

Ashland University

Annual Security and Fire Report 2024

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Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Nursing

The Dwight Schar College of Nursing, a secondary campus of Ashland University, consists of 48,000 square feet of academic space. It is our goal here at Ashland University to ensure that anyone who wants to enjoy our campus can do so safely and without concern. We strive to make sure that all of our nursing campus is a safe and secure environment. This includes all student, faculty, staff and visitors to any part of our campus. While we will do our part in protection, we also want to make sure that those on campus take responsibility for their own safety and crime prevention, as well as looking to ensure the safety of others. Please review the information in this guide to understand the information of the safety programs and activities that are included.

Purpose of Publishing the Safety Report

This security report is prepared in compliance with the Jeanne Cleary Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics. It includes the geography of our campus and the surrounding area. The crime and statistics included are within that encompassed area over the last 3 years. It includes information that has been reported to Safety Services, the Title IX coordinator, and a number of designated campus officials, also including the Mansfield Police Department. All the data is tracked for the Crime Log reports and compiled for this annual report. The department accepts confidential reports, for statistical reporting purposes, from health and pastoral counselors and the Ashland University Psychological & Counseling Services Office. A request for statistical information is made to these offices; however, those departments are not required by law to provide statistics for the compliance document. Statistics do not include any crimes against students traveling abroad or at an off campus location. The information provided is available to view on the Ashland University website under the Safety Services Resources page. Should you wish to receive a printed copy, please contact the Ashland University Safety Services Department. This document is provided for federal and state compliance to the Ashland University community. If there is question or concern related to this document, please contact :

Safety Services

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Safety Services Department

The Ashland University Safety Services Department is a support services department responsible for providing ensuring the safety and protection of the people and property of this campus. The Safety Services office is comprised of a director, operations manager, dispatchers and officers whom staff the department, which reports to the Vice President of Operations and Planning. The Safety Services department operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week with service provided by a dispatcher and at least one uniformed, unarmed officer patrolling campus. The Safety Services office employs information from campus and non-campus resources in preparing the annual security report.

Safety Services officers are first responders to medical, fire, criminal and other emergencies on campus and are the primary contact for general assistance service calls. The Safety Services officers not only enforce university policies, but they may aid the Mansfield Police Department in the enforcement of state and local statutes for incidents that may occur on campus. Safety Services officers do not have arrest authority. Ashland University Safety Services may notify the Ashland City Police Division for any on campus incident as the campus is within the jurisdiction of the Ashland City Police Division. Persons found to be in violation of University policies and/or state and local laws while on campus property will be processed through Safety Services and, if necessary, the Ashland City Police Division. The department

does encourage all victims of any crime on campus to report them to the city police and is willing assist in the process of filing a report.

All Safety Services officers are trained in emergency first-aid and CPR. They also participate in an ongoing program of in-service and on-the-job training including, but not limited to, emergency response (including fire response) and patrol duties. The staff also enforces traffic and parking regulations, conduct crime investigations and handle routine service calls. While Safety Services responds to all types of emergency situations on campus, we also provide a variety of other services to the campus community, including:

- Registration and distribution of parking permits
- Response to reports of crime of criminal behavior
- Escort service – 24 hours a day
- Lost and found repository
- Assist motorist with vehicle lockouts and jumpstarts
- Assist students locked out of their room/residence hall
- Monitor electronic building access status
- Routine safety/security patrol of campus, including residence halls
- Crime prevention programing/seminars (upon request)

Reporting Emergencies/Crime

The Safety Services Department is available 24 hours a day to respond to crime reports and emergency and non-emergency service calls. The office can be contacted directly by calling 419-207-5555 for any emergency or non-emergency reasons. For emergency services the campus community is encouraged to use 911 to call directly to the local dispatching services to provide the proper emergency response in a situation requiring medical, fire or police immediately.

