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Mission Statement

Clark Atlanta University Mission Statement

Building on its social justice history and heritage, Clark Atlanta University is a culturally diverse, research-intensive, liberal arts institution that prepares and transforms the lives of students. CAU is located in the heart of Atlanta, which is the epicenter of the Civil Rights Movement and modern center of emerging technologies and innovation. Ignited by its history, CAU is committed to delivering education that is accessible, relevant, and transformative.

Public Safety Mission Statement

The Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety is dedicated to enhance the safety and quality of life for its students, faculty, staff, visitors and constituents in a safe and secure environment to learn, live, work and play.

Public Safety Core Values

We seek to provide exemplary **SERVICE** to the Clark Atlanta University community. Our core values are:

- Serving with honesty, integrity and respect
- Engaging with our students, faculty and staff in a positive manner to enhance our partnerships
- Responding to our community by providing a safe and secure environment

- Valuing the opinions of the community we serve by being inclusive and transparent
- Integrity in what we do and say by upholding to the highest standards of honesty and ethical conduct
- Collaborating with our partners
- Excellence in customer service as we strive to serve in a professional manner



LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Greetings Clark Atlanta University Community,

I extend my sincere gratitude for your continued partnership with the Department of Public Safety. Each year, Clark Atlanta University publishes its Annual Security and Fire Safety Report to provide important information about campus safety, security, fire prevention, and available resources. I encourage you to read the report and use it to stay informed.

Keeping our University safe is a shared responsibility. By remaining aware of our surroundings, reporting concerns, and looking out for one another, we help create a welcoming environment in which students can learn, employees can work, and visitors can feel secure. Your involvement strengthens the culture of safety on campus and in the surrounding community.

The Department of Public Safety remains committed to providing professional, fair, and responsive service while treating everyone with dignity and respect. Our approach to policing is campus oriented and student centered, with an emphasis on prevention, engagement, and open communication. We value the trust and collaboration of our students, faculty, staff, and community partners.

As we move forward, we will continue strengthening communication and coordination across the University and with our law enforcement partners. We also remain committed to preventing hazing. Students, employees, and members of student organizations should understand how to recognize concerning conduct, help prevent it, and report suspected hazing.

Please take time to review the campus crime statistics, fire safety information, policies, and prevention resources in the [2026 Right to Know pamphlet](#). Thank you for doing your part to make Clark Atlanta University a safe and supportive place for all.

Yours in Service,

Debra A. Williams

Associate Vice President, Chief of Police & Director of Emergency Management



Introduction

Clark Atlanta University (CAU or "University") recognizes the safety of its students, faculty, staff and visitors as a number one priority. However, this can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of every member of the CAU community.

In order to inform both the immediate campus population and public about important safety and security matters on campus, CAU prepares this report in compliance with the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act*, 20 USC § 1092(f) (the "Clery Act"). This report includes statistics for the previous three calendar years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in or on certain non-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by CAU; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. This report also includes institutional policies and procedures concerning campus safety and security, crime reporting, Timely Warnings, Emergency Notifications, alcohol and illegal drug use, crime prevention and security awareness, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, hazing prevention and response, access to and security of campus facilities, missing students, emergency preparedness, and other matters required by the Clery Act.



In accordance with the Stop Campus Hazing Act, the University also reports applicable

hazing statistics and provides information regarding its hazing policies, reporting and investigation procedures, applicable hazing laws, hazing prevention and awareness programs, and Campus Hazing Transparency Report.

This report is prepared annually by Clark Atlanta University in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety, Campus Security Authorities, Student Affairs, Student Conduct, Residence Life, Athletics, Human Resources, Title IX, other appropriate University departments and officials, and local law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over applicable Clery geography. By October 1 each year, CAU notifies all current students and employees via University email of the availability of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASR), provides the exact URL, and explains how to obtain a paper copy free of charge from the Department of Public Safety or the Office of Student Life. Physical copies of this report are available at the Office of Student Life located in Suite 250 of the Student Center or the Department of Public Safety located at the Tanner Turner Building. Prospective students and employees are informed of the Annual Safety and Fire report's availability and how to request a copy.

By reporting crime information accurately and promptly and disclosing its policies concerning campus safety and security, CAU aims to assist its community members in making informed decisions on personal safety and property protection. Crime statistics covering the three most recent calendar years are presented in the security portion of this report and include applicable Clery-reportable crimes occurring within CAU's Clery geography. The Fire Safety portion of this report contains required fire statistics and information concerning fire safety systems, fire prevention policies, fire safety education and training, evacuation procedures, fire drills, fire reporting procedures, and other required fire safety information for University on-campus student housing facilities.



General Information About Campus Safety and Security

The Department of Public Safety takes seriously the safety, security and well-being of the University community and its constituents. We believe in transparency by providing our community members with criminal statistics

according to the requirements of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1990 (20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)) (the “Clery Act”). The Clery Act which requires the University to provide certain disclosures to current students, employees, applicants for enrollment or employment (upon request), and the U.S. Department of Education about crime on and around campus. This information, including campus crime statistics and statements concerning the University's security policies, are prepared, published and disseminated annually in the University's “Your Right to Know” Annual Security and Fire Safety Report.



As the primary agency responsible, the Clark Atlanta University Public Safety Department operates 24-hours, 7-days a week offering a full range of security services for the University. The department has a mixture of Public Safety Officers, Communications Officers and Sworn Police Officers certified by the State of Georgia. CAU DPS operates a 24-hour communications and Video Integration Communications Center (VICC) that supports emergency communications, dispatching, video surveillance, and other public safety operations. We have a mixture of Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T) Certified Communications Officers. They operate the Georgia Crime Information Center and National Crime Information Center 24 hours a day. The department's Headquarters is located on Main Campus at 223 James P. Brawley Drive SW, Atlanta GA 30314, in the Tanner Turner Building.

Procedures for Accurately and Promptly Reporting a Crime or Suspicious Behavior or Activity

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety-related incidents, whether occurring on or off campus, to the Department of Public Safety in a timely manner. Doing so allows the University to evaluate the incident for inclusion in the annual Clery crime statistics and to determine whether a Timely Warning, Emergency Notification, or other safety communication is appropriate.

Reports of suspected hazing should also be made promptly to the Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety or another designated University reporting official. Students,

employees, witnesses, and other individuals are encouraged to report conduct that they believe may constitute hazing, including conduct associated with initiation into, affiliation with, or continued membership in a student organization. A person does not need to determine whether conduct legally constitutes hazing before making a report. The University encourages individuals to report concerning conduct so that it may be appropriately evaluated and addressed.



Any crime or suspicious activity seen in the parking lots or loitering around vehicles, inside buildings, or around residential halls should be reported immediately to the Department of Public Safety by calling 404-880-8623 (non-emergency) or 404-880-8911 or 8911 (emergency); visiting the department in-person; submitting an anonymous tip via email or letter to any staff member of the Department of Public Safety or through the Panther Safety Application. You may also use the Emergency Call Boxes located throughout campus. The campus Emergency Call Boxes provide the user with immediate emergency notification to the Department of Public Safety's Communications/Dispatch Center for immediate officer response during emergency situations. The Department of Public Safety handles emergencies, routine telephone and radio communications through its communications/dispatch center.

In addition, you may report a crime to the following departments:

Dean of Students Life	404-880-6391	Student Center, Suite 250
Director of Community Standards	404-880-6243	Student Center, Suite 250
Title IX Coordinator	404-880-6158	Harkness Hall Room 206
Executive Director of Residence Life	404-880-8074	123 Mildred St.

Suspected hazing may be reported through these established University reporting channels. Reports received by a Campus Security Authority involving conduct that may constitute hazing will be evaluated for Clery Act reporting purposes and referred to the appropriate University office or law enforcement agency for review and response.

When reporting crimes or suspicious activity, be sure to provide the following information:

- Nature of the incident;
- Persons involved;
- Your name and address for police record;
- The location from which you are calling;
- Injuries, if any;
- Weapons, if any; and
- Any other pertinent information you feel is important or necessary.

CAU encourages victims and witnesses of crimes to promptly report incidents to the Department of Public Safety, appropriate local law enforcement, or a designated Campus Security Authority. Reports made to Campus Security Authorities may be subject to Clery Act reporting requirements and should not be considered confidential solely because the report was made to a University official. Reports received by Campus Security Authorities are forwarded through the University's Clery reporting process for evaluation and, when applicable, inclusion in the University's Clery crime statistics.

For purposes of Clery Act reporting, personally identifying information about a victim is not included in the University's publicly disclosed crime statistics. Pastoral counselors and professional counselors, when functioning within the scope of their recognized counseling roles, are not Campus Security Authorities under the Clery Act. Individuals seeking confidential assistance should consult the University's current policies and resource information identifying which University or community resources are designated as confidential.

Timely Warnings of Certain Criminal Activity to the Campus Community

Clark Atlanta University will issue a Timely Warning to the campus community when a Clery Act crime is reported to a Campus Security Authority or local law enforcement agency, occurs within the University's Clery geography, and is considered by the University to represent a serious or continuing threat to students or employees.



The decision to issue a Timely Warning is made on a case-by-case basis after consideration of the nature of the crime, the continuing danger to the campus community, and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts. Timely Warnings are intended to provide information that will aid members of the campus community in protecting themselves and preventing similar

crimes.

Timely Warnings will be issued as soon as pertinent information is available and will withhold the names and other personally identifying information of victims as confidential. The warning may include information concerning the nature of the crime, the date, time and general location of the incident, relevant safety information, and other information determined necessary to assist the campus community. The Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety is responsible for coordinating the issuance of Timely Warnings. Timely Warnings may be distributed through University-approved communication systems, including email, text messaging, emergency notification platforms, the Panther Safe application, website postings, or other appropriate communication methods depending upon the circumstances. Anyone with information concerning a crime or situation that may warrant a Timely Warning should immediately contact the Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety at 404-880-8911 for emergencies, 404-880-8623 for non-emergencies, or report in person to the Department of Public Safety.

