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## How This Report Is Compiled

The Vanderbilt University *Annual Security Report* is published each year to provide you with information on security-related services offered by the university in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and the Tennessee College and University Security Information Act. This booklet was prepared with information provided to the Vanderbilt University Police Department by the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department, the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, the Department of Athletics, Office of the Dean of Students, and the Office of Housing and Residential Education. It summarizes university programs, policies, and procedures designed to enhance your personal safety while you are here at Vanderbilt.



Vanderbilt University has a work force of more than 22,000 and a student body population of more than 12,000 including more than 5,800 living in student housing on campus. The Vanderbilt community also encompasses the Vanderbilt University Medical Center, including two regional trauma centers. Vanderbilt's location, one and one-half miles from downtown and adjacent to Music Row, places it at the heart of Nashville's business and social scenes.

The commonly reported crimes, requests for service, and provisions for the safety of the Vanderbilt community on a 24-hour basis are similar to those of a city. We take campus security very seriously and are committed in our efforts to maintain a safe, secure environment for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Your personal safety is a priority at Vanderbilt. Maintaining a safe campus requires a dedicated partnership between the members of the Vanderbilt community and the Vanderbilt University Police Department.

**Security is everyone's responsibility.** We need your cooperation and assistance to keep Vanderbilt a safe place to live, work, and learn.

## The Vanderbilt University Police Department



AUGUST WASHINGTON, ASSISTANT VICE  
CHANCELLOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE

The Vanderbilt University Police Department comes under the charge of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration. As one of Tennessee's larger law enforcement agencies, the Police Department provides comprehensive law enforcement and security services to all components of Vanderbilt University including the academic campus, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and a variety of university-owned facilities throughout the Davidson County area. Commissioned and non-commissioned officers staff the department.

Commissioned officers are empowered to enforce laws and make arrests through the authority of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. Vanderbilt commissioned officers have the same authority as

Metropolitan Nashville police officers while on property owned by Vanderbilt, on adjacent public streets and sidewalks, and in nearby neighborhoods. When a Vanderbilt student is involved in an off-campus offense, police officers may assist with the investigation in cooperation with local, state, or federal law enforcement. Metro Nashville Police routinely work and communicate with campus officers on any serious incidents that occur on campus. Vanderbilt University operates no off-campus housing or off-campus student organizations; however, many graduate students and some undergraduate students live in neighborhoods surrounding Vanderbilt. While Metro Nashville Police have primary jurisdiction in all areas off campus, Vanderbilt officers can and do respond to incidents that occur in close proximity to campus. Vanderbilt officers have direct radio communications with the city police, fire department, and ambulance services to facilitate rapid response in any emergency situation.

All of Vanderbilt's commissioned officers have successfully completed law enforcement training at a state-certified police academy. In addition, all officers are required to attend annual in-service, as well as on-the-job, training.

## Alert VU

Alert VU is the latest addition to emergency communications at Vanderbilt. It is available to Vanderbilt University students, faculty, and staff on a voluntary, opt-in basis. Users may enter as many notification devices as they wish and can specify the device order for notification. Students may also enter contact numbers for parents, if they wish for a parent to be notified of emergencies at Vanderbilt.

- AlertVU rapidly sends messages to the delivery points a subscriber chooses—cell phone (voice or text), land line, or email account—in the event of an emergency that poses an imminent threat or danger to the Vanderbilt community. Examples of such a threat include notification from our weather monitoring service of a tornado that is approaching the Vanderbilt community, or VUPD confirming an active shooter on campus.
- The AlertVU system will be tested at least annually, typically as part of fire safety, emergency preparedness, or severe weather awareness activities. During a test, subscribers will receive a test message from AlertVU. Other than those test messages, AlertVU will only be used to notify subscribers when an imminent threat or danger to the campus has been confirmed. Once an AlertVU notice has been sent out, follow-up information will be posted to the Vanderbilt homepage.
- Effective emergency response requires personal preparedness and planning. We encourage you to sign up for AlertVU and to explore the links on <http://vanderbilt.edu/alertvu/> to help you develop your personal emergency preparedness plan.



# Campus and Medical Center Physical Security

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLASSROOM FACILITIES

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The administrator of each department is responsible for physical security and determining access rights and hours. In general, classroom buildings are locked after the last class in the building ends, and administrative buildings are locked after normal business hours.

## MEDICAL CENTER FACILITIES

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After hours entrance to Medical Center buildings is restricted to designated points.

