

Safety and Security Information Report 2008-2009

A Message from the Director of Public Safety

A major urban university campus is an integral part of the city in which it is located. The students, faculty and staff play a vital role in helping shape the character of the community.

While Boston presents unlimited opportunities to experience the advantages of life in a world class city, we must keep in mind that the potential for crime does exist. Each of us must assume a personal responsibility by taking precautions to prevent ourselves from becoming a victim.

The men and women of the Northeastern University Public Safety Division are dedicated to the principles of Community Policing and to the goal of maintaining the campus as a safe and pleasant place in which to live, work and study. However, a truly safe campus can only be achieved through the cooperation of all students, faculty and staff.

The information provided in this pamphlet is designed to inform, advise and alert the campus community of the current programs, policies and procedures related to crime awareness and reporting at Northeastern University.

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Director

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This information is being provided to you as part of Northeastern University's commitment to safety and security on campus and is in compliance with the requirements of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

Reporting Crimes and Emergencies

The Public Safety Division provides a comprehensive program of police, security, crime prevention, fire safety, emergency medical, parking and related public safety services to help ensure that the University community remains a safe and pleasant place in which to study, live and work.

Members of the Northeastern University community are encouraged to report crimes, suspicious activity or other emergencies to the Public Safety Division immediately. The Division's Headquarters is located at Columbus Place (716 Columbus Avenue) and can be contacted by calling 617.373.2121. To report emergencies of Police, Fire, or Medical nature, the number is 617.373.3333. The TTY numbers for hearing impaired persons is 617.373.3934. Calls are answered 24-hours a day every day by full-time trained Communications Offices at the Division's modern Police Operations Center. Campus Assistance telephones identified by a blue light are located throughout the campus and can be used to report crimes or other types of emergencies or to call any on-campus extension.

The Division maintains direct telephone contact with the Boston Police and Fire Departments, ensuring prompt assistance and support from these agencies when needed.

Important Telephone Numbers

Public Safety Division Headquarters

100 Columbus Place
Administrative Offices
617.373.2696

Routine Business

617.373.2121
TTY 617.373.3934

Police – Fire – Medical Emergency

617.373.3333

Crime Prevention Unit

617.373.2696

Personal Safety Escort Service

617.373.2121

Fire Safety Unit

617.373.2696

Husky Card Information

120 Hayden Hall
617.373.2270

Parking Information

617.373.2366
www.neu.edu/parking

Access to Campus Facilities

Most campus buildings and facilities, other than student residence halls, are accessible to members of the campus community, their guests and visitors during normal hours of business, and during designated hours on weekends and holidays, depending on the wide variety of events and activities taking place outside the normal business hours.

Doors to residence halls remain locked 24 hours a day. Proctors monitor access at most residence halls and access is permitted to residents upon presentation of a valid student ID card. Residence is verified by an electronic access control system. Guests and visitors must present a photo ID to the Proctor and be signed in by their host.

Residence halls are equipped with intrusion alarms on exterior doors as well as alarms to detect doors which have been propped open. These alarms are monitored at the Public Safety Division Police Operations Center and University Police are dispatched to investigate each alarm.

The University provides housing for some students through agreements with realty management firms for spaces in buildings not managed by Northeastern University. These facilities follow security and fire codes in accordance with the City of Boston regulations.

Maintenance and Security of Campus Grounds and Facilities

The University maintains a very strong commitment to campus safety and security. Exterior lighting is an important part of this commitment. Parking areas, pedestrian walkways and building exteriors are well lighted. Surveys of exterior lighting on campus are conducted by officers of the Public Safety Division on a regular basis and the physical plant department gives high priority to maintenance of exterior lights which need replacement. Members of the campus community are encouraged to report any exterior lighting deficiencies to the Public Safety Division or Facilities Department.

Public Safety Division officers lock the exterior doors on campus buildings following the last class each evening. Door and locking hardware deficiencies are reported by these officers upon discovery. Shrubbery and trees on campus are trimmed on a regular basis.

Campus streets, parking areas, grounds and buildings are patrolled 24 hours a day every day of the year by University Police Officers, Community Services Officers and co-operative education students employed as Police Cadets. Patrols of residence halls include the perimeter as well as lobbies, cafeterias and basements. Contract security officers supplement the Public Safety Division officers, providing a visible deterrent to crime and serving as additional “eyes and ears” for the University Police.