When an Emergency Notification is issued for an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on campus, CAU is not required to issue a separate Timely Warning based on the same circumstances. The University will provide adequate follow-up information to the campus community as appropriate. When an Emergency Notification is issued for the same circumstances, a separate Timely Warning is not required; CAU will provide

follow-up information as needed. Timely Warnings are issued for Clery-reportable crimes that pose a continuing threat to the campus community.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

CAU does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities and is required under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Title IX's implementing regulations not to discriminate in such a manner. The prohibited sex discrimination covers sexual misconduct, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment and sexual violence, and extends to employment in and admission to such programs and activities. CAU will maintain as confidential any accommodations or protective measures provided to a victim to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the University to provide the accommodations or protective measures. Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX may be referred to the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) or the University's Title IX Coordinator:

Ramona Roman
Associate Vice President, Human Resources/Title IX Coordinator
223 James P. Brawley Drive NW, Harkness Hall, Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia 30314
(404) 880-6158
Email: rroman@cau.edu



Campus Security Authority

The Clery Act requires all institutions to collect crime reports from a variety of individuals and organizations that are considered to be “campus security authorities” under the law. Under the Clery Act, a crime is “reported” when it is brought to the attention of a campus security authority, the institution’s police department or campus safety office, or local law enforcement personnel by a victim, witness, other third party or even the offender. It does not matter whether or not the individuals



involved in the crime, or reporting the crime, are associated with the institution. Hazing is a Clery-reportable crime. Campus Security Authorities are therefore expected to report information brought to their attention concerning alleged hazing in accordance with the University's Clery Act reporting procedures. A CSA should report the information available to them and is not responsible for determining whether the reported conduct ultimately satisfies the legal definition of hazing.

Clark Atlanta University provides training and information to identified Campus Security Authorities regarding their Clery Act responsibilities, including the obligation to report allegations of Clery-reportable crimes. CSA training includes information concerning the recognition and reporting of alleged

hazing incidents in accordance with the Stop Campus Hazing Act.

Campus Security Authorities:

According to 34 CFR 668.46(a), a *Campus Security Authority* is a Clery Act-specific term that encompasses four groups of individuals and organizations associated with an institution.

- A campus police department or a campus security department of an institution. If your institution has a campus police or security department, all individuals who work for that department are campus security authorities. A security department can be as small as one person.
- Any individual or individuals who have responsibility for campus security but who do not



constitute a campus police department or a campus security department (e.g., an individual who is responsible for monitoring the entrance into institutional property). Include individuals such as those who provide security at a campus parking kiosk, monitor access into a campus facility, and act as event security, such as for sporting events or large, registered parties, or escort students around campus after dark (including other students).

- Any individual or organization specified in an institution's statement of campus security policy as an individual or organization to which students and employees should report criminal offenses.
- An official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including, but not limited to, student housing, student discipline and campus judicial proceedings. An official is defined as any person who has the authority and the duty to act or respond to particular issues on behalf of the institution.



Reporting Crimes to Pastoral and Professional Counselors

For purposes of the Clery Act, pastoral counselors and professional counselors are defined as follows:

- 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.

“Pastoral Counselors” and “Professional Counselors”, when acting as such, are not considered campus security authorities and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, however, CAU encourages these professionals; if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics. CAU is not required to issue a timely warning with respect to crimes reported to a pastoral or professional counselor.



Authority and Jurisdiction of Campus Safety Personnel

The Department of Public Safety is a state-certified law enforcement agency dedicated to safeguarding the life, liberty and security of CAU students, faculty and staff, as well as guests who visit the campus to pursue University business within CAU geographic area. Sworn officers of the Clark

Atlanta University Department of Public Safety are certified peace officers in the State of Georgia and exercise law-enforcement and arrest authority as provided by Georgia law and the jurisdiction authorized by the University. The Department maintains patrol, investigative, communications, and emergency-response capabilities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.

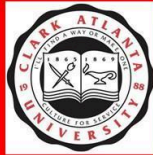


The campus police conduct patrols, respond to crimes, manage disputes, hold residential town hall meetings and safety training, oversee emergency management, and provide security for athletic and social events. The Department maintains a close, professional partnership with the Atlanta Police Department for joint investigations, arrests, and prosecutions.

The Department of Public Safety will also work with other law enforcement agencies, such as local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to assist in the investigation and prosecution of local, state and federal criminal offenses. CAU DPS maintains a cooperative working relationship with the Atlanta Police Department and other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. At the time of publication, CAU does not maintain a written memorandum of understanding with the Atlanta Police Department specifically governing the investigation of alleged criminal offenses.

Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety law-enforcement authority is exercised pursuant to applicable Georgia law, including Code of Georgia Annotated § 20-8-3. Sworn campus police officers, when authorized as provided by law, possess law enforcement powers, including arrest authority, within their authorized jurisdiction.





Monitoring and Recording Off-Campus Criminal Activity

Clark Atlanta University owns or controls certain property located outside the University's reasonably contiguous main campus area. Property meeting the federal definition of non-campus property is included within CAU's Clery geography, and applicable crime statistics are collected and reported in accordance with federal requirements. However, when a CAU student is involved in illegal activity off campus, the Department of Public Safety can and will respond to student-related incidents that occur in close proximity to campus and may assist with investigations in cooperation with local, state or federal law enforcement. The City of Atlanta Police Department routinely works and communicates with campus officers on any serious incidents occurring on campus or in the surrounding neighborhood and business areas.



Clark Atlanta University owns, leases, or otherwise controls certain property located outside the University's reasonably contiguous main campus area. Property meeting the federal definition of Non-campus Property is included within CAU's Clery geography, and applicable Clery crime statistics are collected and reported for such locations. CAU coordinates, as appropriate, with the law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over these locations to obtain applicable crime statistics for inclusion in the University's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report.

For purposes of Clery Act hazing reporting, however, the federal definition of “student organization” is broader than the definition used to determine non-campus Clery geography. For hazing purposes, a student organization includes an organization at Clark Atlanta University in which two or more members are students enrolled at the University, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by CAU. Accordingly, a group's recognition status does not, by itself, determine whether reported conduct may constitute hazing for Clery Act purposes.

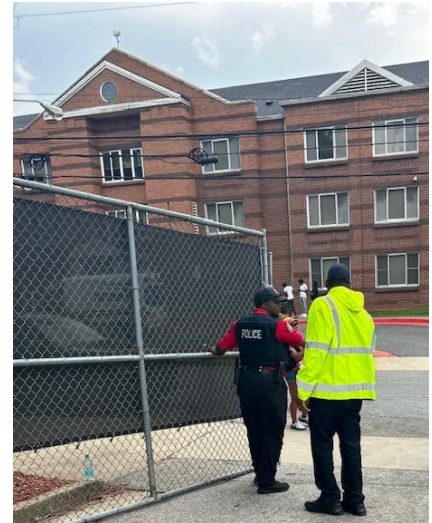


Access, Use and Security of University Parking Lots, Residence Halls and Facilities

CAU is a private institution located in the heart of Atlanta, Georgia, with an open campus. All buildings are equipped with emergency lighting, exterior security lighting, fire and smoke alarms, and panic-bar type doors. All residence halls have self-closing mechanism doors that should help prevent unauthorized persons from entering the buildings. Security considerations are incorporated into the University's maintenance of campus facilities. CAU DPS and Facilities Management routinely evaluate lighting, doors, locks, access-control systems, landscaping, and other physical conditions that may affect campus safety and security. Identified safety or security concerns are referred to the appropriate University department for corrective action.

Residence Halls

Residence halls are secured 24 hours a day and are controlled by an access control card system (i.e. Panther Paw Card). The Panther Paw office is responsible for data entry and card issuance procedures for this system. Residence hall rooms are accessed using a key system, which is controlled by the Office of Student Life and Residential Life. Students, residence hall directors and



resident assistants assigned to reside in the residence halls have 24-hour access to their respective halls. However, over extended breaks, students, and resident assistants are denied access to the residence halls. Residence hall directors, students categorized as University athletes remaining on campus to compete in tournaments, and international students have year-round access to their respective residence halls. The doors to all residence halls are secured and monitored around the clock.

Residents, who are advised to keep their rooms locked at all times, control residence hall access. For security reasons, it is necessary for residents to carry their Panther Paw card and room key at all times. In the event residents are locked out of their rooms, it may be necessary for them to wait for a roommate, contact their Community Director or contact the Facilities Management Department to enter their room. Lost or stolen access cards and/or keys should be reported to the Department of Public Safety immediately. Door locks may be changed and new keys issued for a fee determined by the Facilities Management Department. Keys are not to be loaned or duplicated.

Community Directors (CD) are responsible for maintaining the standard of residential life within their respective halls and enforcing residence hall rules. CDs live in the residence halls, an arrangement which provides an opportunity for them to plan, coordinate, and implement safety measures working in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety in the following manner:

- Reporting strangers in their area;
- Controlling and monitoring access to the buildings;
- Advising safe off-campus practices through residential life education; and
- Coordinating walk through inspections.



Although the CDs are responsible for enforcing residence hall rules in order to implement safety measures, each student residing in on-campus

residential halls is required to share in the responsibility for the security of their building. These requirements are as follows:

- Follow access control policies related to students and his/her visitor(s).
- Report lost access cards immediately to the Community Director and Public Safety representatives.
- Prevent the duplication of residential room keys.
- Report defective and inoperative access control devices and security Equipment.
- Avoid “propping” the doors to residential, recreational and academic facilities open.
- Display student identification cards and adhere to visitation rules.

Each student should recognize that residence hall visitation is a privilege and not a right, and therefore may be suspended by the Office of Student Life. Residential hall visitation hours vary throughout the week, and are determined by the Office of Student Life. The normal periods for visitation in the residence halls are Monday through Sunday from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. However, these hours are subject to change.

Administrative and Academic Buildings

All administrative and academic buildings are controlled by a card access with the exception of the Alumni Relations and administrative trailers. Buildings are opened during normal business hours from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to those who require access. All non-resident buildings are locked down and/or opened by the Department of Public Safety and the Facilities Department personnel based upon the schedule of classes and activities.