## RESIDENCE HALLS

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The Office of Housing and Residential Education works closely with the Vanderbilt University Police Department, Plant Operations, Buildings and Grounds, Campus Planning, and other departments to maintain and enhance the physical security of the residence halls. Throughout the academic year, the office sponsors educational programming for residents about residence hall security and safety. Student housing for undergraduates consists of single, double, and triple rooms, apartments, suites, and lodges. Generally, first-year students are housed separately from other students.

The residence hall system is divided into seven administrative areas. Each area consists of a cluster of residence halls and has a central information desk staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Information desk attendants respond to a variety of situations and have been trained in university resources, customer service skills, and the operation of door and fire alarm panels. Each residential area has a minimum of one live-in professional staff member on call 24/7 and a large, live-in, paraprofessional staff. All residence halls are equipped with smoke detectors and sprinkler systems. Most residential halls are accessed via electronic key card. Generally, electronic access is restricted to residents or authorized users of a residential area or building at all times. In some buildings,

combination locks or electronic access devices further restrict access to corridors. Desk attendants may require residents to show their university identification cards to access residence halls. Residents are expected to escort their guests, especially non-student guests. Solicitation in halls is prohibited without authorization. Generally, persons who are not guests of residents are not permitted in residence halls.

Cameras have been installed at all entry/exit points and in common areas. Most residence hall exit doors will trigger an audible, monitored alarm, if they are opened during darkness. Keys to individual student rooms are unmarked to prevent unauthorized use in case they are lost. All operable windows have securing mechanisms.

Broken windows or locks should be reported immediately to the Resident Adviser, to the Area Maintenance Supervisor, or online at <https://apphost2.its.vanderbilt.edu/housing/Facilities/Main/Request.cfm>.

Exterior doors that have been propped open should be closed and reported immediately to the Resident Adviser or during normal business hours to the Area Maintenance Supervisor.

Tampering with or disabling security devices may lead to disciplinary action.

Residence halls are closed during breaks. Students who need housing over breaks may register for housing and be permitted to remain in their halls.

## IDENTIFICATION CARDS

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All students, faculty, and staff members at Vanderbilt University are issued identification cards. Medical Center and temporary services employees must complete the Vanderbilt University ID Card Authorization Form (available on the Vanderbilt University Human Resources Web site) and take the completed form, along with a valid photo ID (e.g., a driver's license), to the round wing of Medical Center North, room D-2107, to be issued identification. The identification cards may be used to gain access to certain locations and may be used to make purchases from university facilities. Lost or stolen ID cards should be reported immediately to the university card office by telephone at (615) 322-2273, online at <http://vanderbilt.edu/commodorecard/>, or at any Varsity Market cashier to deactivate the card. A stolen card should also be reported immediately to the Vanderbilt University Police Department.



## OTHER PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES

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Closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras are in place at various locations around the Vanderbilt campus. University administrators for each building or area are responsible for determining the need, the location, the installation, and the maintenance of CCTV systems. Recorded images may be used as evidence in criminal and/or university investigations.

Representatives from the Police Department, the Office of Housing and Residential Education, Plant Operations, Campus Planning, and student organizations periodically assess the campus grounds lighting and foliage conditions as they relate to security concerns. Other interested parties also are invited to participate. In addition, security-related comments or concerns about lighting can be submitted online at <http://police.vanderbilt.edu> or by calling (615) 322-2558.

## Emergency Phones

More than 200 emergency telephones are located throughout the university campus and Medical Center.



Each phone has an emergency button that, when pressed, automatically dials the Vanderbilt Police Communications Center. An open line on any emergency phone will activate a priority response from an officer. An officer will be sent to check on the user of the phone, even if nothing is communicated to the dispatcher. Cooperation is essential to help us maintain the integrity of the emergency phone system. These phones should be used only for actual or perceived emergency situations. Emergency telephone locations are determined through recommendations from the Vanderbilt community. A map of current emergency phone locations is located on our Web site at <http://police.vanderbilt.edu>.

An emergency police response can also be activated by dialing 911 from any campus phone. Cell phone users can dial (615) 421-1911 to summon an emergency response on campus. Cell phone users should dial 911 for off-campus emergencies. Callers should be prepared to state the location from which they are calling.

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## Shuttles and Walking Escorts

### VUMC SHUTTLE SERVICE

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The Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) shuttle service operates between the Medical Center, designated Medical Center parking areas, and 100 Oaks clinics on business days. The VUMC shuttle service is not available on weekends. For VUMC shuttle information, call 6-1215 (936-1215 from off-campus phones).