Law Enforcement Authority and Interagency Relationships

University police officers are commissioned in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 22C section 63 of the Massachusetts General Laws and have full law enforcement authority in and upon all property owned, occupied or used by the University.

The Division recognizes its responsibility to provide crime prevention and emergency police services to members of the Northeastern community while they are in the immediate campus

neighborhood, as well as when they are on official campus property. To that end, University police officers also hold commissions as Deputy Sheriffs in Suffolk County, providing them with the authority to exercise police duties on the public streets and other areas of the city contiguous to the campus. Full-time Community Justice employed as co-operative education Police Cadets supplement the full-time professional police officers, bringing the total number of police and security staff to over seventy men and women.

All newly appointed University Police Officers are graduates of a police academy conducted or sanctioned by the Massachusetts State Police or Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council. Recruit training academies consist of several months of full-time, in-depth training in all aspects of police operations and are followed by several weeks of field training under the close supervision of a Field Training Officer. Annual in-service refresher training is provided to all officers, and officers are also frequently assigned to attend in-depth training in a wide variety of specialized topics such as crime prevention theory and the investigation of sexual assaults and bias-motivated crime, as well as other subjects which enhance the ability of the Division to provide comprehensive public safety services.

The Public Safety Division maintains a close working relationship with the Boston Police Department, state and federal law enforcement agencies and all appropriate elements of the criminal justice system. Crime related reports and statistics are routinely exchanged.

The Command and Supervisory staffs of the Division are encouraged to participate actively in professional associations which foster increased proficiency in their areas of responsibility. Members of the staff maintain active membership as well as leadership positions in the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission, the Greater Boston Campus Police Criminal Information Exchange, the Massachusetts Police Training Officers Association, and the New England Campus Fire Safety Officers Association.

Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs

The Northeastern University Public Safety Division believes it is more beneficial to prevent crimes than to react to them after the fact. A primary vehicle for accomplishing this goal is the Division's comprehensive crime prevention program. This program is based upon the concepts of eliminating or minimizing criminal opportunities, whenever possible, and encouraging students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others.

The following is a listing of the crime prevention programs and projects employed by Northeastern University:

1. Personal Safety Escort Program. . .provides personal safety escorts for:
 - A: persons walking on from one point on campus to another point on campus whenever personal safety is a concern.
 - B: persons traveling from the campus to their off-campus residence after dark, if within approximately one mile of the campus.
2. New Student Orientation...a crime prevention accompanied by brochures and other printed material is presented as a formal part of new student orientation during the summer and again at the start of the academic year.
3. Residence Hall Security...The Public Safety Division's Community Policing Teams work closely with the Department of Residential Life and the Residential Safety Office

- and promote safety in the residence halls through training and education of staff and residents.
4. Emergency Telephones...located throughout the campus.
 5. Crime Prevention Presentations...specially trained officers present frequent crime awareness and prevention programs in residence halls and elsewhere on campus throughout the year. Programs are tailored to the particular interests of student, faculty, or staff groups.
 6. New Employee Orientation...new employees are provided with campus safety and security information.
 7. Rape Awareness, Education and Prevention...the Public Safety Division is a founding member of Northeastern's Campus Center for Violence Against Women and specially trained officers present programs dealing with domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault, including Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) self-defense classes for women.
 8. Parking Facility Security...parking facilities are staffed by trained parking facility employees and/or security officers and are regularly patrolled by University police; emergency phones and CCTV augment security and lighting is well maintained.
 9. Security Alarm Systems...a sophisticated computer-enhanced alarm system monitors a campus-wide network of intrusion, fire and duress alarms.
 10. Architectural Design...technical and crime prevention specialists of the Public Safety Division work closely with design engineers regarding physical security systems and fire safety equipment when new construction or major renovations are planned on campus.
 11. Security Surveys...comprehensive physical and operational security surveys are frequently conducted by the Division's Crime Prevention Officers to assist members of the University Community to improve the security of their work places and personal belongings.
 12. Facilities Surveys...a comprehensive program designed to identify and correct deficiencies in exterior lighting, locking hardware and safety of the grounds is conducted by the Division's offices on an ongoing basis.
 13. Operation Identification...Operation Identification, the national program of engraving serial numbers or owner-recognized numbers on computers, bicycles and other valuable items, is coordinated by the Division's Crime Prevention Officers. Engravers are made available to members of the University community free of charge.
 14. Crime Prevention Announcements...articles and information are regularly provided to *The Huntington News* and distributed to students and staff via the Division's campus-wide *SafeNet* email network.
 15. Printed Crime Prevention Materials...brochures, posters and bookmarks carrying crime prevention and awareness information related to residence hall safety and security, domestic violence, sexual assault, bicycle security, the escort service, employee security, motor vehicle security and library security are widely distributed at crime prevention presentations and at various locations throughout the campus.
 16. Community Police Team...working closely with residential life staff, student leaders and employee groups, University Police Officers and Community Service Officers address safety and security issues on campus. Special emphasis is given to maintenance of campus lighting and emergency telephones, directed patrols of potential trouble spots, and facilitating the exchange of ideas and information designed to minimize crime and disorder, especially in the residence hall communities.

