



# COLUMBIA COLLEGE MAIN CAMPUS

2025 COMBINED ANNUAL SECURITY  
REPORT AND FIRE SAFETY REPORT



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### **Introduction**

This report is provided in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act. It provides students and employees of Columbia College ("College") with information on: the College's security arrangements, policies and procedures; programs that provide education on such things as drug and alcohol abuse, awareness of various kinds of sex offenses, and the prevention of crime generally; and procedures the College will take to notify the campus community in the event of an emergency. Its purpose is to provide students and employees with information that will help them make informed decisions relating to their own safety and the safety of others.

### **Policy for Preparing the Annual Report**

This report is prepared by the Assistant Director of Institutional Compliance & Clery Coordinator in cooperation with local law enforcement authorities and includes information provided by them as well as by the College's campus security authorities and various other elements of the College. Each year an e-mail notification is made to all enrolled students and employees that provides the website link to access this report. Prospective students and employees are also notified of the report's availability. This report provides vital information about Columbia College's campus and is located online at:

<https://www.ccis.edu/directory/campus-safety/reports-stats>

A hard copy of the report is available for easy access and reference in the following locations:

Campus Safety  
1001 Rogers Street  
Columbia, MO 65216  
Phone: (573) 875-7315

Institutional Compliance  
St. Clair, STC 9  
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The College is committed to taking the actions necessary to provide a safe and secure working/learning environment for all students and staff. As a member of the campus community, you can feel safe and comfortable knowing that security procedures are in place that represent best practices in the field, and are constantly tested and re-evaluated for their effectiveness.

# **General Safety and Security Policies**

## **Campus Security Personnel & Relationship with Local Law Enforcement**

The Office of Campus Safety is responsible for campus safety at the College. The Columbia Police Department (CPD) is the primary responding law enforcement agency for Columbia College (Main Campus). The Director of Campus Safety is the law enforcement liaison for Columbia College and criminal offenses are reported to the Columbia Police Department for response and investigation. While Campus Safety is not a police organization and the officers are not commissioned peace officers, its personnel provide a visible deterrence of criminal activity and physical security for campus property, coordinating with local and state law enforcement agencies helping to ensure that response, reporting and investigation of crimes are prompt and effective. Campus Safety officers will use all reasonable means to gather information about crimes, hazards or related incidents that occur on all property owned or controlled by Columbia College, after which they will report those incidents to the appropriate agency.

Columbia College has drafted and submitted to the Columbia Police Department a Memorandum of Understanding outlining obligations and responsibilities related to response, reporting and investigations regarding criminal activity on campus. However, the College does not currently have any written agreements with CPD or any other local law enforcement agencies. Nevertheless, it does maintain a close working relationship with local police.

## **Campus Security Authorities**

The College has designated certain officials to serve as campus security authorities. Reports of criminal activity can be made to these officials. They in turn will ensure that the crimes are reported for collection as part of the College's annual report of crime statistics. The campus security authorities to whom the College would prefer that crimes be reported are listed below.

- Brian Wager, Director of Campus Safety at (573) 875-7304
- Campus Safety Officers at (573) 875-7315
- Jessica Sprague, Assistant Dean for Student Wellbeing at (573) 875-7877
- Dave Roberts, Associate VP of Student Experience & Dean of Student Affairs at (573) 875-7401
- Cynthia Potter, Athletics Director at (573) 875-7454
- James Arnold, VP of EMM & Athletics at (573) 875-7410
- Patty Fischer, VP of Operations & Chief Human Resources Officer at (573) 875-7255
- Kristie Douglas, Title IX and Student Conduct Coordinator at (573) 875-7182
- Dusti Schnedler, Assistant Director of Institutional Compliance & Clery Coordinator at (573) 875-3960

## **Reporting a Crime or Emergency**

The College encourages accurate and prompt reporting of all criminal actions, emergencies, or other incidents occurring on campus, on other property owned by the College, or on nearby public property to the appropriate administrator and appropriate police agencies. Such

a report is encouraged when the victim of a crime elects to, or is unable to, make such a report.

Any individual may submit an electronic report online at the College's Report An Incident webpage: <https://www.ccis.edu/directory/campus-safety/report-an-incident>. The person submitting the report will be asked to identify her or his relationship to the College and will then be directed to complete the form with additional information.

- Situations that pose imminent danger or while a crime is in progress should be reported to local law enforcement by calling 911 from any campus phone or cell phone, then should be reported to Campus Safety when possible. Keep in mind that the individual making the call from a cell phone will need to provide the address where the emergency has occurred.
- Students, staff, and visitors should report criminal actions, accidents, injuries, or other emergency incidents to one of the Campus Security Authorities identified above. Once reported, the individual making the report may be encouraged to also report it to appropriate police agencies. If requested, a member of College staff will assist a student, staff or faculty member in making the report to the police.
- Anonymous incident reports can also be made as described in the next section.

## **Confidential Reporting**

The College will protect the confidentiality of victims. Only those with a need to know the identity for purposes of investigating the crime, assisting the victim or disciplining the perpetrator will know the victim's identity.

Pursuant to the College's Title IX and Sexual Harassment Policy, any person may report sexual harassment (including, but not limited to, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking), to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator upon receiving such information. Reports may be made in person, by regular mail, telephone, electronic mail, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. In-person reports must be made during normal business hours, but reports can be made by regular mail, telephone, or electronic mail at any time, including outside normal business hours. In addition to reporting to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator, any person may report sexual harassment to a College Reporting Official. A list of College Reporting Officials can be found at <https://www.ccis.edu/directory/human-resources/title-ix/report-sexual-harassment>. College reporting officials are required to forward such a report promptly to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator.

Anonymous complaints will be accepted by the College, although it is often difficult to gather facts and conduct a thorough investigation via anonymous complaints. To make an anonymous complaint, access the Electronic Reporting Option at <https://www.ccis.edu/directory/campus-safety/report-an-incident> identify your relationship to Columbia College and then write in "Anonymous" under the "Your Name" and "Your Email" fields. Employees cannot fulfill their obligations as responsible employees under this policy using this anonymous reporting option. These confidential reports are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for the College.

A victim of other types of crimes other than Title IX (e.g., aggravated assault, burglary, etc.) who does not want to pursue action within the College disciplinary system or the criminal justice system is nevertheless encouraged to make a confidential report to a campus security authority. Upon the victim's request, a report of the details of the incident can be filed with the College without revealing the victim's identity. Such a confidential report complies with the victim's wishes, but still helps the College take appropriate steps to ensure the future safety of the victim and others. With such information, the College can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving members of the campus community, determine where a pattern of crime may be developing and alert the community as to any potential danger. These confidential reports are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for the College.

The College encourages its professional counselors, if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform the person they are counseling to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual report of crime statistics. The College does not have pastoral counselors.

### **Security of and Access to Campus Facilities**

Most buildings on the campus are open only when classes are in session or during regular business hours. Residence halls are always locked and residents must have their student ID card to enter the main doors via controlled access mechanisms. Guests or visitors may enter only when accompanied by a resident or College official.

Employees who have a key to a campus building and plan to work after normal working hours are encouraged to contact Campus Safety and alert the officers to their presence on campus. Persons who do not have a key and need access must present their student or employee ID and provide a valid reason for entry. Access will be provided at the discretion of the Campus Safety Officer. A theft or loss of assigned keys should be reported immediately to the person who issued the keys. Keys are assigned and are not to be loaned out for any reason. The person to whom the keys are assigned is solely responsible for those keys.

An authorized individual entering or leaving a locked building must not allow any unauthorized individual to enter that building. Authorized personnel may have guests with them as long as the guest stays within the vicinity of faculty and staff members who have an assigned key, and the authorized individual assumes full responsibility for their presence. An individual entering or leaving a secured building shall be responsible for checking the door to ensure it is secured. The individual should contact Campus Safety to inform the officers they have left the building or plan to leave. All academic buildings are secured during the evenings and weekends. Access to the buildings is only allowed for faculty/staff members and students who are accompanied by faculty/staff members. The residence halls are locked and authorized individuals can access them via their College issued identification card.

Employees must adhere to policies regarding unauthorized access to College facilities, theft of, or damage to, College property, or other criminal activity. In particular, rendering inoperable or abusing any fire prevention or detection equipment is prohibited. Violation of these policies may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination and the filing of charges with law enforcement authorities.

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

Maintenance of all facilities is the responsibility of the Facilities department within the Office of Plant & Facilities Operations. Fire safety systems (fire sprinkler systems, fire doors, fire extinguishers, etc.) are inspected regularly by Campus Safety. Inspections and maintenance of backflow valves on fire sprinkler systems are completed by Facilities. Campus Safety is responsible for inspecting all egress lighting, pathways, mechanical rooms and reporting any malfunctions or mechanical problems observed including street or safety lights that are not functioning properly, or shrubs or other landscaping that may be overgrown, that would create an unsafe situation. Campus community members are encouraged to report maintenance or safety problems to the Facilities Department at (573) 875-7310 or the Office of Plant & Facilities Operations at (573) 875-7300, or to the Office of Campus Safety after hours at (573) 875-7315 in the event of safety issues.

## **Educational Programs Related to Security Awareness and Prevention of Criminal Activity**

The College seeks to enhance the security of its campus and the members of the campus community by periodically presenting educational programs to inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices, to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others and to inform them about the prevention of crimes. These programs are discussed below.

- The College provides information at the beginning of each academic term for students and employees regarding the College's security procedures and practices. This information may be in the form of posters and other displays, articles on the College's website, e-mail blasts and social media posts. Among other things, it advises students and employees of the importance of reporting criminal activity, to whom crimes should be reported, being responsible for their own safety and the safety of others and practices regarding timely warnings and emergency notifications.
- Crime prevention programs are presented each semester by the Campus Activities Board (CAB), Student Government Association (SGA), Residence Halls Association (RHA), and Student Affairs. In addition, pamphlets on crime prevention are available at the Campus Safety Office. Periodically e-mail blasts and social media posts are sent out to students and employees with crime prevention and other safety tips.
- Campus Safety provides information to students and employees at on campus events—Hey Day, Quest Day's, etc. Campus Safety Officers are available to answer questions and have tables set-up at these events with resources.
- Student Affairs holds numerous programs throughout the year that relate to student safety and teaching students how to be aware of their surroundings and what to do in the event something happens off-campus.

