2014 Safety Matters
This report is compiled by the UC Merced Police Department in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure Act, and is intended to disseminate important crime statistics and campus safety information.
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For Campus Emergencies

Cell Phone ............................................................................................................................................... 9-1-1
Campus land line phone ...................................................................................................................... 9-9-1-1
UC Merced Police Department ................................................................................................. 209-228-2677
Emergency status line ...............................................................................................................866 -993-0969
Emergency web site ..................................................................................................................... http://emergency.ucmerced.edu
Blue Lights ........................................................................................................................................ Press the call button

UCM Police Department
Non-emergency (24 hours) .............................................................................................................. 209-228-2677(CAT-COPS)
Administrative Office..................................................................................................................... 209-228-8273
Fax ...................................................................................................................................................... 209-228-7866
Anonymous line .............................................................................................................................. 209-228-8477
Text-A-Tip (anonymously) ............................................................................................................. 209-626-8826
Police web site .................................................................................................................................. http://police.ucmerced.edu
Police Face Book page .................................................................................................................... https://www.facebook.com/UCMercedPolice
Lost and Found ..................................................................................................................................... 209-228-2767
Live Scan ........................................................................................................................................... 209-228-7665

General Information
Student Judicial Affairs Office ............................................................................................................. 209-381-7881
Student Health Services ................................................................................................................... 209-228-2273 (CAT-CARE)
Disability Services ........................................................................................................................... 209-228-6996
Counseling Services ........................................................................................................................ 209-228-4266
Human Resource Office .................................................................................................................. 209-228-8247
Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost ....................................................................... 209-228-4439
Office of Ombuds Services ............................................................................................................... http://ombuds.ucmerced.edu
Whistleblower hotline ....................................................................................................................... 800-403-4744
Associate Chancellor – Office of Campus Culture and Compliance ............................................. 209-201-3491
  • Title IX Officer
  • Behavioral Intervention Team ....................................................................................................... http://oc3.ucmerced.edu/threat_management
  • Case Management Team
Valley Crisis Center ......................................................................................................................... 209-722-4357, 209-725-7900

Resources for Survivors of Sexual Assault, Stalking or Domestic/Dating Violence
CARE Director ........................................................................................................................................ 209-228-7939
Campus Advocate (Confidential) .................................................................................................... 209-386-2051
Valley Crisis Center of Merced (Confidential) ............................................................................... 209-722-4357
Merced County Victim Witness Assistance Program ...................................................................... 209-385-7385
Merced County District Attorney .................................................................................................... 209-385-7381
Merced County Mental Health Emergency Services ....................................................................... 209-381-6800
Campus Student Response Team .................................................................................................. 209-228-4331
The mission of the University of California, Merced, is embodied in its proud claim of being the first American research university of the twenty-first century. Opening in 2005 as the 10th campus of the University of California, UC Merced continually strives for excellence in carrying out the university’s mission of teaching, research and service, benefiting society through discovering and transmitting new knowledge and functioning as an active repository of organized knowledge. As a key tenet in carrying out this mission, UC Merced promotes and celebrates the diversity of all members of its community.

A research university is a community bound by learning, discovery and engagement. As the first American student-centered research university of the 21st century, UC Merced’s strong graduate and research programs mesh with high-quality undergraduate programs. New knowledge increasingly depends on links among the disciplines, working together on questions that transcend the traditional disciplines. UC Merced fosters and encourages cross-disciplinary inquiry and discovery.

Interdisciplinary practice in research nourishes undergraduate learning, building a foundation in connecting the ways that academic disciplines understand and grapple with society’s problems. UC Merced undergraduates experience education inside and outside the classroom, applying what they learn through undergraduate research, service learning and leadership development. As apprentice scholars, graduate students build their understanding of and ability to do independent research in their chosen field, as the groundwork for entering professional life. Lifelong learners continue to hone their knowledge and workplace skills.

The twenty-first century ushered in the promise of new ways of connecting people to new knowledge and to one another. UC Merced capitalizes on this promise by functioning as a network, not simply a single place, linking its students, faculty and staff to the educational resources of the state, nation and world. The idea of network extends to UC Merced’s relationships with neighboring institutions: educational, cultural and social. Born as a member of the distinguished network known as the University of California, UC Merced seeks strong and mutually supportive relationships with a variety of collaborators in its region: public and private colleges and universities; federal and state organizations that share UC Merced’s educational and research goals; and cultural and social institutions.

This networking principle is also realized through the physical and intellectual integration between UC Merced and its surrounding community. The campus has been established as a model of physical sustainability for the twenty-first century, inviting all members of the campus and surrounding community to think and act as good stewards of the environment that they will convey to future generations. UC Merced celebrates its location in the San Joaquin Valley, reflecting the poetry of its landscape, history, resources and diverse cultures, while capitalizing on and expanding the Valley’s connections to the emerging global society. UC Merced recognizes that research that begins with the natural laboratory at home can extend what is known in the state, nation and world.
**Toward a Principled Campus Community**

The University of California, Merced, is a public, land-grant institution created to serve the communities of the San Joaquin Valley, the State of California, the nation, and the world through excellence in education, research and public service.

These principles reflect our ongoing efforts to increase access and inclusion and to create a community that nurtures lifelong learning and growth for all of its members. We encourage every member of the UC Merced Community to join us in our collective pursuit of these principles:

**We recognize and celebrate** the identities, values, and beliefs of our community.

**We affirm** the inherent dignity and value of every person while cultivating a campus climate rooted in mutual respect and compassion.

**We uphold** the right to freedom of expression and encourage a culture of dialogue, understanding, and civility in all interactions. We seek to create a campus where a rich tapestry of ideas is shared, collaboration is embraced, and innovation is promoted.

**We pursue** excellence in teaching and learning through contributions from all community members fostering a culture of open exchange.

**We promote** opportunities for active participation and leadership in our communities.

**We champion** civic engagement, environmental stewardship, research, and teaching that connects theory and practice to learning and doing.

**We take pride** in building, sustaining, and sharing a culture that is founded on these principles of unity and respect.

*The UC Merced Principles of Community were developed by the Chancellor’s Advisory Council for Campus Climate, Culture and Inclusion in collaboration with the campus community. These principles were issued on March 25, 2014.*
A Message from the Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Campus and Public Safety and Chief of Police

"Safety for the University Community-It’s Everyone’s Business"

Welcome to the University of California-Merced, where security and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors is our top priority. As a part of the Business and Administration Services Division, the subdivision of Campus and Public Safety is new to UC Merced. The area incorporates several university departments all focused on safety under a single umbrella. The area now includes Environmental Health and Safety, Fire Marshal, Risk Services including Workers Comp, Inspection and Building Services, the University Police Department including Emergency Management, and parking enforcement.

All of the areas have a particular mission associated with campus safety. The mission of the UC Merced Police Department is to provide law enforcement, crime prevention, investigation, security, and emergency management services to the university community. All of our dedicated safety personnel strive to provide a safe and nurturing environment. We work closely with university stakeholders, local law enforcement agencies, and the surrounding community in a collaborative effort to prevent crime, and ensure the safety of everyone while on university grounds. It gives us the opportunity to learn more about how we may better serve you, and to help educate the community about the responsibilities of living, working, and visiting UC Merced. We are currently working to address some concerns that will help us improve our service delivery.

The Campus Security Act requires colleges and universities to publish an annual report that contains three years’ worth of campus crime statistics and certain policy statements. The university must disclose crime data for the school, and public areas immediately adjacent to the campus and certain non-campus facilities and remote classrooms. Information must be collected from campus police, local law enforcement agencies and other college officials who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities.

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) requires institutions with a residential housing unit to publish an annual safety report covering fire incidents and statistics. The HEOA requires policies and procedures related to missing students and emergency notification, response and evacuation also be included. This report satisfies compliance obligations under both of the Federal Acts.

The UC Merced Police Department handles the preparation, and distribution of this report. Crime prevention, and safety is everyone’s business. This Safety Matters Annual Report is part of an ongoing effort to ensure that we continue to work together to foster a safer environment for our university community.

As you read this report, you will learn more about the services provided by the area of Campus and Public Safety. We encourage you to use this document as a guide for safe practices on or off university grounds.

Dr. Albert Vasquez
UC Merced Police Department Mission Statement

In accord with the highest professional standards in proactive, community-focused services, the UC Merced Police Department promotes and maintains a safe and secure environment for our richly diverse community. In partnership with the community, we enhance the quality of life so UC Merced can reach and maintain its fundamental missions of learning, research, teaching, and public service. We accomplish our mission through community trust and support, with well-equipped, well-trained, diverse professional staff members who deliver traditional and innovative services. We also offer educational outreach programs designed with sensitivity for our broad, unique UC Merced community.