Crime Reporting

Numerous efforts are made to advise members of the campus community on a timely basis about campus crime and crime-related problems. These efforts include the following:

1. Annual Reports... This Safety and Security Information Report is published annually and widely distributed throughout the University community and is available to the media and any individual or organization requesting a copy. Northeastern also participates in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, providing monthly reports of crimes reported on campus for inclusion in the annual publication of the U.S. Department of Justice entitled *Crime in the United States*.
2. Student Newspaper... *The Huntington News* publishes a weekly report of criminal incidents. Special articles concerning security issues also appear frequently.
3. Public Log... a chronological record of all crimes, fires and other significant Public Safety incidents reported to University Police, as well as the names of all persons arrested, is maintained at Public Safety Division Headquarters and is available for viewing during regular office hours.
4. Special and Emergency Alerts... *The Huntington News* features a weekly Crime Log providing details of crimes reported on and near the campus. *SafeNet*, a Public Safety Division program, distributes regular notices on crime trends and crime prevention suggestions to all users of the University email system. A campus emergency alert system utilizing telephone, email and text messaging is used to notify students and employees of weather emergencies and on confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation on campus involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students and staff. Students and employees are reminded to keep their personal telephone numbers, email address and text messaging information updated on the *MyNEU* portal to ensure receipt of emergency messages. One or more of these methods is used whenever the Director of Public Safety determines that a situation exists, which constitutes an ongoing and continuing threat to members of the campus community.

Fire Safety

The Division's Fire Safety Unit administers an aggressive program of regular inspection, testing and maintenance of University premises to ensure compliance with applicable fire and life safety codes and standards, conducting regular egress drills and providing a variety of educational and training programs in fire safety and prevention techniques for students, faculty and staff. All residents halls meet or exceed local and national fire safety codes and are equipped modern fire alarm systems including smoke detectors and sprinkler systems.

Emergency Medical Services

The Public Safety Division operates a fully equipped Class I ambulance. The service is provided by University Police Officers and Community Service Officers who are trained and certified Emergency Medical Technicians. Sick or injured patients are transported either to the University's on-campus Health Center or to a nearby hospital. Many officers are certified cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructors who regularly present classes in CPR to student and employee groups.

Drug and Alcohol Policies

Northeastern's drug and alcohol policies are as follows:

On University premises or at University sponsored activities, the following acts are prohibited:

1. Distribution, possession or use of any illegal drug or controlled substance without legal authorization;
2. Providing alcoholic beverages to individuals under 21 years of age, or possession of alcoholic beverages by individuals under 21 years of age; or
3. Possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a public place without the express permission of the owner, public intoxication, driving while intoxicated, and drinking alcoholic beverages in an unlicensed public place.

In addition to imposition of disciplinary sanctions under University procedures, including suspension or separation from the University for such acts, students and employees may face prosecution and imprisonment under Federal and Massachusetts laws which make such acts criminal offenses.