Students and employees are asked to be alert and to not circumvent practices and procedures that are meant to preserve their safety and that of others. The following list includes various methods of crime prevention:

- Be aware of your surroundings and what is going on around you.
- Avoid using cell phones or other electronic devices while walking as they can distract you from your environment and nearby activities.
- Keep a list of campus phone numbers with you or programmed in your phone.
- Do not prop open doors.
- Do not leave personal property unattended.

- Report suspicious individuals to college officials.
- Walk with a friend or in a group.
- Walk in well lit areas after dark.
- Stay on main walkways.
- Become familiar with the campus. Get familiar with the geography of places you frequent. Explore the campus or your venue in daylight to become aware of surroundings. This will provide orientation when walking at night
- Remove valuables from your vehicle and secure the doors.
- Mark your valuables with personalized identification information.
- Always carry your identification.

If you assume responsibility for your own safety and encourage others to do the same, the opportunities for crime are drastically reduced.

### **Monitoring Off Campus Locations of Recognized Student Organizations**

The College monitors and records, through local police agencies, any criminal activity in which students have engaged at off-campus locations of student organizations officially recognized by the College, including student organizations with off-campus housing facilities.

### **Disclosure of the Outcome of a Crime of Violence or Non-Forcible Sex Offense**

Upon written request, the College will disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence (as that term is defined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code), or a non-forcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the College against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for purposes of the paragraph.

The previous paragraph does not apply to victims of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking because under the Violence Against Women Act both the accused and accuser in these cases are given the results without the need to make a written request.

## **Drug and Alcohol Policy**

Columbia College is committed to creating and maintaining an environment that is free of alcohol abuse. The College prohibits the manufacture, possession, use, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages, regardless of age, on College-owned property and at College sponsored or supervised events or activities, unless an exception is granted pursuant to applicable policy, and it enforces the state's underage drinking laws.

The College also enforces federal and state drug laws. The manufacture, possession, use, distribution, and sale of illegal drugs is prohibited under both state and federal laws. Violators of the College's policies or federal and state laws regarding illegal drugs will be subject to disciplinary action and possibly criminal prosecution.

**Federal Drug Laws** (updated 07.18.2025)

**Denial of Federal Benefits (21 U.S.C. § 862)** A federal drug conviction may result in the loss of federal benefits, including loans, grants, scholarships, contracts, and licenses, although the Department of Education has said it will no longer disqualify students from Title IV aid for a federal or state conviction for possession or sale of a controlled substance.

**Forfeiture of Personal Property and Real Estate (21 U.S.C. § 853)** Any person convicted of a federal drug offense punishable by more than one year in prison shall forfeit to the United States any personal or real property related to the violation. A warrant of seizure may be issued and property seized at the time an individual is arrested on charges that may result in forfeiture.

**Federal Drug Trafficking Penalties (21 U.S.C. § 841)** Penalties for federal drug trafficking convictions vary according to the type and quantity of the controlled substance involved in the transaction. Penalties for subsequent convictions are more severe. Federally-defined schedules of controlled substances are published at 21 U.S.C. § 812.

In the case of a controlled substance in schedule I or schedule II, GHB (or, “liquid ecstasy”), or flunitrazepam (or, “rohypnol”), a person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than 20 years. If death or serious bodily injury results from the use of a controlled substance which has been illegally distributed, the person convicted on federal charges of distributing the substance faces the possibility of a life sentence and fines ranging up to \$10 million.

In the case of a controlled substance in schedule III, a person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than 10 years, and if death or serious bodily injury results, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than 15 years or a fine not to exceed \$500,000, or both, for a first offense.

For less than 50 kilograms of marijuana, the term of imprisonment shall not be more than five years, and the fine shall not be more than \$250,000, or both, for a first offense.

In the case of a schedule IV substance, the term of imprisonment shall not be more than five years, and the fine shall not be more than \$250,000, or both, for a first offense.

Persons convicted on federal charges of drug trafficking within 1,000 feet of an elementary school, secondary school, college, or university (**21 U.S.C. § 860**) face penalties of prison terms and fines which are twice as high as the regular penalties for the offense, with a mandatory prison sentence of at least one year, unless the offense involves five grams or less of marijuana.

**Federal Drug Possession Penalties (21 U.S.C. § 844)** Persons convicted on federal charges of possessing any controlled substance face penalties of up to one year in prison, a mandatory fine of no less than \$1,000, or both. Second convictions are punishable by not less than 15 days but not more than two years in prison and a minimum fine of \$2,500. Subsequent convictions are punishable by not less than 90 days but not more than three years in prison and a minimum fine of \$5,000.

For the most recent and complete Federal Trafficking Penalties information, visit the website of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration at <https://www.campusdrugprevention.gov/content/drug-scheduling-and-penalties>.

## Drug and Alcohol State Laws

Category	Summary (Missouri Revised Statues)
Possession of Marijuana	Statutorily, marijuana remains a Schedule I controlled substance. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 195.017(2)(5)(ff). Possession for personal use of 10 grams or less, for a first offense, is a class D misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$500. §§ 579.015(4), 558.002(1)(5). For a second offense, the charge elevates to a class A misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$2,000 and up to one year in jail. §§ 579.015(4), 558.002(1)(2), 558.011(1)(6). It is also a class A misdemeanor to possess more than ten grams but thirty-five grams or less of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoid. § 579.015(3). Possessing more than 35 grams is a class D felony with a maximum fine of \$10,000 and up to 7 years in jail. §§ 579.015(2), 558.002(1)(2), 558.011(1)(4). The delivery of 35 grams or less of marijuana constitutes a class E felony, punishable by imprisonment for up to four years and a fine of up to \$10,000. §§ 579.020, 558.002(1)(1), 558.011(1)(5). Notwithstanding the foregoing, and subject to limitations, individuals over the age of twenty-one may purchase, possess, deliver without consideration, and consume up to 3 ounces of dried marijuana. Mo. Const. art. XIV § 2. Medical marijuana for certain conditions is allowed, and up to six ounces may be purchased every 30 days. Mo. Const. art. XIV § 1.
Controlled Substances	<p>Missouri statutes cover a wide range of offenses related to the possession and delivery of controlled substances. Mo. Rev. Stat. §§ 579.015–579.088. Knowing possession of a controlled substance, except thirty-five grams or less of marijuana, is a class D felony, with a term of up to seven years imprisonment and a fine up to \$10,000. §§ 579.015, 558.011. Delivery of a controlled substance other than 35 grams or less of marijuana is a class C felony, resulting in a prison term of not less than 3 years and not more than 10 years, and a fine up to \$10,000. §§ 579.020(2), 558.002, 558.011. If a controlled substance is distributed or delivered within one thousand feet of a park designed for public recreation purposes or on public housing property, or within two thousand feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary, vocational, or secondary school, or on any school bus, the charge elevates to a class A felony, resulting in imprisonment between 10 to 30 years, or life imprisonment. §§ 579.030, 558.011.</p> <p>The offense of manufacturing or attempting to manufacture any amount of a controlled substance, except thirty-five grams or less of marijuana or synthetic cannabinoid, is a class C felony. § 579.055. Possessing, purchasing, or bringing into the state large quantities of controlled substances, also known as trafficking, can result in severe penalties, which vary depending on the substance and quantity involved. §§ 579.065, 579.068. It is also unlawful to possess drug paraphernalia, which is generally a class D misdemeanor. § 579.074.</p>
Alcohol and Minors	In Missouri, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to possess, purchase, or attempt to purchase any intoxicating liquor; a first violation is a class D misdemeanor carrying a fine not to exceed \$500. Mo. Rev. Stat. §§ 311.325, 558.002. A subsequent violation is a class A misdemeanor, subject to a term of up to one year in jail and a fine not to exceed \$2,000.

Category	Summary (Missouri Revised Statutes)
	<i>Id.</i> ; § 558.011(6). Anyone between the ages of 17 and 21 who represents that they have attained the age of 21 for the purpose of obtaining intoxicating liquor is guilty of a misdemeanor. § 311.320(1). The use of a fake identification is a misdemeanor and subjects the offender to a \$500 fine. § 311.320(2). Additionally, any person who procures for, sells, gives away or otherwise supplies intoxicating liquor to any person under the age of twenty-one years is guilty of a misdemeanor. § 311.310.
Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	A person is guilty of a DUI if the person operates a vehicle while having a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or more or while in an intoxicated condition. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 577.012, 577.010. A first offense is generally a class B misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and imprisonment for up to six months. §§ 577.012, 577.010, 558.002, 558.011. If the offender qualifies as a prior offender, the offense constitutes a class A misdemeanor. §§ 577.012, 577.010. Penalties may increase depending on the circumstances of the offense and the presence of prior offenses. <i>Id.</i>

## Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program

In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, the College has a drug abuse and prevention program and conducts a biennial review of this program to evaluate its effectiveness and ensure sanctions are being consistently enforced. As part of this prevention program, an annual notification is sent to all students and employees covered certain drug/alcohol-related topics (such as possible legal sanctions, health risks, etc.). More information about the program, including the College's drug and alcohol policies, can be located at: <https://www.ccis.edu/about/policies/alcohol-drugs>. In addition, you may contact the Department of Human Resources or Division of Student Affairs for more information about, or a copy of, the College's biennial review.

The College is committed to the safety and well-being of all members of the College community. The College's [Good Samaritan Policy](#) is intended to encourage students to seek assistance from appropriate sources in the event of a health, medical or safety emergency by alleviating the threat of disciplinary action by the College if a student's conduct would otherwise violate the College's Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy.

## **Policies, Procedures, and Programs Related to Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking**

Consistent with applicable laws, the College prohibits dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The College's policy used to address complaints of this nature, as well as the procedures for filing, investigating and resolving complaints, may be found at:

- Student Behavioral Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <https://www.ccis.edu/policies/student-behavioral-misconduct>
- Title IX and Sexual Harassment Policy: <https://www.ccis.edu/about/policies/title-ix-sexual-harassment>
- Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Policy and Complaint Resolution Procedures: <https://www.ccis.edu/policies/non-discrimination-equal-opportunity>

The following sections of this report discuss the College's educational programs to promote the awareness of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; provides information concerning procedures students and employees should follow and the services available in the event they do become a victim of one of these offenses, and advises students and employees of the disciplinary procedures that will be followed after an allegation that one of these offenses has occurred.