Dedicated to the safety and security of our campus and surrounding communities the Police Department serves the campus and associated university properties. On duty twenty-four hours, three-hundred and sixty-five days a year, our Police Officers, Public Safety Dispatchers, Community Service Officers, support staff, and managers provide innovative and caring professional service to our communities. The department handles all investigations, crime prevention education, emergency preparedness, fire and hazardous material response coordination, Violence Prevention Education and Awareness program, and is responsible for campus-wide emergency planning, response and recovery, ensuring compliance with the National Incident Management System, the Standardized Emergency Management System, and the National Fire Protection Association 1600.

The Police Department maintains a state of the art Emergency Dispatch Center. The dispatch center receives 9-1-1 calls from campus phones, and cellular 9-1-1 calls made on campus.

Law Enforcement Authority

The Police Department has primary law enforcement jurisdiction on the campus, associated University properties, and adjacent areas. UC Merced police officers are empowered as a full-service State law enforcement agency pursuant to section 830.2(b) of the California Penal Code, and Education Code 92600. Officers and dispatchers fully subscribe to the standards of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and receive the same training as other state, city, and county peace officers and dispatchers throughout the state, plus additional training to meet the unique needs of the campus environment.

Law Enforcement Partnerships

The department has mutual aid and working agreements with surrounding law enforcement agencies, and collaborates with local law enforcement agencies during mutual investigations, arrests and prosecutions, and by meeting monthly to exchange ideas and problems, which may be of mutual concern. Our department participates in the California Office of Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement.
Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education (CARE)

The CARE program provides response to and education about sexual violence, domestic/dating violence, and stalking. We serve all individuals affiliated with UC Merced including students, staff, and faculty members.

The program addresses issues of sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking. We provide mandatory prevention education programs for all incoming students, and provide trainings for first responders. The ultimate goal of the CARE Program is to end sexual and domestic violence and acts of stalking.

How can you help with this effort?

- Treat others with respect
- Model healthy relationships and interactions with others
- Challenge victim blaming myths and jokes about rape, sexual harassment, stalking, and abusive relationship in classes, practices, games, and activities
- Display posters, flyers, brochures, and buttons for the CARE Program or Valley Crisis Center
- Hold perpetrators accountable for their choices to harm others by speaking up against their actions
- Attend educational programs and trainings to learn more about the complexities of these issues.

Resources for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic, or Dating Violence

UCM CARE Program (Confidential) 209-386-2051
CARE Program Director 209-228-7939
UC Merced Police Department 209-228-2677
Title IX, http://dsyp.ucmerced.edu/submit-complaint 209-201-3491
Valley Crisis Center of Merced (Confidential) 209-725-7900
24 Hour Line (Confidential) 209-722-4357
UC Merced Counseling Services (Confidential) 209-228-4266
Office of Student Judicial Affairs 209-228-7881
Merced County Victim Witness Assistance Program 209-385-7385
Merced County District Attorney 209-385-7381
Merced County Mental Health Emergency Services 209-381-6800
Jeanne Clery Act
In 1990, the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) was amended to include the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Title II of Public Law 101-542). This amendment required all postsecondary institutions participating in Title IV student financial aid programs to disclose campus crime statistics and security information. In 1998, the act was renamed the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act in memory of Jeanne Clery, a university student who was killed in her dorm room in 1986. More commonly known as the Clery Act, this law requires colleges and universities to:

- Collect, classify and count crime reports and statistics
- Issue campus alerts
- Publish an annual security report
- Submit crime statistics to the Department of Education
- Maintain a daily crime log – this log reports the most recent 60 day period of all crimes reported to the police department. It is open to public inspection, upon request, during normal business hours.
- Disclose missing student notification procedures
- Provide fire safety information
- Day-to-day police log

Preparing the Annual Security Report
The Annual Security Report, “Safety Matters” is compiled and prepared by the UC Merced Police Department in cooperation with many campus departments including:

- Academic Affairs
- Campus Security Authorities (CSAs)
- Student Housing
- Judicial Affairs

Crime and disciplinary referral statistics are collected from the above groups and any individual identified as a Campus Security Authority. Statistical information for activity that occurs off campus is retrieved from the Fresno Police Department, Merced Police Department, Merced County Sheriff’s Department, Yosemite National Park Rangers, and the California Highway Patrol. For purposes of making timely warning reports and the annual statistical disclosure required under Clery, the campus community should report crimes to either the UC Merced Police Department or a Campus Security Authority (CSA).

This issue of the Annual Security Report contains crime statistics for the reporting period of 2012, 2013, and 2014. The Annual Security Report also includes statistics of arrests made by UC Merced police or other law enforcement agencies on public property adjacent to campus and at off-campus property owned, controlled by, or affiliated with UC Merced.

The University encourages all crimes be promptly reported to the UC Merced Police Department, and that Campus Security Authorities receiving reports of crimes forward the information to the Police Department.
Campus Security Authorities
Although the reporting of criminal activity directly to the UC Merced Police Department is encouraged, crimes may also be reported to Campus Security Authorities (CSA).

Who are CSA's?

University officials who have responsibility for

- Campus police or security
- A person that has significant responsibility for student and campus activities
- And include college deans and assistant deans, resident deans and assistant resident deans, athletic director and assistant directors, athletic team coaches, faculty and staff advisors to student groups, and campus staff involved in disciplinary and judicial proceedings.
- Any individual specified in the University’s statement of campus security policy as an individual to which students and employees should report criminal offenses.

Campus Security Authorities are responsible for forwarding non-identifying information to the Police Department for inclusion in the Annual Security Report, regardless of whether or not the victim chooses to file a report with law enforcement or press charges. Information forwarded by CSAs is for statistical purposes only. If you wish to pursue criminal charges, you must file a report with the Police Department.

When Campus Security Authorities receive notice of incidents that may be reportable crimes under the Jeanne Clery Act, they disclose these incidents to the Police Department. These reports are confidential unless the victim provides permission to document identifying information or permission for the police to investigate the incident. To reduce the risk of duplicate reporting information is cross-referenced with reports received from other campus departments and outside law enforcement agencies.
The Collection of Statistics for Campus Annual Security Report
The UC Merced Police Department is responsible for collecting statistics, identifying reportable crimes, and publishing statistics to the public. All incidents reported to the police department are diligently investigated and classified as either a crime report or an informational report. If there is a determination that the incident was not a crime, the investigation is closed and documented as unfounded. Unfounded crimes are not reported in the annual statistics required by the Jeanne Clery Act.

The Jeanne Clery Act requires statistics for the following crimes be reported and published yearly.

**Criminal Offences**
- Non-negligent Manslaughter
- Negligent Manslaughter
- Sex Offences - Forcible
- Sex Offences - Non-forcible
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson

**Hate Crimes**
- Non-negligent Manslaughter
- Negligent Manslaughter
- Sex Offences - Forcible
- Sex Offences - Non-forcible
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault

**Arrests and Referrals for Disciplinary Action**
- Weapons arrests
- Drug Arrests
- Liquor Arrests
- Weapons Disciplinary Actions
- Drug Disciplinary Actions Violations
- Liquor Disciplinary Actions

These statistics are compiled by calendar year and include reports received from other law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over off-campus UC Merced-affiliated, owned, or controlled property at other locations.

The University encourages all crimes be promptly reported to the UC Merced Police Department, and that campus security authorities receiving reports of crimes forward the information to the department immediately.

Licensed counselors and pastoral counselors are exempt from immediate reporting requirements. However, UC Merced encourages counselors, including Advocates for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and pastoral counselors to inform those they counsel of procedures for reporting crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the campus security report statistics.
Additionally, section 11160 of the California Penal Code requires prompt, mandatory reporting to the local law enforcement agency by health care practitioners (such as those at Student Health Services) when they provide medical services to a person they know or reasonably suspect is suffering from injuries inflicted by a firearm or is a result of assaultive or abusive conduct.

**Crime Reporting Procedures**

Community members are strongly encouraged to immediately report criminal and suspicious activity occurring on university property to the UC Merced Police Department.

UC Merced police officers are responsible for investigating all crimes and incidents that occur on UC Merced owned, leased, or controlled property. Any instances of criminal activity occurring at these sites or at off campus sanctioned events hosted by UC Merced, should be promptly reported to the Police Department.

Crimes committed in or on other off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by UC Merced may be reported to the police agency of jurisdiction where the building or property is located; however, the UC Merced police officers may investigate incidents on all UC Merced properties and UC Merced sanctioned events as needed.

