

COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY - SAFETY REPORT FOR 2009-2010

Safety and security at CIU

Students and families are understandably concerned about safety and crime on a university campus. In response to this concern, Columbia International University seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for students to live and learn. Although CIU has an exceptional lack of crime on campus, it is prudent to understand that any crime that occurs elsewhere can occur at CIU and that steps need to be taken to provide a safe environment for everyone on campus. CIU's security department is licensed by the State of South Carolina and employs state certified security officers. You can request assistance 24/7 with a security matter by calling 803-513-3967. Officers from the Columbia Police Department as well as Richland County Sheriff's Department also routinely patrol our campus.

Another way of providing this safe environment is to help students and others develop an awareness of crime and safety issues on campus. Columbia International University seeks to provide pertinent information regarding security incidents and crime that occurs on campus. In compliance with the Cleary Act, CIU publishes annually its crime statistics for the previous three years. This information may be found below or on-line on the Department of Education's web site at <http://ope.ed.gov/security>. CIU also provides up-to-date information on security incidents and crimes that occur on campus by making available a daily security report. This can be seen by coming by the CIU Physical Plant or by e-mailing the Director of Facilities at bregister@ciu

Criminal Offenses - On campus

Criminal offense	Total occurrences On campus		
	2007	2008	2009
a. <u>Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter</u>	0	0	0
b. <u>Negligent manslaughter</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Sex offenses - Forcible</u>	0	0	0
d. <u>Sex offenses - Non-forcible</u>	0	0	0
e. <u>Robbery</u>	0	0	0
f. <u>Aggravated assault</u>	0	0	0
g. <u>Burglary</u>	0	0	7
h. <u>Motor vehicle theft</u>	0	0	1
i. <u>Arson</u>	0	0	0

Criminal Offenses - On-campus Student Housing Facilities

Criminal offense	Total occurrences in On-Campus Student Housing Facilities		
	2007	2008	2009
a. <u>Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter</u>	0	0	0
b. <u>Negligent manslaughter</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Sex offenses - Forcible</u>	0	0	0
d. <u>Sex offenses - Non-forcible</u>	0	0	0
e. <u>Robbery</u>	0	0	0
f. <u>Aggravated assault</u>	0	0	0
g. <u>Burglary</u>	0	0	0
h. <u>Motor vehicle theft</u>	0	0	0
i. <u>Arson</u>	0	0	0

Criminal Offenses - Noncampus

Criminal offense	Total occurrences in or on Noncampus buildings or properties		
	2007	2008	2009
a. <u>Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter</u>			0
b. <u>Negligent manslaughter</u>			0
c. <u>Sex offenses - Forcible</u>			0
d. <u>Sex offenses - Non-Forcible</u>			0
e. <u>Robbery</u>			0
f. <u>Aggravated assault</u>			0
g. <u>Burglary</u>			0
h. <u>Motor vehicle theft</u>			0
i. <u>Arson</u>			0

Criminal Offenses - Public Property

Criminal offense	Total occurrences on Public Property		
	2007	2008	2009
a. <u>Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter</u>	0	0	0
b. <u>Negligent manslaughter</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Sex offenses - Forcible</u>	0	0	0
d. <u>Sex offenses - Non-forcible</u>	0	0	0
e. <u>Robbery</u>	0	0	0
f. <u>Aggravated assault</u>	0	0	0
g. <u>Burglary</u>	0	0	0

h. <u>Motor vehicle theft</u>	0	0	0
i. <u>Arson</u>	0	0	0

Fire safety in residence halls

Fire log: No fires were reported in any of the residence halls for 2009-2010

Fire suppression equipment: All residence halls are fully equipped with an automated fire alarm system consisting of smoke detectors, heat detectors, horn/strobes, etc. and are in full compliance with current fire regulations. Smoke detectors are in every room. The system that is under continuous supervision by a central monitoring service

Fire drills are performed each semester to ensure the safety of resident students.