Parking Access and Control

Vehicles entering and exiting the main campus are monitored. Currently, vehicular access routes along public streets are not under strict control procedures. However, proactive patrolling is used to monitor vehicular access. All vehicles parked on University property must have either an authorized parking permit or a vendor



pass. Vehicles not displaying one of the above documents are encouraged to park in the parking deck designated for University parking. Campus parking regulations are strictly enforced. Enforcement includes warnings, traffic citations, booting and towing.

Athletic Facilities

The Department of Public Safety provides security services for active CAU athletic facilities and events consistent with University operational needs and is authorized to maintain the keys to gates and perimeter entrances to those facilities. The athletics department facilities manager is responsible for securing the interior of the perimeter. Hours of access vary depending on the season but are typically between the hours of 5:00 am - 10:00 pm in season and normal business hours during the off-seasons. Only students, faculty and staff are permitted to use athletic facilities.

Scheduling Events

Scheduling of events and activities is done on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be given preference in the Student Center when rooms are available. Reservation request forms may be obtained from the Department of Student Leadership and Student Engagement located in the Student Center, Suite 245. Reservations for food service should be made with the University's contracted food service vendor. Food will not be permitted in the academic lounges, study rooms and classrooms.



Groups or individuals reserving space in University facilities shall be responsible for the behavior of their members and guests. Individuals or groups shall be responsible for any negligent damage of any University property, and damages shall be charged to the individuals or groups using a facility at the time damages occur.

The University will not be responsible for any articles lost in its facilities.

No student organization, group, or student shall remain in a facility after it is officially closed without permission from a University official and without notice to the Department of Public Safety.



Education Programs for Students and Employees

About Campus Security Policies and Procedures and Crime Prevention

The Department of Public Safety fully subscribes to the mantra, "SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY" and believes that each individual is responsible for his or her personal safety and welfare. All University students, faculty and staff are encouraged to actively assist in crime prevention on the campus and to comply with policies as outlined in the *Student Handbook*, *Faculty Handbook* and *Staff Handbook*, respectively.



Clark Atlanta University provides security awareness and crime prevention programs for students and employees throughout the year. Programs designed to inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices and to encourage responsibility for their own security and the security of others are offered at least once during the Fall and Spring semesters. Security awareness and crime prevention information is also provided, as appropriate, through new student orientation, new employee orientation, residence hall meetings, resident assistant training, safety presentations, crime prevention programs, self-defense and personal safety education, campus safety escorts,

situational-awareness education, vehicle and property security information, and other educational initiatives. The Department of Public Safety works in partnership with Student Affairs, Residence Life, and other University departments to provide safety information and programming throughout the academic year. Information concerning emergency communications and University emergency notification systems is also provided to students and employees.

Clark Atlanta University provides research-informed campus-wide hazing prevention and awareness programs designed to reach students, faculty, and staff. Hazing prevention education addresses the University's hazing policy; how to recognize and report suspected hazing; applicable federal, state, and local hazing laws; potential physical and psychological consequences of hazing; and strategies intended to prevent hazing before it occurs. Programming may also address safe and positive bystander intervention, ethical leadership, and positive strategies for developing group cohesion and belonging without hazing.

About Alcohol and Illegal Drug Use and Abuse

The Office of Student Life and University Counseling and Disabilities Services team up on an annual basis to host a Drug and Alcohol Abuse seminar for all CAU students. In compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) Amendments of 1989, CAU also disseminates information to its students and employees concerning the health risks and legal sanctions associated with University's alcohol and drug policies may be subject to sanctions that may include criminal penalties and mandatory rehabilitation services.

Weapons Policy

CAU prohibits the possession, use, or sale of firearms, explosives, or other dangerous weapons on University property or at University events, except as expressly authorized by law and University policy. Violations are subject to University discipline and/or criminal prosecution.

HAZING POLICY, REPORTING, PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Clark Atlanta University is committed to maintaining an educational environment in which students may participate in student organizations, athletic teams, clubs, fraternities, sororities, bands, societies, associations and other University-related activities without being subjected to hazing. Hazing is prohibited by Clark Atlanta University policy and may also constitute a violation of federal, state, or local law.

Federal Definition of Hazing

For purposes of Clery Act reporting, hazing means 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 occurs in the course of an initiation into, 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, of physical or psychological injury.

Georgia Hazing Law

In addition to the federal Clery Act definition of hazing, Georgia law separately defines and prohibits hazing. Under O.C.G.A. § 16-5-61, “haze” or “hazing” means to subject a student to an activity that endangers or is likely to endanger the physical health of the student, or to coerce the student through the use of social or physical pressure to consume any food, liquid, alcohol, drug, or other substance that subjects the student to a likely risk of vomiting,

intoxication, or unconsciousness, regardless of the student's willingness to participate in the activity.

Georgia law prohibits hazing in connection with or as a condition or precondition of gaining acceptance, membership, office, or other status in a school organization. A violation of Georgia's criminal hazing law is a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature. Georgia law also establishes requirements applicable to postsecondary institutions concerning the reporting, investigation, adjudication, and public disclosure of certain hazing violations. Clark Atlanta University complies with applicable state hazing disclosure requirements in addition to its obligations under the federal Clery Act and Stop Campus Hazing Act. Clark Atlanta University prohibits hazing and may address conduct under University policy regardless of whether the conduct results in criminal prosecution.

Examples of Hazing

Conduct that may constitute hazing can include, depending upon the circumstances, physical abuse; whipping, beating, striking, exposure to extreme conditions, or forced physical activity; forced or coerced consumption of food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances; sleep deprivation; conduct involving sexual activity; conduct that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm; degrading or humiliating conduct that creates a risk of psychological injury; or other conduct that violates criminal law and occurs in connection with initiation, affiliation, or maintaining membership in a student organization. This is intended as illustrative language, not a limitation on what could qualify.

Student Organization Definition

For purposes of Clery Act hazing reporting, a "student organization" is any organization at Clark Atlanta University in which two or more members are students enrolled at the University, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by Clark Atlanta University. An individual's willingness to participate in an activity does not, by itself, prevent the conduct from meeting the federal definition of hazing.

CAU Institutional Hazing Policy

Clark Atlanta University prohibits hazing in any form. In accordance with the University's Anti-Hazing Policy 6.3, effective May 1, 2026, the prohibition against hazing applies to students, student organizations, athletic teams, clubs, associations, and other groups affiliated with the



University, whether formally recognized by CAU or not. The policy also applies to University faculty and staff as applicable and covers conduct occurring on or off University-owned or controlled property in connection with University-related activities or student organizations.

Hazing includes intentional, knowing, or reckless conduct associated with initiation into, affiliation with, or continued membership or participation in a student organization that causes or creates a risk of physical or psychological injury. Prohibited conduct may include, but is not limited to, physical abuse; forced or coerced consumption of food, alcohol, drugs, or other substances; sleep deprivation; exposure to extreme conditions; forced or coerced physical activity; sexual conduct; conduct intended to cause fear or bodily harm; degrading or humiliating activities that create a risk of psychological harm; and conduct that violates applicable criminal law.

A person's willingness or consent to participate does not excuse or permit hazing. No student, employee, student organization, athletic team, club, or other University-affiliated group may engage in, encourage, facilitate, direct, assist, solicit, or knowingly participate in hazing. Hazing may not be required, encouraged, or permitted as a condition of initiation, admission, affiliation, continued membership, leadership, office, participation, or status within an organization or group.

Retaliation, intimidation, threats, coercion, or interference against any person who reports hazing, participates in a hazing investigation, or seeks assistance regarding suspected hazing is prohibited.

Reports of alleged hazing are referred to the appropriate University office for review and investigation in accordance with Policy 6.3. The Office of Student Conduct is responsible for administrative investigations involving students and student organizations and may consult with the Department of Public Safety, Office of General Counsel, Athletics, Human Resources, or other appropriate University offices. CAU DPS may conduct or assist with a criminal investigation when reported conduct may constitute a violation of law. Administrative and criminal investigations may proceed separately.

Individuals and organizations found responsible for violating the University's hazing policy may be subject to disciplinary sanctions. Sanctions for student organizations may range from a warning or probation to suspension or loss of University recognition. Individual students may be subject to sanctions up to and including suspension or dismissal, and employees may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action under applicable University policies.

Clark Atlanta University also provides hazing prevention and awareness education designed to promote ethical leadership, bystander intervention, responsible decision-making, and positive approaches to building group cohesion without hazing. The complete Clark Atlanta University Anti-Hazing Policy 6.3 is available through the University's official policies and hazing prevention resources.

How to Report Hazing

Clark Atlanta University strongly encourages students, employees, witnesses, parents, organization members, advisors and other members of the University community to report suspected hazing promptly. Individuals do not need to determine whether conduct meets the legal or University definition of hazing before making a report.

Suspected hazing may be reported to the Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety by calling 404-880-8911 for emergencies or 404-880-8623 for non-emergencies, by reporting in person to the Department of Public Safety, or through other University-approved reporting mechanisms, including the Panther Safe application where applicable. Reports may also be made to designated University officials and Campus Security Authorities.

If hazing presents an immediate threat to health or safety, individuals should immediately contact the Department of Public Safety or 911 and should not place themselves at risk by attempting to intervene physically.

Investigation of Hazing

Reports of alleged hazing are referred to the appropriate University office in accordance with Clark Atlanta University's Anti-Hazing Policy 6.3. The Office of Student Conduct is responsible for conducting administrative investigations involving students and student organizations, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Office of General Counsel, Athletics, Human Resources, or other appropriate University offices depending upon the circumstances.

CAU DPS may conduct or assist with a criminal investigation when reported conduct may constitute a violation of criminal law. Administrative and criminal investigations are separate processes and may proceed independently.

The University's administrative process may include notice of the allegations, information gathering, interviews, an opportunity for the responding party or organization to respond, a determination of responsibility, sanctions when appropriate, and applicable appeal procedures in accordance with University policy. Consent or willingness to participate does not preclude conduct from constituting hazing.

Hazing Prevention and Awareness

Clark Atlanta University maintains research-informed campus-wide hazing prevention and awareness programs designed to reach students, faculty, and staff. These programs are intended to prevent hazing before it occurs and to increase



awareness of the University's hazing policy and applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Hazing prevention programming includes information regarding how to recognize and report suspected hazing, the potential physical and psychological effects of hazing, primary prevention strategies, and positive alternatives to hazing. Programming may also include skill building for safe and positive bystander intervention, ethical leadership, responsible decision-making, and strategies for developing group cohesion, belonging, and organizational identity without hazing.