Crimes occurring on properties not affiliated with UC Merced should be reported immediately to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. UC Merced Police Department coordinates police response to crimes in adjoining jurisdictions, when appropriate, and frequently assist local law enforcement agencies such as the Merced Police, Merced Sheriff’s Department, and the local California Highway Patrol office.

Additionally, UC Merced Police works collaboratively with other law enforcement agencies to address safety concerns, student conduct concerns, and other related community issues. Information provided to the UC Merced Police about criminal activity engaged in by UC Merced students at off-campus locations is provided to the Student Judicial Affairs for any action or follow-up that may be required.

**Contact Numbers**

For on campus emergencies (police, fire, or medical)
Dial 9-9-1-1 from a campus phone
Dial 9-1-1 from a cell phone
Use one of the emergency Blue Lights located on campus
For non-emergencies
Call 228-2677 (CAT-COPS)
Text-A-Tip 209-626-8826 or ucmerced@tipnow.com
Police Department on line reporting
http://police.ucmerced.edu/form/make-report-online

**Pastoral and Professional Counselors**

Although counselors typically have significant responsibility and involvement in student and campus activities, they are exempt from Clery reporting requirements. However, they are encouraged to forward non-identifying information to the Police Department on crimes that may be reported through their offices for inclusion in the annual security report.
Confidential Reporting Process
If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue actions within the UC Merced system or the criminal justice system, you are encouraged to consider filing a confidential report for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of you and others. With information, the University can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, faculty, and staff, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger.

Whistleblower and Anti-Retaliation
You can report any activity by the UC or a UC employee that violates any state or federal law or regulation (e.g., corruption, malfeasance, bribery, theft or misuse of government property, fraud, coercion, or conversion); or wastes of money, or involves gross misconduct, gross incompetence, or gross inefficiency. These activities can be reported to your supervisor (or other appropriate administrator within your unit), directly to Human Resources, Academic Personnel Office, the Locally Designated Official (LDO), University wide Whistleblower Hotline at 800-403-4744 or http://ethics.ucmerced.edu/pages/reporting-improper-activities.aspx
Office of Ombuds Services
The Campus Ombuds is a confidential and informal resource for students, staff, and faculty. It will provide informal dispute resolution services to UC Merced faculty, lecturers, postdoctoral scholars, staff, students, and anyone with a University-related concern. Reports to the Office DO NOT constitute official notice to the University.

The Office will confidentially receive complaints, concerns, or questions about alleged acts, omissions, improprieties, and/or broader systemic problems.

The Ombuds will listen, make informal inquiries or otherwise review matters received, offer resolution options, make referrals, and mediate disputes independently and impartially. Services of the Office supplement, but do not replace, other processes (formal or informal) available to the University community.

In addition, the Ombuds will serve as an information and communication resource, consultant, mediator, dispute resolution expert, and source of recommendations for institutional change for the University. The Ombuds will provide feedback to the University when trends, patterns, policies, or procedures of the University generate concerns or conflicts.

The Office of the Ombuds Services can be reached by calling (209) 228-4410 for a consultation or to make an appointment.

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A CRIME AND DO NOT WANT TO PURSUE ACTIONS WITHIN THE UC MERCED SYSTEM OR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER FILING A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT FOR PURPOSES OF INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF CRIME STATISTICS.
Timely Warning Reports to the Community

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, which is considered by the Police Department to “Represent Serious or Continuing Threat to Students and Employees,” a campus wide communiqué would be issued in a timely manner. The warning will be titled “Campus Crime Alert Bulletin” or in case of an impending hazard such as a flood or fire watch, not involving a crime, the warning will be titled “Campus Information Bulletin.” Notifications will be issued by the Police Department and may be in collaboration with UC Merced Communications, and UC Merced Student Affairs, through the campus e-mail system to students, faculty, and staff, and posted on the UC Merced Police Web site.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the UC Merced Police Department in collaboration with UC Merced Communications, UC Merced Information Technology, and/or the UC Merced Library may post a notice on electronic bulletin boards, located throughout the campus. Additionally, in such instances, a copy of the notice is posted in each residence hall, dining hall and at the Students First Center.

The Clery Act requires institutions to issue Timely Warnings for all Clery reportable offenses.

Criminal Offences

- Homicide
- Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter
- Negligent Manslaughter
- Sex Offences
- Forcible
- Non-forcible
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson
- Domestic Violence
- Dating Violence
- Stalking
- Hate Crimes - Any of the above mentioned offenses, and any incidents of larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, or destruction, damage, or vandalism of property that was motivated by bias

Arrests and Referrals for Disciplinary Actions

- Weapon violations including carrying, possessing
- Drug Abuse Violations
- Liquor Law Violations
Emergency Notification (UCMAalert)
The University of California, Merced has a comprehensive emergency preparedness program that includes a mass notification system commonly referred to as “UCMAalert.”

UCMAalert is a layered approach to notifying students, staff, faculty, parents, and campus guests of an emergency or dangerous situation that poses an immediate threat to their health, safety, or general welfare while on campus.

An emergency notification will be issued “without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community.” The only exception is if doing so would “compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.” An emergency notification will be issued by the Police Department and may be in collaboration with UC Merced Communications, and UC Merced Student Affairs as described below.

UCMAalert consists of
✓ Sending an emergency email to the entire UC Merced email registry
✓ External public announcements
✓ Internal public announcements
✓ Posting messages on select digital display screens located throughout campus
✓ Emergency Alert Website which will temporarily replace our regular website in the case of a significant emergency. This “light” version is built to load quickly and to withstand a large amount of traffic.

Additionally
✓ The testing of UCMAalert should be exercised or used in conjunction with scheduled exercises at least annually to maintain awareness of the system by students, faculty, and staff.

Emergency Response, Evacuation and Management
UC Merced’s Emergency Plan and Procedures, Evacuation Guidelines, Notification about Emergencies and Emergency Resources are available via http://emergency.ucmerced.edu/. These guidelines establish the framework through which the University prepares for, responds to, recovers from, and mitigates the effects of a wide variety of emergencies and disasters that could adversely affect the health, safety, and/or general welfare of its students, staff, faculty, and visitors.

The Police Department conducts several announced and unannounced trainings and exercises each year, along with follow up activities that allow for assessment and evaluation of emergency plans and responses.

The Department’s staff, supervisors, and managers have received training in the Incident Command System and responding to critical incidents on campus. The Incident Command System is utilized when responding to incidents and the Police Department works with local first responders to manage, mitigate, and recover from incidents. UC Merced has evacuation guidelines which can be viewed at http://emergency.ucmerced.edu/evacuation-guidelines. Fire evacuation drills are conducted on an annual basis by the UC Merced Fire Marshall.
Student Reported Missing From Campus
If a member of the University community has reason to believe that a student who resides in on-campus housing is missing, he or she should immediately notify the Police Department at 209-228-2677. A police officer will respond and will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation. After investigating the missing person report, should it be determined that the student is missing and has been missing for more than 24 hours; the Police Department along with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs will notify the student’s emergency contact no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual the student’s parent or legal guardian will be notified immediately.

In addition to registering an emergency contact, students residing in on-campus housing have the option to identify, confidentially, an individual to be contacted in the event the student is determined to be missing for more than 24 hours. If a student has identified such an individual, that individual will be notified no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. A student’s confidential contact information will be accessible only by authorized campus officials and law enforcement as appropriate.

A student is considered missing after
✓ A reasonable investigation fails to discover the location of the person reported missing from campus
✓ Or where a set of extenuating circumstances may suggest immediate concern.

Such conditions may consist of but are not limited to:
✓ Health related problems
✓ The person has not regularly attended classes and has not been seen elsewhere
✓ The parent(s), roommate, or suitemates/apartment-mates of the missing person report such disappearance due to irregular contact with the student.

Action to be taken
✓ For on-campus residential students, the reporting party will notify the Residential Life Office and/or the Police Department.
✓ The Residential Life Staff will make the appropriate internal notifications and report it to the Police Department, and the appropriate Student Affairs Senior Staff.
✓ For non-residential students, the reporting party will notify the Police Department and the department will notify the on-duty/on-call Student Affairs Senior Staff.
✓ The Police Department will keep the key stakeholders apprised of the progress of the investigation.

Follow-up
✓ If the search is successful a Residential Life staff member or an appropriate Student Affairs staff member will contact the student and inform him or her of support services available on campus (e.g., Student Counseling Center, Student Health Center).
This support should also be offered to any other students (roommates, friends) affected by the incident.

If the search is deemed unsuccessful. The Assistant Vice Chancellor/Chief of Police and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs will decide what further action should be taken.