Fire safety policies for residence halls

Surface frying in the kitchens is prohibited. Residents may store and use the following items ONLY in the floor kitchens:

toaster/toaster ovens
 crock pots
 popcorn popper

No open flames under any circumstances are allowed in the residence halls. Candles, oil lamps, or incense may not be used in the residences as they pose a fire hazard. Halogen lamps are not allowed in rooms.

Resident students are instructed to follow these guidelines in the event of a fire emergency:

- (1) If fire alarm sounds, immediately leave the building.
- (2) If door is hot, remain in the room.
- (3) Block entrance of smoke and heat into room by stuffing towels around the door.
- (4) Stay low near the floor to avoid smoke and heat. Cover your head with wet cloth, if necessary, to aid breathing.
- (5) If necessary, break window. Do not exit through upper floor windows.
- (6) Hang a towel out your window. Fire personnel will get to you as soon as possible.
- (7) If a door is cool, open slightly and check for heavy smoke and heat. If clear, proceed to exit. If light smoke, stay low near floor to avoid smoke and heat.
- (8) Before leaving, wear shoes and coat; carry wet towel, if available, to aid breathing. If hallway is too smoky to reach stairwell, remain in room. Follow instructions as listed above.
- (9) When leaving the building, get clear of entire area.
- (10) Proceed to the designated assembly area.

- (11) Report to the University official for roll check.
- (12) Remain quiet and orderly for further instructions.

Students will be subject to disciplinary action who knowingly refuse to vacate a hall during a fire or a fire drill or if they tamper with smoke alarms or fire extinguishers.

The use of gasoline, solvents, paint remover and dry cleaning fluids in the residences is prohibited.

CIU is a smoke free campus. Smoking is not allowed in the residence halls or anywhere else on the campus.

In order to insure the safety and security of each resident and their personal belongings, propping exterior doors is prohibited. Fines will be issued to those who violate this policy.

Reporting emergencies

A document entitled “Your Emergency Preparedness Guide” is distributed to all students. This outlines who to contact and how to respond in the event of various campus emergencies. A 24 hour emergency response line is in place to address emergency needs.

For an emergency in the residence halls the RA on duty should be contacted. For any life threatening emergency 911 should be called first, followed by contacting the RA and/or the emergency response line.

In a case of illness requiring urgent care or hospitalization, the RA must be contacted. The RA or Residence Life staff will either accompany the student or make sure another individual accompanies the student to the hospital.

Emergency communication

Emergency text messaging is available at no charge for all students who sign up for this service. This is used to give notice of an emergency or potential emergency on the campus.

A siren is activated to alert the campus of a tornado warning for our area.

Emergency call boxes are located at strategic places on campus. These dial directly into the emergency response line.

Coordinating of campus emergency response

University personnel identified as Emergency Response Coordinators are designated to take oversight and coordinate efforts in the event of a campus emergency. These are the initial decision makers and are responsible for setting in motion appropriate responses and communicating essential information to the campus. An Emergency Management Team, composed of representatives from various services of the University, meet periodically to review procedures and consider future steps of action.

RA's are trained to provide initial leadership and response in the event of an emergency in the residence halls. This includes assistance for students with disabilities during an emergency evacuation.

Tornadoes and severe weather:

If a tornado warning is issued for our area the tornado siren will be activated for several minutes. Upon hearing the siren, each student is instructed to go directly to an interior room or hallway on the lowest level of their building. The siren may stop after several minutes and then reactivate as long as the warning is in effect. Students are not to leave the safety zone until cleared by Residence Life or Security personnel. These procedures are presented at the first all-residents meeting of the semester.

Weapons

Exploding any device or container on school property is a federal offense, and authorities may be contacted. No firearms, dangerous weapons, air-powered or spring-loaded guns (Paint ball guns, BB guns, pellet guns, etc...), knives, swords, spears or fireworks of any kind are permitted on campus.