Please be patient on ballgame nights and at other times when traffic is congested. Your shuttle's arrival may be delayed at those times. When leaving a shuttle bus, try to walk in groups; if you are alone, and your destination is only a few feet away, ask the driver to pause and watch you. Should you have a problem, inform the appropriate shuttle supervisor in a timely fashion, so that future difficulties may be avoided.

### VANDY VANS

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The Vandy Vans shuttle bus system, administered by VUPD, provides pick-up and drop-off service to designated points on campus. The service operates from 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. during the fall and spring semesters. Stops are based on the accessibility of a waiting area and student recommendations. Signs, freestanding or mounted on existing structures, identify each stop. Riders can request a walking escort to walk them from the van stop to their final destination. One van is also accessible to students with mobility impairments. Additional information about Vandy Vans and routes is available online at <http://police.vanderbilt.edu>.

### WALKING ESCORT SERVICE

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As a supplement to the Medical Center Shuttle Service and Vandy Vans, VUPD provides walking escorts for students, faculty, and staff walking to and from any locations on campus during the nighttime hours. A walking escort may be requested by dialing (615) 421-8888, or 1-8888 from a campus phone, after which a representative from VUPD will be dispatched to the caller's location or to a designated meeting point to accompany the caller to his or her destination.

### CAB CASH

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CabCash enables students to pre-purchase cab fare on the Vanderbilt ID card. CabCash can be purchased in any Varsity Market on campus and is redeemable dollar for dollar for your cab fare.

## Crime Prevention and Safety Awareness Education

Crime prevention and personal safety awareness programs are available from several resources at Vanderbilt. The following departments and organizations sponsor prevention services/programs and provide advice and educational programs:

Vanderbilt University Police Department  
Office of Housing and Residential Education  
Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Education  
Psychological and Counseling Center  
Employee Assistance Program  
Employee Relations  
Student Health Center  
Opportunity Development Center  
Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center  
International Student and Scholar Services

Student organizations and associations routinely sponsor programs and speakers on personal safety and awareness.

All freshman students may complete two online safety training modules as part of their new-student orientation. The modules instruct students about fire safety and safety and security on campus.

Upon request, VUPD provides talks, information, and/or programs on:

Rape and Sexual Assault Risk Reduction  
Domestic Violence Education  
Personal Safety (this includes personal self-defense instruction, and classroom and workplace violence topics)  
Victim Assistance and Advocacy  
Alcohol and Drug Awareness/Legal Consequences  
Travel Safety  
Property Protection (this includes information on fraud, identity theft, and larceny)

### RISK REDUCTION TIPS

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#### Personal Safety

- Walk or jog in groups of three or more.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Be aware of crimes on and around campus.
- Avoid isolated or dark areas.

- Travel with confidence and purpose.
- Do not wear earphones while walking or jogging.
- If you can't find traveling companions, use the escort service on campus, no matter how short the distance.
- Before exiting a building or car, look around the area for anything suspicious.
- If confronted by a situation, try to remain calm.
- If it is safe to do so, try to get a detailed description of suspects or suspicious persons and/or their vehicle(s).
- Before parking at night, call or stop by the VUPD office at 2800 Vanderbilt Place. Ask for an officer to meet you and to escort you from your parking space.
- Know the locations of emergency telephones.
- Do not use ATMs (automated bank teller machines) alone, at night, or when someone suspicious is nearby.
- Avoid strangers; you do not have to stop and talk to them.
- If you are being followed, go to the nearest area of safety.
- Stay alert, and plan ahead for "What if...?"

#### Residential/Workplace Safety

- Know your neighbors or co-workers; you are the best one to determine who does not belong.
- Do not prop open exterior doors.
- When entering a building with access control in place, do not allow strangers to enter behind you.
- Always lock your door when you leave, sleep, or work late.
- If you see someone you consider suspicious or out of place, **call Vanderbilt Police immediately.**

#### Protecting Your Property

- Register your bicycle with the Police Department.
- Record the serial numbers of your belongings. Engrave or permanently mark items with a unique identifying number.
- Keep your car locked. Store items out of sight or in your room/office.
- Coats, backpacks, and purses should remain with you or be locked up.



## Reporting Crimes and Other Emergencies

All victims are encouraged to report crimes and emergencies to VUPD. Vanderbilt officers are primary responders to any emergency or criminal situation on campus. Direct radio and phone communications with local police, fire, and emergency medical services ensures that officers can initiate and direct necessary emergency responders to the area. In an emergency situation, dialing 911 from any Vanderbilt telephone will contact the Vanderbilt University Police Department communications center. A trained dispatcher

will then direct the appropriate response to your emergency. For non-emergency calls to the Police Department, call (615) 322-2745 or 2-2745 from any Vanderbilt phone.