Hazing Prevention and Awareness Programs

Clark Atlanta University provides research-informed, campus-wide hazing prevention and awareness programs designed to reach students, faculty, and staff. Hazing prevention education addresses the University's hazing policy; how to recognize and report suspected hazing; applicable federal, state, and local hazing laws; potential physical and psychological consequences of hazing; and primary prevention strategies intended to prevent hazing before it occurs. Programming also may include skill-building for safe and positive bystander intervention, ethical leadership, responsible decision-making, and positive strategies for developing group cohesion, belonging, and organizational identity without hazing. Hazing prevention and awareness education is incorporated, as appropriate, into University programs such as new student orientation, student organization education, fraternity and sorority education, athletics programming, advisor training, employee education, leadership development, and other prevention initiatives.

Programs About the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Violence and Stalking and the Procedures for Addressing Reports of Sexual Violence

CAU prohibits acts of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and other forms of sexual violence. To that end, CAU offers its students and employees, on both a primary and ongoing basis, educational programs that promote the awareness of rape, acquaintance rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and other forcible and non-forcible sex offenses. Some of those programs are as follows:

- **"Virtual" Seminars** – Educational interactive seminars on topics ranging from domestic violence, dating situational awareness, sexual assaults, safety,



and self-defense. Students are also notified of the appropriate campus officials to whom acts of sexual violence should be reported and the disciplinary procedures that may ensue once a report of sexual violence is made.

- **Sexual Consent Seminar** – Throughout the year, students are also educated about the definition of sexual assault, rape, acquaintance rape and consent in the context of sexual activity, and are given hypothetical examples in which the definition of consent is applied and discussed. Students who may find themselves in a bystander scenario are also given safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against a person other than that individual.

In connection with its efforts to comply with the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination ("SaVE") Act of 2013, CAU has also begun incorporating into its program's information about the definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and consent as those terms are defined under Georgia law, where available. Those terms are also defined in the Student Handbook:

- ❖ **"Domestic Violence"** - Georgia law recognizes "domestic violence" under the umbrella of "family violence," which is a category of felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction. Georgia state law specifically defines such violence as the occurrence of a felony or the commission of offenses of battery, simple battery, simple assault, assault, stalking, criminal damage to property, unlawful restraint, or criminal trespass between:

- past or present spouses;

- persons who are parents of the same child;
- parents and children;
- stepparents and stepchildren;
- foster parents and foster children; or
- other persons living or formerly living in the same household.

❖ **“Dating Violence”** is violence committed by a person—

- who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - the length of the relationship
 - the type of relationship
 - the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship

For the purposes of this definition, dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence. Any incident meeting this definition is considered a crime for the purposes of Clery Act reporting.

❖ **"Sexual Assault"** is any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient of the unwanted sexual activity. To include instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent. Falling under the definition of sexual assault is sexual activity such as forced sexual intercourse, sodomy, child molestation, incest, fondling, rape, attempted rape, sexual battery and aggravated sexual battery.

- Rape: The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or

anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

- Fondling: The touching of the private parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
- Incest: Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
- Statutory Rape: Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

❖ **Stalking**" - Occurs, in relevant part, when a person follows, places under surveillance or contacts another person (i.e. the victim) at or about any public or private property occupied by the victim other than the residence of the person without the consent of the victim for the purpose of harassing and intimidating the victim. Harassment and intimidation is a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person which causes emotional distress by placing such person in reasonable fear for such person's safety or the safety of a member of his or her immediate family, by establishing a pattern of harassing and intimidating behavior, and which serves no legitimate purpose. Examples of contacting another person include, but are not limited to, communicating in person, by telephone, by mail, by broadcast, by computer or computer network, or by any other electronic device.

❖ **"Consent"** –For University conduct purposes, consent is a clear, voluntary, and affirmative agreement to engage in specific sexual activity, which can be withdrawn at any time. Consent is active, not passive, and is given by clear actions or words. Consent may not be inferred from silence, passivity, or lack of active resistance alone. A current or previous dating or sexual relationship is not sufficient to constitute consent, and consent to one form of sexual activity does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity. Being intoxicated does not diminish one's responsibility to obtain consent. A person cannot consent

if they are asleep, unconscious, or otherwise incapacitated (including due to alcohol or drugs). In some situations, an individual may be deemed incapable of consenting to sexual activity because of circumstances or the behavior of another, or due to their age. Examples of such situations include, but are not limited to, incompetence, impairment from alcohol and/or other drugs, fear, unconsciousness, intimidation, coercion, confinement, isolation, or mental or physical impairment.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU ARE VICTIM OF OR A WITNESS TO A SEX OFFENSE?

A person who becomes a victim of or a witness to a "sex offense," as defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), should report the offense to the Department of Public Safety, a residence hall assistant or director, the Dean of Student Life, or the University's Title IX Coordinator, Ramona Roman, at (404) 880-6158. Once a report of sexual violence is made and in order for the University to conduct a prompt, fair and thorough investigation into the incident and commence appropriate disciplinary proceedings (if the victim so chooses), a victim (or witness, if applicable) is encouraged to do the following:

1. Go to a safe place as soon as possible (i.e. a friend's home or residential hall room, the Department of Public Safety, etc.)
2. Following a sexual assault, individuals are encouraged, when possible, to preserve evidence that may assist in a criminal investigation, University proceeding, or request for a protective order. This may include avoiding washing, bathing, showering, changing clothes, or cleaning the location of the incident before receiving medical guidance. However, an individual should still seek medical attention and may still report the incident even if evidence may have been altered or is no longer available. Electronic communications, photographs, social media messages, call records, and other relevant information should also be preserved when possible.
3. Call the appropriate law enforcement agency. If the incident occurred on campus, contact the Department of Public Safety as soon as possible by calling (404) 880-8911. If the attack occurred off campus, call the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the attack occurred, such as the Atlanta Police Department. CAU will assist a victim in notifying the appropriate law enforcement authorities, if the victim so requests.

4. Get medical attention. If called, the Department of Public Safety will assist the victim with medical attention that will include collecting any evidence. The victim may also contact University Health Services, when appropriate.
 5. Talk to a counselor. The victim may contact the Title IX Coordinator to obtain resources for victims of sexual crimes or contact Counseling and Disability Services. The victim also has a right to have an advocate and support person present at the hospital, doctor's office, or urgent care unit for examination
- ❖ Safe and positive options for bystander intervention that may be carried out by an individual to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against a person other than that individual;
 - ❖ Ways to reduce the risk and recognize the warning signs of abusive behavior and how to avoid potential attacks;
 - ❖ Procedures victims should follow if a sex offense, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking has occurred;
 - ❖ Procedures for institutional disciplinary action in cases of alleged domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking;
 - ❖ How the University will protect the confidentiality of victims, including how publicly available recordkeeping will be accomplished without the inclusion of identifying information about the victim, to the extent permissible by law;
 - ❖ Written notification of students and employees about existing counseling, health, mental, health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services available for victims, both on campus and in the community; and

- ❖ Written notification of students and employees about options for, and available assistance in, changing academic, living, transportation, and working situations, if requested by the victim and if such accommodations are reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to the Department of Public Safety or local law enforcement, or neither. CAU is obligated to comply with such a request in terms of what is reasonable.

Student disciplinary proceedings, as well as special guidelines for cases involving sexual violence, are detailed in the Student Handbook. The Student Handbook provides, in part, interim measures the University will take while an investigation into an alleged sex offense is underway. For example, the University is obligated to comply with a victim's request for a living, work, transportation and/or academic situation change (subject to the availability and reasonableness of the change following an alleged sex offense.

The Student Handbook also provides, in part, that the accused and the accuser will be entitled to the same opportunity to have others present and will concurrently receive notice of the outcome of any institutional disciplinary procedure, the procedures for appealing decisions rendered in disciplinary proceedings, any change to the results that occurs prior to the time that such results become final, and when the results become final. The University will apply a "preponderance of evidence" standard in any disciplinary proceedings that may ensue. Disciplinary Proceedings are conducted in a prompt, fair, and impartial manner from initial report through final result by officials who receive annual training on the issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and how to conduct any investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability. The parties receive timely notice of meetings and equal access to information that will be used during any meeting or hearing. Results, any appeal procedures, any change to the results before they become final, and final results are communicated to both parties concurrently. Sanctions that may be imposed following an institutional sex offense related disciplinary proceeding following are those authorized by applicable University policy and may



include sanctions up to and including, loss of scholarships and grants, and or fine suspension or expulsion for students and disciplinary action up to and including termination for employees, as applicable. Criminal penalties may be imposed separately by a court following criminal prosecution.

CAU prohibits retaliation against any individual who reports an incident, files a complaint, serves as a witness, or participates in any investigation or proceeding. Reports of retaliation will be addressed promptly. Any person with questions about filing a complaint of sexual harassment or sexual violence should contact the Title IX Coordinator.

In accordance with Section 121 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16921), information concerning registered sex offenders provided by the State can be obtained via the following computer network address: <https://www.nsopw.gov/>. This information is provided to ensure the safety and awareness of our campus community.



Disclosures to Alleged Victims of Crimes of Sexual Violence or Non-Forcible Sex Offenses

CAU will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence (or a non-forcible sex offense) the results of any disciplinary hearing conducted by the University against the student who is the alleged perpetrator of the crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of the crime or offense, CAU will provide the results of the disciplinary



hearing to the victim's next of kin, if so requested.

Proceedings are conducted in a prompt, fair, and impartial manner from initial report through final result by officials who receive annual training on issues related to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and on processes that protect the safety of all parties and promote accountability. The parties receive timely notice of meetings and equal access to information that will be used during any meeting or hearing. Results, any appeal procedures, any change to the results before they become final, and final results are communicated to both parties concurrently.