## **Primary Prevention and Awareness Program:**

The College conducts a Primary Prevention and Awareness Program (PPAP) for all incoming students and new employees. The PPAP advises campus community members that the College prohibits the offenses of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. They are also informed of the topics discussed below, including relevant definitions, risk reduction, and bystander intervention.

## **Crime Definitions**

<b>Crime Type (Missouri Revised Statutes)</b>	<b>Definitions</b>
Dating Violence	The institution has determined, based on good-faith research, that Missouri law does not define the term dating violence.
Domestic Violence	<p>Missouri's protective order statutes provide the following definitions (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 455.010):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Abuse”, includes but is not limited to the occurrence of any of the following acts, attempts or threats against a person who may be protected pursuant to this chapter, except abuse shall not include abuse inflicted on a child by accidental means by an adult household member or discipline of a child, including spanking, in a reasonable manner.</li> <li>• “Domestic violence” is abuse or stalking committed by a family or household member.</li> <li>• “Family” or “household member”, [includes] spouses, former spouses, any person related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together or have resided together in the past, any person who is or has been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, and anyone who has a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have resided together at any time.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, Missouri criminal statutes include various degrees of the crime “Domestic Assault,” as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Assault, First Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.072): A person commits the offense of domestic assault in the first degree if he or she attempts to kill or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious physical injury to a domestic victim, as the term “domestic victim” is defined under section 565.002.</li> </ul>

Crime Type (Missouri Revised Statues)	Definitions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mo Rev. Stat. § 565.002(6) indicates that a “domestic victim” is a household or family member as the term “family” or “household member” is defined in 455.010, including any child who is a member of the household or family.</li> <li>• Domestic Assault in the Second Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.073): A person commits the offense of domestic assault in the second degree if the act involves a domestic victim, as the term “domestic victim” is defined under section 565.002, and he or she: (1) Knowingly causes physical injury to such domestic victim by any means, including but not limited to, use of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument, or by choking or strangulation; or (2) Recklessly causes serious physical injury to such domestic victim; or (3) Recklessly causes physical injury to such domestic victim by means of any deadly weapon.</li> <li>• Domestic Assault, Third Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.074): A person commits the offense of domestic assault in the third degree if he or she attempts to cause physical injury or knowingly causes physical pain or illness to a domestic victim, as the term “domestic victim” is defined under section 565.002.</li> <li>• Domestic Assault in the Fourth Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.076): A person commits the offense of domestic assault in the fourth degree if the act involves a domestic victim, as the term “domestic victim” is defined under section 565.002, and: (1) The person attempts to cause or recklessly causes physical injury, physical pain, or illness to such domestic victim; (2) With criminal negligence the person causes physical injury to such domestic victim by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument; (3) The person purposely places such domestic victim in apprehension of immediate physical injury by any means; (4) The person recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to such domestic victim; (5) The person knowingly causes physical contact with such domestic victim knowing he or she will regard the contact as offensive; or (6) The person knowingly attempts to cause or causes the isolation of such domestic victim by unreasonably and substantially restricting or limiting his or her access to other persons, telecommunication devices or transportation for the purpose of isolation.</li> </ul>
Stalking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stalking, First Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.225): A person commits the offense of stalking in the first degree if he or she purposely, through his or her course of conduct, disturbs or follows with the intent of disturbing another person and: (1) Makes a threat communicated with the intent to cause the person who is the target of the threat to reasonably fear for his or her safety, the safety of his or her family or household member, or the safety of domestic</li> </ul>

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	<p>animals or livestock as defined in section 276.606 kept at such person's residence or on such person's property. The threat shall be against the life of, or a threat to cause physical injury to, or the kidnapping of the person, the person's family or household members, or the person's domestic animals or livestock as defined in section 276.606 kept at such person's residence or on such person's property; or (2) At least one of the acts constituting the course of conduct is in violation of an order of protection and the person has received actual notice of such order; or (3) At least one of the actions constituting the course of conduct is in violation of a condition of probation, parole, pretrial release, or release on bond pending appeal; or (4) At any time during the course of conduct, the other person is seventeen years of age or younger and the person disturbing the other person is twenty-one years of age or older; or (5) He or she has previously been found guilty of domestic assault, violation of an order of protection, or any other crime where the other person was the victim; or (6) At any time during the course of conduct, the other person is a participant of the address confidentiality program under sections 589.660 to 589.681, and the person disturbing the other person knowingly accesses or attempts to access the address of the other person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stalking, Second Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 565.227.1): A person commits the offense of stalking in the second degree if he or she purposely, through his or her course of conduct, disturbs, or follows with the intent to disturb another person.</li> <li>• As used in the definitions of stalking above, the term “disturbs” shall mean to engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that serves no legitimate purpose and that would cause a reasonable person under the circumstances to be frightened, intimidated, or emotionally distressed.</li> </ul>
Sexual Assault	<p>The institution has determined, based on good-faith research, that Missouri's criminal statutes do not define the term sexual assault.</p> <p>However, Missouri's protective order statutes indicate that “sexual assault” means causing or attempting to cause another to engage involuntarily in any sexual act by force, threat of force, duress, or without that person's consent. (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 455.010(1)(f)).</p>
Rape, Fondling, Incest, Statutory Rape	<p>For purposes of the Clery Act, the term “sexual assault” includes the offenses of rape, fondling, incest, and statutory rape. These definitions under Missouri law are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rape in the First Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.030): A person commits the offense of rape in the first degree if he or she has sexual intercourse with another person who is incapacitated, incapable of consent, or lacks the capacity to consent, or by the use of forcible compulsion. Forcible compulsion includes the use of a</li> </ul>

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	<p>substance administered without a victim's knowledge or consent which renders the victim physically or mentally impaired so as to be incapable of making an informed consent to sexual intercourse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rape in the Second Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.031): A person commits the offense of rape in the second degree if he or she has sexual intercourse with another person knowing that he or she does so without that person's consent.</li> <li>• Fondling: The institution has determined, based on good-faith research, that Missouri law does not define the term fondling.</li> <li>• Incest (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 568.020): A person commits the offense of incest if he or she marries or purports to marry or engages in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse with a person he or she knows to be, without regard to legitimacy, his or her: (1) Ancestor or descendant by blood or adoption; or (2) Stepchild, while the marriage creating that relationship exists; or (3) Brother or sister of the whole or half-blood; or (4) Uncle, aunt, nephew or niece of the whole blood.</li> <li>• Statutory Rape, First Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.032): A person commits the offense of statutory rape in the first degree if he or she has sexual intercourse with another person who is less than fourteen years of age.</li> <li>• Statutory Rape, Second Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.034): A person commits the offense of statutory rape in the second degree if being twenty-one years of age or older, he or she has sexual intercourse with another person who is less than seventeen years of age.</li> </ul>
Other “sexual assault” crimes	<p>Other crimes under Missouri law that may be classified as a “sexual assault” include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sodomy in the First Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.060): A person commits the offense of sodomy in the first degree if he or she has deviate sexual intercourse with another person who is incapacitated, incapable of consent, or lacks the capacity to consent, or by the use of forcible compulsion. Forcible compulsion includes the use of a substance administered without a victim's knowledge or consent which renders the victim physically or mentally impaired so as to be incapable of making an informed consent to sexual intercourse.</li> <li>• Sodomy in the Second Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.061): A person commits the offense of sodomy in the second degree if he or she has deviate sexual intercourse with another person knowing that he or she does so without that person's consent.</li> <li>• Statutory Sodomy, First Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.062): A person commits the offense of statutory sodomy in the first degree if he or she has deviate sexual intercourse with another person who is less than fourteen (14) years of age.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory Sodomy, Second Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.064): A person commits the offense of statutory sodomy in the second degree if being twenty-one years of age or older, he or she has deviate sexual intercourse with another person who is less than seventeen years of age.</li> <li>• Child Molestation, First Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.067): A person commits the offense of child molestation in the first degree if he or she subjects another person who is less than fourteen (14) years of age to sexual contact and the offense is an aggravated sexual offense.</li> <li>• Child Molestation, Second Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.068): A person commits the offense of child molestation in the second degree if he or she: (1) Subjects a child who is less than twelve years of age to sexual contact; or (2) Being more than four years older than a child who is less than seventeen years of age, subjects the child to sexual contact and the offense is an aggravated sexual offense.</li> <li>• Child Molestation, Third Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.069): A person commits the offense of child molestation in the third degree if he or she subjects a child who is less than fourteen years of age to sexual contact.</li> <li>• Child Molestation, Fourth Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.071): A person commits the offense of child molestation in the fourth degree if, being more than four years older than a child who is less than seventeen years of age, subjects the child to sexual contact.</li> <li>• Sexual Misconduct Involving a Child (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.083): A person commits the offense of sexual misconduct involving a child if such person: (1) Knowingly exposes his or her genitals to a child less than fifteen years of age under circumstances in which he or she knows that his or her conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm to the child; (2) Knowingly exposes his or her genitals to a child less than fifteen years of age for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person, including the child; (3) Knowingly coerces or induces a child less than fifteen years of age to expose the child's genitals for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person, including the child; or (4) Knowingly coerces or induces a child who is known by such person to be less than fifteen years of age to expose the breasts of a female child through the internet or other electronic means for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person, including the child.</li> <li>• Sexual Misconduct, First Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.093): A person commits the offense of sexual misconduct in the first degree if such person: (1) Exposes his or her genitals under circumstances in which he or she knows that his or her conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm; (2) Has sexual contact in the presence of a third person or persons under circumstances in which</li> </ul>

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	<p>he or she knows that such conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm; or (3) Has sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse in a public place in the presence of a third person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Degree Sexual Misconduct (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.095): A person commits the offense of sexual misconduct in the second degree if he or she solicits or requests another person to engage in sexual conduct under circumstances in which he or she knows that such request or solicitation is likely to cause affront or alarm.</li> <li>• Sexual Abuse in the First Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.100): A person commits the offense of sexual abuse in the first degree if he or she subjects another person to sexual contact when that person is incapacitated, incapable of consent, or lacks the capacity to consent, or by the use of forcible compulsion.</li> <li>• Sexual Abuse, Second Degree (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.101): A person commits the offense of sexual abuse in the second degree if he or she purposely subjects another person to sexual contact without that person's consent.</li> </ul>
Consent (as it relates to sexual activity) (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 556.061(14))	Consent or lack of consent may be expressed or implied. Assent does not constitute consent if: (a) It is given by a person who lacks the mental capacity to authorize the conduct charged to constitute the offense and such mental incapacity is manifest or known to the actor; or (b) It is given by a person who by reason of youth, mental disease or defect, intoxication, a drug-induced state, or any other reason is manifestly unable or known by the actor to be unable to make a reasonable judgment as to the nature or harmfulness of the conduct charged to constitute the offense; or (c) It is induced by force, duress or deception.

