.D. is dedicated to teaching women defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assaults, by utilizing easy, effective and proven self-defense tactics. This system of realistic defense will provide women with the knowledge to make an educated decision about resistance.

The Bridgewater State University Police Department invites female students and staff to take advantage of the woman's self-defense course that is provided free of charge. The course requires a 14-hour commitment from each participant. Certified R.A.D. instructors teach each course; courses are offered every semester or upon request. Classes are generally held in the evenings during the academic year.



University Safety Escort Service

The Safety Escort Service at Bridgewater State University provides a safe alternative to get to and from on-campus destinations. The service is supervised by the BSU Police Department and employs BSU students as drivers and dispatchers. Student-employees undergo a criminal background checks and driving tests prior to working.

The University Safety Escort Service consists of three vans and one mini-bus that are available on-demand by calling extension 1745 or by calling 508-531-1745, or by activating any blue light assistance telephone. Vans may also be "flagged" down. The vans will pick up and drop off riders at any on-campus destination including residence halls, academic buildings and parking lots.

The Safety Escort Service is free of charge and is available to all students, employees, and guests of Bridgewater State University.



Protective Services- Residence Hall Security

Protective Services is a division of the Bridgewater State University Police Department which provides around-the-clock protection by professional, uniformed security officers in first-year residence halls and the Student Apartments complex; and also student security officers at night in the other residence halls. The program is administered by the Police Department's protective services manager, who collaborates with the Office of Residence Life and Housing to meet the on-going security needs of the residence hall system.

In addition to the residential security staffing, all Bridgewater State University residence halls are locked 24 hours per day.



Video Cameras

Bridgewater State University seeks to enhance public safety and security by utilizing video cameras, in a professional and ethical manner, in select locations on campus.

Response to Medical Emergencies

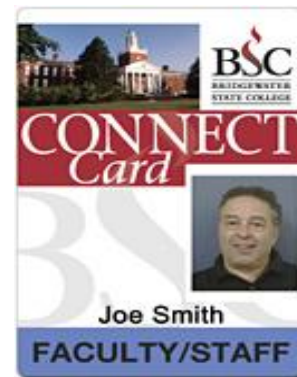
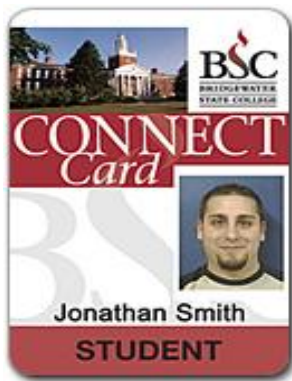
All Bridgewater State University police officers are trained as First Responders in emergency medical care. Several officers are trained to the Emergency Medical Technician (E.M.T.) level in emergency medical care. The department staffs its own ambulance for certain large scale events, and all patrol vehicles are equipped with E.M.T. emergency equipment, oxygen, as well as automatic defibrillators.



Statement of Policy Concerning Facility Access

Bridgewater State University utilizes a state-of-the-art card access system – using an ID card called a “Connect Card” – and secondary locking devices in most of its campus buildings. These systems help ensure that only faculty, staff, students, and guests with proper authorization are allowed to enter university facilities.

The Connect Card is the official Bridgewater State University identification card. Students, faculty, staff and other campus community members are eligible to obtain Connect Cards. Students must be registered for classes and provide a photo ID (such as a driver's license) in order to obtain a card.



Individuals found on university property without a legitimate purpose are directed to leave campus; failure to comply with a warning will result in arrest for trespassing.

Statement of Policy for Addressing Criminal Activity Off Campus

Criminal activity occurring off-campus is addressed by the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the crime occurs.

Bridgewater State University has entered into an agreement with the town of Bridgewater to hold students accountable for their off-campus behavior.

Off-Campus Residences

Non-university apartment complexes, condominium communities, and other multi-family dwellings pose unique safety challenges. Because of the natural turnover of many residents in rental property, students must make an extra effort to be aware of their surroundings. This includes knowledge of the measures landlords have taken on behalf of resident safety. Resources for off-campus students are available through the Rondileau Campus Center 19 Park Avenue - Room 9B, 508.531.2639 they can be reached at Commuters@bridgew.edu or <https://www.bridgew.edu/CommuterServices/offcampus/>

Statement of Policy Addressing Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, and Substance Abuse Education

The university has established regulations pertaining to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages and the possession, use, distribution and sale of illicit drugs and paraphernalia. These standards conform to state and federal laws, and enhance the health, safety, property and educational interests of all members of the university community.