Because police reports are public records under state law, the Vanderbilt University Police Department cannot hold reports of crime in confidence. Victims of crime on campus are strongly encouraged to report all crimes directly to VUPD to ensure inclusion in the Daily Crime Log and Annual Crime Statistics. This also ensures that timely warning notices to the community are distributed when appropriate. For example, a crime that is reported only to Project Safe counselors or only to pastoral staff on campus will not be included in the annual Vanderbilt crime statistics and will not trigger a crime notification to our community. Nashville Crime Stoppers accepts anonymous tips on crimes. Crime Stoppers may be reached by calling (615) 74-CRIME (615-742-7463).

## Victims of Crime

Victims of crime at Vanderbilt can expect to be treated with professional courtesy and compassion. Vanderbilt officers assist and guide victims in the process of reporting and prosecuting crimes through the criminal justice system or the university. The university offers counseling and support services through several departments. VUPD also works closely with the District Attorney's Victim-Witness Program and the Metro Nashville Victim Intervention Program. The Vanderbilt Office of Victim Intervention and Advocacy within the Vanderbilt University Police Department offers a support and advocacy service for anyone who may become a victim of crime while on the Vanderbilt University campus.

The Office of Victim Intervention and Advocacy ensures victims of crime receive fair treatment in accordance with the State of Tennessee's Victim's Bill of Rights. The police department victim assistance coordinator may accompany and support victims of crime throughout medical, counseling, and legal matters. The victim assistance coordinator maintains partnerships with other university and community resources to facilitate and coordinate the delivery of additional services for a victim of crime at Vanderbilt.

## Project Safe

Located at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, Project Safe is a coordinated campus-wide effort aimed at education, prevention, and resource-referral services for Vanderbilt community members affected by sexual assault, relationship violence, coercion, stalking, and identity-based targeting. Since its inception in 2000, Project Safe has evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of the Vanderbilt community with innovative workshops, trainings, and programs. Project Safe is committed to creating safe spaces for people of all identities; our staff serves as advocates for individuals and works across campus to improve institutional policies and practices. Affiliated programs include Hand in Hand workshops, Every Two Minutes, Peer Educators, Athletes Against Assault Task Force, and the Violence Prevention Task Force. If you or someone you know could benefit from any of our services, we are here to listen and provide support and resources. All information is treated with confidentiality. Call for an appointment with the Project Safe program coordinator at (615) 322-4843 or reach out to the Project Safe support and resource referral line at (615) 936-7273. More information is available online at [www.vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter).

## Crime Response

Vanderbilt University Police Department procedures require that calls involving crimes against persons and life/safety issues, such as fire or injury, receive priority response from the department. Property crimes in progress, and other criminal acts with a high potential for violence, also necessitate a rapid response. Requests for officers to file reports on criminal acts not actually in progress, or general assistance requests, are taken in the order received.

VUPD responds to crime at Vanderbilt in much the same way as any other urban law enforcement agency would respond. An incident is documented with a report, which is then filed with the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. Vanderbilt University Police Department officers preserve and collect evidence from crime incidents occurring at the university. Crimes against persons, including sexual assaults, may be jointly investigated and reviewed by VUPD and MNPD. *Tennessee Code Annotated 49-7-129* and an MOU between the two agencies determines primary jurisdiction.

Enhanced community awareness is an integral part of crime prevention at Vanderbilt. Members of the community can stay informed about criminal incidents at Vanderbilt University by reading the Daily Crime Log or Crime Alerts.

Crime Alerts are issued in compliance with the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)). This act requires that a timely notice be issued when a: (A) Murder; (B) Sex Offense, forcible or non-forcible; (C) Robbery; (D) Aggravated Assault; (E) Burglary; (F) Motor Vehicle Theft; (G) Manslaughter; or (H) Arson occurs on Vanderbilt facilities/property and there is reason to believe that there is a continued threat to students and/or

employees. The determination on whether an incident is considered a continued threat is based upon the following four questions:

- Is the incident in one of the above categories (A–H)?
- Did the incident occur in an area for which Vanderbilt University Police Department must report statistics or at a location where VUPD is the primary police responder?
- Is the suspect known or unknown and still at large?
- Did the incident by its nature (A–D, G) or during the commission of the intended incident involve a crime against a person (E–F) or in the event of arson (H) occur in an occupied building?