Ashland University has also contracted with a vendor (911Cellular) to provide members of the campus community with a free downloadable app so users can contact Ashland University Safety Services through the app. The app can also be used for emergency notification to users as well as users sending tips to the Ashland University Safety Services Department. Additional means of contact to AU Safety Services include:

- e-mail AU Safety Services at security@ashland.edu or dispatcher@ashland.edu
- service window in the Hawkins-Conard Student Center (open 24 hours a day)
- (419) 207-5555

The department accepts confidential reports and will employ every effort to maintain confidentiality. If, however, there is an immediate threat to self or others; the AU dispatcher will notify other campus resources (and possibly the local police and/or fire departments) for emergency response. Reports of a felony crime will also be directly forwarded to the Ashland City Police Division. Confidential reports by professional counselors, health care providers, attorneys and clergy for the purpose of providing a timely warning to the campus community and statistical purposes should be directed to the AU Safety Services department. Any Ashland University employee in receipt of information involving a crime on campus shall report that information to the AU Safety Services department. In the event of an emergency where disclosure of personally identifiable information is necessary to prevent further, or future, harm to an individual and/or members of the campus community, information will be disseminated to appropriate parties.

Access to Campus Facilities

The facility is open and accessible to the public only through the front main entrance during business hours. The other entrance doors remain locked during the day and have swipe card access for employees and students. The Residence Halls on Marion Avenue are accessible via student activated card swipe. Access to the general public is not available without permission by the resident.

Living on Campus

The residential community is made up of approximately 70 students living in the Mansfield apartments. There are Resident Assistants assigned to each building. The resident assistants report to the Assistant Director for Residence Life for the College of Nursing. The Assistant Director of Residence Life reports directly to the Director of Residence Life.

The main exterior doors to the apartments are secured by an electronic security system monitored by Safety Services. When locked, access to these residence facilities is restricted to persons with a coded ID card. Students can play a significant role in ensuring the security of their building by locking first floor windows and doors. While the access system is effective, people propping open doors or allowing unauthorized people into the building can compromise building security. The resident life staff and Schmidt Security (contracted company) provide patrols in the apartment complexes. Individual room doors are secured with a key issued to the residents of that room. Residents are to immediately call Safety Services if a key or ID access card is lost or stolen. Resident students who report a lost or stolen ID card will be advised to use their key to access the building and the lost or stolen card is immediately voided. Keys reported lost or stolen will have the cores replaced and new keys issued to the residents of the room. Residents are obligated to adhere to the residence life policies in the Student Handbook.

Resident students with physical restrictions should notify Student Accessibility Services of their restriction. To provide an even more effective response, prior notification of any pre-existing medical condition that may warrant special consideration should be made to the Director of Student Accessibility before moving into the apartment complex.

Living off Campus

For students living off-campus, Ashland University reserves the right to review and hold students accountable whose behavior has a negative impact on their neighbors and where this behavior has a negative impact on the integrity of the University. Off-campus housing includes apartments, private homes and individual rooms in private homes. Ashland University does not provide supervision or security services for off campus housing. The Vice President for Student Affairs, or his/her designate, will investigate complaints regarding off-campus incidents for possible on campus judicial action by the University. Neighbors who have been inconvenienced, annoyed or alarmed by activity from a residence where Ashland University students own or lease property can initiate an on-campus judicial proceeding by filing a complaint with the Student Affairs office. Ashland University does not have any non-campus student organizations.

Timely Warnings/Emergency Notification

All emergencies and/or crimes should be reported to the Marketing Director for the purpose of determining whether an emergency notification is warranted. When there is no immediate threat to the safety of the campus community, yet notification of security/safety concerns are warranted (i.e. patterns of theft) an “advisory” may be issued.

In situations where there may be an immediate threat to the campus community, the Director of Safety Services will initiate without delay (upon confirmation of a threat and if doing so does not compromise efforts to contain an emergency) security/safety “alerts”, or “timely warnings”, using the following resources:

Text Messaging

The AU Safety Services department can issue text messages to members of the campus community in the event a

timely warning is warranted. Text messages are received by those that have registered with the 911 Cellular app Campus Shield. This app also provides push notifications to those that have the app downloaded. This app also allows for student/staff/faculty to have direct contact to the Safety Services office should there be reason to notify us of a campus concern, crime or emergency.