Written Notification of Rights, Options, and Supportive Measures. Whether or not a report is made to law enforcement, CAU provides written notification to students and employees about: (1) their rights and options; (2) confidential and other on- and off-campus resources (counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance); and (3) options for and assistance with changing academic, living, transportation, and working situations if reasonably available. CAU will assist with and enforce court-issued protective orders and University No-Contact Directives.



Drug and Alcohol Possession Policies

The possession, sale, use or furnishing of alcohol on the campus of Clark Atlanta University is governed by University policy, Georgia state law and federal law. To that end, CAU prohibits the illicit or unauthorized possession, use, consumption, sale, manufacture, or distribution of illegal drugs and/or alcoholic beverages by its students and employees on University-owned and/or controlled property or as part of any University-related activities. The strict enforcement of alcohol laws on campus is the primary responsibility of the Department of Public Safety, and only under certain limited circumstances is the consumption of alcohol permitted on the University's campus. However, under no circumstances does the University condone the sale, furnishing or providing of alcohol to a

person under the age of 21. The University further recognizes that the possession, use, purchase of, or attempt to purchase alcohol by or on behalf of anyone under 21 years of age is illegal.

The University has also been designated "drug-free." The possession, sale, manufacture or distribution of any controlled substance is illegal under both state and federal laws. Such laws are strictly enforced by the Department of Public Safety. Violations of this policy by any individual, organization or group will result in appropriate disciplinary action consistent with local, state, and federal laws and University policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, suspension, denial of state funds for any loans, grants or scholarships, criminal prosecution, fines and/or imprisonment.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Programs

In compliance with Higher Education Act, the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) Amendments of 1989, CAU has developed a program to prevent the illicit use of drugs and alcohol by its students and employees. The program is disseminated annually to students, faculty and staff, and provides services related to drug use and abuse, including dissemination of information materials, educational programs, counseling services, referrals and institutional disciplinary actions. Students and employees are also informed, at least, annually of the array of local, state, and federal sanctions one might be subject to for violations of the University's Standard of Conduct and local, state and federal laws. Those sanctions include, but are not limited to fines of up to \$250,000 (depending on the number and nature of the offense), probation, imprisonment, and denial of state funds for grants and scholarships. A violation of any law regarding controlled substances and alcohol is also a violation of the University's Student Code of Conduct and will be treated as a separate disciplinary matter by CAU.

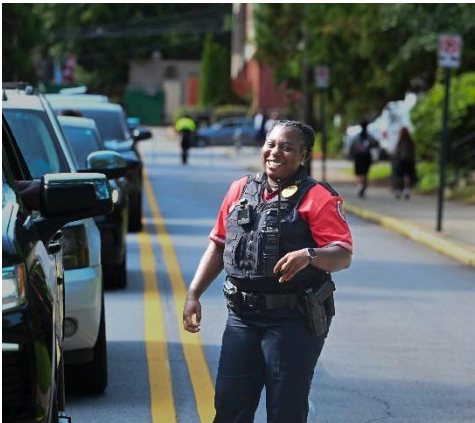
- **"Red Ribbon" Campaign** - This weeklong campaign is held each year in October and is facilitated by the CAU Department of Public safety in partnership with corporate and local government sponsors. This is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program. This event supports community awareness by promoting safe and fun activities that are positive alternatives to substance use and abuse.



Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

General Policy

The University has adopted an Emergency Operations Plan, which includes information about the Campus Incident Response Management Team (CIRMT) and establishes the guidelines the University will follow to ensure the maximum use of all available resources in the event of an emergency in order to minimize injury and/or loss of life, property damage and ensure University continuity of operations and recovery processes. CIRMT members include the President or his/her designee, the Provost, the Chief of Police, the CIRMT Leader and other designated campus officials.



The authority to formally declare a University state of emergency rests with the President or the President's designee in accordance with the University's Emergency Operations Plan. For purposes of the Clery Act Emergency Notification process, designated University officials, such as the Chief of Police, are authorized to confirm the existence of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on campus and to initiate emergency notification procedures without unnecessary delay. CAU DPS may confirm an emergency or dangerous situation through direct observation, reports from law enforcement officers or other first responders, information received through the VICC/Communications Center, fire or emergency medical personnel, University officials, governmental agencies, weather services, emergency management agencies,

or other reliable sources. The method of confirmation will depend upon the nature and circumstances of the reported emergency.

As soon as the University has confirmed that a significant emergency or dangerous situation exists, the University will, without delay and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of any message it will disseminate using its Emergency Notification System and initiate the notification system, unless issuing the notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to or otherwise mitigate the emergency. The Department of Public Safety and CIRMT personnel have received training in extreme emergencies and responding to critical incidents on campus. When an incident that causes an immediate threat to or dangerous condition for the campus occurs, the CIRMT will be activated and will report directly to the CIRMT Leader.

If the University requires outside assistance, that assistance may be requested by the Chief of Police from the Atlanta Police Department and/or the City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department.

In certain circumstances, the Chief of Police may request aid from other schools within the Atlanta University Center and/or state officials. A decision to use non-University resources to aid in an emergency will be made by the CIRMT Leader, the Chief of Police or the President's Office.

Notification to the CAU Community about an Immediate Threat or Dangerous Condition

Upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation, CAU will, without delay and considering the safety of the community, determine the appropriate segment(s) of the campus to receive the message, determine the content of the notification, and initiate the Emergency Notification System, unless issuing a notification would compromise efforts to assist a victim or contain, respond to, or mitigate the emergency. The Chief of the Department of Public Safety will determine the content of the notification, depending on the nature of the situation and any follow up information will follow if stated in the original notification.

Other means of communications to the campus community, as well as individuals and organizations outside the campus community (e.g. parents and guardians) include, but are not limited to, word-of-mouth notifications, University and non-University media outlets, megaphones, call box

speakers, and vehicle intercom systems by the Department of Public Safety, and activation of building alarms.

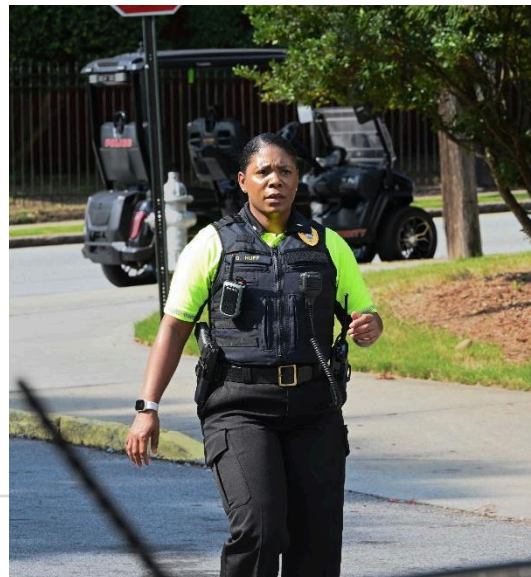
Student and Employee Sign-Up for Emergency Notifications

In the event of a confirmed significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on campus, CAU will notify the appropriate segment or segments of the campus community in accordance with its Emergency Notification procedures, which is managed by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Technology and Communications and provides real-time emergency information to the campus community via mass e-mail, SMS text, voice mail, cellular phones and home phones (if applicable). Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to verify all contact information in their Banner Web for emergency notifications and should take the responsibility for regularly checking their email, cellular phones, home phones and voicemails. In order to receive campus-wide email announcements, students, faculty and staff must have an official "cau.edu" email account, which is provided to each student upon enrollment and each new employee upon employment. Students, faculty, and staff must update their accurate contact information in Banner Web to be utilized when a notification is sent out. In Addition to the CAU Emergency Notification System, the Department of Public Safety encourages each constituent to download the Panther Safe Application. This application also provides real time notification relating to emergency situations.

Routine Testing of the Emergency Action Plan's Effectiveness

To test the practicality and effectiveness of its Emergency Action Plan, the University conducts numerous periodic emergency response exercises, at least, once a year, which may include

orientations, table top exercises, drills, test notifications, and/or functional simulated emergency testing. These exercises may be announced or unannounced via email and are designed to assess and evaluate the emergency plans and capabilities of the University. The results of all fire drills and evacuations are documented and evaluated by the Department of Public Safety the week following the drills and



evaluations. The Department of Public Safety will contact the building manager to discuss any concerns with the execution of the evacuation procedures. The building manager is then expected to re-educate his or her building staff on proper fire and evacuation procedures. For each emergency response test, CAU documents: (1) the exercise, (2) the date, (3) the time, and (4) whether it was announced or unannounced, and maintains emergency response and evacuation procedures in conjunction with these tests. Records are maintained by the Department of Public Safety.

CAU publicizes its emergency response and evacuation procedures in conjunction with at least one emergency response and evacuation test each calendar year. For each test, CAU documents a description of the exercise, the date, the time, and whether the test was announced or unannounced. Records of emergency response and evacuation tests are maintained by the Department of Public Safety.

1. General Inclement Weather Events

In the event of inclement weather and/or emergency weather-related University closings, the AUC Consortium Executive Director will contact the AUC Inclement Weather Team to jointly decide.

a. Predicted Inclement Weather Reports

The AUC Inclement Weather Team should meet or teleconference following the first weather report of predicted inclement weather. In most cases, this should be the day before the weather is predicted to occur.

- i. The AUC Inclement Weather Team will connect again on that evening to decide to close or to stay open. If all agree, the Executive Director and the designated University official will contact the media to place the appropriate announcement.
- ii. If all do not agree, a final decision will be made by 5:00 am the following morning.

Each designated University official will be responsible for contacting their campus essential staff to inform them of the decision. Each designated University official will be responsible for contacting the media stations on an individual basis when they do not plan to close along with the other institutions

b. Unpredicted Inclement Weather Reports

Each designated member of the AUC Inclement Weather Team is to contact their University President and/or their Chief of Staff for a decision to dismiss, open or close. Once the University President makes the decision, the designated team member should contact the Executive Director to schedule an emergency meeting or teleconference to finalize the joint decision.

Each designated University official will be responsible for contacting their campus- essential staff to inform them of the decision. Each designated University official will be responsible for contacting the media stations on an individual basis when they do not plan to close along with the other institutions.

2. Specific Inclement Weather Events

In the event of a tornado watch, blizzard, ice storm or other severe weather condition, the University's campus security dispatcher will immediately notify the Shift Supervisor and the Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety of the condition.