If all of the above questions can be answered with a “yes,” then a Crime Alert will be issued. In addition, upon the discretion of the Chief of the Vanderbilt University Police Department or his designee, a Crime Alert may be issued for any crime where there is a compelling need to get information to or from the Vanderbilt community about a specific crime.

Crime Alerts should contain as much of the following information as possible:

- Vanderbilt University Police Department incident number and Metropolitan Nashville Police Department incident number
- Date, time, location (general or specific), and summarized event description
- Suspect description and/or vehicle description
- Any special instructions that may be needed

Crime Alerts will be issued as soon as possible after the specific event. If the incident is a delayed report (more than 24 hours) by the victim then the time and date the victim reported the incident will also be included in the report. Provided the above guidelines are met, nothing should be included in the Crime Alert that would hinder an ongoing police investigation. The Crime Alert will not identify the victim by name or address. The general description of the location may be given such as, but not limited to, Vanderbilt University, dorm, geographic location, etc.

Crime Alerts are distributed to members of the Vanderbilt community as part of an ongoing effort to keep the community informed and to raise awareness of significant unsolved crimes that occur at or near the university.

Crime Alerts are distributed by Vanderbilt e-mail lists and through the VUPD Web page. Persons who would like to receive Crime Alerts by e-mail or would like to know more about Crime Alerts should visit <http://police.vanderbilt.edu> or call (615) 322-2558.

The Vanderbilt University Police Department maintains a Daily Crime Log in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and the Tennessee College and University Security Information Act. The crime log is available in two formats. Persons may view a copy at our office located at 2800 Vanderbilt Place during normal business hours or online at <http://police.vanderbilt.edu>.

## Weapons

Tennessee law and university policy prohibit anyone other than on-duty commissioned police officers to carry weapons on campus. Students who plan to use weapons in legal recreational activities may store them at the Vanderbilt University Police Department located at 2800 Vanderbilt Place for safekeeping. For complete information including the forms required, go to <http://police.vanderbilt.edu>.

## Criminal Convictions

Being convicted of a crime outside the workplace may render a staff member unsuitable for continued employment at the university.

Vanderbilt reserves the right to terminate employment if an individual is convicted of a crime, even if the crime did not occur on Vanderbilt time or premises. If an employee is convicted of a crime, the employee is required to notify his or her immediate supervisor within five (5) days of the conviction. Failure to report a conviction, or being convicted of a crime that makes a person unsuitable for continued employment, may be grounds for termination of employment. Criminal convictions prior to employment at Vanderbilt will not necessarily bar employment. Falsification of application materials, however, including failure to disclose convictions or guilty pleas for any violation of the law, whether or not the employee served time, is grounds for termination of employment at any time after the falsification is discovered.

## Sexual Offender Registration

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) maintains the TBI Sexual Offender Registry, a central information and registration system of sexual offenders located in Tennessee. Information concerning registered sexual offenders can be obtained from the TBI Sexual Offender Registry by calling (1-888) 837-4170 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., CST, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) or by visiting the TBI Web site at [http://www.ticic.state.tn.us/SEX\\_ofndr/search\\_short.asp](http://www.ticic.state.tn.us/SEX_ofndr/search_short.asp).





## Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Vanderbilt University educates the student community about sexual assault through mandatory freshman orientations each fall. The Police Department offers sexual assault education and information programs to university students and employees upon request.

If you are a victim of a sexual assault at Vanderbilt, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety. You should then obtain necessary medical treatment. The Vanderbilt University Police Department strongly advocates that a victim of sexual assault report the incident in a timely manner to the Police Department by calling 911 or (615) 322-2745. Time is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. Filing a police report with a Vanderbilt officer will not obligate the victim to prosecute, nor will it subject the victim to scrutiny or judgmental opinions from officers.

Filing a police report will:

- Ensure that a victim of sexual assault receives the necessary medical treatment and tests, at no expense to the victim
- Provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later (Ideally, a victim of sexual assault should not wash, douche, use the toilet, or change clothing prior to a medical/legal exam.)
- Assure the victim has access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention.

Student victims also have the option to change their academic and/or on-campus living situations after an alleged sexual assault, if such changes are reasonably available.

When a sexual assault victim contacts the VUPD, the Metro Nashville Police Sex Crimes Unit will be notified as well. Sex offenses are investigated by VUPD or MNPD in accordance with state law. A representative from the Office of Housing and Residential Education may also be notified, if the victim is a student. The student victim of a sexual assault may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system, the University Conduct Council, or both.