**Reporting a Fire**

Any and all fires should be immediately reported to UC Merced Police Department by calling 9-1-1 from a cell phone, 9-9-1-1 from a campus phone or (209) 228-2677 (CAT-COPS). UC Merced Police will ensure the proper fire authority is notified along with the campus fire marshal.

**Fire Safety**


**2014 Fire Statistics — University Residence Halls**

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**Police Crime & Fire Log Information**

Crime & Fire log can be found on the UC Merced Police Department website at [http://police.ucmerced.edu/programs-services/programs-services](http://police.ucmerced.edu/programs-services/programs-services). The log is also available for viewing during normal business hours at the Police Department.

The only exceptions in the posting of crimes reported are:

- If the disclosure is prohibited by law
- If the disclosure would jeopardize the safety of the community
- If the disclosure would jeopardize the confidentiality of the victim

Posting of crimes reported may be temporarily withheld in some cases if the release of information would:

- Jeopardize an ongoing investigation
- Jeopardize the safety of an individual
- Cause a suspect to flee or evade detection
- Result in the destruction of evidence
Community Service Officer Program
The Community Service Officer Program provides a wide range of services to include: campus patrol, library patrol, event security, UC Merced safe bike program, electronic and bicycle registration and they participate in peer crime prevention presentations. Our Community Service Officers provide escorts for students, faculty, staff, or visitors when requested. Escorts can be requested by calling 209-228-2677 between the hours of 5 p.m. and 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Sundays.

Student Orientation Presentations
Each semester and throughout the year during perspective student orientations the Police Department presents information regarding security awareness and safety issues to students, their parents, families and other supporters.

Rape Aggression Defense Program (RAD)
The Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) basic personal defense system is a national program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques taught for women only. All courses are taught by nationally certified RAD Instructors.

The goal of RAD is to provide realistic self-defense options to women, regardless of their level of physical conditioning. Students, staff, and faculty at all levels of ability, age, experience, and strength will be provided with techniques and information that can be used effectively from the first day of class. RAD is not a martial arts program, nor does it require students to be athletes to succeed.

The RAD system will provide the knowledge to make an educated decision about personal defense. We provide information on physical and non-physical options, as well as insight into the attacker mindset.

More information on the RAD Program is available at: http://police.ucmerced.edu/services/rape-aggression-defense-program, or by calling the Police Department at 209-228-2677.
Crime Prevention Tips

Reporting Suspicious Activity

- Anytime you need immediate police, fire, or medical response, use a Campus Blue Light Phone; Dial 9-9-1-1 from a campus telephone, 9-1-1 or (209) 228-2677 from your cell phone.

- Suspicious activity may be indicated by:
  - A scream or call for help,
  - The sound of a whistle or loud horn,
  - A strange car repeatedly driving up and down the street, or
  - Seeing someone, you do not know or recognize enter your neighbor’s room or home, an office or lab with no apparent business, or loitering in a parking area or at a bike rack.

Personal Safety

- Walk or Jog with a friend
- Walk with confidence, show you are aware and in control!
- Avoid isolated, dark areas
- Use the CSO Escort Service
- Tell a friend where you are going and when you will return.
- Carry a cell phone if possible and program in the telephone number for UC Merced Police (209) 228-2677 or CAT-COPS
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Carrying a small flash light
- When approaching your car or residence, have your keys out in advance.
- Lock your car, if you must have valuables in your car lock them in the trunk.
- Do not get into your car until you have checked the inside, particularly the back seat.

The Police Department provides support and services to the campus community members to help make UC Merced a safe place to work, learn, and live. The department presents workshops and training sessions annually, publishes, and distributes brochures and flyers for students, faculty, and staff on topics such as personal safety, office and residential security, burglary and theft prevention, and vehicle security. In addition, the department provides consultation and crime prevention audits, may assist in developing department specific emergency plans for evacuation, bomb threats, and criminal incidents, and gives crime prevention input in the planning of new campus buildings and landscaping design and maintenance.
Computer Security

✓ Do not leave laptop computers unattended.
✓ Register your electronics and other serialized property such as bikes with the police department. This can help ensure that lost items are returned. Call 209-228-2767 (CAT-CSOS) for more details.

Never

✓ Accept software from strangers, input software from network bulletin boards, share USB drives, or make illegal duplicates of software.

Always

✓ Keep your password and PIN secure.
✓ Change your password often.
✓ Log off when you leave your workstation or temporarily lock your computer by pushing the windows key and the “L” key.
✓ Lock your doors and lock-down your laptop computer.

Residence Hall Security

✓ Never leave your space unlocked and unoccupied.
✓ Lock your doors when you are sleeping.
✓ Do not prop doors open.
✓ Do not allow strangers to follow you into the building.
✓ Call Police if you see someone in the building who you believe does not belong.

Obscene & Annoying Telephone Calls

Hang up as soon as you realize the nature of the call. Do not try to find out who the caller is even if you think it may be a friend playing a joke.

If the calls are frequent, keep a log of exactly when the call is received and what was said. Describe the voice and any background noises.

Consider changing your number, depersonalizing your answering message, or not being listed in the UC Merced directory.

Stalking is a pattern of unwanted behavior that creates fear. The Campus Advocate and Valley Crisis Center are available to talk with you about the impacts of this behavior and help you explore your options.

If the calls continue call UC Merced Police.

Threatening Telephone Calls

Occasionally, a caller may threaten you, your property, or those with whom you live. These are Unusual and extreme events and should not be handled with the routine methods described earlier.
Solicitors

Report solicitors in Residence Halls to the UC Merced police. Although student groups are allowed to go door-to-door in residence halls with permission, solicitation is not allowed by people not associated with UC Merced. If a solicitor or any suspicious-looking person approaches you in the residence hall, jot down a description and call (209)228-2677. Do not confront the person.

Identity Theft Prevention

Criminals can use your personal information to gain services, create fraudulent credit accounts, and obtain false identification.

Never give to strangers:

- Credit card numbers or expiration dates, unless you know the company is reputable.
- Checking account number or ATM personal identification number (pin).
- Social security number: only give this out if it is legally required.
- Driver’s license number.
- Health information, including insurance, medical, and mental history.
- Information about your home security system, such as whether you have one or not, or your code.
- Information about those with whom you live or whether you live alone.
- Your age or age category (18-25).
- Financial information, such as your annual income, mortgage, or financial institution.

Even when you give this information to a well-known business or institution, you should keep a log of the date, time, and circumstances.
Policies Regarding Sex Offenses

UC Merced Student Conduct Regulation 102.08 states that, “Physical assault including but not limited to sexual assault, threats of violence; or other conduct that threatens the health or safety of any person” are grounds for discipline. Furthermore, University of California, policy states, “The University of California is committed to creating and maintaining a community where all persons who participate in University programs and activities can work and learn together in an atmosphere free of all forms of harassment, exploitation, or intimidation.” Every member of the University of California, Merced community should be aware that such behavior is prohibited both by law and by University policy and that; the University will not tolerate sexual misconduct in any form, including acquaintance rape and other sex offenses.

The University will respond promptly and effectively to all reports of sexual harassment, [including rape, sexual assault and stalking], and will take appropriate action to prevent, to correct, and if necessary, to discipline behavior that violates this policy.

Toward A Community Free Of Sexual Violence

Sexual offenses are crimes of aggression, degradation, and power. The UC Merced Police take every report seriously and coordinates the investigation in a manner to ensure that survivors of sexual violence are provided a compassionate, supportive environment for the initial reporting and throughout the investigation. Assistance is provided to the survivor and his/her family and friends throughout the process by the confidential Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education, which can help with securing needed medical attention, counseling, working with Student Affairs and Academic departments for housing and class attendance needs, and other support as requested.

California laws make it illegal to engage in a sexual act with another without the person’s affirmative “Yes means Yes” consent.

Affirmative consent: means affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. It is the responsibility of each person involved in the sexual activity to ensure that he or she has the affirmative consent of the other or others to engage in the sexual activity. Lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent, nor does silence mean consent. Affirmative consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any time. The existence of a dating relationship between the persons involved, or the fact of past sexual relations between them, should never by itself be assumed to be an indicator of consent.
Reporting Sexual Assault

✓ Reports of sexual assaults should be made to the Police Department at 209-228-2677 or to the campus Title IX Officer at 209-201-3491.
✓ You may report sexual assault at any time.
✓ You have the right to a free and confidential victim advocate throughout the reporting process and you may talk to an advocate before you decide to report to law enforcement.
✓ The Campus Advocate is available through the Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education and advocates are available through Valley Crisis Center.
✓ An advocate will assist you in exploring your options and can accompany you throughout the process if you choose to report to law enforcement.
✓ UC Merced Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is a resource in addition to the Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education, Valley Crisis Center, and UC Merced Police. CAPS can provide confidential support for people who report sexual offences.