The Department of Public Safety will continually monitor and maintain an emergency weather radio for communications concerning current and forecast severe weather conditions. During a tornado warning, Building Coordinators and Hall Directors will be responsible for moving occupants to the hallways, lower levels of campus facilities, or other designated areas.

The Department of Public Safety will also notify the following campus officials:

- The Campus Incident Response Management Team (CIRMT) Leader
- President
- Chief of Staff/ Special Assistant to the President
- Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Director of Marketing and Communications
- Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
- General Counsel
- Chief Human Resources Officer

- Vice President and Chief Facilities Management Officer
- Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Life

The University Provost will decide whether to cancel classes. Members of the campus community (i.e. students, faculty and staff) will be notified using the campus Emergency Notification System.

Evacuation Policy

When conditions require evacuation of a building, area, or the campus, authorized University officials and the Department of Public Safety will implement appropriate evacuation procedures in accordance with the University's Emergency Operations Plan. The scope of an evacuation will be based upon the nature and location of the emergency and the population at risk.

If evacuation becomes necessary, the Department of Public Safety will direct all individuals to designated Emergency Assembly Areas. Upon arrival at the designated Emergency Assembly Areas, the Department of Public Safety, building managers, hall directors and resident assistants will secure the area according to their designated duties and will account for all known personnel, students and visitors. The Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Life or designee will communicate the status of the residence halls and occupants to the CIRMT Leader. Non-residential building information will be communicated by building managers to the CIRMT Leader, who will provide information to the Department of Public Safety. Resources and emergency response teams will then be directed to each affected building as needed.

The University strongly encourages the campus community and its visitors during an authorized evacuation to never use an elevator when exiting buildings, to treat every alarm as an actual emergency, and to remain calm.

Individuals with temporary or permanent disabilities will be assisted by building managers, hall directors, resident assistants and/or other designated personnel.



Individuals with temporary or permanent disabilities must be familiar with their needs during an evacuation and are expected to convey those needs to their supervisors or instructors. Student are expected to discuss needs with the Office of Disability Services at the earliest possible date (CAUaccessibility@cau.edu).



Missing Student Notification Policy

If anyone has reason to believe that a student, regardless of whether he or she lives on campus or off campus, is missing, he or she should immediately notify the Department of Public Safety by calling (404) 880-8911. If one calls 911, the APD operator will forward the call to the CAU Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety will then generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation in conjunction with the Vice President for Enrollment Services and Student Life. There is no waiting period for reporting a person missing. Reports of missing students should be made immediately to CAU DPS.

If a student residing in an on-campus student housing facility is determined to be missing, CAU will initiate the notifications required by its Missing Student Notification procedures. Within 24 hours after the determination that the student is missing, CAU will notify the student's designated confidential contact person, if one has been identified. If the student is under 18 years of age and is not emancipated, CAU will also notify the student's custodial parent or guardian within 24 hours of the determination. CAU will notify the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing unless that law enforcement agency was the entity that made the determination. The Vice President for Enrollment Services and Student Life will notify all designated campus officials for the purposes in aiding in the

search and location of the student.

All students, regardless of age, have the option to register a general emergency contact. Students residing in on-campus student housing may identify one or more confidential contact persons whom the University will notify within 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. A student is not prohibited from identifying the same individual for the purposes of both general emergencies' purposes and missing person notifications. If a student has identified such an individual, the University will notify that individual no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing as described above.

If a student wants to identify a confidential contact person for missing persons' purposes, he or she may do so through the University Housing website (if the student lives on-campus) or the Banner Web system website. A student's contact information will be registered confidentially and be accessible only by authorized campus officials and law enforcement in the course of the investigation.

Report a Missing Student

Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety

Emergency: **404-880-8911**

Non-Emergency: **404-880-8623**

Tanner Turner Building

223 James P. Brawley Drive SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30314

There is no waiting period to report a student missing.



Sex Offender Registration and Monitoring

In accordance with the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act and the Clery Act, Clark Atlanta University advises members of the campus community that information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained through the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Sex Offender Registry and the U.S. Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Website. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation serves as the central repository for Georgia's sexual offender registry pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 42-1-12. Members of the University community may access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry through the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's website and the national registry through the U.S. Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Website. [Georgia Sex Offender Registry | Georgia Bureau of Investigation](#)

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Safety First

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Be Safe.
- Be Vigilant.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Remove all valuables from vehicle.
- Always travel in a group.
- Be aware of NO PARKING ZONES & SIGNS.
- If you see something; say something.

Campus Police:
404. 880. 8911

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE QUICK GUIDE



Missing Person Notification

- Notify CAU Public Safety immediately.
- Gather and provide all known information (last seen location, description, etc.).
- Assist with search efforts as directed.

Serious Medical Emergency

- Call 911 and CAU Public Safety.
- Provide first aid / CPR if trained.
- Stay with the individual until help arrives.

Self-Endangerment (Suicide or Other Dangers)

- Call CAU Public Safety immediately.
- Do not leave the person alone.
- Provide supportive presence until professional arrive.

Break on Campus

- Call 911 and CAU Public Safety.
- Secure the area.
- Do not enter the scene.

Violent Threats to Life (Active Shooter, Hostage, Rioting)

- Run, Evacuate if safe.
- Hide, Lock/Hide/Stay down, silence devices.
- Fight Last resort - attempt to incapacitate the attacker.
- Call 911 as soon as it is safe.

Campus Civil Disturbance or Demonstration

- Avoid the area.
- Follow instructions from CAU Public Safety.
- Remain calm and do not engage.

Fire / Explosion

- Activate nearest fire alarm.
- Evacuate the building immediately.
- Call 911 and CAU Public Safety from a safe location.

Sexual Assault

- Remain calm.
- Notify drinks/geller's waiter, background check, exact words.
- Call 911 and CAU Public Safety immediately.

Chemical Spill

- Evacuate the immediate area.
- Avoid contact with the substance.
- Call CAU Public Safety.

Release of Hazardous Material

- Evacuate or shelter-in-place as instructed.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Call CAU Public Safety.

Infrastructure Failure / Power Outage

- Remain calm.
- Turn off sensitive equipment.
- Follow the fire instructions from CAU Facilities or Public Safety.

Inclement Weather / Tornado

- Move to designated shelter areas (interior rooms, lower levels).
- Avoid windows.
- Remain in place until an all-clear is given.

Snow or Ice Emergencies

- Limit travel on campus.
- Follow University closures or delay announcements.

Pandemic or Infectious Disease Outbreak

- Follow campus health guidelines.
- Practice personal hygiene and social distancing.
- Monitor official University updates.

Always call CAU Public Safety at (404) 880-8911 or 911 in an emergency.

*Colors indicate the code.

PUBLIC SAFETY OFF CAMPUS TIPS

WE WANT TO PROVIDE A FEW SAFETY TIPS FOR YOU TO FOLLOW TO ENSURE YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY:

- **USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM:**
 - NEVER WALK OR GO OUT AT NIGHT ALONE
 - NEVER TAKE UBER OR LYFT ALONE
 - THERE IS ALWAYS SAFETY IN NUMBERS
- **STUDENTS SHOULD ALWAYS BE AWARE OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS:**
 - IF YOU ARE ATTENDING AN EVENT THAT IS OVERCROWDED, APPEARS TO BE UNORGANIZED, AND THERE IS A PRESENCE OF ILLICIT ACTIVITY (I.E. - ILLEGAL DRUG USE/ABUSE, ALCOHOL ABUSE, DRUG DEALING, ETC.), IT IS PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA TO GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND LEAVE THE EVENT.
 - CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY AND TELL THEM THE LOCATION OF THE EVENT.
 - REMEMBER, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!
- **ALWAYS HAVE YOUR SCHOOL ID AND YOUR STATE-SPONSORED ID (I.E. - DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PASSPORT).**
 - MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE BATTERY IS CHARGED.
- **GUARD YOUR FOOD AND DRINKS TO PREVENT TAMPERING.**
 - USE CAUTION WHEN CONSUMING FOOD OR DRINKS FROM UNKNOWN SOURCES
 - KNOW YOUR LIMITS - OVERCONSUMPTION CAN PREVENT YOU FROM MAKING SMART DECISIONS.

CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT



CLEAN CAR CAMPAIGN ATTENTION!

"PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES!"

The Clark Atlanta University Public Safety Department reminds you to follow the rules of the Clean Car Campaign. Never leave valuables in your car in plain sight. By doing this, you can prevent one of the most common crimes; theft of property from motor vehicles.

Keeping a Clean Car means making sure all items such as tablet computers, laptops, cell phones, purses, wallets and other valuables are removed when your vehicle is unattended.

CLEAN CAR CHECKLIST

- ✓ Lock all doors and windows
- ✓ Remove GPS and mounts
- ✓ Remove Cell phones/smart phone
- ✓ Remove laptop/tablet computers
- ✓ Remove ALL electronic cords and power sources
- ✓ Remove book bags, brief cases, shopping bags, gym bags, and purses
- ✓ Do not leave anything of value in plain view.



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING... SAY SOMETHING!



Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

The University prepares this report as required by the *Clery Act* and in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction over on-campus University property, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the University; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The report can be located on the Department of Public Safety's website at <http://www.cau.edu/public-safety/>. Clery-reportable offenses compiled on an annual basis for the previous three (3) calendar years (i.e. from January 1st – December 31st). These include those reported to the Department of Public



Safety, designated campus officials (including but not limited to directors, deans, department heads, residence life staff, dean of students', staff, advisors to students, and athletic coaches). Clark Atlanta University compiles and discloses statistics for Clery-reportable crimes, including primary criminal offenses; arrests and disciplinary referrals for liquor law violations, drug law violations, and illegal weapons possession; hate crimes; dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking; and hazing incidents. Hazing incidents reported to the Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety, Campus Security Authorities, or applicable local law enforcement agencies are evaluated for inclusion in the University's Clery crime statistics in accordance with the federal definition of hazing and applicable Clery geography and reporting requirements. Statistical information is also requested from the Atlanta Police Department and the Departments of Public Safety of Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Morehouse School of Medicine.