A representative from the Vanderbilt University Police Department or the Office of Housing and Residential Education will guide the victim through the available options and support the victim in his or her decisions. Various counseling options are available from the university through the Student Health Center, the Women's Center, University Ministries, Employee Assistance, and the Psychological and Counseling Center. Counseling and support services outside the Vanderbilt system can be obtained through the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center of Nashville and the Victim Intervention Program of the Metro Nashville Police Department.

University disciplinary proceedings, as well as special guidelines for cases involving sexual misconduct, are detailed in the *Student Handbook*. The *Student Handbook* provides, in part, that the accused and the victim will each be allowed to choose one person who

has had no formal legal training to accompany them throughout the hearing. Both the victim and the accused will be informed of the outcome of the hearing. A student found guilty of violating the university sexual misconduct policy may be suspended or expelled from the university for the first offense.

## Alcohol and Illegal Drug Use on Campus

Vanderbilt University is concerned about the health and safety of our students and the unlawful and irresponsible use of alcohol and other drugs. To address this issue, the Office of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Education was established in 1997 and serves the university community by providing program presentations, resources, and activities for students. This office is responsible for educational programs, awareness campaigns, advising student organizations on alcohol and other drug issues (GAMMA, CHEERS), data collection, and environmental approaches to prevention. For students in recovery, this office provides information about the Vanderbilt Recovery Support Community and its programs.

Contact [alcohol@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:alcohol@vanderbilt.edu) or phone (615) 343-4740 for more information. All information will be kept confidential.

The *Student Handbook* states the university's position on alcohol and illegal drug use, in part, as follows:

*Vanderbilt University prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students, faculty, and staff on its property or as part of any university-sponsored activities. This prohibition extends to off-campus activities that are officially sponsored by Vanderbilt. It also extends to off-campus professional activities of Vanderbilt faculty and staff, including attendance at professional conferences, when the university sponsors those activities. Vanderbilt University will impose disciplinary sanctions on students, faculty, and staff, up to and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution, for violation of this policy.*

Additional standards of conduct, disciplinary standards, and procedures may be found in the *Student Handbook*, the *Faculty Manual*, the *Substance Abuse Policy* (Policy # HR-35), the *Medical Center Alcohol and Drug Use Policy*, and any applicable union contract.

Tennessee's legal drinking age is twenty-one (21). University policy states that alcoholic beverages may not be served to persons younger than twenty-one years of age. Additionally, the policy provides the following penalties:

*The minimum sanction for simple unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol is a reprimand for the first offense. The completion of an appropriate assessment, education or rehabilitation program may be required. For simple unlawful possession or consumption in a substance-free residential area, the reprimand may be enhanced with sanctions that might include attendance or implementation of educational programs, or service projects. (See below.) In addition, disciplinary action will be taken for misconduct that results from the use of alcoholic beverages or other drugs.*

Students will also be held responsible for any damages that result from their misconduct. These sanctions will be imposed consistent with disciplinary standards and procedures found in the Student Conduct System.

The minimum penalty for first-offense intoxication is disciplinary probation. Standard indicators for drinking and/or intoxication include lack of balance, loss of coordination, confusion, slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, odor of intoxicant, admissions to drinking, etc.

The minimum penalty for driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is probation and loss of campus driving and parking privileges.

The presumptive penalty for a third violation of alcohol or controlled substances policies is suspension. Such offenses include—but are not limited to—underage possession or consumption of alcohol, illegal or unauthorized possession or consumption of controlled substances, intoxication, DUI, other alcohol or drug-related offenses against the community. Additionally, violations involving behavior that injures persons, that damages property, or that injures or damages the community at-large strengthen the presumptive power of this penalty.

Tennessee alcohol and controlled substance laws and penalties are detailed in the *Student Handbook*. An additional resource for students, faculty, and staff can be found at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/alcohol>. This Web site has links to Tennessee laws and penalties as well as to local and national resources. For university staff, the Work/Life Connections—Employee Assistance Program Web site is <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/HRS/wellness/wlc.html>.



## Vanderbilt Reference Phone Numbers

### ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

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When dialing from an on-campus phone, use the last five digits in the phone number. Remember to dial area code (615) when using a cell phone.