### College Definition of Consent

In addition to the definition of consent under state law, the College uses the following definition of consent in its Title IX and Sexual Harassment Policy for the purpose of determining whether sexual violence (including sexual assault) has occurred:

"Consent" refers to words or actions that a reasonable person in the perspective of the Respondent would understand as unambiguous permission to engage in the sexual conduct at issue. A person who is incapacitated is not capable of giving Consent. A person who is below the statutory age of consent is not capable of giving Consent. Consent must be given voluntarily. It cannot be procured through physical violence, threats, blackmail, or other unreasonable pressure for sexual activity. Consent to some form of sexual activity cannot be automatically taken as consent to any other form of sexual activity. Previous relationships or prior consent do not imply consent to future sexual acts. In order to give effective consent, a person must be of legal age.

### Risk Reduction

If you find yourself in an uncomfortable sexual situation, these suggestions may help you reduce your risk:

- Make your limits known before going too far.
- You can withdraw consent to sexual activity at any time. Do not be afraid to tell a sexual aggressor “NO” clearly and loudly.
- Try to remove yourself from the physical presence of a sexual aggressor. Be direct as possible about wanting to leave the environment.
- Grab someone nearby and ask them for help.
- Be responsible about your alcohol and/or drug use. Alcohol and drugs can lower your sexual inhibitions and may make you vulnerable to someone who views an intoxicated/high person as a sexual opportunity.
- Attend large parties with friends you trust. Watch out for your friends and ask that they watch out for you.
- Stay vigilant about drink safety in social settings. Be aware of the potential for drink spiking with substances that could impair judgment or consciousness.

If you find yourself in the position of being the initiator of sexual behavior, these suggestions may help you to reduce your risk of being accused of sexual assault or another sexual crime:

- Always seek clear, enthusiastic consent and openly communicate with your partner about boundaries and comfort levels.
- Don’t make assumptions about the other person’s consent or about how far they are willing to go.
- Remember that consent to one form of sexual activity does not necessarily imply consent to another form of sexual behavior.
- If your partner expresses a withdrawal of consent, stop immediately.
- Clearly communicate your sexual intentions so that the other person has a chance to clearly tell you their intentions.
- Consider “mixed messages” a clear sign that the other person is uncomfortable with the situation and may not be ready to progress sexually.
- Respect and protect the wellbeing of others, especially when they may be vulnerable due to alcohol or drug use. Everyone deserves safety and dignity, regardless of their state.
- Intervene and Engage: If you notice someone in a potentially unsafe situation, particularly if they seem incapacitated, act to ensure their wellbeing. Your intervention can make a significant positive difference.
- Be aware of the signs of incapacitation, such as slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, vomiting, unusual behavior, passing out, staggering, etc.
- It is also important to be aware of the warning signs of an abusive person. Some examples include: history of abusive behavior; threats of violence or harm; breaking objects; using physical force during disagreements; excessive jealousy; controlling behavior; pushing for quick commitment or involvement; unrealistic expectations of partners; isolating someone from friends and family; blaming others for their own problems and actions; extreme sensitivity to criticism; cruelty to animals or children; using force during intimate moments without consent; extreme mood swings or unpredictable behavior changes.

### Bystander Intervention

In addition to reporting incidents to appropriate authorities, below are some ways in which individuals can take safe and positive steps to prevent harm and intervene when there is a risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking against another person.

- Look out for those around you.
- Realize that it is important to intervene to help others.
- Treat everyone respectfully. Do not be hostile or an antagonist.
- Be confident when intervening.
- Recruit help from others if necessary.
- Be honest and direct.
- Keep yourself safe.
- If things get out of hand, don't hesitate to contact the police.

### Other Information Covered by the PPAP

The PPAP also provides information on possible sanctions and protective measures that may be imposed following a determination that an offense of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking has occurred, an explanation of the disciplinary procedures that will be followed when one of these offenses is alleged, the rights of the parties in such a proceeding, available resources, and other pertinent information. Much of this information is set forth in the upcoming sections of this security report.

### **Ongoing Prevention and Awareness Campaign:**

The College also conducts an Ongoing Prevention and Awareness Campaign (OPAC) aimed at all students and employees. This campaign covers the same material as provided in the PPAP, but is intended to increase the understanding of students and employees on these topics and to improve their skills for addressing the offenses of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

### **PPAP and OPAC Programming Methods:**

The College provides prevention and awareness programs regarding personal safety to students and employees. The PPAP and OPAC are carried out in a variety of ways, using a range of strategies, and, as appropriate, targeting specific audiences throughout the College. Methods include, but are not limited to: online presentations, online training programs, distribution of written materials, periodic email blasts, and guest speakers. Past programming and currently planned programming include the following:

- SafeColleges Sexual Violence Prevention for Undergraduate Students: An online training program focused on the needs of non-traditional students that is offered to all undergraduate students enrolled in day, evening, graduate, and Columbia College Global venues. The program educates students on consent, sexual assault, stalking, domestic/dating violence, bystander intervention, sexual harassment, risk reduction, and more. Campus definitions and policies are provided as well as state-specific definitions.
- Mandatory Title IX training for all employees: Including Title IX and Sexual Harassment Prevention for Employees and the Sexual Harassment Staff to Staff

training through the Safe Colleges online Learning Management System. These courses are designed to provide essential knowledge on Title IX regulations to employees so they can assist students or colleagues when they reach out for help and provide background on recent laws to help guide their response. Topics covered include why people commit sexual harassment, primary prevention methods, federal requirements, reporting obligations, trauma-informed response, and campus policies and resources.

- New Employee Training – Overview of Title IX and DFSCA: Overview of Title IX and related requirements as a Responsible Employee. Additionally, information about DFSCA requirements and expectations are discussed.
- New Director Training: The Title IX Coordinator partners with the Division of Columbia College Global to provide training to all new campus directors regarding Title IX, VAWA, duties as a responsible employee, and bystander intervention strategies.
- ENGAGE: New Student Orientation Program: ENGAGE is an interactive program presented to new students in Foundations courses (required general education courses). Developed by a statewide coalition, Partners in Prevention, ENGAGE challenges perceptions about alcohol use, drug use, and relationships through social norms and interactive activities. The program focuses on active intervention and engagement.
- Title IX Overview and ENGAGE Training: Training on Title IX/VAWA and bystander intervention specifically tailored for student leaders.
- Responding to Title IX Situations: Training specific to responding to possible Title IX/VAWA related situations that are brought to the attention of Residential Life staff.
- Healthy Relationships Month: Poster and social media campaign during the month of February, to include direct email with director(s) of individual campus locations.
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Poster and social media campaign during the month of April.
- Relationship Violence Awareness Month: Poster and social media campaign during the month of October with a focus on the red flags of interpersonal violence.
- SafeColleges Title IX and Sexual Harassment training provided to employees and new hires through online SafeColleges module.
- SafeColleges Title IX: Roles of Employees training provided to all employees and new hires.

### **Procedures to Follow if You are a Victim of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking:**

If you are a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, go to a safe place and call 911 or the Director of Campus Safety at (573) 875-7315. At the earliest opportunity, you may also contact the College's Title IX Coordinator at (573) 875-7182 or via email at [titleixcoordinator@ccis.edu](mailto:titleixcoordinator@ccis.edu). A Title IX incident may also be reported online by submitting an incident report from the Colleges Report An Incident webpage [Title IX Sexual Assault Harassment Incident Report](#).

Victims will be notified in writing of the procedures to follow, including:

1. To whom and how the alleged offense should be reported (contact the Title IX Coordinator or refer to the other resources listed in this report).

2. The importance of preserving evidence that may be necessary to prove the offense in a criminal proceeding or disciplinary action or to obtain a protective order.
3. The victim's options regarding notification to law enforcement, which are: (a) the option to notify either on-campus or local police; (b) the option to be assisted by campus security authorities in notifying law enforcement if the victim so chooses (the institution is obligated to comply with such a request if it is made); and (c) the option to decline to notify such authorities.
4. Where applicable, the rights of victims and the institution's responsibilities regarding orders of protection, no-contact orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil, or tribal court.

### Preservation of Evidence & Forensic Examinations

Victims of physical assault are advised to not remove clothing items worn during or following an assault, as they frequently contain valuable fiber, hair, and fluid evidence. Don't bathe or wash, or otherwise clean the environment in which the assault occurred. You can obtain a forensic examination at University Hospital, 1 Hospital Dr. Columbia, MO 65201, (573) 882-8091.

Completing a forensic examination does not require you to file a police report, but having a forensic examination will help preserve evidence in case you decide at a later date to file a police report.

Victims are also advised to retain evidence in electronic formats (e.g., text messages, emails, photos, social media posts, screenshots, etc.). Such evidence is valuable in all situations, and it may be the only type of evidence available in instances of stalking.

### Security/Law Enforcement & How to Make a Police Report

- Campus Safety (573)875-7315
- Columbia Police Department, 600 E Walnut St. Columbia, MO 65201, Phone: (573) 442-6131
- To make a police report, a victim should contact the local police agency listed above either by phone or in-person. The victim should provide as much information as possible, including name, address, and when and what occurred, to the best of the victim's ability.

### Information about Legal Protection Orders

In Missouri, victims may obtain an Adult Order of Protection, which provides protective relief for victims of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault. Information about Adult Orders of Protection may be found at: <http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=533>.

