

SNHU Seacoast

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A Safe Place To Excel 2008

This publication is addressed to all students, prospective students, faculty and staff in accordance with the Campus Security Act of 1990 (Clery Act). It is important for everyone to think about the security of their environment. This publication will let you know what we at Southern New Hampshire University are doing to keep the campus safe, and how you can help.

At Southern New Hampshire University, safety is everyone's business. Students, faculty and staff are partners in creating an atmosphere which is safe and encourages learning. We take many commonsense precautions to keep the campus safe, and we count on your cooperation and attention to maintain this safe environment.

Southern New Hampshire University's safety program has three elements: Education, Prevention and Response. **Education**

The key to preventing crime is awareness. Southern New Hampshire University students, faculty and staff work together and learn how to reduce security risks.

Most incidents on college campuses can be avoided if students, faculty and staff members understand the basic precautions, such as walking together when leaving the building at night, and making sure to lock their vehicles. At the Seacoast Center safety guidelines are outlined on a bulletin board in the student lounge.

Reporting of Crimes

The Seacoast Center encourages the reporting of any suspicious activity or criminal incident to the Portsmouth Police Department. There are public telephones located on the first and second floors of the building. Emergency telephone numbers are printed in this brochure and posted throughout the building. During office hours, suspicious activity or criminal incidents may be reported to the director or his/her designee who will assist in contacting the Portsmouth Police Department.

Communicating About Safety

We update this and other security publications periodically and make them available to all students, faculty and staff, as well as applicants for admission.

If it becomes necessary to alert students, faculty and staff to an emergency on or near campus, or to a situation that may affect the safety or well being of the students, faculty or staff, the director or his/her designee will release immediate and specific information as

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soon as possible to students, faculty and staff and will attempt to answer all questions raised. Depending on the situation, the information may be released by special "Security Alerts" or in meetings.

Prevention

Lighting: The quantity and effectiveness of campus lighting is surveyed regularly. Appropriate measures to correct or improve lighting are continuously requested.

Building Closing Procedure: Each evening our custodian arrives approximately one hour prior to closing and stays until everyone has left and locks the building.

Response: Emergency Telephone Number dial 911

Security Features

A spirit of cooperation is maintained with the Portsmouth Police and Fire Departments. In accordance with established policy, local law enforcement agencies will take charge of investigations or arrests involving felonies or serious misdemeanors.

Southern New Hampshire University Drug and Alcohol Policy

In accordance with Federal Law, Southern New Hampshire University is in compliance with the Drug-Free School and Communities Act and its Amendments of 1989 and abides by the Drug-Free Workplace Act 1988 (Title V-D of P.L. No. 100-690, 5151-5160) which states that it is unlawful to manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use a controlled substance in the workplace.

Failure to comply with university policy and the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 constitutes grounds

for disciplinary action, referral to civil authorities, referral or requirement of the offender to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program, and/or to be immediately discharged.

Alcohol may be kept or consumed only by those of legal age (21). All illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia are prohibited.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education Programs Offered by Southern New Hampshire University

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) administers on the Manchester campus substance abuse and general wellness programs. For more information call (603) 645-9679.

In the Portsmouth area the primary referral service is the Southeastern NH Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services at (603) 698-7647. Details on these and related programs are published in the brochure, A Matter of Substance, which is made available to all students, faculty and staff at the beginning of each term.

Sexual Assault Victim Services

Sexual assault is an issue of increasing concern for colleges and universities throughout the country. Southern New Hampshire University does not tolerate assault in any form. Southern New Hampshire University is committed to preventing sexual assaults and to providing prompt and professional counseling services to all members of the Southern New Hampshire University community.

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Aggravated sexual assaults are felonies under New Hampshire law. Harassment and any conduct that threatens to endanger the health and safety of any person on university property is also prohibited by the Southern New Hampshire University Code of Conduct and the Unified College Handbook for Faculty, Professional Staff, and Operational Staff. Those who violate the law and the university's rules are subject to stringent penalties.

If a victim of sexual assault wishes to report an assault and to have the matter prosecuted, a complaint should be made to the Portsmouth Police Department by dialing 911. In all cases, confidential crisis intervention, support, and counseling are available through Sexual Assault Support Services Hotline at 1-888-747-7070.

Where there is a reasonable cause to believe that a member of the university community has violated regulations prohibiting sexual assault, the university may reprimand, suspend, or expel that person. Disciplinary action will be taken whether the criminal conduct occurs on or off the campus.

All members of our campus community are responsible for creating and maintaining a safe and wholesome environment. These responsibilities are even greater because we are teachers, students and employers of a particular kind of community – a university – that depends on a commitment to reason and civility for its very existence.

Resources:

Portsmouth Police at 911
Sexual Assault Support Services Hotline 1-888-747-7070
Domestic Violence – A Safe Place (603) 436-4619

Programs Designed to Inform Students and Employees About the Prevention of Crimes

This brochure is available to all students online at the Seacoast Website.

Annual Crime Statistics Report 2008

Categories	Year 2008	Categories	Year 2008
Murder	0	Drug Arrest	0
Rape	0	Alcohol Arrest	0
Robbery	0	Weapons/Possession Arrest	0
Aggravated Assault	0		
Burglary	0	Disciplinary Referrals	
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	Alcohol Referral	0
Manslaughter	0	Drug Referral	0
Arson	0	Weapons Offenses	0

Statistics based on period January 1 through December 31 of each previous year in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Security Act of 1990. If you would like more information about safety on the Southern New Hampshire University campus, please contact the Seacoast Center Director at (603) 436-2831.