Health risks associated with alcohol and other drug consumption include impaired judgment, vision, speech, coordination, memory, sensation and perception. Long-term use of alcohol and other drugs can negatively impact many of the body's systems, and cause physical and psychological dependence.

In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, Amendments of 1989 (P.L. 101-226 20 U.S.C. § 1145g), university regulations and laws pertaining to alcoholic beverages and the possession, use, distribution and sale of illicit drugs shall be strictly and consistently enforced. Any violation of the University's Code of Student Conduct or violation of federal, state or local laws shall subject the offender to the university disciplinary process and criminal prosecution.

This policy pertains to alcohol and other drug use behaviors in residence halls and university apartments. All members of the university community, including students not residing on campus, are responsible for obtaining and adhering to this policy while in university-approved housing.

The Code of Student Conduct can be found at:

<http://www.bridgew.edu/Handbook/PoliciesProcedures/DrugFreePolicy.cfm>

Alcohol Policy

Bridgewater State University prohibits the possession, consumption, storage or service of alcohol by students except at the Great Hill Student Apartments by apartment residents and their guests who are 21 years of age or older, or at approved or licensed locations. Alcohol may only be transported (not being consumed, stored or served) to the Great Hill Student Apartments by apartment residents. Guests are not permitted to bring alcohol onto the Bridgewater State University campus regardless of their age. This includes guests of students residing in the Great Hill Student Apartments.

- In areas other than approved or licensed locations, all persons are prohibited from being present where there are alcoholic beverage containers (including decorative containers), whether full, partially full or empty.
- Public intoxication is prohibited. Public intoxication is defined as any intoxication which causes a disturbance or is dangerous to self, others or property or in any way requires the attention of university staff. Intoxication will not be accepted as an excuse for irresponsible behavior. This applies to all persons regardless of age.

Possession and consumption of alcohol:

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages or possession of an open container of alcohol is prohibited in public, (this includes the common areas of the apartments, the apartment courtyard and grounds adjacent to the apartments) except under licensed conditions.
- Possession of alcoholic beverages within a 24 hour period by an apartment resident is limited to containers not to exceed 72 oz. of beer, or 200 ml of hard liquor, or 750 ml of wine, 72 oz. of wine cooler. Limits apply to full, partially full or empty alcoholic beverage containers.
- Commercial delivery of alcoholic beverages to the campus is prohibited, except to licensed events or facilities.

The following alcohol container restrictions apply to all campus facilities including the Great Hill Student Apartments and may be confiscated by University officials:

- common sources
- alcoholic beverage containers over four liters, including empty alcoholic beverage containers and taps
- funnels or any other equipment used to consume large quantities of alcoholic beverages

The following is a list of minimum sanctions for violations of the alcohol policy. More severe sanctions may be imposed based on the severity of the violation. Sanctions are determined on a case by case basis.

IN THE PRESENCE OR IN POSSESSION OF EMPTY CONTAINERS OF
ALCOHOL, INCLUDING DECORATIVE CONTAINERS:

Consequences of violations

Minimum Sanctions and Educational Requirements		
1 Offense	Disciplinary Warning	Disciplinary Warning
<p>Subsequent violations for being in the presence, or possession, of empty containers of alcohol, including decorative containers will result in increased sanctions.</p> <p>ALL OTHER ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS:</p>		

	<i>Residents</i>	<i>Commuters</i>
1st Offense	Disciplinary probation Educational assignment Parental notification	Disciplinary probation Educational assignment Parental notification Temporary suspension from the residence halls
2nd Offense	Temporary suspension from the residence halls Parental notification	Permanent suspension from the residence halls Parental notification
3rd Offense	University suspension	University suspension

*Note: all sanctions are cumulative. Students with a judicial history may receive more severe sanctions. Sanctions may also be enhanced based on the severity of the behavior and the impact on the community.

Drug Policy

Illegal drugs are prohibited for all students, employees and staff. Use of illegal drugs will not be tolerated. The University will enforce all applicable laws concerning illegal drugs. In addition, the possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited.