Intercom System

The academic building is equipped with an intercom system where timely warnings may be made by the Assistan Director or Residence Life or their designee.

Radio/TV Messages

Ashland University may also use local and/or regional media outlets to broadcast emergency information. This resource would be initiated by the Safety Services office who will contact the Ashland University Marketing and Communications office. Students and employees are encouraged to monitor these outlets for additional information.

Web Page

Students and employees are encouraged to also monitor the Ashland University web page for any emergency information and/or class cancellations or closings. Alerts will be posted to the AU web page at www.ashland.edu

Bulletins/Postings

Notices will be posted in conspicuous locations throughout the facility.

Resources

AU Mansfield Regional Center	(419) 521-6800
AU Safety Services (main campus)	(419) 207-5555
AU Public Relations (main campus)	(419) 289-5007
Mansfield Local Police/Fire	911 or (419) 522-1234

Preparedness

Inquiries regarding emergency preparedness should be directed to the Ashland University Safety Services Office.

Evacuations/Shelter-in-Place

If the local authorities issue an order of evacuation, all students and employees are to comply with any directive issued by a civil agency. Employees should secure the facility if time permits. In the event of a shelter-in-place (i.e. airborne hazardous release, etc.), employees are to secure the facility (i.e. close windows, lock door if necessary, etc.), and as directed by the Safety Services department, may implement the Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Nursing Emergency Operations plan. During shelter-in-place, occupants should monitor local media outlets and the AU web site for up-to-date information.

Crime Prevention Education

Any inquiries regarding crime prevention steps and education should be made with the Director of Safety Services, who may be able to schedule a presentation using local resources as presenters. Any recommendations or inquiries regarding safety/security issues should also be directed to the Director of Safety Services.

Crime Logs

Crime log entries summarizing crimes and policy violations reported to the AU Safety Services department are available on the Ashland University website <https://www.ashland.edu/safety-service-resources>. To receive a paper copy of the report, please call the AU Safety Services department at (419) 207-5555, or e-mail a request to security@ashland.edu.

Crime Prevention

The Ashland University Safety Services department encourages members of the campus community to take an active role in their safety and the safety of others. Important considerations include: awareness, taking active measures to prevent crime, knowledge of reporting safety/security issues and knowing what to do in emergency situations. The Safety Services department is available to offer safety programs to the campus community upon request. To schedule a program, call the Director of Safety Services at (419) 207-5555, or e-mail a request to security@ashland.edu.

Immediately report suspicious or unusual activity to the AU Safety Services department. Oftentimes crimes could have been prevented if someone would have notified proper authorities in advance. We recommend programming our campus number into your cell phone so it's readily accessible. Please contact the AU Safety Services department for any questions or guidance regarding personal safety. Important personal safety tips include:

- Always lock your room door (especially when you are not in the room)
- Never allow anyone you don't know to follow you into your residence facility i.e. "tailgating"
- If you consume alcohol, drink responsibly and don't allow yourself (or friends) to get into unsafe situations
- Don't walk alone at night and be alert. The Safety Services department provides escorts as requested
- Use the FriendWatch feature on the free downloadable app when going out
- Don't leave valuables unattended and don't have access codes where others can see them
- Obey safety policies (i.e. fire regulations)
- Become familiar with emergency procedures (i.e. building evacuation routes, tornado shelters, emergency notification, emergency response and recovery, reporting procedures, etc.)

The Safety Services department works with the Facilities Management and Planning department to help maintain adequate exterior lighting. Safety and security considerations are employed in the maintenance of both the facilities and the landscaping. Members of the campus community are encouraged to report any maintenance issues to the Facilities Management and Planning staff. This can be done by contacting them directly, notifying the Safety Services department or contacting a residence hall staff member.