Whether or not a sexual offense or other criminal behavior is reported to law enforcement, members of the University community may make an internal complaint for possible disciplinary actions against the offender through the Title IX Officer. The disciplinary procedures include an opportunity for the accused and the accuser to be present during hearings; both will be informed of the outcome of the hearings, and any person found responsible for committing a sexual or other criminal offense will be subject to University disciplinary sanctions up to and including immediate suspension or dismissal.

If you choose to report to the UC Merced Police Department, our police officers are trained investigators who will provide immediate support when a sexual assault is reported and continue as a liaison throughout the investigation and any subsequent action.
Seeking Medical Attention
What is most important is that survivors of sexual assault and other violent crimes are provided immediate care and support. If you are a survivor of violence, you have the right to seek immediate medical attention whether or not you report the incident, even if you do not feel you have been seriously injured. A medical examination can help to check for sexually transmitted infections or other injuries, and for pregnancy. Medical professionals are mandated to report disclosures of sexual assault to law enforcement, but a survivor does not need to report to law enforcement if they do not wish to do so.

Preserving Evidence
Physical evidence can be collected at a certified medical facility. The Campus Advocate, or Valley Crisis Center Advocate and a police officer if the survivor chooses to report will transport and accompany you to the exam.

Support and Assistance
In order to ensure that you are provided with support and assistance, UC Merced Police contacts the Campus Advocate or Valley Crisis Center Advocate as soon as you contact the police. If you do not want to speak to the advocate, you will be provided with written resources describing options and available support services. An advocate can provide individual crisis counseling, and will accompany you as desired during medical treatment, interviews by law enforcement, student judicial proceedings, court hearings, etc.

In addition, an advocate serves in a support role for your interests and needs, and will discuss options and procedures regarding academic assistance, housing, and safety, medical and counseling needs.

An advocate will refer you as necessary to other resources, including support groups, individual psychological counseling, and outside agencies. With respect to academic matters, the advocate serves as liaison between you and UC Merced Student Affairs to make necessary arrangements for accommodations including class attendance. The advocate also serves as a liaison for issues of housing and safety, and will assist in changing on-campus housing if necessary.

Valley Crisis Center
Valley Crisis Center’s professional staff provides support services to sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking survivors, and their families and friends, through individual crisis counseling, advocacy, referrals, and support groups. The office maintains an extensive library pertaining to violence and sexual assault. Valley Crisis Center also prepares and widely distributes numerous educational brochures and other publications.
UC Merced Police Officer’s Pledge to Sexual Assault Survivors
WE WILL meet and talk with you and a support person if you wish, at a place of your choice in this area.
If you feel more comfortable talking with a female or male officer, WE WILL do our best to accommodate your request.
WE WILL take your assault seriously, regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, physical ability, or whether the assault is stranger, acquaintance, or alcohol-related.
WE WILL not pre-judge you. Our position is that perpetrators, not their victims, are responsible for crimes.
WE WILL treat you and your assault with sensitivity, dignity, understanding, and courtesy.
WE WILL assist you in arranging for your medical needs, including hospital treatment if necessary.
WE WILL help you connect with an advocate, on or off campus, to assist you with your safety, counseling, advocacy, and any other needs.
WE WILL not release your name to the public or to the press.
WE WILL discuss with you the criminal justice process.
WE WILL fully investigate your assault, which may lead to arrest and prosecution of the offender. You will be kept informed throughout the entire process.
WE WILL continue to be available for you, to answer your questions, to explain the systems and processes involved, and to be a willing listener.

Respectfully,

The Police Officers
UC Merced Police Department
Public Information Regarding Sex Offenders

Federal Law Regarding Registration and Release of Information: Upon release from prison, individuals convicted of sex crimes may be required to register with law enforcement agencies under laws referred to as “Megan’s Laws.” Additionally, the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (CSCPA) of 2000 is a federal law that provides for the tracking of convicted sex offenders enrolled at, or employed by, institutions of higher education. Such institutions have the authority to release, in some circumstances, certain information about registered sex offenders.

At UC Merced, the controlled release of such information may occur, through the authority of the Assistant Vice Chancellor/Chief of Police in collaboration with UC General Counsel and the Office of the Chancellor, when such release is deemed appropriate for the safety of the University community.

The CSCPA amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to clarify that nothing in the Act can prohibit an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution concerning registered sex offenders.

The public may gain access to information about convicted & registered California sex offenders in the following ways:

- Megan’s Law Website
  http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/
- Merced County Sheriff’s Office 700 W. 22nd Street, Merced, California 95340

Reporting Hate Crimes

California law prohibits threats or acts of violence against individuals or groups or their property because of personal characteristics or associations. State laws similarly prohibit defacing, damaging, or destroying another’s property to intimidate or interfere with his/her rights. Crimes routinely classified as misdemeanors can be felonies if committed because of bigotry.

A conviction cannot be based on speech alone, unless the speech itself threatens violence against a specific individual or group, and the defendant has the ability to carry out the threat. If you are the victim of or witness to a hate crime, report it as soon as possible to the UC Merced Police Department.

Reporting Suspected Misconduct by Students, Student Organizations, Staff or Faculty

To report suspected misconduct by a UC Merced student or registered student organization, contact

- Office of Student Judicial Affairs
- Title IX Office
- CARE Office
- UC Merced Police Department
- UC Acts of Intolerance Report Form
  http://ethics.ucmerced.edu/pages/reporting-improper-activities.aspx

You have the right to have an advocate present with you throughout this process. You may contact the UC Merced Campus Advocate (209) 386-2051 or Valley Crisis Center (209) 722-4357 for free and confidential advocacy services.

Most student discipline referrals are resolved by agreement, but if a formal hearing is held, both the complainant and the accused may be present at the hearing, and may be accompanied by an advisor at any stage of the process. In addition, if the incident involved a crime, both are notified of the final decision and any sanctions imposed. A finding that the violation was intentional, forcible, violent, or motivated by hatred or bias normally results in a sanction of Suspension or Dismissal.

UC Merced staff or faculty may be subject to disciplinary action under applicable personnel policies or collective bargaining agreements.
Report staff misconduct to the Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action & Title IX Officer (209) 201-3491, and faculty misconduct to the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost (209) 228-4439. The advocacy services provided by the Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education and Valley Crisis Center are available to staff and faculty members as well.

**Policy Regarding Alcohol and Controlled Substances**

University Substance Abuse Policy and Sanctions:
To promote an environment of academic excellence and to meet the requirements of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act, faculty, staff and students:

- Shall not use illegal substances and shall not abuse legal substances in a manner that impairs scholarly activities, job performance, and student life.
- Shall not use illegal or legal substances in a manner that violates applicable criminal or civil laws in the workplace, on university premises, at university activities, or while conducting university business.
- Are prohibited from the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of alcohol and/or a controlled substance in the workplace, on university premises, at university activities, or while conducting university business.
- Faculty and staff employees and students involved in work on or for a federal grant or contract are required, as a condition of employment on the grant or contract, to notify the university within five calendar days if they are convicted of any criminal drug statute violation for activity occurring at the workplace, at the location of any grant/contract activity, or while on university business.

The University strives to maintain communities and workplaces free from the illegal use, possession, or distribution of alcohol and other drugs. Manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of alcohol and controlled substances by University students and employees on University property, at official University functions, or on University business are prohibited except as permitted by law, University policy, or campus regulations. Students violating these policies are subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or dismissal from the University, and may be referred for criminal prosecution and/or required to participate in appropriate treatment programs.
Federal Laws on Controlled Substances

Under federal law, manufacture, sale, or distribution of Schedule I and II illicit drugs or mixtures containing them (e.g. cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, ecstasy, GHB, Ketamine, LSD, PCP, and so-called “designer drugs”, as well as “counterfeits” purported to be such drugs) and trafficking in marijuana and hashish are felonies. Depending upon the quantity of drugs involved, penalties for first offenses range from five years to life (20 years to life if death or serious injury involved) and fines up to $10 million or more, and for second offenses from ten years to life (life if death or serious injury involved) and fines up to $20 million. Illegal trafficking in over-the-counter or prescription drugs (including anabolic steroids) have maximum terms of 5 years for first offenses and ten years for second offenses, and heavy fines. Illegal possession of controlled substances can trigger federal prison sentences and fines up to $100,000 for first offenses, more for second offenses, and heavy fines. Illegal possession of controlled substances can trigger federal prison sentences and fines up to $250,000.