CAU keeps a daily crime log of alleged criminal incidents that is open to public inspection.

A log of fire incidents is also kept and available to the public. Both crime and fire statistics are submitted each fall to the Department of Education's web-based data collection system. Entries to the daily crime log are made within two business days of the report. The most recent 60 days of the log are available for public inspection online on the Public Safety Website. A printed copy can be requested at the Department of Public Safety (223 James P. Brawley Dr. SW). Portions of the log older than 60 days will be made available within two business days of request. The Daily Crime Log records the nature, date, time, and general location of each crime reported to CAU DPS, as well as the disposition of the complaint, if known.

Information may be temporarily withheld from the Daily Crime Log when disclosure is prohibited by law or when there is clear and convincing evidence that release of the information would jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation or the safety of an individual, cause a suspect to flee or evade detection, or result in the destruction of evidence. Any information temporarily withheld will be disclosed once the adverse effect is no longer likely to occur.

For purposes of the Daily Crime Log, reportable geography includes the University's Clery geography as well as areas within the patrol jurisdiction of the Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety.



Clery Crime Statistics

Key Definitions for Interpreting Clery Crime Statistic Data:	
On-Campus Property	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 paragraph (1) of this definition, 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). 34 CFR 668.46(a) NOTE: The statistical value provided for this category <u>includes</u> crimes that occurred in student housing facilities.
On-Campus Student Housing Facility	Any student housing facility that is owned or controlled by the institution, or is located on property that is owned or controlled by the institution, and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus is considered an on-campus student housing facility. 34 CFR 668.41(a). NOTE: The statistical value provided for this category is part of the total number of crimes that occurred in on- campus property.
Non-Campus Property	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. 34 CFR 668.46(a).
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. 34 CFR 668.46(a)

Hate Crimes

In addition to the primary Clery offenses (criminal homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson), CAU reports, as hate crimes, incidents of larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction/damage/vandalism of property when evidence indicates the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator's bias related to race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, or disability.

Hazing Incidents

Hazing incidents reported to the Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety, Campus Security Authorities, or applicable local law enforcement agencies are evaluated for inclusion in the University's Clery crime statistics in accordance with the federal definition of hazing and applicable Clery geography and reporting requirements. For Clery statistical purposes, a hazing incident may involve a student organization whether or not the organization is officially recognized by Clark Atlanta University.



Criminal Offenses

TYPE OF OFFENSE	YEAR	ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES	NON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter					
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2025	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter					
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2025	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses: forcible					
	2023	2	0	1	0
	2024	4	4	1	0
	2025	0	0	0	1
Sex Offenses: non-forcible					
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2025	0	0	0	0
Robbery					
	2023	1	0	3	1
	2024	0	0	1	0
	2025	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault					
	2023	6	6	0	0
	2024	2	2	0	1
	2025	1	1	0	0
Burglary					
	2023	8	8	0	0
	2024	5	5	0	0
	2025	5	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft					
	2023	3	0	0	0
	2024	5	0	0	4
	2025	0	0	0	0
Arson					
	2023	0	0	1	0
	2024	0	0	2	0
	2025	1	0	0	0
Hazing					
**Hazing Statistics are reported beginning with					

<i>calendar year 2025 in accordance with the Stop Campus Hazing Act</i>					
	2025				
Hate Crimes		No reportable hate crimes for calendar years 2023, 2024, or 2025			



Violence against Women Offenses

TYPE OF OFFENSE	YEAR	ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES	NON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY
Domestic Violence					
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2025	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence					
	2023	1	1	1	0
	2024	5	5	1	2
	2025	8	7	0	0
Stalking					
	2023	2	2	0	0
	2024	4	1	0	0
	2025	4	2	0	1



Violations of Weapons, Drug Abuse and Liquor Laws

TYPE OF OFFENSE	YEAR	ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES	NON-CAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY
Liquor Law Violations					
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2025	0	0	0	4
Drug Law Violations					
	2023	9	7	0	1
	2024	3	3	1	0
	2025	5	3	0	2
Weapons Law Violations					
	2023	10	9	3	0
	2024	4	4	7	4
	2025	4	2	0	2
Liquor Law Violations					
	2023	1	1	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2025	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations					
	2023	1	1	0	1
	2024	10	7	0	0
	2025	16	16	1	1
Weapons Violations					
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2024	1	1	0	0
	2025	0	0	0	0

Campus Hazing Transparency Report

In accordance with the Stop Campus Hazing Act, Clark Atlanta University maintains a Campus Hazing Transparency Report (CHTR) concerning student organizations established or recognized by the University that are found responsible for violating Clark Atlanta University's standards of conduct relating to hazing.

For each qualifying hazing violation, the Campus Hazing Transparency Report includes:

- The name of the student organization;
- A general description of the hazing violation;
- Whether the violation involved the abuse or illegal use of alcohol or drugs;
- The findings of the University;
- Any sanctions imposed on the student organization, as applicable;
- The date the incident was alleged to have occurred;
- The date the University initiated its investigation;
- The date the investigation concluded with a finding that a hazing violation occurred; and
- The date the student organization was provided notice that the incident resulted in a finding of a hazing violation.

The Campus Hazing Transparency Report does not include personally identifiable information concerning individual students.

Clark Atlanta University updates the Campus Hazing Transparency Report in accordance with federal requirements when new qualifying findings of responsibility occur. Information contained in each required update is maintained on the University's public website for five calendar years from the date the update is published.

The Campus Hazing Transparency Report also provides information regarding Clark Atlanta University's hazing policies and applicable hazing laws and provides access to the University's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, which contains the University's annual Clery Act hazing statistics.

The Campus Hazing Transparency Report and related hazing information are publicly available at:

<https://www.cau.edu/student-life/campus-life-community/public-safety/hazing-prevention-transparency>

Distinction Between Clery Hazing Statistics and the Campus Hazing Transparency Report

The criteria for inclusion in Clark Atlanta University's annual Clery Act hazing statistics and the Campus Hazing Transparency Report are different.

For purposes of Clery Act crime statistics, the federal definition of a student organization includes an organization at Clark Atlanta University in which two or more members are students enrolled at the University, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by CAU.

The Campus Hazing Transparency Report, however, applies to student organizations established or recognized by Clark Atlanta University that receive a finding of responsibility for violating the University's standards of conduct relating to hazing.

Accordingly, an incident may be evaluated for inclusion in CAU's annual Clery hazing statistics even when the organization involved would not qualify for inclusion in the Campus Hazing Transparency Report.





Annual Fire Safety Report

Clark Atlanta University prepares this Annual Fire Safety Report in accordance with federal fire safety disclosure requirements applicable to institutions that maintain on-campus student housing facilities. The report describes the University's fire safety systems, policies, procedures, fire drills, fire education and training programs, and fire statistics for on-campus student housing facilities. University Housing is considered an on-campus student residential facility, based on the definition contained in the relevant federal regulations.

For the purposes of the Higher Education Opportunity (HEOA) Fire Safety reporting, a fire is defined as: *“Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.”* This definition includes fires such as trash can fires, oven or microwave fires, or incidents where smoke detectors are triggered by flames. It does not include controlled burns or laboratory burners used in supervised academic settings.

The Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety maintains a Fire Log of all reported fires that occur in on-campus student housing facilities. The Fire Log includes the date, time, nature, and general location of each fire. Entries to the Fire Log are made within two business days of receipt of the information. The most recent 60-day period is available for public inspection during normal business hours, and portions of the log older than 60 days will be made available within two business days of a request.

- It is available for public inspection online in conjunction with the daily crime log found on the CAU Public Safety website.



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Description of the Fire Safety System for All Residence Halls

CAU's operational on-campus student housing facilities are equipped with fire detection, alarm, suppression, and other life-safety systems as described in the following table. Fire safety systems are inspected, tested, monitored, and maintained in accordance with applicable requirements and University procedures. The table identifies the fire safety systems and number of evacuation/fire drills conducted during calendar year 2025 for each on-campus student housing facility

FACILITY	SPRINKLER SYSTEM	PERCENTAGE SPRINKLED	FIRE PANEL TYPE	FIRE SYSTEM MONITORED OFF SITE	TYPE	PUMP TYPE	FIRE EXTINGUISHER DEVICES	NO. OF EVACUATION (FIRE) DRILLS in 2025
Beckwith Hall 700 Beckwith Street	Y	90-100%	Farenhyt IFP 300	Y	Y	Centrifugal	Y	1
Beckwith Village 672 Beckwith Street	Y	90-100%	Farenhyt IFP 300	Y	Y	Centrifugal	Y	1
Brawley Hall 67 James P. Brawley Dr.	Y	90-100%	Silent Knight IFP 100	Y	Y	Centrifugal	Y	1
Bumstead Hall* 50 James P. Brawley Dr.	N	0%	Silent Knight 5820XL	Y	N	n/a	N	0
CAU Suites (East) Hall 128 Mildred Street	Y	100%	Firelite	Y	Y	MS 9600 UDLS	Y	1
CAU Suites (West) 129 Mildred Street	Y	100%	Firelite	Y	Y	MS 9600 UDLS	Y	1
Heritage Commons 15 James P. Brawley Dr.	Y	100%	Firelite	Y	Y	MS 9600 UDLS	Y	1
Holmes Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	Y	90-100%	Notifier NFS-320	Y	Y	Centrifugal	Y	1
Merner Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	Y	90-100%	Notifier NFS-320	Y	Y	Centrifugal	Y	1
Pfeiffer Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	Y	90-100%	Notifier NFS-320	Y	Y	Centrifugal	Y	1
Ware Hall* 50 James P. Brawley Dr.	N	0%	Silent Knight 5820XL	Y	N	n/a	N	0

* Ware and Bumstead Halls were non-operational during calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025, and no students were residing in these halls for that time period. Therefore, no fire drills were performed for these halls during that time period.

University-owned residential facilities, fire safety equipment and systems are also inspected, tested, and maintained regularly by testers approved by City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department, as required by the Atlanta municipal code.