A protection order may be obtained by filing a petition with the court. Courts can issue two types of orders: (1) Ex Parte Orders, which act as a temporary emergency order to protect a victim, for up to 15 days, until a court hearing, and (2) Full Orders of Protection, which may be issued for up to one year. Additional information about the orders may be found at: <https://www.courts.mo.gov/file.jsp?id=69655>

- A Petition for Order of Protection should be filed for in the 13th Circuit of Boone County's Courthouse. The address is: 705 E. Walnut, Columbia, MO 65201. The phone number is 573-886-4000.
- Information about obtaining an Order of Protection in Boone County can be found here: <https://www.boonecountymo.org/sheriff/enforcement/dove.asp#section-3>.
- The circuit court clerk's office can provide the necessary forms and may assist in completing the forms. Forms may also be found online at: <http://www.courts.mo.gov/file.jsp?id=537>. A victim should be prepared to present documentation and/or other forms of evidence when filing for an order of protection.

Victims may contact local domestic violence and sexual assault advocates for assistance in obtaining a protection order.

- The Columbia Police Department and the Boone County Sheriff's Department provides the D.O.V.E. Unit with detectives that have been specially trained in investigating domestic violence. Information about the D.O.V.E. Unit can be found at: <https://www.boonecountymo.org/sheriff/dove.aspx>. The D.O.V.E. Unit also works closely with advocates from True North who can assist in obtaining a protection order. Information can be found at: <http://truenorthofcolumbia.org/>.

When a protection order is granted, it is enforceable statewide. If you have obtained a protection order and need it to be enforced in your area, you should contact the local police department.

The College will also enforce any temporary restraining order or other no contact order against the alleged perpetrator from a criminal, civil, or tribal court. Any student or employee who has a protection order or no contact order should notify the Title IX Coordinator and provide a copy of the restraining order so that it may be kept on file with the College and can be enforced on campus, if necessary. Upon learning of any orders, the institution will take all reasonable and legal action to implement the order.

The College does not issue legal orders of protection. However, as a matter of institutional policy, the College may impose a no-contact order between individuals in appropriate circumstances. The College may also issue a "no trespass warning" if information available leads to a reasonable conclusion that an individual is likely to cause harm to any member of the campus community. A person found to be in violation of a No Trespass Warning may be arrested and criminally charged.

### **Available Victim Services:**

Victims will be provided written notification about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available to them, both within the College, the surrounding community and also national resources.

### **College Resources**

- Columbia College Campus Counseling Services located in the Wellness Center, Atkins-Holman Student Commons 211, Phone (573) 875-7423
- Campus Safety, Phone (573)875-7315

- Columbia College Wellness Center, Phone (573) 875-7432, <https://www.ccis.edu/student-life/support-services/wellness-center/health-wellness-services> (website included additional resources)
- Columbia College Confidential Employee Assistance Program, Work Life Matters, Phone (800) 386-7055, <https://worklife.uprisehealth.com/> (Free short-term counseling, coaching, legal services, and work life matters resources).
- Title IX and Student Conduct Coordinator, Kristie Douglas, located in Student Affairs—AHSC 213 Phone (573) 875-7182
- Student Financial Aid: If a student is considering a leave of absence based on the circumstances of a complaint, he/she should understand there may be financial aid implications in taking such leave. This should be discussed with financial aid personnel, and the Title IX Coordinator can assist in facilitating this conversation if desired. The College's financial aid website can be found at: <https://www.ccis.edu/offices/financialaid.aspx>.

#### Local Community Resources

- Boone County Public Health Department, 1005 W Worley St, Columbia MO 65203, Phone (573) 874-7355
- Community Health Clinic, Family Health Center- Compass Health Network, 1001 W. Worley St. Columbia MO 65203, Phone (573) 214-2314
- Boone County Sheriff's Office, 2121 E County Dr, Columbia, MO 65202- Phone (573) 875-1111
- Boone County Sheriff's Department D.O.V.E. Unit, Phone (573) 875-1370 <https://www.boonecountymo.org/sheriff/enforcement/dove.asp>
- Columbia Police Department, 600 E Walnut St, Columbia MO 65201, Phone (573) 874-7652 or 911
- University Hospital, 1 Hospital Dr. Columbia, MO 65212, Phone (573) 882-4141, Emergency Center Phone (573) 882-8091
- Missouri Psychiatric Center, Phone (573)884-1300, 3 Hospital Dr, Columbia, MO 65212
- Local 24-hours Crisis Line (Burrell Behavioral Health), Phone (800) 395-2132
- Boone Hospital, 1600 E Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201, Phone (573) 815-8000, Emergency Center Phone (573) 815-3501
- Centerpointe Hospital, 1201 International Drive, Columbia MO 65202, Phone (573) 615-2010 (for mental health related emergencies)
- True North of Columbia, Phone (573) 875-1370 or (800) 548-2480, <https://truenorthofcolumbia.org/> (The goal of True North is to provide all victims of domestic and sexual violence with safe housing, advocacy and support).
- Missouri Legal Aid, <https://www.lsmo.org>
- Crime Stoppers, Phone (573) 875-TIPS or (573)875-8477, <https://www.como.gov/contacts/crimestoppers/>

#### National Resources

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Phone: Dial 988, <https://988lifeline.org/> (you can call, text, or chat online) [988lifeline.org/chat](https://988lifeline.org/chat)
- Boys & Girls Town National Hotline, Phone (800) 448-3000 or <https://www.boystown.org/child-family-services/crisis> (provides crisis intervention and short-term counseling services)

- Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), Phone (800) 656-HOPE or (800)656-4673, <https://rainn.org/resources> (Crisis support services for sexual assault and harassment, domestic and dating violence, and other victims of crime.)
- National Domestic Violence Hotline, Phone (800) 799-SAFE or (800)799-7233 or text “START” to 88788, <https://www.thehotline.org/here-for-you/>
- Military Safe Helpline, Phone (877) 995-5247, <https://www.sapr.mil/dod-safe-helpline>
- Veterans Crisis Line, Call 988 and press 1
- LGBTQ +Helpline, Phone: 1-866-488-7386
- Trans Lifeline, Phone: 1-877-565-8860
- SAMHSA’s National Helpline & Treatment Locator, Phone: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
- Immigration Advocates Network, <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org>
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, <https://www.uscis.gov>

### **Accommodations and Protective Measures:**

The College will provide written notification to victims about options for, and available assistance in, changing academic, living, transportation, and working situations or protective measures. If victims request these accommodations or protective measures and they are reasonably available the College is obligated to provide them, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to campus security or local law enforcement.

Requests for accommodations or protective measures should be made to the Title IX Coordinator at (573) 875-7182 or via email at [titleixcoordinator@ccis.edu](mailto:titleixcoordinator@ccis.edu) and the Title IX Coordinator is responsible for deciding what, if any, accommodations or protective measures will be implemented.

When determining the reasonableness of such a request, the College may consider, among other factors, the following:

- The specific need expressed by the complainant.
- The age of the students involved.
- The severity or pervasiveness of the allegations
- Any continuing effects on the complainant
- Whether the complainant and alleged perpetrator share the same class or job location.
- Whether other judicial measures have been taken to protect the complainant (e.g., civil protection orders).

The College will maintain as confidential any accommodations or protective measures provided a victim to the extent that maintaining confidentiality would not impair the College’s ability to provide them. However, there may be times when certain information must be disclosed to a third party in order to implement the accommodation or protective measure. Such decisions will be made by the College in light of the surrounding circumstances, and disclosures of this nature will be limited so that only the information necessary to implement the accommodation or protective measure is provided. In the event it is necessary to disclose information about a victim in order to provide an accommodation or protective order, the College will inform the victim of that necessity prior to the disclosure, including which information will be shared, with whom it will be shared and why.

## **Procedures for Disciplinary Action:**

Allegations of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking will be processed through the College's Title IX and Sexual Harassment Policy and the related complaint resolution procedures. The procedures are utilized whenever or wherever a complaint is made, regardless of the status of the complainant and the respondent. The complaint resolution procedures are invoked once a report is made to one of the following individuals:

### **Title IX Coordinator**

Kristie Douglas  
Title IX and Student Conduct Coordinator  
(573) 875-7182  
AHSC - Student Affairs  
Email [titleixcoordinator@ccis.edu](mailto:titleixcoordinator@ccis.edu)

### **Deputy Title IX Coordinator**

Patty Fischer  
VP of Operations & Chief Human Resources Officer  
(573) 875-7255  
123 Missouri Hall  
Email [pafischer@ccis.edu](mailto:pafischer@ccis.edu)

An electronic form available at the College's "Report An Incident" webpage can also be used to file a report. Report Title IX Sexual Assault Incident Report:  
[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?ColumbiaCollegeMO&layout\\_id=5](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?ColumbiaCollegeMO&layout_id=5)

Once a formal complaint is made in writing and signed by the Complainant, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly provide notice to the parties of the investigation, including a description of the process to be utilized, the identities of the parties, the conduct at issue, and the date and location of the alleged incident.

During the investigation, the complainant and respondent will each have an equal opportunity to describe the situation and present witnesses, including both fact and expert witnesses, and other supporting evidence. The investigator(s) will review the statements and evidence presented and may, depending on the circumstances, interview others with relevant knowledge, review documentary materials, and take any other appropriate action to gather and consider information relevant to the complaint. Prior to the conclusion of the investigation, both parties will be provided an opportunity to review the evidence gathered during the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in the formal complaint.

Upon completion of the investigation, both parties will be given a copy of an investigation report and a live hearing will be conducted to decide as to whether any allegations in the complaint were found to be substantiated by a preponderance of the evidence. During the hearing, each party's advisor will be permitted to ask the other party and any witnesses all relevant questions and follow-up questions including those bearing on credibility. The decision maker(s) will issue a written determination of responsibility, a statement of any disciplinary sanctions and whether any remedies will be provided to the complainant, and a description of the procedures and permissible grounds for appeal. The parties will be notified

of this determination in writing within three (3) days of it being made. The College strives to complete investigations of this nature within ninety (90) calendar days.

Both parties have an equal opportunity to appeal the determination by submitting a written appeal within seven (7) days of being notified of the outcome of the investigation to the Title IX Coordinator who will refer it to the College designee, who will act as appeal officer. The non-appealing party will be notified of the appeal and permitted to submit a written statement in response to the appeal within seven (7) days. The President or designee will strive to resolve the appeal within twenty-one (21) days of receiving it, and may take any and all actions that he/she determines to be in the interest of a fair and just decision.