Those convicted of possession or distribution of controlled substances can be barred from receiving benefits of federal programs, including student grants and loans, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses; are subject to forfeiture of property used in or traceable to illegal controlled substance transactions; and, if non-citizens, are subject to deportation.

California Laws on Alcohol and Controlled Substances

Important parts of State law are summarized below:

✓ No person may sell, furnish, give or cause to be sold, furnished, or given away, any alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21, and no person under the age of 21 may purchase alcoholic beverages. (California Business and Professions Code, Sec. 25658 (a))

✓ It is unlawful for a person under the age of 21 to possess alcoholic beverages on any street or highway or in any public place or in any place open to public view. (California Business and Professions Code, Sec. 25662)

✓ It is a misdemeanor to sell alcoholic beverages any place in the state of California without a proper license issued by the California State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. (California Business and Professions Code, Sec. 23300)

✓ It is a misdemeanor to sell, furnish, or give away an alcoholic beverage to any obviously intoxicated person. (California Business and Professions Code, Sec. 25602)

✓ It is unlawful to issue a license to fraternities, sororities, or other undergraduate organizations to sell alcoholic beverages. (California Penal Code, Sec. 172e)

✓ Any person found in a public place to be under the influence of an intoxicating liquor, drug, or controlled substance and unable to care for his/her own safety or who interferes with the use of a public way is guilty of disorderly conduct. Public intoxication is a misdemeanor crime in California. (California Penal Code, Sec. 647f)

✓ California law also prohibits driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or higher, for age 21 or older, and .01 for under 21). Additionally the law prohibits drinking or possessing an open container of alcohol while driving; and operating a bicycle while intoxicated. Drunken driving penalties include jail or prison, fines of $1,000 or more, driver’s
license suspension or revocation, and required drug/alcohol treatment programs. Refusing to submit to a test for blood alcohol can result in suspension of driver’s license for up to 3 years.

Laws and Ordinances Governing Marijuana
Cultivation, possession for sale, or sale of marijuana is a felony and may result in a prison sentence and fine (Health and Safety Code sections 11358, 11359, 11360). Possession of less than one ounce of marijuana is an infraction punishable by a fine; determined by the court. (Health and Safety Code section 11357(b))

Laws and Ordinances Governing Controlled Substances
✓ Manufacture, possession, possession for sale, sale, or distribution: (Health and Safety Code sections 11350, 11351, 11352, 11377, 11378, 11379, 11379.6) and possession of drug paraphernalia is illegal (Health and Safety Code section 11364).
✓ Sale or possession for sale of controlled substances such as cocaine, methamphetamines, heroin, ecstasy, GHB, Ketamine, LSD, PCP, marijuana, and so-called “designer drugs” is a felony with terms of seven years or more; manufacture results in terms of twenty years or more; possession alone is punishable by up to seven years in prison. Sentences are enhanced for previously convicted felons and for distribution within 1,000 feet of a school or University, distribution within 100 feet of a recreational facility, and distribution to a pregnant woman or to someone under 18 by someone over 18. Property may be seized if used in drug transactions.
✓ The convicted party can be excluded from all federal and/or state monetary benefits. If not a U.S. citizen can be deported and prevented from re-entry into the United States. The convicted party may have to give up, as part of a penalty, all personal property traceable to (or gained as a result of) the crime.

ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS
EDUCATION & PREVENTION
SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment - are part of the Health and Wellness Education Program and are located in the H. Rajender Reddy Health Center or 228-2273 (CAT-CARE). UC Merced Health and Wellness provides organized campus-wide outreach and prevention programs; assessment, education, and referrals for students with identified needs related to alcohol or other drugs; and specific education programs designed for students referred for alcohol/drug incidents. Health and Wellness also provides training for staff and faculty on identifying and referring substance abusers and student support programs.
UC Merced provides the following programs to help with alcohol and other drug dependency.

- Counseling Services: (209) 228-4266
- Student Health Services: (209) 228-2273 (CAT-CARE)

Merced County provides the following programs to help with alcohol and other drug dependency

- Recovery Assistance for Teens (RAFT), 3313 “G” Street, Merced, CA 95340, (209) 381-6860
- Alcoholics Anonymous 24-hour answering service (209) 385-6004
- Alateen - (209) 383-6662


- Merced County Mental Health Emergency Services (209) 381-6800
- Merced County Treatment Center – The Center, 3305 “G” Street, Merced (209) 381-6880

The following resources exist to assist people in alcohol and other drug treatment and recovery. These services are not endorsed by UC Merced or the County of Merced but provided as a community service.

- Alcoholics Anonymous (800-970-9040) [http://www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)
- Marijuana Anonymous (800-766-6779) [http://www.marijuana-anonymous.org](http://www.marijuana-anonymous.org)
- Tough Love Support for family members of teens (209) 386-0980
- Hobie House Men’s Residential Treatment Program (209) 722-6335
- Tranquility Village (209) 357-5200 Women’s Residential Treatment Program
- Alcohol Treatment Referral Hotline 1-800-ALCOHOL
- Al-Anon and Alateen Family Group Headquarters, Inc. 1-800-344-2666 (U.S.)
- Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Inc. 212-870-3400
- National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Service 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Hope line 1-800-622-2255 / 800-NCACALL
- Families Anonymous, 1-800-736-9805
Marijuana Anonymous World Services 1-800-766-6779 http://www.marijuana-anonymous.org


Health Risks Associated With Substance Abuse
The UC Merced Health and Wellness Program offers information in print format regarding the health risks associated with substance abuse for alcohol and other drugs. Substance abuse can cause very serious health and behavioral problems, including short-and long-term effects upon the body and mind. Physiological and psychological responses differ according to the drug taken, and may involve both chronic health problems arising from long-term abuse, and acute, traumatic reactions from one-time or moderate use.

In addition to the toxicity of specific drugs, contaminant poisonings occur with illegal drug use, and mixing drugs, or using “counterfeit” substances or “designer” drugs can be lethal. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV or AIDS), sexually transmitted diseases, rape, unwanted pregnancies, injuries, accidents, and violence can result from substance abuse; substance abuse also impairs learning ability, memory, and performance.

Acute health problems may include heart attack, stroke, and sudden death, which in the case of drugs such as cocaine or GHB can be triggered by first-time use. Long-lasting health effects of alcohol and other drugs include heart and/or lung damage, high blood pressure, blood vessel leaks in brain, destruction of brain cells, permanent memory loss, impotency, infertility, immune system impairment, kidney failure, and cirrhosis of the liver. Use of alcohol or other drugs during pregnancy can cause fetal damage and birth defects, miscarriage and infant death.

Alcohol & Alcohol Safety
Before drinking, think about the possible consequences.

Plan ahead and do the following:

- Designate a driver or arrange a sober ride
- Put safety first
- Never leave your drink unattended
- Know what you are drinking
- Drink responsibly.

Effects of Alcohol in Your Blood
Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant. How drinking affects your body and mind depends upon your blood alcohol concentration (BAC). BAC is related to how much alcohol you drink in a given period of time and your body weight.

% of Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)
One Drink is considered:

- 1 Beer
- 1 Three Ounce Glass of Wine
1 Shot or 1 Ounce of Hard Liquor

Signs of Alcohol Poisoning

- Unconsciousness - This means the person is hard to rouse and cannot be made aware of his or her surroundings. This can be brief, such as with fainting or blacking out. It can put a person into a coma.
- No breathing or slow and shallow breathing. This means 10 or fewer breaths per minute or time lapses of more than 8 seconds between breaths.
- Slow pulse rate (40 or fewer beats per minute)
- Skin that is cold, clammy, and/or pale or blue in color

Alcohol Safety Tips

- Choose substance-free housing, if available and desired.
- Be aware and think about the risks and consequences of drinking, including getting arrested, getting sick.
- One incident of alcohol use could cause you to do something you will regret for the rest of your life.
- Do not mix drinking with driving, drugs, or operating machines. Doing so can be fatal.
- Designate a sober driver.
- Do not give into peer pressure or drink because “everyone else does it,” not everyone drinks
- Know your limit and stick to it or do not drink any alcohol.
- Drink slowly; you are apt to drink less. Eat when you drink, food helps to slow alcohol absorption.
- Alternate an alcoholic beverage with a non-alcoholic one. Use non-alcohol or reduce alcohol beverages.

- Do not drink distilled beverages straight, dilute them. Use more mixer than alcohol.
- Do not participate in drinking contests and games.