Policies Concerning Portable Electrical Appliance, Smoking, and Open Flames in Student Housing

Portable Electrical Appliances

Because the use of too many appliances may result in a loss of power to the room, students are urged to pay special attention to the directions for using appliances so as not to overload circuits. Items that can be used safely in the room include the following:

- A television set
- A stereo unit
- An electric fan
- A microwave oven
- A refrigerator up to 5 cubic feet and 2.0 amps
- Small electrical items such as a hair dryer, curlers, electric clock and a lamp
- Computer
- Irons: Ironing is permitted in student rooms; however, irons must always be used with ironing boards that have a fire-resistant cover. Irons with automatic cutoff mechanisms are encouraged. Irons should never be left plugged into an outlet when not in use.

- Extension cords that meet the following requirements:
 - All extension cords are to be 14 gauge or better (1, 2, 1, 0 etc.; the lower the number, the higher the gauge).
 - All extension cords are to be intact with no exposed wires or frayed ends.
 - Extension cords cannot be run under carpet.
 - No more than one extension cord can be plugged in per socket.
 - Safety-fused extension cords are permitted. These are the large extension cords with a power strip at one end having six outlets. This must be plugged directly into an outlet, using an adapter for a three-prong outlet switch if the residence hall is not equipped with three prong outlets. Appliances must be plugged directly into the power strip.
 - When a heavy power drain appliance is served by an extension cord (refrigerator, microwaves, hair dryers, etc.) no additional appliances should be plugged into a wall socket. The use of more than one heavy power appliance in a socket causes breakers to trip and is a fire hazard. If breakers go off on your hall frequently, please inform hall staff.
 - No extension cord may be nailed, stapled, or attached to the floor, wall or ceiling.

Cooking is permitted in the residence halls but is restricted to designated kitchen facilities and areas, which are available for resident use. Microwaves are permitted in Beckwith Hall only. Microwaves are prohibited in individual rooms in Holmes, Merner, and Pfeiffer Halls but are available to hall residents in community living areas. Permitted appliances vary by residence hall. Students should consult the current Residence Life policies applicable to their assigned facility

Students assigned to reside in Merner, Pfeiffer, Holmes and Beckwith Halls are permitted to bring one refrigerator per room. Rooms in Brawley Hall, Heritage Commons, and CAU Suites come equipped with refrigerators. Cooking using certain appliances is not permitted in student

rooms. While some appliances such as sealed unit coffee makers, popcorn poppers, and thermostatically controlled hot pots are allowed in student rooms. Other appliances such as toaster ovens, hot plates, George Foreman grills, toasters, deep fryers, electric skillets and frying pans or other appliances that use open coils and hot oil are prohibited. The use of coolers in the residence halls are also prohibited.

The University will confiscate all unauthorized and hazardous appliances, which will not be returned to their respective owners until the end of the semester. If you have any questions about what is or is not permissible, please contact a member of the residence hall staff at residencelife@cau.edu.

Flammable Items and Open Flames

Flammable fuels and other hazardous combustible materials may not be stored in residence hall rooms. Open-flame devices and heat-producing devices, including candles, incense, alcohol burners, and similar items, are prohibited except as specifically authorized by University policy. Candles may be used for decorative purposes only. Decorative items, such as fishnets, parachutes, and other such items, which are flammable, are not permitted in residents' rooms unless they have been fireproofed. Only UL approved lights may be used to decorate a room.

Smoking

CAU holds a commitment to a wholesome life, underscored and supported by the University's unique environment, policies and practices. With no intent of making a moral judgment, but rather for reasons of expense and harmful effects on health, smoking at CAU is considered undesirable. CAU has, therefore, joined hundreds of similar institutions around the nation in a concern about the harmful effects of the use of tobacco products by those in its campus community. Accordingly, students, faculty, and staff, vendors, and guests are not permitted to smoke in any residential facility at Clark Atlanta University. This policy has been adopted out of consideration for the safety and well-being of the entire University community and out of a concern for the maintenance and sanitary conditions in the University's buildings and other facilities. The success of this policy depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers.



Procedures for Student Housing Evacuation

The Department of Public Safety staff conducts periodic fire drills for all University buildings, including its residence halls and maintains records for each building. Residents must comply with all fire and safety regulations and guidelines and participate in all emergency drills. Residents must pay



special attention to information given regarding emergency exiting from buildings and are expected to know emergency exit locations and the procedures for their use. Evacuation route information is provided on the back of each room door and in-residence hallways.

In the event of a fire alarm, all residents must immediately evacuate the building using the nearest safe exit and sound the alarm immediately to alert other residents and call Department of Public Safety at 404-880-8911. A staff member should be notified, if possible, of the location and type of fire. Use a fire extinguisher on only the smallest, most containable fire. Prepare to evacuate the residence hall.

When a fire alarm is heard, be sure to feel the handle of the door before opening it. If it is cool, prepare to evacuate the room. If there is smoke, keep low to the floor. Cover the body with something that can be seen easily. Take a wet towel or cloth to cover the head and face. If exiting the room is impossible, close the door securely and hang an object out of the window to attract attention. Call the Department of Public Safety at (404)

880-8911. If evacuation is possible, go to the nearest exit or stairway. Elevators are never to be used. Once evacuated, stand clear of the building, report to your RA and never re-enter a building until permitted by emergency personnel.

All residence halls are equipped with panic doors that are to be used only in case of emergencies. The main exit should be used for regular exits and entrances to the building. Those who violate this regulation by placing a wedge in the door admitting others to the building through the panic door may be suspended or dismissed from the residence hall.



Fire Safety Education and Training Programs

Residence hall staff provides orientations to the operation and locations of the fire alarm system, as well as a review of their roles during a fire or fire drill. To reinforce fire drill policy and procedures, on-campus student housing residents participate in at least one fire drill yearly. These programs are designed to:

- Familiarize community members with fire evacuation procedures.
- Educate students on prohibited items and safe use of electrical appliances.
- Provide training on the use of fire extinguishers and alarms.
- Reinforce the importance of reporting fires, hazards, or malfunctioning equipment immediately.

Persons or Organizations to Which Individuals Should Report That a Fire Has Occurred

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) (20 U.S.C. § 1092(i)) and its Fire Safety Reporting regulations require CAU to annually disclose statistical data on all fires that occur in on-campus student housing facilities. Listed below are the non-emergency numbers to call to report fires that

have already been extinguished in on-campus student housing. This is not a list of who to notify that there is a fire emergency. If you find evidence of a non-emergency fire or if you hear about such a fire, please contact one of the following:

- Department of Public Safety: (404) 880-8623 / (404) 880-8911
Emergency
- City of Atlanta Fire Rescue Department 911

All fires occurring in on-campus student housing facilities, including fires that have already been extinguished, must be reported to the Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety. Reports may also be made to Residence Life personnel, who must promptly notify CAU DPS.

When calling, please provide as much information as possible about the location, date, time and cause of the fire.

The Clark Atlanta University Department of Public Safety, under the direction of the Chief of Police and Associate Vice President for Public Safety, is responsible for:

- Maintaining fire statistics.
- Ensuring compliance with Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) fire safety reporting requirements.
- Coordinating inspections, drills, and training programs.
- Serving as the primary point of contact for questions regarding this Fire Safety Report.

Clark Atlanta University continually evaluates fire and life-safety systems in its on-campus student housing facilities through inspections, testing, maintenance, drills, and coordination with appropriate fire-safety professionals and regulatory authorities. When fire-safety deficiencies or opportunities for improvement are identified, the University evaluates appropriate corrective action, which may



include repair or replacement of fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, detection devices, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, access and egress components, signage, communications systems, or another life-safety equipment.

Planned fire-safety improvements, if any, are prioritized in accordance with applicable codes, inspection findings, institutional risk assessments, available resources, and University capital planning processes. At the time of publication, CAU has not identified any additional fire-safety improvements beyond routine inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, and replacement activities.



Clark Atlanta University Fire Statistics

2025

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES	TOTAL NUMBER OF FIRES IN EACH BUILDING	FIRE NUMBER	CAUSE OF FIRE	NUMBER OF INJURIES THAT REQUIRED TREATMENT AT A MEDICAL FACILITY	NUMBER OF DEATHS RELATED TO A FIRE	VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE (IN DOLLARS)
Beckwith Hall 700 Beckwith Street	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Beckwith Village 672 Beckwith Street	1	1	cooking	0	0	\$100-\$999
Brawley Hall 67 James P. Brawley Dr.	1	1	cooking	0	0	\$100-\$999
Bumstead Hall* 50 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CAU Suites (East) Hall 128 Mildred Street	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CAU Suites (West) 129 Mildred Street	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Heritage Commons 15 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Holmes Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Merner Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pfeiffer Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ware Hall* 50 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES	TOTAL NUMBER OF FIRES IN EACH BUILDING	FIRE NUMBER	CAUSE OF FIRE	NUMBER OF INJURIES THAT REQUIRED TREATMENT AT A MEDICAL FACILITY	NUMBER OF DEATHS RELATED TO A FIRE	VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE (IN DOLLARS)
Beckwith Hall 700 Beckwith Street	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Beckwith Village 672 Beckwith Street	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Brawley Hall 67 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bumstead Hall* 50 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CAU Suites (East) Hall 128 Mildred Street	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CAU Suites (West) 129 Mildred Street	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Heritage Commons 15 James P. Brawley Dr.	3	3	Cooking	0	0	\$100-\$999
Holmes Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Merner Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pfeiffer Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ware Hall* 50 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
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RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES	TOTAL NUMBER OF FIRES IN EACH BUILDING	FIRE NUMBER	CAUSE OF FIRE	NUMBER OF INJURIES THAT REQUIRED TREATMENT AT A MEDICAL FACILITY	NUMBER OF DEATHS RELATED TO A FIRE	VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE (IN DOLLARS)
Beckwith Hall 700 Beckwith Street	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Beckwith Village 672 Beckwith Street	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Brawley Hall 67 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bumstead Hall* 50 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CAU Suites (East) Hall 128 Mildred Street	1	1	cooking	0	0	\$100-\$999
CAU Suites (West) 129 Mildred Street	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Heritage Commons 15 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Holmes Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Merner Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pfeiffer Hall 223 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ware Hall* 50 James P. Brawley Dr.	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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