Crime Statistics

The classification of reported crimes is based on the definitions in the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook published by the Department of Justice. Collection and publication of these statistics is required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

Definitions of Geographical Categories

Non-Campus Any building or property owned or controlled by student organizations recognized by the school. Also includes any building or property controlled by the university that is not within the same reasonably contiguous area. Ashland University owns and maintains the fraternity houses, so these facilities are considered "on-campus".

Non-Campus Facility Ashland University does not have any non-campus facilities that satisfy Clery definitions. Fraternity houses are owned and operated by the University and are included in the reported statistics

On-Campus Includes 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.

Public Property An area that is within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution, or is adjacent to a facility owned or controlled by the institution. This includes sidewalks and streets.

Residential Facility A residential facility owned and under direct control of Ashland University. All fraternity houses are owned by Ashland University.

Definitions

Dating Violence Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim.

Domestic Violence A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim. By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common. By a person who is cohabitating, or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner. By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime occurred. By a 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 in which the crime of violence occurred.

Stalking A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his, hers, or others' safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress. No person by engaging in a pattern of conduct shall knowingly cause another person to believe that the offender will cause physical harm to the other person or cause mental distress to the other person. No person, through the use of any electronic method of remotely transferring information, including, but not limited to, any computer, computer network, computer program, or computer system, shall post a message with the purpose to urge or incite another to commit a violation of division of this section.

For a comprehensive review of crime definitions, please refer to the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting program and/or the Ohio Revised Code.

Crime Statistics

CRIMINAL OFFENSE	LOCATION	2021	2022	2023
Motor Vehicle Theft	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Murder	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Manslaughter	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Arson	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Negligent homicide	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Larceny/Theft	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Includes rape, fondling, and sexual contact & conduct without consent.	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Includes incest and statutory rape	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Dating Violence	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Robbery	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Stalking	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
Burglary – Forced Entry	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Burglary – Unlawful Entry (no force)	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0

Arrests/Judicial Statistics

Arrests/Citations – Liquor Laws	LOCATION	2021	2022	2023
Liquor Law Arrests/Citations	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Judicial Referrals – Alcohol Violations	LOCATION	2021	2022	2023
Alcohol Violation Judicials	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Arrests/Citations – Drug Laws	LOCATION	2021	2022	2023
Drug Law Arrests/Citations	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Judicial Referrals – Drug Violations	LOCATION	2021	2022	2023
Drug Violation Judicials	On Campus Property (Total)	1	0	0
	In Residential Facility	1	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Arrests/Citations – Weapons	LOCATION	2021	2022	2023
Dangerous Weapons Arrests/Citations	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0
Judicial Referrals – Weapons	LOCATION	2021	2022	2023
Weapons Policy Judicials	On Campus Property (Total)	0	0	0
	In Residential Facility	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Facility	0	0	0
	Public Property	0	0	0

Hate Crimes

Hate crimes are where the victim is intentionally selected based on his or her actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability. Ashland University must report any of the above listed crimes, as well as vandalism, intimidation, larceny/theft, simple assault and any other crime involving bodily injury where bias is a motivating factor. For the calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023 there were no reported hate crimes within these definitions.

2021	2022	2023
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No Hate Crimes Reported	No Hate Crimes Reported	No Hate Crimes Reported
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Missing Student

Policy:

Persons wishing to report a student missing should do so with the Safety Services office. Reporting persons includes, but is not limited to: parents, guardians, family members and friends. All Ashland University employees who are informed of a missing student are also required to immediately notify the Ashland University Safety Services department.