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* 1 drink equals 2 ounces 80-proof hard liquor, 12 ounces beer, or 5 ounces wine.
0.05% Relaxed state, judgment is not as sharp, release of tension; carefree feeling.
0.08% Inhibitions are lessened.
0.10% Movements and speech are clumsy.
0.20% Very intoxicated can be hard to understand, emotions can be unstable, 100 times greater risk for traffic accident.
0.40% Deep sleep, hard to wake up, not able to make voluntary actions.
0.50% can result in coma and/or death.
Signs of a Drug Overdose

Signs of an overdose depend on the type of drug used:

- **Unconsciousness** - This means the person is hard to rouse and cannot be made aware of his or her surroundings. This can be brief, such as with fainting or blacking out, and can put a person into a coma.
- **Not breathing or slow and shallow breathing**. This means 10 or fewer breaths per minute or time lapses of more than 8 seconds between breaths.
- **Slow pulse rate** (40 or fewer beats per minute)
- **Suicidal gestures**
- **Seizures**
- **Tremors**
- **Sudden hostile personality or violent behavior**
- **Very rapid pulse rate** (140 or more beats per minute) and/or extreme anxiety or paranoia

**Cocaine** - This drug is also called blow, crack, crank, "C", coke, nose candy, and rock - Increases pulse rate and blood pressure. Causes insomnia, irritability, and paranoia. Can result in severe depression, convulsions, heart attack, lung damage, hallucinations, brain damage, and risk of infection (hepatitis, HIV from using contaminated needles), coma, and death.

**Depressants** - Examples are alcohol, barbiturates, sedatives, tranquilizers - Causes drowsiness, slurred speech, drunkenness, memory loss, sudden mood shifts, depression, and lack of coordination. Can result in shallow breathing, dilated pupils, clammy skin, weak pulse, coma, and death.

**Rohypnol** - This is also called R-2, rib, roofies, rope, and forget-me pill - A drug used to facilitate sexual assault that results in decreased blood pressure, drowsiness, visual disturbances, confusion, nausea, and vomiting. When mixed with alcohol or other drugs, this clear, odorless, and tasteless drug can cause death.

**Methamphetamine** - This drug is also called speed, ice, chalk, meth, crack, fire, and glass - Can

Call 9-9-1-1 from a campus phone, 9-1-1 or 209-228-2677 from a cell phone.

If you witness signs of alcohol poisoning act quickly as alcohol poisoning can be fatal.

While waiting for emergency care to arrive place the person on his or her side with the knees bent to prevent choking if he or she vomits. Loosen the person’s clothing around the neck and check the mouth and back of the throat to see that nothing obstructs the person’s breathing. Stay with the person.

**Signs of Alcohol Poisoning**

**Unconsciousness** - This means the person is hard to rouse and cannot be made aware of his or her surroundings. This can be brief, such as with fainting or blacking out. It can put a person into a coma.

**Not breathing or slow and shallow breathing** - This means 10 or fewer breaths per minute or time lapses of more than 8 seconds between breaths.

**Slow pulse rate** - 40 or fewer beats per minute.

Skin that is cold, clammy, and/or pale or blue in color
result in memory loss, agitation, aggression, and violent or psychotic behavior and potential cardiac and neurological damage. Can contribute to higher rates of transmission of hepatitis and HIV, if injected. Can result in heart attacks, seizures, and death from overdose.

**Marijuana** - This is also called pot, grass, reefer, herb, jay, joint, smoke, weed, and AMP - Can result in feelings of panic, impaired short-term memory, decreased ability to concentrate, fatigue, paranoia, and possible psychosis. Also causes lung damage.

**LSD** - This is also called acid, bloomers, and yellow sunshines - Causes hallucinations, dilated pupils, increased heart rate and blood pressure, sweating, sleeplessness, dry mouth, and tremors. Nausea, weakness, numbness or trembling is common. Long-term use can cause persistent psychosis and what used to be called “flashbacks” – re-experiencing symptoms of past hallucinogen use even though not taking the drug now.

**Ecstasy** - This is MDMA. Other names are adam, clarity, lover’s Speed, and K – May cause a euphoric state initially, but depression can occur after taking the drug. Also carries the risk of a heat stroke from lack of fluids and sweating from dancing too long, especially in the hot environment of a club. May lead to a heart attack, seizure, and stroke.

**GHB and GLB** (a similar drug that turns into GHB in the body) - Other names are grievous bodily harm; liquid ecstasy, liquid sex - A drug used to facilitate sexual assault, which results in nausea, vomiting, a feeling of intoxication, and amnesia-like symptoms. The drug slows the heartbeat, reduces blood pressure, and can cause the user’s breathing to stop. Overdose results in unconsciousness, coma, and eventual death. There is little difference in the dose that can get someone high and one that can cause death.

**Ketamine** - This drug is also called: special K, K, vitamin K, and cat valiums - Causes dream-like states and hallucinations. Can cause delirium, amnesia, impaired motor functions, high blood pressure, depression, and breathing problems, which can result in death.

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The UC Merced Health and Wellness Program offers information in print format regarding the health risks associated with substance abuse for alcohol and other drugs.
Inhalants - Examples are vapors from: Solvents, such as gasoline, aerosols, such as hair sprays, anesthetics, such as ether, chloroform, and spray paints - Slow heart rate, breathing and brain activity. Headaches, dizziness, nausea, lack of coordination, slurred speech, blurred vision. Can result in suffocation, heart failure, unconsciousness, seizures, brain damage, and even death.

Buildings, facilities, and landscaping are maintained in a manner that minimizes hazardous conditions. UC Merced Police officers regularly patrol the campus and report malfunctioning lights or other unsafe physical conditions to Facilities authorities for correction. In addition, UC Merced invites reports of physical hazards (for example, broken stairs, overgrown shrubs, or a missing traffic sign).

Non-Residential Buildings

Our campus currently has six buildings, which directly support academic instruction and research, the Library, the Classroom Building, Science and Engineering I, Science and Engineering II, Social Sciences and Management Building, and the Student Services Building.

Access To and Maintenance of Campus Buildings and Grounds

The University of California, Merced is currently situated on 100 acres of its 7,045 acres. During the school year, our daily population is approximately 7,500 students, staff, and faculty.

Since the campus is an open environment, individuals may find it easy to access the buildings and grounds; a few may engage in criminal activity. Therefore, regardless of the time, day or night, no matter where you are on campus, be alert and aware of your surroundings and use common-sense safety precautions.
Burglars or others intent on crime may target these structures. The buildings may be accessed by authorized faculty, staff and students, using their key or card access after business hours. The Administrative wing of the Library is locked at 5 p.m. However, the Library is open to UC Merced and the greater Merced community until midnight during the academic year. From six o’clock in the evening until midnight Library staff and Police Department Community Service Officers are present in the Library to provide a safe environment to study and research.

It is essential that staff, faculty, and students partner with the UC Merced Police Department to keep closed facilities locked, and to prevent unauthorized access. To prevent unauthorized entrance to campus buildings, do not prop doors open, leave doors unlocked, or open the door for people you do not know. In addition, protect the security of campus keys, and report immediately any loss or theft of keys to the campus Locksmith or Police.

Residential Buildings
UC Merced provides housing to approximately 2,100 students. The UC Merced Police Department and Student Housing staff work closely together to create a safer and more comfortable living and learning environment. The security of residential areas involves on-duty residence hall staff, Community Service Officers, Safety Escort services, and round-the-clock UC Merced Police patrols. Campus-wide security and safety seminars are held for residents throughout the year to increase awareness of crime risks and improve campus safety. To provide residents with timely notice of major crimes or threats to the campus, Student Housing staff promptly post all Crime Alert Bulletins.

Although all student residences are accessible by key 24 hours a day, residents must also take an active role to ensure their own security. Always use common sense, and learn and follow campus security procedures. In addition, since the campus is open, and visitors to residence halls are not restricted or monitored, residents need to be alert and aware of their surroundings.

To maintain the safety and security of residential buildings, residents and visitors must ensure that locked buildings stay closed and locked. Keep suite and room doors locked, always carry your key, take precautions to protect your keys against theft or loss, and report immediately any theft/loss of your building, suite, or room keys. In
addition, do not open the door for unknown persons, and alert residence hall staff and the UC Merced Police Department if you notice improper entry (someone climbing in a window) or suspicious activity (a stranger leaving your friend’s room carrying a computer).

Residence Hall maintenance, including lighting, grounds keeping, window and door locks, is directed through the Residence Life Office. If you notice lights burned out, broken locks or other maintenance related problems call Residential Life at 209-228-4663.