When illegal drug use is suspected, or when the university is notified of illegal drug use, or when persons are apprehended in the presence of, in possession of, using or selling illegal drugs, appropriate steps will be taken to determine the facts involved, provide for appropriate due process and proceed to a just conclusion. Persons determined by the university police to be in possession of, using or selling illegal drugs may be prosecuted and/or referred for disciplinary action.

Suspected violators of the drug policy are subject to immediate suspension from the university or any area thereof pending completion of due process as outlined in this handbook. If following due process the suspected violator is found responsible, he or she may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the college and will also be subject to criminal prosecution under applicable laws.

The following policy information applies to all employees of the college including student employees:

In accordance with the Federal Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, the following employee policy on drugs and alcohol has been established:

- An employee of BSU shall not unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use controlled substances or alcohol on university property or in conjunction with any university activity, whether work related or non-work related.
- Alcohol may not be served at any university sponsored employee activity without the approval of the director of administrative support services.
- An employee convicted for violating a criminal drug statute on university property or during any university sponsored activity, whether the violation occurred while engaged on work-related activities or not, must report that conviction to the assistant vice president of human resources within five days.
- If the employee's position is fully or partially federally funded, the university will notify the federal grantor that the employee has been convicted within 10 days of notification.

The following applies specifically to student employees:

Any student who is also employed in any capacity by the university, as a condition of such employment, will abide by the alcohol and other drug policies outlined in this handbook.

Student employees will notify the assistant vice president of human resources within five days of being convicted of violating a criminal drug statute on university property or during any university sponsored activity, whether the violation occurred while engaged in work-related activities or not. If the student's employment is federally funded, the university will notify the grantor agency that the student employee has been convicted within 10 days of notification.

The following sanctions apply to all employees (including student employees):

- An employee who violates the policy will be subject to disciplinary action.
- For unit employees, such disciplinary action will be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

- Disciplinary action may include suspension from employment, mandatory participation in an alcohol/drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program as a condition of continuing employment, or termination of employment.
- Any violations of criminal laws will also be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency for prosecution.

For detailed descriptions of different drugs and their effect, see the [Health Risks of Alcohol and Other Drugs](#) in the *Right-to-Know Information* section of the student handbook. For the legal ramifications of drug use, see [Legal Risks of Alcohol and Drugs](#) in the *Right-to-Know Information* section of the student handbook.

Sanctioning

Sanctions are conditions placed upon a student when a decision has been made that the student is responsible for a violation of the student code of conduct as charged. The following guidelines will be used when determining sanctions:

The protection of the BSU community from inappropriate behavior, including negative impact on individuals, groups or organizations that are part of the college.

The attitude of the student, including the students understanding of the impact of their behavior, potential for changing that behavior in the future and its effect on the community.

The behavioral history of the student, including all documented confrontations with university officials and conduct records. This information will be viewed only to assist in determining sanction(s) once a decision of responsibility has been reached.

Any mitigating circumstance that may have affected the case, including documented medical or emotional issues, death of friends or family members, or illness.

Sanctions Include

Disciplinary warning: An official written reprimand that includes a warning that further violations of the code will result in more severe sanctions.

Disciplinary probation: A temporary status for a specific period of time not to exceed one year during which further violations of the Student Conduct Code may result in suspension or expulsion.

Loss of privileges: Denial of specified privileges for a designated period of time.

Educational activities: Work assignments, educational service or other related assignments.

Restitution: Compensation for loss, damage, or injury.

Parental notification

Temporary suspension from residence halls: A temporary status in which students may no longer enter into or remain within 50 feet of any residence hall facility or adjacent grounds, including the Great Hill Student Apartments, for a period of one or two semesters or balance thereof. Persons violating this sanction are subject to arrest for trespassing.

Permanent suspension from residence halls: A permanent status in which students may no longer enter into or remain within 50 feet of any residence hall facility or adjacent grounds, including the Great Hill Student Apartments. Persons violating this sanction are subject to arrest for trespassing.

University Suspension: Removal from the university for a period of one or two semesters or balance thereof. The university restricts students from course registration, class attendance, participation in co-curricular activities and university housing during this time.

University Expulsion: Permanent removal from the university. Expulsion becomes part of the student's permanent record at the university.