Ashland University Safety Services will immediately notify the Vice President for Student Affairs and Auxiliary Services and begin to investigate the report of a missing student. If the student provided an emergency contact for this purpose, Safety Services or the Vice President for Student Affairs and Auxiliary Services is required to make contact with the designated contact no later than 24 hours after the student has been determined to be missing. For reporting purposes, it is not necessary for a concerned individual to wait 24 hours to report a student missing. For students under the age of 18 (and not emancipated), Ashland University is required to notify a custodial parent or guardian no later than 24 hours after the student has been determined to be missing. Upon determination that a student is missing, the Ashland University Safety Services department also will notify the Mansfield City Police

Resident students can register confidential contact information with the AU Residence Life office. Students have the option to identify an individual (ideally a parent(s) or family member) that Ashland University may contact no later than 24 hours after the time the student is determined missing.

Procedures:

Any report of a missing student should be immediately reported to the AU Safety Services Department. When a student is reported missing, the AU Safety Services department will:

- Refer to the Missing Persons section of the Emergency Operations Plan.
- Notify the Vice President for Student Affairs and Auxiliary Services.
- Initiate an investigation to determine the status of the missing individual. Safety Services will employ available AU resources to investigate the students' status. This will include, but is not limited to: residence life staff, academic advisors, AU Counseling Services, known associates, employers, etc.
- Make a decision as to the status of the missing student.

- Safety Services or the Vice President for Student Affairs will notify the identified emergency contact no later than 24 hours after determining the students' status as missing. In the event the missing student is under 18 years of age (and not emancipated), a custodial parent(s) or guardian will be notified.
- Ashland University Safety Services will notify the Mansfield City Police no more than 24 hours upon confirmation as to the student's status as missing.
- Emergency communications to the campus community and outside resources will be coordinated by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Auxiliary Services and AU Marketing and Communications.

Resources:

Safety Services	(419) 207-5555
Student Affairs	(419) 289-5304
Residence Life	(419) 289-5303
Mansfield Local Police/Fire	911

Drug and Alcohol Policies

Ashland University upholds the applicable drug laws that relate to controlled substances and prohibits the use, possession, sale and distribution of illegal drugs by students, guests, faculty and staff. With the exception of the senior apartments and senior residence house, students are not permitted to consume alcohol on Ashland University property. Senior house residents (and their guests over the age of 21) may consume alcohol in the confines of their apartment provided they are adhering to applicable policies. Students found in violation of the drug or alcohol policy will be accountable for their actions as prescribed in the Student Handbook. For further information regarding the drug and alcohol policies for students, faculty and staff, please refer to the Student Handbook and/or the Personnel Policy Handbook. Substance abuse programs are available by contacting one of the listed resources in this section.

In incidents involving the use, sale, possession or distribution of drugs, the Mansfield City Police will be summoned by the Residence Life, or Schmidt Security staff, to make initial contact. For incidents involving alcohol, the police may be summoned to assist AU staff in certain circumstances. In most cases, the Ashland University Safety Services officers, or Residence Life staff, process incidents involving alcohol violations.

The Student Health Center and the Counseling Office provide assessment and assistance to students. Oftentimes students are referred to these resources as a condition of their judicial sanctions. Students with drug or alcohol related issues are encouraged to contact these offices for confidential assessment and counseling. If the need for additional services is indicated, further assessment/treatment is provided in cooperation with community resources. Ashland University also sponsors peer education programs regarding issues involving substance abuse. This program is under the direction of the Student Health Center.

Resources:

Safety Services	(419) 207-5555
Student Affairs	(419) 289-5304

Residence Life	(419) 289-5303
AU Health Center	(419) 289-5200
AU Counseling Services	(419) 289-5307
Mansfield Local Police/Fire	911

Non-University Resources

Alcoholics & Narcotics Anonymous 419-526-9524 or 419-522-4800

Wellness

Education & Awareness

Resources for wellness topics (i.e. substance abuse, sexual assault prevention and education, etc.) may be provided by the Safety Services office. Inquiries for any of these resources should be made to the Director of Student Accessibility who will contact the appropriate office on the Ashland University main campus.