If the conduct alleged in the formal complaint falls outside the scope of the Title IX and Sexual Harassment Policy, then the Title IX Coordinator must dismiss the Title IX complaint. At that time, the Title IX Coordinator can refer the subject matter of the formal complaint to other College officials, as appropriate.

A referral may be made to the Student Conduct Officer if the subject matter is a possible violation of the Student Behavioral Misconduct Policy and Procedure. The respondent receives written notice of alleged violations from the Student Conduct Officer. An investigation is conducted into alleged conduct. The respondent and complainant are allowed to present all evidence and potential witnesses they would like considered during the investigation. At the end of the investigation, the Student Conduct Officer will make a determination and will notify respondent, in writing, of the outcome of the investigation and, if appropriate, the corresponding disciplinary action. The respondent has the right to accept the finding of fact and the recommended disciplinary action, at which time the matter is closed; or, the respondent may appeal the decision and the disciplinary action to the Dean for Student Affairs in writing within three (3) business days of the written outcome of the investigation issued by the Student Conduct Officer. The Dean for Student Affairs will review the request for an appeal and notified respondent in writing if the appeal request will proceed. The Dean for Student Affairs or designee will adjudicate the appeal. The Dean or designee will consider all material discovered by the Student Conduct Officer and may consider any additional information the complainant or respondent would like to be considered. The Dean or designee will notify the respondent in writing of the appeal decision. The Dean or designee will strive to resolve the appeal within twenty-one (21) days of receiving it, and may take any and all actions that he/she determines to be in the interest of a fair and just decision.

A referral may be made to the appropriate College official if the subject matter is a possible violation of the Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Policy and Complaint Resolution Procedures. A qualified College official will be designated an investigator to investigate the report. During the investigation, both the complainant and respondent will have the opportunity to identify witnesses and evidence. Investigations will be handled discreetly, with information shared only with those persons who need to know the information in order for there to be a full and fair investigation. The College may impose interim protective measures during the pendency of the investigation to protect and separate the parties.

The investigator will prepare a written notification that summarizes the results of the investigation. If the complaint is substantiated, the investigator will determine what remedial measures will be taken to address the misconduct, including discipline for the respondent or initiation of disciplinary proceeding pursuant to other applicable College policies.

Substantiated incidents of prohibited conduct can lead to discipline up to and including dismissal and termination. The complainant or respondent may appeal the outcome under certain circumstances. Appeals must be filed with the designated Appellate Officer within ten (10) College business days of receipt of the written notice determining the outcome. The Appellate Officer will resolve the appeal within then (10) College business days of receiving it and may take any and all actions that they determine to be in the interest of a fair and just decision. The decision of the Appellate Officer is final. The College strives to resolve complaints of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation within 60 days of a report.

### **Rights of the Parties in an Institutional Proceeding:**

During the course of the process described in the previous section, both the accuser and the individual accused of the offense are entitled to:

1. A prompt, fair and impartial process from the initial investigation to the final result.
  - A prompt, fair and impartial process is one that is:
    - Completed within reasonably prompt timeframes designated by the institution's policy, including a process that allows for the extension of timeframes for good cause, with written notice to the accuser and the accused of the delay and the reason for the delay.
    - Conducted in a manner that:
      - Is consistent with the institution's policies and transparent to the accuser and the accused.
      - Includes timely notice of meetings at which the accuser or accused, or both, may be present; and
      - Provides timely access to the accuser, the accused and appropriate officials to any information that will be used during the informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings.
    - Conducted by officials who do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against the accuser or the accused.
2. Proceedings conducted by officials who, at a minimum, receive annual training on the issues related to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and on how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability.

Such training addresses topics such as relevant evidence and how it should be used during a proceeding, proper techniques for questioning witnesses, basic procedural rules for conducting a proceeding, and avoiding actual and perceived conflicts of interest.

The following trainings attended by Columbia College officials:

- Annual Title IX Training for Title IX Team Members, Husch Blackwell (June 2024)
  - Annual Title IX Training for Coordinators, Investigators and Title IX Team Members – Husch Blackwell (July 2023)
3. The same opportunities to have others present during any institutional disciplinary proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or

proceeding by the advisor of their choice. The institution may not limit the choice of advisor, but may establish limits regarding the extent to which that advisor may participate in the proceeding, as long as those limits apply equally to both parties.

4. Have the outcome determined using the preponderance of the evidence standard.
5. Simultaneous, written notification of the results of the proceeding, any procedures for either party to appeal the result, any change to the result, and when the result becomes final. For this purpose, “result” means “any initial, interim and final decision by an official or entity authorized to resolve disciplinary matters” and must include the rationale for reaching the result and any sanctions imposed.

### **Possible Sanctions or Protective Measures that the College May Impose for Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking Offenses:**

Following a final determination in the College's disciplinary proceedings that domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking has been committed, the College may impose a sanction. Sanctions can include other remedial measures to correct the effects of such conduct on the complainant and others to prevent the recurrence of discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation.

The possible sanctions include written formal warning, suspension, and dismissal depending on the severity of the incident and considering any previous disciplinary infractions. A determination that sexual violence occurred may result in permanent dismissal or termination from the College.

If a suspension is imposed on a student, it may be for part of a semester, a full semester, or an entire academic year. An employee may be suspended for any length of time determined appropriate by the Executive Director of Human Resources. Following a suspension, the individual will be required to meet with the Associate VP of Student Experience and Dean for Student Affairs (student) or Executive Director of Human Resources (employee) to discuss re-entry and expectations going forward.

Protective measures that could be implemented may include no-contact orders, classroom reassignment, the provision of counseling or other support services, and/or training, separating the parties in their living or working environments, and placing limitations on contact between the parties.

### **Publicly Available Recordkeeping:**

The College will complete any publicly available recordkeeping, including Clery Act reporting and disclosures, without the inclusion of personally identifiable information about victims of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking who make reports of such to the College to the extent permitted by law.

### **Victims to Receive Written Notification of Rights:**

When a student or employee reports to the College that he or she has been a victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whether the offense occurred on or

off campus, the College will provide the student or employee a written explanation of his or her rights and options as described in the paragraphs above.

### **Sex Offender Registration Program:**

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000 requires institutions of higher education to advise members of the campus community where they can obtain information provided by the state concerning registered sex offenders. It also requires sex offenders to notify the state of each institution of higher education in the state at which they are employed or enrolled or carrying on a vocation. The state is then required to notify the College of any such information it receives. Anyone interested in determining whether such persons are on this campus may do so by contacting the Director of Campus Safety at (573) 875-7315. State registry of sex offender information may be accessed at the following link:  
<http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/CRID/SOR/SORPage.html>

## **Timely Warnings & Emergency Response**

### **Timely Warnings**

In the event of criminal activity occurring either on campus or off campus that in the judgment of the Director of Campus Safety constitutes a serious or continuing threat to members of the campus community, a campus-wide “timely warning” will be issued. Examples of such situations may include a sexual assault or a series of motor vehicle thefts in the area that merit a warning because they present a continuing threat to the campus community. Warnings will be communicated to students and employees via one or more of the methods discussed later in this section. Updates to the warnings will be provided as appropriate.

Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should immediately report the circumstances to:

- Brian Wager, Director of Campus Safety, (573) 875-7315

The College has communicated with local law enforcement asking them to notify the College if it receives reports or information warranting a timely warning.

### **Emergency Response**

The College has an emergency response plan designed to ensure there is a timely and effective response in the event of a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on campus involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of members of the campus community. To ensure emergency information is provided in the most efficient method, Columbia College has incorporated an emergency alert system known as LiveSafe Alert. The system, specifically used to send emergency notifications of any event or situation that may present a danger to the campus community, is capable of delivering notification to the student, faculty or staff member's Columbia College email address and personal mobile phone. The system is tested frequently to ensure operational integrity.

Such situations that would warrant use of the LiveSafe Alert system include, but are not limited to: tornadoes, bomb threats, chemical spills, disease outbreaks, fires, active shooters, etc. The College has communicated with local police requesting their cooperation in informing the College about situations reported to them that may warrant an emergency response.

Students, staff and visitors are encouraged to notify the Director of Campus Safety at (573) 875-7315 of any emergency or potentially dangerous situation.

The Director of Campus Safety in collaboration with other appropriate personnel, will determine who should be notified, and will, as soon as practicable, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the Livesafe notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to or otherwise mitigate the emergency. In the absence of the Director of Campus Safety, another member of Campus Safety under the authority of the Director of Campus Safety or other appropriate College official, may activate the system.

Depending on the segments of the campus the notification will target, the content of the notification may differ. Initial notifications may be pre-set or pre-recorded in the Livesafe Alert system. When appropriate, the content of the notification will be determined in consultation with local authorities. Also, as appropriate, the notification will give guidance as to whether its recipients should shelter in place or evacuate their location.

Once the emergency is confirmed and based on its nature, the Director of Campus Safety will consult with other appropriate College officials to determine the appropriate segment or segments of the College community to be notified. Notifications will be sent to the entire campus in the event of an emergency unless it is determined only a segment of the College community should receive the notification. The Director of Campus Safety or the Director of Residential Life may activate an alert isolated to Residential Facilities after determining such an alert is necessary for only that segment of the campus community.

In response to a dangerous situation that may present an immediate threat to the health and safety of the campus community, campus authorities will, without delay, confirm there is a significant emergency. The Director of Campus Safety or another campus official will make the appropriate calls to verify the information is valid. Verification of the information may be completed by contacting the Boone County Public Safety Joint Communications Center (PSJC) or the initial reporting person. The appropriate authorities will be requested to respond to all valid emergencies. PSJC will be responsible for alerting other areas of the larger community.

The Director of Campus Safety will direct the issuance of emergency notifications, which will be accomplished using one or more of methods discussed later in this section, depending on the nature of the threat and the segment of the campus community being threatened.

Authorities may establish a designated command center to notify (if they are not already aware) and coordinate with local law enforcement, communicate with the campus community members and distribute information to the larger community through media and other means.

### Methods for Issuing Timely Warnings and Emergency Notifications

The method(s) listed below may be utilized when the College issues a timely warning or emergency notification to the campus community.