Informing the accuser and the accused of the outcome of a disciplinary proceeding

The Clery Act amended the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to allow institutions to disclose to the victim of an alleged crime of violence, the results of a disciplinary proceeding brought against a student accused of the crime, without the prior consent of the accused. This disclosure is limited to the alleged victim, who should be informed, that the information may not be disclosed to the public generally (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g (b) (6)).

Resources

University Health Services

508-531-1252

Online: www.bridgew.edu/healthservices

The full text of the University Alcohol and Drug Policy can be found online at:

<http://www.bridgew.edu/handbook/PoliciesProcedures/StudentCodeofConduct.cfm#Sanctioning>

Policy Regarding Rights and Possible Disciplinary Action in Response to Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is a criminal violation of state law and a violation of the university student code of conduct. Therefore, a student charged with sexual assault can be prosecuted under Massachusetts criminal statutes and disciplined under the university student conduct process. Under Massachusetts law, rape is a felony offense, punishable by imprisonment in a state institution. If found responsible under the university student conduct process, the student could be removed from university residence halls and/or suspended or expelled from the university.

Even if criminal justice authorities choose not to prosecute an alleged assailant, university student conduct action may be pursued if the college believes that sexual assault has occurred. Definitions of terms such as sexual assault, sexual harassment, rape and date rape can be found in the *Right-To-Know Information* section of the student handbook. If the university has a strong suspicion to believe that a sexual assault or rape was committed by an enrolled Bridgewater State University student, the vice president of student affairs, or designee, may immediately suspend the alleged perpetrator from the residential facility and/or university pending the outcome of a hearing. A hearing will be scheduled within the 10 class days following the report of the incident. Alternative academic or living arrangements for the accused and/or the survivor may also be made by the vice president, or designee, if appropriate and reasonably available.

IF YOU ARE RAPED OR SEXUALLY ASSAULTED:

- Go to a safe place.
- Don't wash, douche or change clothes before getting help.
- Don't touch any evidence of struggle or disarray. If you choose to report the incident to the police (then or later), this evidence is very important.
- Seek medical attention. Try to engage the help of someone you trust to go with you.
- Seek professional counseling for support and to help prevent post-traumatic stress disorder.
- Don't isolate yourself.
- Be patient with yourself, it takes time to recover and trust again.

Don't blame yourself. The person who committed the assault is responsible. Sexual penetration without your consent (even with a date) is RAPE.

Where to get confidential help:

Womansplace 508.588.8255
BSU Health Services 508.531.1252
BSU Counseling Center 508.531.1331
BSU Police Department 911 or 508.531.1212
BSU Residence Life and Housing or 508.531.1277
Brockton Hospital Emergency Room 508.941.7400
New Hope 800.323.4673

Men's violence against women constitutes very serious crimes committed on college campuses. Women in colleges are at high risk for this type of criminal violence. Several recent studies looking at the incidence of gender violence on college campuses have been conducted. However, their findings continue to support the conclusions of the seminal 1987 study of over 6,000 students from 32 colleges representing higher education institutions in the United States. That study found that one of every four female students surveyed reported having been a survivor of rape or attempted rape. Most of these incidents were not committed by the stereotypical stranger in the dark alley, but by friends and acquaintances of the women. Of the men surveyed, one of every 15 reported having committed behaviors that met the legal definition of rape and most men reported that they knew their victims.

Many survivors of violent crimes, and especially survivors of sexual assaults, experience emotional distress. Victims become survivors by taking control of their lives again. The process of surviving begins by making sure you receive the physical and emotional care you need. Also, it's important to learn about your rights.

Survivors of rape or sexual assault have the following rights:

- Determine whether or not you want to report the sexual assault to law enforcement authorities.
- Pursue disciplinary action against the perpetrator through the BSU student conduct system
- Confidential counseling services by a trained therapist
- Receive confidential support and information regarding the choices that are available to you
- Confidential medical treatment
- Academic support from faculty and administrators
- Request a change in your on-campus housing if you feel that you are not safe in your current residence

- Determine whether or not your parents will be notified
- Not to be harassed by the perpetrator or the perpetrator's friends

Survivors are also entitled to the additional rights within the university student conduct system:

- To have a person of the student's choice accompany her/him throughout the student conduct hearing, this may take an extended period of time.
- To give testimony in the presence of the accused at the hearing or to give evidence to the Hearing Board without physically appearing before the board through the use of a speaker telephone.
- To remain present during the entire proceeding.
- Not to have the student's irrelevant past sexual history discussed during the hearing.
- To be informed of the outcome of the hearing.