Ashland University is committed to providing educational programs for students and campus organizations to promote awareness and prevention of acquaintance rape, stranger rape and other sexual offenses. Educational programs addressing drug and alcohol awareness are also made available by Ashland University. The frequency and types of programs addressing wellness topics such as drug and alcohol awareness and sexual assault awareness vary year to year and are sponsored and scheduled by various departments on campus.

Programming for the campus community include: Building a Community of Respect presented to incoming first year students each August, Faculty College programs for faculty available at the beginning of the semester, new employee orientation (as scheduled by H.R.), Domestic Abuse Forum hosted by Delta Zeta and Safe Haven, Resident Assistant (bystander training) and presentations to athletes and coaches. The Ashland University Title IX Committee, the Ashland Center for Nonviolence, and various student organizations sponsor and/or host events throughout the academic year. To schedule a program, please contact one of the resources.

The Student Health Center and the Counseling Office provide assessment and assistance to students. Oftentimes students are referred to these resources as a condition of their judicial sanctions. Students with drug or alcohol related issues are encouraged to contact one of these offices for confidential assessment and counseling. If you recognize that you or one of your friends may need help with issues regarding drugs and/or alcohol (or sexual abuse issues), please refer to one of the listed departments or agencies.

Resources:

AU Student Health Center	(419) 289-5200
AU Counseling Services	(419) 289-5200
AU Residence Life	(419) 289-5303
AU Safety Services	(419) 207-5555
Student Affairs	(419) 289-5307

Non-University Resources

Mansfield City Police (419) 526-1234 or 911
30 N Diamond, Mansfield OH

Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter (419) 774-5843 or (800) 931-7233
Alcoholics Anonymous (419) 526-9524
Mansfield Addiction Center (888) 501-9865

Campus Sex Crime Prevention Act

The Campus Sex Crime Prevention Act requires sex offenders to provide notice to each institution of higher education at which the person is employed or enrolled. Because the Ashland University Mansfield site is located within the jurisdiction of the Richland County Sheriff's Department, the Richland County Sheriff's Department should be the notifying agency of any registered sex offenders who are currently enrolled students or employees. In Richland County, information on registered sex offenders is available on the Richland County Sheriff's website at <http://sheriffrichlandcounty.com>. Upon notification to the AU Safety Services department of a registered sex offender on or directly adjacent to campus, the information will be passed on to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Auxiliary Services. The Vice President for Student Affairs and Auxiliary Services will determine if an advisory or alert is warranted.

Sexual Assault/Misconduct

Ashland University strives to create a community that promotes personal growth and wellbeing. Sex offenses are illegal, unacceptable and will not be tolerated by the University. Incidents of sexual assault include both forcible and nonforcible offenses. Prohibited offences include crimes involving dating and domestic violence, stalking and sexual assaults. Upon written request Ashland University will disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceedings conducted by Ashland University.

Three very important factors that may help prevent you or a friend from becoming a victim of a sexual assault involve; 1) be an active bystander 2) be cognizant of the dangers of alcohol and 3) notification to others in the event of an incident involving sexual misconduct or assault (including date rape). For more detailed information on bystander intervention and consent, please refer to the Ashland University Title IX webpage at www.ashland.edu.

All members of the Ashland Community are encouraged to take responsibility for preventing and addressing sexual misconduct within our community. To help enhance your safety and the safety of your friends, commit to be an active bystander by taking the following steps:

- Notice the situation...be aware of your surroundings
- Interpret it as a problem...do you recognize that someone needs help
- Feel responsible to act...see yourself as being part of the solution to help
- Know what to do...educate yourself on what to do
- Intervene safely...take action but keep yourself safe

You can also enhance your safety and the safety of others when you are out with friends by:

- Having a plan...formulate a plan regarding personal safety with friends before you go out

- Go out together...go out as a group and don't allow friends to become separated, especially if they are impaired or unfamiliar with the parties involved
- Watch out for others...if you are walking at night with friends and notice a person walking by themselves in the same direction, ask them to join you so they don't have to walk alone
- Diffuse the situation...if you see a friend coming on too strong to someone who may be too impaired to give proper consent; interrupt, distract, or redirect the situation. If you are too embarrassed or shy to speak out, get someone to step in.
- Trust your instincts...if a situation doesn't seem right to you, trust your instincts and remove yourself from the situation, or assist a friend who may not recognize the situation
- Take care of each other

