



How to Report Crimes on Campus

The Campus Security Act requires universities to collect and report campus crime statistics. Any employee on campus who is a Campus Security Authority who receives a report, or is aware of certain crimes must immediately report the crime to the Department of Public Safety. Crimes to be reported are listed below. Threats of violence should also be reported to DPS.

Report Crimes to the Dispatcher, Department of Public Safety 202-319-5111 Room 120 Leahy Hall

A "**Campus Security Authority**" is an official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, as well as employees who control or monitor access to some part of campus. "Campus security authority" at The Catholic University of America includes individuals who provide security on campus, in addition to the Public Safety staff, as well as the following persons:

- Library monitors, hall security assistants in the residence halls, and others who are hired to monitor dorm or building access, campus escorts
- **Officials with significant responsibility for student and campus activities**
- Director and associate director of athletics and all coaches and athletic trainers
- All professional staff in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- All associate and assistant deans and other professional staff in deans' offices, such as associate deans for student support or director of disability support services
- Title IX Coordinators
- All professional staff working with student organizations and extracurricular/campus activities
- All faculty or staff advisors to undergraduate or graduate organizations or teams
- All faculty who accompany students on University-related trips, both within the U.S. and abroad
- All resident assistants or community directors for campus housing
- All professional staff in the Office of Global Education
- First-Year Experience director

Regardless of one's status as a Campus Security Authority, all are encouraged to report crimes to the Department of Public Safety. Pastoral or professional counselors are not considered campus security authorities when acting in their capacity as counselor.

Reportable Crimes and Offences: (note: If you are not sure of how to categorize, report to DPS who will make the determination)

- Criminal Homicide: Murder and manslaughter. Report any homicide.
- Sexual Offenses:
 1. Rape is 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. This offense includes the rape of both males and females.
 2. Fondling is the touching of the private body 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.
 3. Statutory Rape is sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.
 4. Incest is sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law
- Robbery: The taking, or attempting to take anything of value from the control, custody, or care of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence or by putting the victim in fear.
- Aggravated Assault: An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This offense is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. An assault that results in hospitalization (or should have) is an aggravated assault.
- Burglary: The unlawful entry (breaking and entering) into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or theft.
- Arson: Willful or malicious burning or an attempt to burn a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property.
- Arrests or persons referred for alcohol, drug, and illegal weapons violations*
- Hate Crimes: Any of the crimes listed in this document in which the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim's actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, or disability must be reported as hate crimes. Category of prejudice should be reported.

Under Hate Crimes: Larceny-Theft, Simple Assault, Intimidation, and Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property are included in your Campus Security statistics only if they are Hate Crimes.
- Stalking: Purposefully engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific individual that would cause a reasonable individual to fear for his or her safety or the safety of another person; feel seriously alarmed, disturbed or frightened; or suffer emotional distress.
- Dating Violence: The term "dating violence" means violence committed by a person:
 - (A) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
 - (B) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the following factors:
 - (i) The length of the relationship

(ii) The type of relationship

(iii) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

- **Domestic Violence:** The term “domestic violence” includes 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 D.C. (includes past or present marriage, domestic partnership, romantic, dating, or sexual relationship), by a former spouse or similarly situated person against a victim who is in a subsequent relationship with a former spouse or similarly situated person, or by any other person against a victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of D.C.

- **Motor Vehicle Theft:** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

- **Theft:** Unlawful taking of another’s property.

- **Intimidation:** Threats of bodily injury to another person.

- **Assault:** Unlawful contact causing bodily injury.

- **Destruction/damage/vandalism of property.**

Does It Matter Where the Crime Occurred – On or Off Campus?

The institution must provide a geographic breakdown of the crime statistics by four categories:

- **On campus:** Main campus between Michigan Avenue and Taylor Street, Harewood Road and John McCormack Road; the Raymond A. DuFour Athletic Center and grounds; west campus: between Harewood Road and North Capitol Street, bounded on the south by the property of the Basilica and on the north by the property of the Saint John Paul II Shrine. On campus also includes the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Monroe Street and The Theological College on Michigan Avenue.

- **On campus and in a residence hall** or other residential facility for students on campus;

- **Non-campus building or property** for Catholic University purposes includes any foreign campuses or building or property owned or controlled by the University and used for educational purposes (including through a lease agreement).

- **On public property** that immediately borders and is accessible to the University campus. This includes all public streets bordering the main campus and west campus. Public property consists of a public sidewalk that borders the campus, the public street along the sidewalk, and the public sidewalk on the other side of the street. Only those portions of the sidewalk, street, and sidewalk that are adjacent to campus are included.

Further Resources: [How Do I Report a Crime?](#)

*The Dean of Students’ Office counts the number of students referred for campus disciplinary actions for alcohol, drug or illegal weapon violations for the purpose of Campus Security reporting.