Accused persons have the following rights under the university student conduct system:

- To have an immediate review of the suspension decision if applicable.
- To have a person of the student's choice accompany him or her throughout the hearing; which may take an extended period of time.
- To have access to information in a timely fashion so as to prepare appropriately for the hearing.
- To ask questions after the case has been presented in a hearing.
- Not to have the student's irrelevant past sexual history discussed during the hearing.
- To be informed of the outcome of the hearing.

Statement of Policy Addressing Sex Offender Registration

The federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires colleges and universities to issue a statement advising the campus community where information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. The act also requires registered sex offenders to provide to appropriate state officials, notice of each institution of higher education in the state in which the offender is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student.

How to Inquire

Members of the Bridgewater State University community may request information about sex offenders in Massachusetts at the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board, telephone (978) 740-6400 or <http://www.state.ma.us/sorb>

Members of the Bridgewater State University community may obtain information concerning registered sex offenders that either work or are enrolled as students with the BSU Police Department.

Penalties for Improper Use of Sex Offender Registry Information

Information contained in the Sex Offender Registry shall not be used to commit a crime against an offender or to engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of an offender. Any person who improperly uses Sex Offender Registry information shall be punished by not more than two and one-half years in a house of correction or by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Statement of Policy on Missing Persons

The following policies regarding Missing Persons are being provided according to requirements of the 2008 Amendments to the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

Any person (student, staff or faculty) believed to be missing from the campus unexpectedly shall be immediately reported to the University Police.

It is the policy of the Bridgewater State University Police Department to investigate any report of a missing person that is filed by someone with knowledge of that student being missing or otherwise not where s/he is expected to be. This report may be filed by a parent/guardian or other family member of the person, by a roommate, a Residential Life staff member (including student staff), Health Services staff member, faculty member, employment supervisor, or anyone else with information that indicates the person is missing.

The BSU Police will conduct an initial investigation to determine if the person appears to be missing, or has simply changed her or his routine unexpectedly, and whether or not there is reason to believe the person is endangered.

Police officers will check student's login records, class schedules, interview fellow students and faculty, and use other methods to determine the status of a missing person. From this initial investigation, the scope will continue to expand to make attempts to determine the location of the person reported missing to assure she/he is safe.

The BSU Police will enter a missing person record into the National Crime Information Computer database immediately upon determination that the person is missing.

Statement of Policy for Reporting the Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

As required by federal law, Bridgewater State University compiles yearly crime statistics in accordance with the definitions of crimes provided by the FBI for use in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. The report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning crimes that occurred on campus that were reported to the Bridgewater State University Police, designated campus officials (including but not limited to directors, deans, department heads, residence life staff, advisors to students, and athletic coaches. In addition, these statistics also include persons referred for campus disciplinary action for categories required under the Clery Act, including liquor and drug law violations and illegal weapons possession.

Statistical information for certain off-campus locations or property owned or controlled by the Bridgewater State University as well as public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus are requested from the Bridgewater Police Department. For statistical purposes, crime statistics reported to any of these sources are recorded in the calendar year during which the crime was reported.

All of the statistics are gathered, compiled, and reported to the Bridgewater State University community via the BSUPD website at:

<http://www.bridgew.edu/Police/stats.cfm>

Main Campus - Crime & Incident Data 2008-2010

Criminal Offenses:

Criminal Offenses- On Campus	2008	2009	2010	Criminal Offenses - On Campus Student Housing Facilities			
				2008	2009	2010	
Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex-Offenses - Forcible	4	0	3	Sex-Offenses - Forcible	4	0	1
Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	1	0	Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	5	7	2	Aggravated Assault	5	1	0
Burglary	30	15	12	Burglary	30	10	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	2	1	Motor Vehicle Theft	3	0	0
Arson	0	2	0	Arson	0	2	0
Criminal Offenses – Non-campus				Criminal Offenses - Public Property			
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter		0	0	Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter		0	0	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex-Offenses - Forcible		0	0	Sex-Offenses - Forcible	0	0	0
Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible		0	0	Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery		0	0	Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault		0	0	Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary		0	0	Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft		0	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	0
Arson		0	0	Arson	0	0	0

Hate Crimes:

Hate Crimes - On Campus	2008	2009	2010	Hate Crimes - On-Campus Student Housing Facilities			
				2008	2009	2010	
Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex-Offenses - Forcible	0	0	0	Sex-Offenses - Forcible	0	0	0
Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	0	0	Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0	Larceny-Theft	0	0	0

Intimidation	0	0	0	Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/damage/ vandalism of property	0	0	0	Destruction/damage/ vandalism of property	0	0	0
Hate Crimes - Non Campus				Hate Crimes - Public Property			
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex-Offenses - Forcible	0	0	0	Sex-Offenses - Forcible	0	0	0
Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	0	0	Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0	Larceny-Theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/damage/ vandalism of property	0	0	0	Destruction/damage/ vandalism of property	0	0	0

Arrests:

Arrests - On Campus				Arrests - On Campus Student Housing Facilities			
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	2	3	4	Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	1	1	3
Drug Abuse Violations	35	6 ¹	16	Drug Abuse Violations	14	3	9
Liquor Law Violations	124	11	97	Liquor Law Violations	83	84	72
Arrest - Non-Campus				Arrests - Public Property			
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0	Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	Drug Abuse Violations	2	0	2
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	Liquor Law Violations	2	4	3

¹Massachusetts Decriminalized Marijuana Possession (less than 1oz) on January 2009

Disciplinary Actions

Disciplinary Actions - On Campus				Disciplinary Actions - On Campus Student Housing Facilities			
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc..	3	3	6	Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc..	2	3	3
Drug Abuse Violations	69	73	84	Drug Abuse Violations	55	73	59
Liquor Law Violations	397	414	346	Liquor Law Violations	314	414	307

Disciplinary Action - Non-Campus			Disciplinary Action - Public Property				
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc..	0	0	0	Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc..	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	Drug Abuse Violations	1	3	2
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	Liquor Law Violations	39	45	33

Satellite Campuses - Crime & Incident Data 2008-2010

Attleboro Campus				New Bedford Campus			
Criminal Offenses - Noncampus				Criminal Offenses - Noncampus			
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex-Offenses - Forcible	0	0	0	Sex-Offenses - Forcible	0	0	0
Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	0	0	Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	Arson	0	0	0
Hate Crimes - Non Campus				Hate Crimes - Non Campus			
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	Murder/Non-Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex-Offenses - Forcible	0	0	0	Sex-Offenses - Forcible	0	0	0
Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	0	0	Sex-Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0	Larceny-Theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/damage/ vandalism of property	0	0	0	Destruction/damage/ vandalism of property	0	0	0
Arrest - Non-Campus				Arrest - Non-Campus			
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0	Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0

Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0
Disciplinary Action - Non-Campus				Disciplinary Action - Non-Campus			
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0	Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0

Specific Information about Classifying Crime Statistics

The preceding statistics are published in accordance with the standards and guidelines used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook and the federal law, the Clery Act.

The number of victims involved in a particular incident is indicated for the following crime classifications: Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter, Negligent Manslaughter, Forcible and Non- Forcible Sex Offenses, Aggravated Assault. For example, if an aggravated assault occurs and there are three victims, this would be counted as three aggravated assaults in the crime statistics chart.

The number of incidents involving a particular offense is indicated for the following crime categories (includes one offense per distinct operation): Robbery, Burglary, Larceny, and Arson. For example, if five students are walking across campus together and they are robbed, this would count as one instance of robbery in the crime statistics chart.

In cases of motor vehicle theft, each vehicle stolen is counted.

In cases involving Liquor Law, Drug Law, and Illegal Weapons violations, each person who was arrested is indicated in the arrest statistics. If an arrest includes offenses for multiple liquor or drug law violations, it is only counted as a Drug Law Violation as that is the more egregious offense.

The statistics captured under the "Referred for Disciplinary Action" section for Liquor Law, Drug Law, and Illegal Weapons violations indicate the number of people who are referred to the Office of Student Conduct and found responsible for violating those specific laws. Being found responsible includes a referral that resulted in disciplinary action being initiated by the Office of Student Conduct and a record of the action being kept on file.

BSUPD Hate Crime statistics are separated by their category of prejudice. Statistics for Hate Crimes are counted in each specific Clery reportable crime category and therefore, are part of the overall statistics reported for each year. The only exception to this is the addition of a bias motivated simple assault resulting in bodily injury; the law requires that this statistic be reported as a hate crime even though there is no requirement to report the crime in any other area of the compliance document.