Alcohol can be a factor in that it can contribute to aggression by the perpetrator or diminished cognitive abilities on your part. Date rape drugs can be placed in any drink, not just alcohol. Do not drink a beverage where you don't know the source, who is serving you or are suspicious of the circumstances. If Ashland University is not made aware of an incident, we can't take proper steps to help prevent a future incident. Reporting a crime or incident is a separate step from prosecuting. Any person who believes they have been a victim of any sexual assault or misconduct or have information regarding a sexual assault are encouraged to report the incident to University officials or law enforcement officials, or both.

Intervention

Ashland University is committed to providing both a sensitive and effective response to an incident of this nature. Any of the listed resources will help the victim seek any medical, civil and/or counseling services. Victims of a sexual assault are strongly encouraged to seek immediate medical attention so that physical evidence can be preserved, should the victim choose to prosecute. An assault can be reported without initiating an investigation or prosecuting the alleged attacker. While it is the victims' option to (or not to) seek assistance from law enforcement and campus authorities, the University encourages persons who have been sexually assaulted to report the assault, seek assistance and pursue criminal and on campus judicial action for not only their protection, but the entire campus community. Victims should report the assault to the AU Safety Services Department.

The Safety Services department can provide transportation to the hospital and/or the local police department and can assist the victim in notifying proper civil and AU administrative authorities, should the victim choose to do so. With the exception of the AU Counseling Services office, health and pastoral counselors, all AU employees are required to contact to Safety Services department. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible, however, cannot be guaranteed. The AU Safety Services Department may notify the Ashland City Police of any reported sexual assault on campus. If the victim chooses to remain anonymous, the AU Safety Services department will report the incident without disclosing personal identifying information. Ashland University may impose an immediate no-contact restriction should the victim choose to do so. Victims are also encouraged, but not required to; pursue a civil protection order issued by the Ashland County Court. Ashland University will assist the victim in working with the civil authorities when requested.

Resources:

Student Affairs	(419) 289-5307
AU Human Resources	(419) 289-3054
AU Safety Services	(419) 207-5555
AU Student Health Center	(419) 289-5200
AU Counseling Services	(419) 289-5200
AU Residence Life	(419) 289-5303
AU Student Conduct	(419) 289-5325

Non-University Resources

Mansfield City Police (419) 526-1234 or 911
30 N Diamond, Mansfield OH

Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter (419) 774-5843 or (800) 931-7233
Family Violence Hotline (800) 313-1310
Volunteers of America (419) 524-5013
290 N Main St Mansfield, OH 44902

If necessary, the Safety Services Department will notify those within the campus community of any known threats to their safety. Reasonable and immediate steps will be initiated to preserve the physical and emotional wellbeing of the victim. The victim will be presented the opportunity to change academic and living arrangements after an alleged sexual assault incident, providing changes are reasonably available. If the subject allegedly responsible for a sexual assault is identified, immediate sanctions may be instituted upon the alleged subject. These sanctions could range from, restriction from a residence hall(s) to an interim suspension (pending the outcome of an on-campus judicial). For further information regarding on-campus disciplinary procedures for this type of offense and possible sanctions imposed by the University, please refer to the Student Handbook. Both the accused and the accuser will be informed of the outcome of the campus disciplinary proceedings. The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during campus disciplinary proceedings.

Harassment Free Environment

Ashland University promotes a productive campus environment and will not tolerate conduct by any member of the campus community that harasses another employee or student, disrupts or interferes with another, or creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile environment. This includes threatening behavior, violent actions, and sexual harassment. Students who feel they are the target of any type of harassment should immediately report the situation to the Vice President for Student Affairs. Employees are to contact the Director of Human Resources. Please refer to the Harassment Free Policy in the Student Handbook and/or the Employee Handbook for further information. Students are protected under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and Title IX of the Education amendments.

