

Ohio Northern University
Safety and Security

The Ohio Northern University Security Department publishes the following campus crime statistics and information in compliance with the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990. Crimes are defined and compiled in accordance with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR)

I. Procedures for Reporting Crimes

All crimes that may occur on campus must be reported to the proper authorities. Crimes that involve University employees or guests must be reported to the University Security Office. Crimes involving students must be reported to either the Student Affairs Office or University Security. The Student Affairs Staff and Security Officers are available for assistance in reporting crimes to law enforcement agencies. Confidential counseling for victims is available. A number of campus telephones on building exteriors and interior hallways are available for reporting crimes or emergencies. Proper and timely reporting of crimes will significantly improve the ability of officials to appropriately address the incident.

The University Security Office and the Student Affairs Office work closely together to address criminal actions or emergency situations on campus. Reports will be filed and proper measures taken through University channels or through outside law enforcement agencies if appropriate.

University Security provides continuous service and is available for assistance or for reporting criminal actions. The Student Services Office is staffed or on-call at all times for responding to the emergency needs of students. The person on duty will help to see that proper medical and/or counseling attention is available.

II. Security and Access to Campus Facilities

With the exception of certain holidays, University buildings including residence halls are opened and locked daily according to a regular published schedule. Hours will vary according to the University's calendar and scheduled events. The University Security Office is responsible for maintaining the schedule of Building openings and closings.

The university desires to maintain an attractive and safe campus. The university Physical Plant Department gives priority response to correct physical dangers or conditions that may affect personal safety. The Physical Plant Department and the Security Office perform regular comprehensive surveys of exterior lighting and exterior doors to be sure they are functioning properly.

All buildings, including residence halls and residences hall rooms, academic and administrative areas are equipped with locks and/or locking devices to assist in assuring personal safety and the security of University assets. These locks and/or locking devices will be maintained in good working condition. Locks and/or locking devices that are suspected of not functioning properly should be reported immediately to the University Security Office or to Residence Life personnel if appropriate.

The Student Affairs Office will change a victim's academic living situation after an alleged sex offense if changes are requested by the victim and are reasonably available.

III Campus Security Authority

The University's security authority is comprised of Security personnel and Student Affairs staff members. The University Security Department is responsible for coordination with law enforcement, security, and emergency response. The Department is staffed 24 hours per day throughout the year. The Security staff is comprised of male and female certified law enforcement officers. It reports to the Vice-President for Financial Affairs. The Student Affairs staff reports to the Vice-President for Student Affairs.

The University Security Department maintains a cooperative working relationship with the Ada Police Department and the Hardin County Sheriff's Office. Crime related information and reports are routinely exchanged on a formal and informal basis with these offices.

The University encourages reporting of all crimes. A statement of this policy is included in all faculty, staff and student handbooks.

IV. Informational Programs

Students and employees are informed about campus security procedures and practices, crime prevention, as well as being encouraged to be responsible for their own personal security and the security of others, in programs offered by the University. These programs are offered to the University community annually or upon request on a variety of topics. Residence Life staff members (students) in the residence halls, as well as Greek student leaders, may schedule ONU Security officers to visit and relate current thinking and policy regarding these issues. ONU employees may schedule similar programs.

Student Affairs staff members work with the ONU Security Department in determining the need for, and the scheduling of, informational programs. Additional information on programs is available in the ONU Student Handbook. Open forums are also held with student groups on campus by the Office of Student Affairs which are aimed at preventing sex offenses and the procedures to be followed once a sex offense has occurred. If an incident occurs on campus, the Student Affairs staff will work with the Security Office, outside law enforcement agencies, and victims to bring any such matter to resolution.

V. Campus Notification of Crimes

Crimes of such nature that may be a continued threat to University students, employees or guests will be reported by the Student Affairs Office or the Communications and Marketing Office as soon after the occurrence as reasonable information can be assembled. These crimes would be of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and auto theft are reported to University Security or local police agencies. It is intended that reports of these crimes will aid in the prevention of similar occurrences. ONU goes much further than many federal or state requirements in this regard and reports incidents which are not crimes but which it is felt the campus community should know about. Information on reported incidents is often times provided to the campus community even though it is known at the time that the reported incident or allegation may not later stand up under later scrutiny. Crimes not reported to ONU Security or police authorities are not reflected in the statistics below.

VI. Off campus Student Organizations

The University campus includes all buildings and property owned by the institution. In addition, crimes are reported for incidents which may have occurred on property or in buildings owned by recognized Ohio Northern University student organizations.

VII. Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Drugs

Alcoholic beverages may only be possessed or consumed by individuals in private areas on campus as long as laws of the Village of Ada and the State of Ohio are followed. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited by University, local state and federal regulations unless prescribed by a physician. Refer to the ONU Student Handbook for the complete description of policies.

There are many programs offered to students, faculty and staff through the Office of Student Affairs regarding alcohol, chemical and other drug abuses, dangers and concerns. Please refer to the ONU Student Handbook for any and all references to drug or alcohol abuse education programs required under section 1213 of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

VIII. Crime Statistics

Occurrences on the ONU Campus during the following Years:

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense, Forcible	0	1	1	0	0
Sex Offense, Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	3	8	7	6	5
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	1	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	1	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0

The following are arrest statistics for three offense categories:

Liquor Law Violation Arrests	19	10	16	42	16
Drug Abuse Violation Arrests	3	1	0	8	4
Weapons Possessions Arrests	0	0	0	0	0