Northeastern University works to provide a drug-free workplace for all University employees and students. University Health and Counseling Services and Human Resources Management provide resources for treatment and referral for students and employees with substance abuse problems. Educational programs for students, employees and managers are presented through UHCS, HRM and the Office for Student Affairs and cover the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, the availability of assistance for counseling and rehabilitation, and penalties for violating University policies.

More information and a complete description of the University's drug and alcohol abuse policies, educational programs and sanctions may be found in the *Undergraduate Student Handbook*, on the website for the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution at www.osccr.neu.edu/code and on the web site for University Health and Counseling Services at www.uhcs.neu.edu/healthservices/alcohol.html.

Sexual Assault Awareness Programs and Policies

The Public Safety Division works closely with the Office of Student Affairs, Residential Life, University Health and Counseling Services, the Student Government Association and Northeastern's Campus Center for Violence Against Women to promote awareness and provides services regarding domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault.

Nearly all of the sexual assaults reported to the University Police are committed by acquaintances. Victims of sexual assault are urged to report the incident to the University Police as soon as possible, regardless of where the offense took place, whether or not the offender is known to the victim. University policy dictates that University officials who are informed of a sexual assault in their official capacity as University employees urge the victim to make a report to the University Police or other off-campus law enforcement authorities. University Police work closely with the victim to ensure that the appropriate medical care and counseling is made available and will assist the victim in notifying the appropriate off-campus law enforcement authorities if applicable.

Victims of sexual assaults are not required to file formal criminal charges, even if they report the incident to the University Police. A University Police investigator, specially trained in dealing with victims of sexual assault, will present the victim with a full range of options and services available so the victim can choose the most appropriate course of action. Among the options available to a student victim of sexual assault are such things as on- or off-campus counseling and mental health services, immediate relocation to a different residence facility if the victim resides in University housing, and changes in the victim's academic class schedule if the victim wishes and if such a change is reasonably available.

Students accused of sexual assault are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Student Conduct as contained in the official Student Handbook, whether or not formal criminal charges are filed by the victim. Both the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during University disciplinary proceedings, and both are informed of the outcome. A student found to have committed a sexual assault in violation of the Code of Student Conduct is subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from the University.

In keeping with the federal **Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act**, the Public Safety Division maintains records provided by the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board of registered sex offenders who have indicated that they are employed or enrolled at Northeastern University. Any member of the University community who wishes to review these records should contact the Associate Director of Public Safety during normal business hours. For further information concerning the crimes for which convicted offenders must register, or regarding additional access to records of registered sex offenders, contact the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board by telephone at 978.740.6400 or via the Internet at www.state.ma.us/sorb/.

Crime Statistics

	Reported to NU Police or Other University Officials				Reported to Local Police		
	2005	2006	2007		2005	2006	2007
Murder & Non-Neglected Manslaughter							
On Campus Residential Facilities	0	0	0		0	0	0
On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0		0	0	0
Total On Campus	0	0	0		0	0	0
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	0	0		0	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0		0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter							
On Campus Residential Facilities	0	0	0		0	0	0
On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0		0	0	0
Total On Campus	0	0	0		0	0	0
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	0	0		0	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0		0	0	0
Rape/Sexual Assault-Forcible							
On Campus Residential Facilities	3	10	6		0	0	0
On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	6	1	0		0	0	0
Total On Campus	9	11	6		0	0	0
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	0	0		0	0	0
Public Property	0	2	0		0	0	0
Rape/Sexual Assault-Nonforcible							
On Campus Residential Facilities	0	0	0		0	0	0
On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0		0	0	0
Total On Campus	0	0	0		0	0	0
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	0	0		0	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0		0	0	0
Robbery							
On Campus Residential Facilities	0	1	0		0	0	0
On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	3	5	2		0	0	0
Total On Campus	3	6	2		0	0	0
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	0	1		0	0	0
Public Property	0	1	0		48	38	36
Aggravated Assault							
On Campus Residential Facilities	1	2	0		0	0	0
On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	2	0	0		0	0	0
Total On Campus	3	2	0		0	0	0
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	0	1		0	0	0
Public Property	0	2	0		29	12	34
Burglary							
On Campus Residential Facilities	20	22	19		0	0	0
On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	4	19	12		0	0	0
Total On Campus	24	41	31		0	0	0