#### Vanderbilt Police

Emergency • 421-1911 or 911  
(all medical, fire, life/safety issues)  
Non-emergency • 322-2745  
Community Relations • 322-2558  
Office of Victim Intervention and Education • 343-0883  
Escorts • 421-8888  
Lost and Found • 343-5371

#### Medical

VUMC Emergency Room • 322-3391  
Student Health • 322-2427  
(for student non-emergency illness and injury, counseling services)  
Occupational Health Clinic • 936-0955 (work-related injuries or exposures)  
Poison Center Hotline • 936-2034

#### Environmental/Safety Hazards

Environmental Health and Safety/Safety Officer • 322-2057  
Plant Operations (Campus, request for services, 24 hours) • 344-9675  
Plant Services (Medical Center, request for repairs, 24 hours) • 322-2041  
Information Technology Services (telephone repair) • 421-1611

#### Counseling/Support/Information

Psychological and Counseling Center • 322-2571  
(counseling services and referrals for students, staff, faculty, and family members)  
Employee Assistance Program • 936-1327  
(counseling, referrals, violence in the workplace issues)  
Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Education • 343-4740  
Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center • 322-4843  
Project Safe • 322-1333 or 322-3774

#### Office of Housing and Residential Education • 322-2591

(for referrals and support services; after hours, contact an Assistant Director)

#### Office of Religious Life and Affiliated Ministries • 322-2457

(available after hours for crisis counseling through voice mail forwarding)

#### Employee Relations • 322-7259

(conflict resolution issues between staff members or between staff and supervisors)

**Opportunity Development Center • 322-4705**

*(issues involving sexual harassment, racial bias, discrimination, equal access)*

**Parking and VUMC Shuttles**

University Traffic and Parking • 322-2554

Medical Center Parking Office • 936-0686

VUMC Shuttle Services • 936-0686

**OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES**

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*When calling from an on-campus phone, dial “9” to get an outside line.*

**Nashville General Hospital at Meharry • 341-4000**

**Metro Nashville Police Department • 862-8600**

*(“911” call dialed from on campus will be routed through the Vanderbilt University Police Department dispatcher, who will notify Metro Police, if needed)*

**Crime Stoppers • 74-Crime** (to give an anonymous tip on a crime)

**Metro Police Sex Crimes Unit • 862-7540**

**Metro Police Domestic Violence Division • 880-3000**

**District Attorney’s Office Victim-Witness Program • 862-5500**

*(legal questions)*

**Victim Intervention • 862-7773**

**Crisis Center • 244-7444** (24-hour assistance)

**Sexual Abuse Center • 256-8526**

**YWCA Domestic Violence Center • 242-1199**



## Crime Statistics 2006-2008

*(In compliance with the Tennessee College and University Security Act)*

The following chart provides Vanderbilt’s statistics for Group A and Group B offenses for the years 2006, 2007, and 2008. Incidents reported to the Vanderbilt University Police Department are entered into a computer database and reported to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation’s Statistical Unit on a monthly basis. To access the statistical information online, go to [http://www.tbi.state.tn.us/divisions/isd\\_csu\\_sac.htm](http://www.tbi.state.tn.us/divisions/isd_csu_sac.htm).

Offense	2006		2007		2008	
	Offenses	Rate per 1000	Offenses	Rate per 1000	Offenses	Rate per 1000
Homicide Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	0	2	0.1	0	0
Sex Offenses (Forcible) (Total)	5	0.2	17	0.5	4	0.1
Robbery	5	0.2	4	0.1	2	0.1
Assault Offenses (Total)	153	4.9	149	4.7	141	4.4
Arson	1	0	3	0.1	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	2	0.1	0	0	1	0
Burglary/Breaking Entering	91	2.9	51	1.6	30	0.9
Larceny/Theft Offenses (Total)	515	16.5	470	14.7	436	13.6
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	0.2	2	0.1	6	0.2
Counterfeiting/Forgery	8	0.3	5	0.2	11	0.3
Fraud Offenses	33	1.1	31	1.0	18	0.6
Embezzlement	4	0.1	19	0.6	5	0.2
Stolen Property Offenses	3	0.1	1	0.0	5	0.2
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	146	4.7	110	3.4	74	2.3
Sex Offenses (Non-forcible)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	10	0.3	12	0.4	9	0.3
Liquor Law Violations	317	10.1	289	4.0	162	5.0
Drug/Narcotic Violations	125	4.0	140	4.4	141	4.4

## Statistics by Year Reported and Location

(In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act)

The statistics include crimes reported to the Vanderbilt University Police Department and other campus officials with significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including the Associate Provost and Dean of Students and the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Athletics, Recreation, and Wellness. Additionally, the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department provides crime statistics as required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

### The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act

CATEGORY	LOCATION	2006	2007	2008
<b>CRIMINAL HOMICIDE:</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	In dormitories	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	In dormitories	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
<b>SEX OFFENSES:</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Forcible	In dormitories	3	2	4
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	1	0	1
Non-Forcible	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	In dormitories	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
<b>ROBBERY</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
	In dormitories	0	1	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	2	1	3
<b>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>
	In dormitories	0	2	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	1	0	0

