

# SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY



## 2021 CAMPUS SAFETY PLAN

# AVAILABILITY, LOCATION AND METHODS TO SUMMON LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

## Availability and Location of Law Enforcement Assistance

San Diego State University Police Department is located at 5350 55<sup>th</sup> Street on the SDSU campus. The University Police Department (UPD) provides full police services to the campus community 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. You can quickly connect to a police dispatcher by dialing 619-594-1991 or 9-1-1 in an emergency. Our peace officers are state police officers and their authority extends anywhere within the state pursuant to California Penal Code section 830.2(c) and Education Code 89560.

## Crime Reporting

Safety is a shared responsibility. The entire campus community is strongly encouraged to report suspicious or criminal activity occurring on campus to UPD as soon as possible. When calling, you may be asked the following:

- Your name, telephone number and location of the incident.
- Information about any suspect(s), vehicle description(s) and last direction of travel, if relevant.
- Do not hang up and carefully follow the instructions provided to you.

Your options for reporting include the following:

- Dialing 9-1-1 for any emergency.
- Dialing (619) 594-1991 for any non-emergency reporting.
- You may also text 9-1-1 and report your emergency in the message field, however, calling is preferred.
- You may utilize a campus emergency duress phone (Blue Light Phones) that will connect you directly with our police dispatchers.

# SPECIAL SAFEGUARDS FOR FACILITIES OR ACTIVITIES

## Security of and Access to Campus Facilities

Generally, all facilities located at SDSU are provided primarily for educational purposes in support of the university mission. Use and restrictions of university facilities is governed by the SDSU Buildings and Grounds Policy, consistent with Education Code 89031. In other words, when legally appropriate, persons violating the Buildings and Grounds Policy may be removed per California Penal Code Section 626.6.

Most buildings are locked and secured outside of normal university business hours. Police dispatchers monitor the access control systems of each building, including burglar alarms, motion alarms, panic alarms and unauthorized access alarms. Police officers respond to these alarms when appropriate.

Access to campus residence halls is restricted to residents and registered guests only. Access policies and procedures are regulated by the Office of Housing Administration (OHA). All of these facilities are outfitted with access control measures at all doors and entry points, supported by CCTV cameras in public spaces. Furthermore, upon entry everyone is required to provide a government or university issued photo identification. Safety and security of on-campus residential facilities are supported by UPD.

## **Security Considerations Used in the Maintenance of Campus Facilities**

Most on campus buildings and facilities are maintained by Facilities Services (FS), which include deferred and ongoing maintenance and care, fire safety systems, HVAC systems, water and sewer.

FS also maintains the building lighting and alarm systems, including the duress phones and panic alarms. These systems are tested and reviewed regularly in conjunction with UPD. There are regular night walks examining exterior lighting; maintenance and repairs of lighting inside buildings; scheduled maintenance and repairs of fire alarm, fire suppression, fire curtains and rolling fire rated doors; annual fume hood testing and repairs; and inspection and repair of door locks and access control card readers. For grounds and parking structures, there are tree assessments and scheduled mitigation measures; daily weekday morning walks through parking lots and campus grounds to identify and resolve potential safety hazards before the start of classes; and maintenance of athletic fields to ensure safety and security of these areas.

## **ACTIONS TAKEN IN THE PRECEDING 18 MONTHS TO INCREASE SAFETY**

In light of the response to the global pandemic, the following were enacted to ensure adherence to the evolving health and safety practices:

- Installed signage to inform the community of face covering and social distancing while on campus
- Moved classes to virtual instruction
- Promoted telework for employees
- Activated SDSU Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to the fullest extent
- Implemented surveillance Covid-19 testing program for on-campus housing residents
- Collaborated with the County of San Diego to enact a free, walk-up Covid-19 test site

- Implemented a phased approach to repopulation, especially within UPD to help mitigate the spread of Covid-19
- Established temperature check kiosks on campus to take students' temperatures before classes

## CHANGES IN SAFETY PRECAUTIONS EXPECTED TO BE MADE DURING THE NEXT 24 MONTHS

- To prevent crime and promote safety, UPD is finalizing efforts to implement an innovative Clinical Social Worker Program. The social worker will serve as a liaison between first responders and our diverse campus population to promote safety, provide a wide range of resources and foster community healing.
- Hiring an additional 4-8 police officers to increase UPD's capacity to address safety-related issues.
- Expanding UPD's bike patrol team to provide an increase in police officer presence and access around campus.
- Adding a Community Resource Officer (CRO) within UPD to allow a police officer to address quality of life issues impacting our community.
- Creating further educational and outreach campaigns related to sexual violence.
- Implementing a new Access Control System (ACS) campus wide utilizing more advanced technologies.

## RECORDS OF ON-CAMPUS CRIMES

### California Education Code 67380(a)(1)(A)

California State University campuses are required by California Education Code 67380(a)(1)(A) to compile records of all occurrences reported to campus police, campus security personnel or campus safety authorities of, and arrests for, crimes that are committed on campus and that involve violence, hate violence, theft, destruction of property, illegal drugs or alcohol intoxication, and to make this information available within two business days if requested by students, prospective students, employees or the media. If you wish to request crime information, please contact our UPD Records Division at (619) 594-1986.