Specific Information about the Crime Statistics Reported by BSUPD

Unless otherwise indicated, all statistics are from incidents that were reported to BSUPD. "Reported to Other Campus Agencies" includes crime statistics from incidents reported by other university authorities (e.g. the Counseling Center). "On Campus Residence Halls" is a subset of the "On Campus" crime category. The law requires institutions to break out the number of "on campus" crimes that occur in residential facilities.

Sex Offenses Defined According to the National Incident-Based Reporting System Edition of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program

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

A. Forcible Rape

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

B. Forcible Sodomy

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

C. Sexual Assault with an Object

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

D. Forcible Fondling

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

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

A. Incest

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

B. Statutory Rape

Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Clery Reportable Offense Crime definitions are taken from the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook

Aggravated Assault: an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if the crime were successfully completed.

Arson: Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property, etc.

Burglary: The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes: unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or a felony; breaking and entering

with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned-including joy riding).

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

Manslaughter by Negligence: The killing of another person through gross negligence.

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

Weapon Law Violations: The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Drug Law Violations: Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone's); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

Liquor Law Violations: The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

Geography definitions are taken directly from the Clery Act

On-Campus-Defined as: 1. 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 2. 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 retail vendor).

Non-Campus Building Or Property-Defined as: 1. Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or 2. 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-Defined as: All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

Statement of Policy Addressing Fire Safety, Fire Education, and Fire Statistics

Overview

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (P.L. 110-315) became law in August, 2008, requiring all U.S. academic institutions to produce an annual fire safety report outlining fire safety practices, standards, and all fire-related on-campus statistics related to student housing. The following public disclosure report details all information required by this law as it relates to Bridgewater State University as outlined in the initial regulation; subsequent yearly reports will comply with the Act as amended and published October 29, 2009.

Fires, Fire Prevention and Housing Fire Safety Equipment

At Bridgewater State University, all nine university residence halls are protected by fire detection and alarm systems which are centrally monitored 24 hours/day, seven days/week. The buildings are also equipped with either emergency generators or lighting fixtures that incorporate backup batteries; upon loss of power, these systems automatically activate to assure adequate egress lighting in hallways and emergency exit stairwells. All of our residence halls are fully equipped with sprinkler systems. Carbon monoxide detectors have been installed in all residence hall mechanical rooms where products of combustion could occur. All fire safety systems and equipment are strictly maintained and tested in accordance with applicable national standards.

Fire prevention is the responsibility of all members of the Bridgewater State University community. University residence halls are particularly susceptible to fires, and students residing in the halls must carefully adhere to fire safety regulations.

Student Fire Safety Education Program

Bridgewater State University's fire safety education program is multi-faceted. The university's Office of Environmental Health & Safety can provide training to resident assistants who then train the students residing in their areas annually. Additional information and reminders on fire safety zones and evacuation procedures is provided to all students prior to the start of fire drills for the year. The university provides additional fire safety education to students who violate campus fire safety policies. University Residence Life and Housing staff also perform regular fire safety inspections in the halls.

Extensive fire safety information is also available on the Environmental Health & Safety website at:

<http://www.bridgew.edu/FMP/enviro/Emergency%20Evacuation.cfm>

Fire Evacuation Policy

University Policy on Reporting of Fires

Fire alarms for University -owned buildings ring directly to BSU Police dispatch and the Bridgewater Fire Department. However, any member of the community who becomes aware of any active or past fire must notify the University Police immediately.

Every person in the building, including staff, faculty, students, visitors, and contractors where the fire alarm is sounding, regardless of known or suspected cause, is required to evacuate immediately. Persons evacuating must leave via the closest exit. Any equipment that could cause a fire should be turned off before exiting if it can be done quickly and safely. All occupants will assemble at a safe distance from the building and await further instructions from fire or police personnel. No occupant will re-enter a building until clearance is given by fire or police personnel.

Fire Safety Policies

Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited from the residence halls: all cooking and food preparation appliances (except as listed below), air conditioners, candles, incense burners, grills, space heaters, dartboards, and pets (except fish and those permitted under the Americans with Disabilities legislation). Homemade loft or bunk beds are not permitted. Cinder blocks and other homemade loft apparatus may not be used to raise beds. The possession of any prohibited items may result in a student conduct referral.