Parking, Biking, or Walking On Campus
If you park on campus, lock your vehicle and consider using a steering wheel or pedal locking device and/or auto alarm. Similarly, always lock your bicycle, even if you will be gone only a few minutes, and secure it to a fixed bike rack. If you are out at night on campus or walking to campus parking lots, use the Community Service Officer Safety Escort Service. Most important, if you need assistance, do not hesitate to ask any staff member, Community Service Officer, or Police Officer.

No Weapons on Campus
State law and University policy prohibit the possession or use of weapons on University property. It is a felony punishable by up to four years in prison to possess any firearm on University property, whether in a book bag, in the car, or in an office, classroom, or residence room. Possessing a concealed weapon or automatic weapon of any kind is illegal, whether on campus or in the community. Campus policies prohibit bringing on campus weapons such as knives with blades longer than 2 ½ inches, switchblades, dirks, daggers, BB-gun, air guns, metal knuckles, nunchaku, etc.

If you see a gun or other weapon on University property, alert the Police Department immediately and provide the description and location of the individual carrying the weapon. If you believe that a weapon is being, or is about to be used, dial 9-9-1-1 from a campus phone, 9-1-1 from a cell phone or 209-228-2677 (CAT-COPS).

Crime Definitions
Murder - The willful non-negligent killing of a human being by another.
Manslaughter - The killing of another person through gross negligence.
Sex Offense (Forcible) – Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.
Rape – The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.
Sexual battery is the touching of the private parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
Sex Offense (Non forcible) - any unlawful, but consensual sex act with another person including attempts.
Incest - sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
Statutory rape - intercourse with a person who is under the age of consent.
Robbery - the taking of personal property in the possession of another, from his/her immediate presence, and against his/her will with means of force or fear.
Aggravated Assault - an unlawful assault upon the person of another that inflicts severe or aggravated bodily injury.
**Burglary** - unlawful entry or attempt to make entry into a defined structure with the intent to commit a theft or other felony.

**Motor Vehicle Theft** – the taking of a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner, with the intent to either permanently or temporarily deprive the owner of the vehicle.

**Arson** - the willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property of another.

**Drug/Narcotic Violations** - the unlawful possession, sale, use, transportation, cultivation, manufacturing.

**Alcohol Violation** - the unlawful possession, sale, transportation, manufacturing, furnishing alcohol to a minor (under 21 years).

**Weapons Violation** - the unlawful possession or control of any firearm, deadly weapon, illegal knife or explosive device while on the property of the University of California, Merced, except as required in the lawful course of business or as authorized by the UC Merced, Police Department, Assistant Vice Chancellor/Chief of Police.

**Hate Crime** - a criminal act involving one or more of the listed crimes which was motivated by bias against any person or group of persons, or the property of any person or group of persons because of the ethnicity, race, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability of the person or group, or bias based upon the perception that the person or group has one or more of those characteristics.

**Hate Incident** - any act motivated by bias against any person or group of persons, or the property of any person or group of persons because of the ethnicity, race, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability of the person or group, or bias based upon the perception that the person or group has one or more of those characteristics.

**Dating Violence** – violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.

- The existence of such a relationship shall be based on the reporting party’s statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
- Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.
- Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

**Domestic Violence** – A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by:

- A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim.
- A person with whom the victim shares a child in common.
- A person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner.
- A person similarly situated to a spouse of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.
- Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

**Stalking** – Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

- Fear for the person’s safety or the safety of others.
- Suffer substantial emotional distress.
Definition and Description of Campus and Public Properties

On-campus property: Any building or property owned or controlled by the University within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the University in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the University’s educational purpose, including buildings or property owned by the University but controlled by another person. (Buildings and Property located at 5200 N. Lake Road, Merced, CA 95343)

Non-campus property: Non-campus property or buildings owned or controlled by the University that is frequently used by students and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution, or any building/property that is owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution. (Buildings and Property located at 550 East Shaw, Fresno, CA, 4225 Hospital Road Buildings 1200 & 1201, Atwater, CA, 755 & 767 E. Yosemite Ave., Merced, CA, 1715 Canal St. Merced, CA, 3600 M Street, Merced, CA, 1747 M Street, Merced, CA, 2615, 2618, 2639, W. Bruce Ave., Wawona, CA, 2640, 2644 & 2667 English Lane, Wawona Ave., 2587 River Road, Wawona, CA and 7799 Chilnualna Falls Road, Wawona, CA.

Public property: Public property located immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus, including thoroughfares, sidewalks, streets, lands, parks, waterways.

N. Lake Roadway, Merced, CA. – Bellevue Road North to Yosemite Lake and Park Entrance

N. Lake Road Bicycle Path – Between Yosemite Road and Yosemite Lake and Park Entrance in Merced County

Yosemite Park and Lake – Merced County, One mile into the park during hours of operation.

Emergency and Crime Reporting Procedures

UC Merced police officers are responsible for responding to and investigating all crimes and incidents that occur on UC Merced owned and leased property. Any instances of criminal activity occurring on campus, at UC Merced Castle, Olive, Mondo, or Promenade facilities should be reported to the UC Merced Police Department.

Crimes committed in or on other off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by UC Merced, including the Yosemite and Fresno facilities are generally reported to the police agency of jurisdiction where the building or property is located; however, UC Merced police officers may investigate incidents on all UC Merced properties as needed.

Take Responsibility for Your Own Safety

Helpful reminders for residents:

- Keep room and apartment doors locked at all times
- Ask strangers to wait in common areas and restrict access to private areas
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Refrain from leaving personal property in common areas
- Report suspicious activity immediately to the UCM Police Department.

For additional information on how to keep yourself safe in various situations, visit http://police.ucmerced.edu/safety-information
Serious Illness or Injury
Call UC Merced Dispatch at 9-9-1-1 from a campus phone, 9-1-1 from a cell phone.

Be ready to provide as much information as possible.

Administer first-aid or CPR if you are properly trained.

Stay with the victim until help arrives. Keep the victim as calm and comfortable as possible.

Fire or Explosion
Call UC Merced Dispatch at 9-9-1-1 from a campus phone, 9-1-1 from a cell phone, give your name, location, and type of fire or explosion.

Sound any available fire alarms in the area.

Calmly evacuate the building using the stairwell (not the elevator). Check-in with your Building Safety Coordinator at the designated evacuation assembly area.

If you are disabled, go to the nearest stairwell, use a refuge area phone, and/or ask someone to notify emergency personnel of your location for evacuation.

Crimes in Progress
Call UC Merced Dispatch at 9-9-1-1 from a campus phone, 9-1-1 from a cell phone, give your name, location, and type of incident.

Do not attempt to apprehend or confront the suspect/s.

Be a good witness. Make a note of the suspect’s appearance, details of the incident, weapons seen, vehicle involved, direction the suspect/s left.

Remain as calm as possible.

Bomb Threat
Call UC Merced Dispatch at 9-9-1-1 from a campus phone, 9-1-1 from a cell phone.

If directed to evacuate, make note of anything unusual and report it after you have safely exited the building.

Write down exact words of the caller. Note time of call, voice (male, female, age, accent, background sounds).

Ask the caller, if possible, what type of bomb, location of the bomb, and time it will explode, what it looks like, the reason for placing it and who is claiming responsibility.

Hazardous Chemical
Call UC Merced Dispatch at 9-9-1-1 from a campus phone, 9-1-1 from a cell phone, give your name, location, and type of incident.

If possible identify the chemical involved and advise of any injuries or if a fire is involved.

If you are outside a building, evacuate the area by moving upwind of the spill or radiation incident.

If you are inside and the incident occurred outside, evacuate only when instructed by emergency personnel. Close all windows and if possible, turn off all ventilation equipment and fans.

Do NOT attempt to clean up a spill unless you are trained in such procedures.

The University of California, Merced is committed to protecting the safety and security of all students, staff, faculty, and visitors to our campus, and to providing accurate and complete crimes reported, and of programs for preventing
and reducing crime, promotes a safer, more informed community. The UC Merced Police Department is located in the Police Department Building east of the campus Central Plant. Emergency “Blue Light” telephones are located throughout campus for your use to request assistance. Community Service Officer Personnel is available to escort you from place to place on campus during the nighttime hours.

There are good reasons for promptly reporting crimes:

- The ability to provide assistance and support to victims of crimes and their friends and family.
- Prosecuting criminal activity.
- Timely warnings and notification to the community regarding certain types of crimes, which may affect the safety and security of our campus. These include but are not limited to murder, burglary, auto theft, robbery, arson, rape, sexual assault (the identity of victims remain confidential) and hate crimes.
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3600 M Street, Merced, Ca (Tri-College location)
767 E. Yosemite Ave., Merced, Ca

4225 Hospital Rd #1200, Atwater, Ca

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2640 English Ln, Wawona, Ca

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