Non-Campus Buildings/Property	1	0	14		1	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0		0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft							
On Campus Residential Facilities	0	0	0		0	0	0
On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	2	2	1		0	0	0
Total On Campus	2	2	1		0	0	0
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	0	0		0	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0		16	55	12
Arson							
On Campus Residential Facilities	0	0	0		0	0	0
On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	1	3	0		0	0	0
Total On Campus	1	3	0		0	0	0
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	0	0		0	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0		0	2	1

Northeastern University believes that an informed community is a more safety conscious community. The following statistics are provided in accordance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act which calls for publication of certain crime statistics for the previous three years. If you have any questions regarding these statistics, or if you would like more information about other security-related incidents, services or policies, please contact the Director of Public Safety.

Note 1: Public Property is defined as the public streets, sidewalks, other thoroughfares or parking facilities adjacent to university facilities. For the purpose of this report, incidents have been included which were reported by city police agencies to have occurred on public property within the area bounded by Columbus Avenue to the south, Ruggles Street to the west, The Fenway to the north, and Westland Avenue/Massachusetts Avenue to the east.

Note 2: The category Non-Campus Building or Property refers to any building owned or controlled by a student organization recognized by the University, buildings and property owned by the University and used in support of educational purposes but not in the same continuous geographic area of the main campus, and apartments leased for student housing by the University in privately owned buildings near the campus.

Note 3: One Non-Aggravated Assault on public property in 2007 was reported to be motivated by racial bias.

Note 4: The statistics were compiled by first producing reports from case files of the University Police Department. Other university departments and individuals with significant responsibility for student and campus activities were then provided with reporting forms to be submitted to the Public Safety Division for compilation. Finally, local and state police agencies were asked to provide statistics for applicable incidents on public property and non-campus property. All records were then analyzed to eliminate duplication.

Note 5: Rape/Sexual Assault statistics include third party and anonymous reports.

Note 6: Most of the Burglary incidents involved unforced entry into unlocked and/or unattended rooms or offices.

Persons Arrested and Referred for Disciplinary Action in 2005-2007

Persons Arrested by Northeastern University Police											
Including those released without being formally charged but Cleared By Exception											
	Liquor Law Violation**				Drug Violation				Weapons Violation		
On Campus	2005	2006	2007		2005	2006	2007		2005	2006	2007
Residential Facilities	79	62	25		60	81	75		2	0	0
Non-Residential Facilities	12	13	9		2	4	5		0	0	0
Total On Campus	91	75	34		62	85	80		2	0	0
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	28	15		0	0	4		1	0	0
Public Property	135	147	116		11	29	19		1	2	0

Disciplinary Referrals by University Officials											
Including those arrested above who are Northeastern University students											
	Liquor Law Violation**				Drug Violation				Weapons Violation		
On Campus	2005	2006	2007		2005	2006	2007		2005	2006	2007
Residential Facilities	77	51	25		59	75	74		2	0	0
Non-Residential Facilities	11	13	5		1	0	1		0	0	0
Total On Campus	88	64	30		60	75	75		2	0	0
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	26	15		0	0	4		1	0	0
Public Property	99	86	75		10	20	10		1	0	0

Disciplinary Referrals by Other University Officials											
	Liquor Law Violation**				Drug Violation				Weapons Violation		
On Campus	2005	2006	2007		2005	2006	2007		2005	2006	2007
Residential Facilities	1102	639	731		43	53	54		0	0	1
Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0		0	0	2		0	0	0
Total On Campus	1102	639	731		43	53	56		0	0	1
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	0	13		0	0	2		0	0	0
Public Property	0	60	31		0	0	1		0	0	0

Students Arrested / Charged by Local Police and Referred for Disciplinary Action											
	Liquor Law Violation**				Drug Violation				Weapons Violation		
On Campus	2005	2006	2007		2005	2006	2007		2005	2006	2007
Residential Facilities	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0
Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0
Total On Campus	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0
Non-Campus Buildings/Property	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0
Public Property	22*	27*	31*		4*	8*	3*		0	1*	1*

*Includes incidents out of doors as well as inside off-campus apartments near the campus where police responded complaints from neighbors.

**These statistics are head counts, not incidents. Many incidents involved multiple offenders.