Resources

Student Affairs (419) 289-5307
Human Resources (419) 289-5034
AU Student Conduct (419) 289-5303

Fire Safety

Ashland University Safety Services works with the Facilities Management and Planning and Residence Life departments to provide prevention and emergency response protocol for AU. Each year the Residence Life office coordinates one scheduled fire alarm exercise each semester (fall and spring) while the students are on campus. Students who fail to evacuate a building during an alarm are in violation of the safety policy. Fire safety is incorporated into the residence life staff training at the beginning of each year. Training includes building occupant evacuation and extinguisher use. Residents in the College Avenue apartments do not participate in any drills. Ashland University has on staff a Life Safety Technician who maintains the security and fire systems in the residence halls and other campus buildings. The Life Safety Technician conducts two

scheduled fire system safety inspections of the residence facilities each year. The responding fire department for the AU Dwight Schar College of Nursing is the Mansfield City Fire Department. When buildings are renovated, updating fire systems to current requirements are an important consideration.

AU has a policy of no open flames in any of the residence facilities and smoking is not permitted in any campus building. All electrical appliances must be Underwriter Laboratory (UL) approved and in good working condition. Unapproved items such as: electric blankets, hot plates, live Christmas trees, etc. are against the residence life safety policy. Residents found to be using these items are in violation of the safety policy. Please refer to the student handbook for a more comprehensive description <http://www1.ashland.edu/student-affairs/health-safety/safety-services>. In the residence facilities there are emergency information placards posted in conspicuous locations and on the back of the doors to resident's rooms. To request a replacement placard, please notify the Student Services Coordinator. Fire statistics are maintained by the Ashland University Director of Safety Services. All campus fires are to be reported to the AU Safety Services department.

Students are to assume all alarms are an actual emergency and are expected to evacuate the building thru all marked egress doors. Use of elevators is not permitted during an evacuation. Students who fail to evacuate a residence facility during a drill may be processed as a judicial referral for violating a health and safety policy. Resident students with physical restrictions should notify Safety Services of their restriction. In order to provide an even more effective response, prior notification of any pre-existing medical condition that may warrant special consideration should be made to the Safety Services department before moving into the residence hall. AU Safety Services will notify the responding fire department personnel of residents with disclosed special needs. At the start of the fall semester, the Safety Services department also requests information from the Classroom Support Services department regarding resident students with special needs who may require assistance in emergency situations. Tampering with any fire alarm, or suppression system, is a safety policy violation and the responsible party (if identified) will be held accountable.

Resources

AU Safety Services (419) 207-5555
 AU Facilities Management & Planning (419) 289-5490
 AU Residence Life (419) 289-5303
 AU Classroom Support Services (419) 289-5904
 Mansfield Fire Department 911 or (419) 526-1234
 140 E 3rd St, Mansfield, OH

Residence Hall Fire System Description

Residence Hall	Alarm Panel	Smoke/Heat Detectors	Sprinklers	Pull Stations	Extinguishers	Additional Information
1071 Marion Avenue	Panel with automatic notification to Schmidt Security Pro	Smoke detectors in rooms and hallway detectors hardwired to panel	Hallways, utility rooms, common areas and resident's rooms	None	All floors in common areas and each apartment	Residence hall use only
1081 Marion Avenue	Panel with automatic	Smoke detectors in	Hallways, utility	None	All floors in common areas	Residence hall use only

	notification to Schmidt Security Pro	rooms and hallway detectors hardwired to panel	rooms, common areas and resident's rooms		and each apartment	
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Summary of Fires

Residence Hall	2021				2022				2023			
	Fires	Injuries	Deaths	Damage	Fires	Injuries	Deaths	Damage	Fires	Injuries	Deaths	Damage
1071 Marion Avenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1081 Marion Avenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0