CATEGORY	LOCATION	2006	2007	2008
<b>BURGLARY</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>102</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>30</b>
	In dormitories	21	14	13
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
<b>ARSON</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
	In dormitories	0	3	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	In dormitories	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	1	3	0
<b>LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>
Arrest for:	In dormitories	2	5	1
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	1	19	10
<b>LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>306</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>205</b>
Disciplinary Referrals:	In dormitories	247	236	147
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	6	19	16
<b>DRUG-RELATED VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>26</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>17</b>
Arrest for:	In dormitories	5	8	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	12	61	55
<b>DRUG-RELATED VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>28</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>23</b>
Disciplinary Referrals:	In dormitories	25	35	12
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	1	19	1
<b>WEAPONS POSSESSION</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
Arrest for:	In dormitories	0	1	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	1	2	2
<b>WEAPONS POSSESSION</b>	<b>On Campus</b> (including dorms and other residential facilities)	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Disciplinary Referrals:	In dormitories	1	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0

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Reports made to the Director of the  
Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center

SEX OFFENSES	2006	2007	2008
Forcible	4	12	2
Non-Forcible	0	0	0

**Hate Crimes**

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act requires the reporting of incidents in which prejudice against race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity is employed during the commission of a criminal homicide, forcible or non-forcible sex offense, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, arson, motor vehicle theft, larceny, simple assault, intimidation, and damage/destruction/vandalism.

BIAS-MOTIVATED OFFENSES	2006				2007				2008				
	RACE	GENDER	RELIGION	SEXUAL ORIENTATION	ETHNICITY	DISABILITY	RACE	GENDER	RELIGION	SEXUAL ORIENTATION	ETHNICITY	DISABILITY	
*including dorms and other residential facilities													
CATEGORY	LOCATION												
<b>CRIMINAL HOMICIDE</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In dormitories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SEX OFFENSES</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In dormitories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ROBBERY</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In dormitories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	In dormitories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BIAS-MOTIVATED OFFENSES (continued)	2006				2007				2008				
	RACE	GENDER	RELIGION	SEXUAL ORIENTATION	ETHNICITY	DISABILITY	RACE	GENDER	RELIGION	SEXUAL ORIENTATION	ETHNICITY	DISABILITY	
*including dorms and other residential facilities													
CATEGORY	LOCATION												
<b>BURGLARY</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In dormitories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In dormitories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ARSON</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In dormitories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ROBBERY</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In dormitories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>LARCENY/THEFT</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In dormitories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SIMPLE ASSAULT</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	In dormitories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>INTIMIDATION</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	In dormitories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION, or VANDALISM</b>	<b>On Campus*</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	In dormitories	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>On public property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Vanderbilt Programs Outside Nashville

Vanderbilt conducts programs during the summer in Washington, D.C., and locations outside of the United States. In some instances, Vanderbilt may lease classroom and living space for the students participating in these programs, and security is provided by the leasing entity and local police authorities. Specific questions about security at program facilities and housing should be raised with the sponsoring department and the faculty member or administrator in charge of the program. All victims are encouraged to report crimes to local police, the department or school sponsoring the program, and the Vanderbilt faculty or administrator in charge of the program. Vanderbilt has received no reports of crime occurring at property leased in connection with its summer programs in Washington or abroad in 2006, 2007, or 2008.

## OFFENSE DEFINITIONS

The Clery Act requires that statistics be reported for seven (7) crimes, liquor law violations, drug law violations, and illegal weapons violations. The offenses are defined according to the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting/National Incident-Based Reporting System as follows:

### Arson

To unlawfully and intentionally damage, or attempt to damage, any real or personal property by fire or incendiary device.

### Aggravated Assault

An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

### Burglary

The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft.

### Criminal Homicide

#### Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter

The willful killing of one human being by another.

#### Negligent Manslaughter

The killing of another person through gross negligence.

## Drug /Narcotic

The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use.

## Liquor Law

The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages. Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included.

## Motor Vehicle Theft

The theft of a motor vehicle.

## Robbery

The taking, or attempting to take, anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the care, custody, or control of a person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm.

## Sex Offenses

### Forcible

Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent. The category includes forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, and forcible fondling.

### Nonforcible

Unlawful, nonforcible sexual intercourse. The category includes incest and statutory rape.

## Weapons Law

The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons. Includes violations such as the manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; using, manufacturing, etc., silencers; and furnishing deadly weapons to a minor.





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