Method	Sign-Up Instructions
Campus email	Individuals are automatically enrolled
Columbia College Cougar Alert Mass Notification System (LiveSafe)	Individuals are automatically enrolled - Additional information is available on MyPortal

### Testing & Documentation

Evaluating response and evacuation procedures is a vital element in ensuring a safe and secure environment on campus. The Director of Campus Safety facilitates an annual assessment of those procedures by conducting an annual scheduled test during each academic year. The test includes a coordinated exercise of activities designed to increase awareness of emergency procedures and allow evaluation of performance capabilities. The primary goal is to prepare the campus community for proper reaction to an emergency and provide the Director of Campus Safety information necessary to improve any deficiencies.

Emergency response and evacuation procedures are described in the Columbia College Emergency Response Plan. Frequent “small group” tests of the LiveSafe Alert emergency notification system will be conducted by the Director of Campus Safety or designated campus official to ensure operational integrity.

The Director of Campus Safety maintains a record of these tests and training exercises, including a description of them, the dates and times they were held and an indication of whether they were announced or unannounced. In connection with at least one such test, the College will distribute to its students and employees information to remind them of the College’s emergency response and evacuation procedures.

## **Stop Campus Hazing Policy and Programming**

Consistent with applicable laws, the College prohibits hazing. The College's policy used to address complaints of this nature, as well as the procedures for filing, investigating and procedure, consequences and programming, may be found at:

- Prohibition on Hazing and Bullying Policy: <https://www.ccis.edu/policies/prohibition-on-hazing-bullying>
- Hazing Prevention Programs and Responses: <https://www.ccis.edu/directory/institutional-compliance/hazing-prevention>
- Report Hazing: [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?ColumbiaCollegeMO&layout\\_id=8](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?ColumbiaCollegeMO&layout_id=8)

Participation or cooperation by the person(s) being hazed does not excuse the violation. Failure by a group's or organization's executive officers to intervene to prevent, discourage,

and/or report hazing of which they are aware or reasonably should be aware also will be deemed a violation of this policy.

### **Prohibition on Hazing and Bullying Policy**

Columbia College's Prohibition on Hazing and Bullying Policy establishes the College's commitment to providing a healthy and safe environment. Columbia College prohibits bullying and/or hazing as defined in this policy. Bullying and/or hazing will not be accepted or tolerated, and the College will investigate and respond to all reports of bullying and/or hazing as outlined by this policy. The policy applies to all members of the Columbia College Community.

### **Definitions**

**Hazing** - Any intentional act or situation that is created on or off campus against someone joining, becoming a member, or maintaining membership in any group, which is humiliating, intimidating or demeaning; which produces physical, mental, or emotional pain or discomfort; and/or which endangers the health and safety of the person. A person's willingness to participate in an act of hazing does not justify, exempt or excuse the act. Hazing creates an environment/climate in which dignity and respect are absent.

Participation or cooperation by the person(s) being hazed does not excuse the violation. Failure by a group's or organization's executive officers to intervene to prevent, discourage, and/or report hazing of which they are aware or reasonably should be aware also will be deemed a violation of this policy.

**Bullying** - Intimidation, unwanted aggressive behavior, or harassment that is repetitive or is substantially likely to be repeated and causes a reasonable student to fear for his or her physical safety or property; substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities, or benefits of any student without exception; or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying may consist of physical actions, including gestures, or oral, cyberbullying, electronic, or written communication, and any threat of retaliation for reporting of such acts. Bullying of students is prohibited on school property, at any school function, or on a school bus.

**Cyberbullying** - Bullying through the transmission of a communication including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound, or image by means of an electronic device including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager.

**Organization** - An organization at an institution of higher education (such as a club, society, association, varsity or junior varsity athletic team, club sports team, fraternity, sorority, band, or student government) in which two or more of the members are students enrolled at the institution of higher education, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the institution.

Hazing, bullying, and cyberbullying and related misconduct are expressly prohibited by Columbia College. Individual students, organizations, athletic teams, faculty, staff, employees or others who commit an act of hazing, bullying or cyberbullying or related misconduct will be subject to disciplinary action by the College up to and including dismissal as a student, termination of employment, and could be subject to prosecution under Missouri

Law. This Policy is effective from enrollment to commencement including breaks in academic year. This Policy applies to conduct that occurs on or off campus, between two or more people who are affiliated with the College, or any student or other organization associated with the College. This Policy also applies to volunteers acting in an official capacity that advises or coaches student organizations who have direct contact with students.

A person violates this policy if the person:

- Engages in hazing
- Solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing
- Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permits hazing to occur
- Has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student, or firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred and knowingly fails to report said knowledge in writing to the Associate VP of Student Experience, the Asst. Dean for Student Wellbeing, Human Resources or other appropriate officials of Columbia College.

An organization violates this policy if the organization's officer or any combination of members, new members, or alumni of the organization, team, or other group commits or assists in the commission of hazing, condones, or encourages hazing, or fails to prevent or report hazing.

Conditions That Create a Hazing Dynamic: Members often wish to be accepted into any group and will submit to hazing in order to be included. Because of this, consent to be hazed does not excuse hazing. Any activity that places members in a subservient position to experienced members of the group creates an unhealthy and unsafe power dynamic in which control has been yielded to the experienced member. Members in any organization may expect to be trained or oriented for a period of time, but membership in any group that puts any member in a lesser role, unrelated to the original conditions for membership, is inappropriate and unfair to the members. Hazing behaviors can emphasize a power imbalance and can cause humiliation, emotional, and physical distress to students.

Regardless of severity, all hazing behaviors will be defined as hazing and result in a campus policy violation, with the possibility of including law enforcement. Examples of hazing are included below; these examples are intended to be illustrative and not all-inclusive:

- Restrictions or interference with academic engagement
- Requiring member to practice periods of silence
- Verbal harassment
- Requiring physical activity or personal servitude (errands, cooking, cleaning, etc.)
- Pressuring or coercing any person to participate in activities that are inconsistent with the
- College's community standards or policies or applicable law
- Requiring or suggesting that members/new members/prospective members dress in costumes or apparel or obtain, carry or possess items
- Sleep deprivation
- Forced consumption of any substance
- Psychological Hazing - causing embarrassment of shame, ridicule, or causing or inducing mental or emotional distress
- Physical injury

- Kidnapping or imprisonment

Examples of bullying behavior include, but are not limited to: repeated and health harming abuse; manipulation and sabotage by others that prevent work from getting done; verbal and written abuse; threatening conduct; intimidation and humiliation; persistent, ongoing, harsh, unreasonable, and unjustified criticisms; credit stealing; setting impossible deadlines; malicious gossiping and rumor-mongering; false accusations towards others; yelling, shouting, berating others; cyberbullying (lack of email etiquette, social media postings, etc.).

### **Procedures**

Managers and supervisors will ensure that all employees are aware of the bullying and hazing policy and procedures and that any reported incident of bullying and/or hazing is formally addressed.

They will provide leadership and role-modeling in appropriate professional behavior. Respond in a timely manner, sensitively and confidentially (when possible) to all situations where bullying and/or hazing behavior is observed or alleged to have occurred.

Employees should be familiar with and behave according to this policy. Report incidents to Human Resources if the employee is a witness to bullying and/or hazing behavior. Speak to the alleged bully(ies) and/or those hazing to object to the bullying behavior where appropriate.

Other member of the College community and visitors should be familiar with and behave according to this policy, Report incidents at [Incident Report](#). Speak to the alleged bully(ies) and/or those hazing to object to the behavior where appropriate.

The College will maintain a report of all violations of this policy that are reported to the College and that result in a charge of violation of this policy that are reported to the College and result in a charge of violation of this policy. The College will update the report bi-annually on January 1 and August 1 of each year and will post the updated report on the College's website.

### **Grievance Procedure**

If an individual becomes aware of conduct that is potentially prohibited by this policy, the individual should submit an Incident Report in a timely manner. The appropriate designees from Institutional Compliance, Student Affairs or Human Resources will receive the report, make an initial evaluation, and determine appropriate next steps based on the specific circumstances of the situation.

### **Investigation Procedure**

Columbia College investigates all reported hazing incidents, collecting evidence, interviewing witnesses, and consulting with involved parties. Investigations aim to conclude within 30 days, though complex cases may require additional time. If additional time is required, all parties involved will receive communication of an edited timeline.

- When a report of hazing is received and involves a student, the College's Student Conduct Officer or designee will make a determination regarding whether an investigation must occur. All reports of hazing will be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the Colleges policies and procedures outlined in the [Student](#)

[Behavioral Misconduct Policy and Procedures](#). The Student Conduct Officer or designee will report any findings and make a recommendation for sanctions as appropriate to the relevant administrator for implementation.

- If the incident involves College faculty or staff, the incident is referred to the Human Resource Office for investigation. The VP of Operations & Chief Human Resources Officer conducts an investigation in accordance with the [Employee Disciplinary Action Policy](#).

Upon completion of an investigation of hazing, the above-mentioned offices notify the affected parties and/or student organization involved of the findings and any disciplinary actions in writing.

### **Consequence**

When appropriate, the College will investigate. If a violation of this policy is found, the College will take steps to stop the prohibited conduct, remedy its effects, and prevent future recurrence. Students found to have violated this Policy may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the College. Employees found to have violated this Policy may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

Questions about this policy or individuals seeking resources related to matters set forth herein should contact the Students Affairs office or Human Resources.

### **Report a Hazing Incident**

If you are a victim of hazing, go to a safe place and call the Campus Safety Office at (573)875-7315. Those who witness or hear about an incident of hazing are also encouraged to report in the same manner. Students may also contact Counseling Services at the Wellness Center (Columbia, MO), (573) 875-7432.

### **Hazing Prevention and Awareness Program**

The College recognizes that the prevention of hazing is important and offers educational programming on an annual and ongoing basis to a variety of groups such as: campus personnel; incoming students and new employees participating in orientation; and members of athletic teams and other student organizations.

The College is committed to providing a healthy, safe and productive educational environment for all members of the College Community. Consistent with this commitment, the College prohibits hazing, bullying, cyber bullying, and related misconduct in all of its programs and activities.