The following items are allowed in the residence halls: one microwave oven (under 1000 watts), one blender, one coffeepot and refrigerators (up to 1.4 total amps). Holiday decorations in the residence halls must meet the following criteria, as established by the fire codes:

- All decorations must be flame resistant.
- No live trees, wreaths or other live decorations are permitted.
- No candles are permitted.
- No decoration should impede emergency access, hallways, or public areas.
- No more than one-third of a door may be covered with decorations.
- Holiday lights must be UL approved.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

The following evacuation procedures are in place for the residence halls. These procedures are to be followed when a fire alarm sounds. All residents and their guests must exit the building when a fire alarm sounds, regardless of whether it is a fire drill, false activation, or actual fire. Any persons physically unable to exit the building should immediately contact the BSU Police Department at 508-531-1212 from a cell phone or 911 from a campus phone. Questions regarding the procedures should be directed to Residence Life and Housing staff (x1277) or the BSU Police Department (x1212).

Please use the emergency exits available in your building. **DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.** It is important to be aware of all possible exit locations in your residence hall in the event that one or more of the fire exits are unsafe.

Meeting Places for Residence Halls In the Event of a Fire Alarm

All students should gather at their buildings designated meeting place so that emergency vehicles and personnel can gain easy access to the building and ensure the safety of those who have exited the building. In the event of an emergency residence life staff will take attendance at the meeting place in order to give emergency personnel a list of individuals who may still be in the building and may need assistance exiting it. Residence life staff will also direct students to a temporary shelter if necessary.

Building	Meeting Place
Crimson Hall	Crimson main entrance quad towards DiNardo Hall on East Campus Drive
DiNardo Hall	East Campus Drive sidewalk in front of the 30 minute parking spaces
East Hall	The grass area in front of East Hall
Miles Hall	East Campus Drive sidewalk in front of the 30 minute parking spaces
Pope Hall	Grassy area adjacent to the garden and street
Scott Hall	Campus Center Courtyard

Shea/Durgin Halls	Shea/Durgin parking lot in front of the building
Student Apartments	The parking lot /grass area closest by the ISO booth
Woodward Hall	Harrington parking lot

Special Needs/ Disabilities

Individuals with special needs and/or disabilities that may require accommodations in the event of a fire alarm need to contact their Resident Director (RD) to create a plan to ensure their safety in the case of a fire alarm.

Re-entering the Building

No one should re-enter the building until directed to do so by a member of the Residence Life and Housing staff or the Police Department. Even if an alarm stops sounding you must wait for university officials to direct you into the building.

University Fire Statistics

Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this section:

- **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.*
- **Fire:** *Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.*
- **Fire drill:** *A supervised practice of a mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire.*
- **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 a fire. The term "person" may include students, faculty, staff, visitors, firefighters, or any other individuals.*
- **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 a fire.*
- **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.*
- **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.*

Campus Fire Logs

A log of all fires and fire alarms in which there was a physical cause (i.e., smoke, heat, etc., rather than a faulty detector or system malfunction) are listed online within two business days of occurrence. Visit the Bridgewater State University Police website at:

<http://www.bridgew.edu/police>

When changes in the causes or information about a University fire become known to Bridgewater State University Police, any updates will be made to the log within two business days of the status change.

Fire Descriptions – 2009-2010

Facility Name	2008			2009			2010		
	Fires	Injuries	Deaths	Fires	Injuries	Deaths	Fires	Injuries	Deaths
Crimson Hall				0	0	0	0	0	0
Dinardo Hall				0	0	0	0	0	0
Durgin Hall				1	0	0	0	0	0
East Hall				0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Hill Apartments				0	0	0	1	0	0
Miles Hall				1	0	0	0	0	0
Pope Hall				0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Hall				0	0	0	0	0	0
Shea Hall				0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodward Hall				0	0	0	0	0	0
Total				2	0	0	1	0	0

2009					
Residence	Category of Fire	Cause of Fire	Fire-related injuries	Fire-related deaths	Property damage
Durgin	Intentional	Burning of plastic items	0	0	\$0-99
Miles	Intentional	items in trash	0	0	\$0-99
2010					
Residence	Category of Fire	Cause of Fire	Fire-related injuries	Fire-related deaths	Property damage
Apartments	Unintentional	Plastic on stove burner	0	0	\$0-99

End of Report

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