Columbia College is committed to preventing hazing through education and early intervention. These initiatives represent the ongoing effort to prevent campus hazing:

- SafeColleges Online Hazing Prevention Training- Prevent Hazing on Campus
- Partners in Prevention programing
- Development of a Hazing Prevention website
- Social Media Awareness Campaign
- Student Organizational Essential Educational Session, Prevention of Hazing
- Information on Report an Incident webpage to report hazing

The community is reminded that hazing is prohibited and is provided information regarding how to file a report, along with how reports of hazing are investigated and information regarding local, state, federal, and tribal laws on hazing which is provided on the College's website.

In addition, the institution provides research-informed programming for students and employees that covers a wide range of information designed to stop hazing before it occurs. It includes information regarding bystander intervention, such as how to take steps to watch out for those around you, as well as information regarding ethical leadership. Community members are also provided information regarding how to strengthen group ties without engaging in hazing behavior. Hazing Resources are provided on the College's Hazing Prevention Programs and Responses webpage.

## Hazing State Laws

Summary (Code of Missouri)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A person commits the offense of hazing if he or she knowingly participates in or causes a willful act, occurring on or off the campus of a public or private college or university, directed against a student or a prospective member of an organization operating under the sanction of a public or private college or university, that recklessly endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or prospective member for the purpose of initiation or admission into or continued membership in any such organization to the extent that such person is knowingly placed at probable risk of the loss of life or probable bodily or psychological harm. Acts of hazing include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Any activity which recklessly endangers the physical health or safety of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to physical brutality, whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance, or forced smoking or chewing of tobacco products;</li> <li>b. Any activity which recklessly endangers the mental health of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to sleep deprivation, physical confinement, or other extreme stress-inducing activity; or</li> <li>c. Any activity that requires the student or prospective member to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the criminal laws of this state or any political subdivision in this state.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Public or private colleges or universities in this state shall adopt a written policy prohibiting hazing by any organization operating under the sanction of the institution.</li> <li>3. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as creating a new private cause of action against any educational institution.</li> <li>4. Consent is not a defense to hazing. § 565.010 does not apply to hazing cases or to homicide cases arising out of hazing activity.</li> <li>5. The offense of hazing is a class A misdemeanor, unless the act creates a substantial risk to the life of the student or prospective member, in which case it is a class D felony. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 578.365.</li> </ol>

## **Missing Student Policy**

If a member of the College community has reason to believe that a student who resides in on-campus housing is missing, that information should be reported immediately to the Director of Campus Safety at (573) 875-7315 and the Associate VP of Student Experience and Dean for Student Affairs at (573) 875-7400. Any College employee receiving a missing student report should immediately notify the Director of Campus Safety so that an investigation can be initiated.

In addition to registering a general emergency contact, students residing in on-campus housing have the option to identify confidentially an individual to be contacted by the College only in the event the student is determined to be missing for more than 24 hours. If a student has identified such an individual, the College will notify that individual no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. The option to identify a contact person in the event the person is determined missing is in addition to identifying a general emergency contact person, but they can be the same individual for both purposes. A student's confidential contact information will be accessible only by authorized campus officials and law enforcement in the course of the investigation.

Students designate a contact specifically for this purpose through the Self-Service Student Planner, which students access through MyPortal. Students are required to complete this step before they are allowed to register for classes.

After investigating a missing person report, if it is determined that the student has been missing for 24 hours, the College will notify local police authorities unless it was local law enforcement that made the determination that the student is missing. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not emancipated, the College will also notify that student's custodial parent or legal guardian - as designed on the housing contract, in the student's records, or on the resident student's emergency contact card - within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing, in addition to notifying any additional contact person designated by the student.

## **Crime Statistics**

The statistical summary of crimes for this College over the past three calendar years follows:

<b>Crime</b>	<b>On Campus</b>			<b>On Campus Housing</b>			<b>Non-Campus</b>			<b>Public Property</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Burglary	1	3	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

Crime	On Campus			On Campus Housing			Non-Campus			Public Property		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrest - Liquor Law Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Arrest - Drug Abuse Violation	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0
Arrest - Weapon Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referral - Liquor Law Violation	5	12	11	5	12	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referral - Drug Abuse Violation	2	3	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Disciplinary Referral - Weapon Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Hate crimes:**

2024: No hate crimes reported.

2023: 1 hate crime, intimidation based on race.

2022: No hate crimes reported.

#### **Crimes unfounded by the College:**

2024: 0 unfounded crimes.

2023: 0 unfounded crimes.

2022: 0 unfounded crimes.

#### **Statistics for unfounded crimes provided by law enforcement agencies:**

2024: 0 unfounded crimes.

2023: 0 unfounded crimes.

2022: 0 unfounded crimes.

#### **Data from law enforcement agencies:**

- The data above reflects statistics provided from law enforcement agencies related to crimes that occurred on the College's Clery Geography.

# **Annual Fire Safety Report**

## **Housing Facilities and Fire Safety Systems**

The College maintains on-campus housing for its students. Below is a description of fire safety systems and the number of fire drills conducted during the previous calendar year.

Campus: CC - Main Campus Columbia MO, 1001 Rogers Street, Columbia, MO 65216

Facility	Fire Alarm Monitoring Done on Site	Partial Sprinkler System	Full Sprinkler System	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguisher Devices	Evacuation Plans & Placards	Number of evacuation (fire) drills in previous calendar year
Banks Hall, 706 North 8th Street, Columbia MO 65216	X		X	X	X	X	2
Cougar Village, 704-708 7th Street, Columbia MO 65216	X		X	X	X	X	2
Hughes Hall, 807 Rogers Street, Columbia MO 65216	X		X	X	X	X	2
New Hall, 700 Cougar Drive, Columbia MO 65216	X		X	X	X	X	2

## **Policies on Portable Appliances, Smoking and Open Flames**

In campus housing, the following policies apply as related to portable electrical appliances, smoking and open flames:

**Kitchen Facilities** - Use the kitchenette in your hall for all cooking related activities, as health and safety regulations prohibit cooking elsewhere. The one exception is that coffee pots with an internal heating element may be used in resident rooms with permission of the roommate so long as it is being monitored at all times. All halls have microwaves and toasters available for student use. Refrigerators larger than 4.6 cubic feet are not allowed in the residence halls because of difficulties with storage, excessive electrical loads, and damage to rooms and hallways as a result of moving.

**Candles and Incense** - Candles (with or without wicks), incense, oil lamps, oil/wax diffusers that sit on lightbulbs or other items with the capability of an open flame or burning ember are not permitted in any residence hall and are subject to confiscation and forfeiture.

**Explosives** - All types of explosives, including firecrackers, gasoline, propane and other combustible materials, are prohibited in the residence halls.

**Firearms/Weapons** - As a safety precaution weapons, including but not limited to firearms, air guns, bows and arrows, dart guns, ammunition, swords, hatchets, tasers, and other types of potentially dangerous weapons or equipment are not permitted in residence halls or anywhere on the Columbia College campus. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary actions.

**Smoking Policy** - Columbia College residence halls are non-smoking facilities. In order to promote a healthy work and educational environment, a smoking policy is enforced. Smoking of any nature (including smoking of e-cigarettes) is not allowed on campus. Hookahs are not permitted on campus or in the residence halls and will be confiscated immediately; the responsible party may face disciplinary actions.

**Smoke Detectors** - All rooms are equipped with battery-operated smoke detectors. For the students' protection and that of other residents, students shall keep the smoke detectors in working order. Student may obtain new batteries from the Area Coordinator. (*Note: Smoke detectors are there for the student's protection and will be checked five times a year. Dismantling them will result in disciplinary action*). Residents are not permitted to hang items from their ceiling or from the fire suppression system - this includes plants, parachutes, blankets, etc.

### **Fire Evacuation Procedures**

In order to protect, and possibly save your life and the lives of others, you must assume there is a fire when an alarm sounds. All students must evacuate the building when a fire alarm sounds. Failure to cooperate with staff members during any emergency will result in disciplinary action.

It is wise to know the location of fire alarms and extinguishers in your hall. If a fire alarm sounds, you should:

- Leave the building.
- Cooperate and comply with the staff and fire personnel.
- Remain outside until you are given permission by Campus Safety or Residential Life staff to return to your room.

Additional requirements for Cougar Village:

- After evacuating, students should call Campus Safety (573) 875-7315 immediately.
- Students should then call the Residential Life Duty telephone at (573) 875-7402.
- Try to alert residents in nearby apartments when safe to do so.
- Report any use of fire extinguishers to the appropriate duty personnel.

Pulling a false fire alarm, making a false 911 call, or tampering with fire safety or warning equipment is inexcusable behavior. It places everyone in jeopardy. Thus, the following penalties have been instituted: Campus Probation, a \$500 fine and/or turned over to the Columbia Police Department for prosecution, as well as a formal letter of complaint sent to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs who may decide upon additional sanctions.

Residence Hall Safety and Security Policy and Procedures:  
<https://www.ccis.edu/policies/residence-hall-safety-security>

### **Fire Education and Training Programs**

Fire safety education programs for all residents of on-campus student housing and all employees with responsibilities related to that housing are held at the beginning of each semester. Their purpose is to: familiarize everyone with the fire safety system in each facility,

train them on procedures to follow if there is a fire and inform them of the College's fire safety policies. Information distributed includes maps of each facility's evacuation route and any fire alarms and fire suppression equipment available in the facility. Attendees are advised that participation in fire drills is mandatory and any student with a disability is given the option of having a "buddy" assigned to assist them.

Additional training is provided annually for employees with responsibilities related to housing by the local Fire Marshall. This training includes information about how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

### **Reporting Fires**

The College is required to disclose each year statistical data on all fires that occurred in on-campus student housing. When a fire alarm is pulled and/or the fire department responds to a fire, these incidents are captured. If you encounter a fire that presents an emergency situation, ensure your own safety and then please call 911.

There may also be instances when a fire is extinguished quickly and an alarm is not pulled or a response by the fire department was not necessary. It is important that these incidents be recorded as well. Therefore, if you are aware of such a fire, see evidence of one or hear about one, you should contact the Director of Campus Safety at Director of Campus Safety. When providing notification of a fire, give as much information as possible about the location, date, time and cause of the fire.

### **Plans for Future Improvements**

The College periodically reviews its fire safety protections and procedures. At this time, it has no plans for future improvements.

### **Fire Statistics**

2024: No fires were reported in 2024.

2023: No fires were reported in 2023.

2022: No fires were reported in 2022.