



## **2021 ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT**

Institutions of higher education, which receive federal financial assistance, are required to provide current and prospective students, and employees with an annual report that identifies policies and procedures related to campus security. This document is prepared to increase awareness of current policies, procedures, and practices related to campus security.

This report is prepared from information provided by Public Safety and the statistics and information are gathered from crimes reported on campus and the El Paso Police Department.

## **TIMELY WARNING AND EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION**

In case of an emergency, SU students, faculty, and staff will be notified by message, a timely warning message will be posted on SU learning home page, southwest university Facebook home page and by e-mail. As new methods are placed in service, the University will send out appropriate information to inform every one of the new procedures. As new methods are placed in service, the University will send out appropriate information to inform every one of the new procedures.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY PERSONNEL**

SU employs private security personnel and off-duty El Paso Police officers to ensure the safety of the students. Any and all incidents are communicated with the security force to ensure they are well informed. The security force records all incidents in the daily crime logs.

## **SECURITY AND ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES**

Facilities are maintained to ensure safety and security. Students and employees are encouraged to report any security or maintenance needs to the Front Desk at 915-778-4001. During regular business hours, the administration will immediately be notified to ensure that all maintenance requests are resolved in a timely manner. If after hours, Public Safety will immediately address any security needs and report maintenance needs to Facilities on a daily basis.

## **REPORTING CRIMES**

SU students, employees and others are encouraged to promptly report all criminal activity and emergencies to Front Desk at 915-778-4001. In emergency situations, 911 should be called first, followed by an immediate notification to Front Desk.

## **DAILY CRIME LOGS**

Daily crime logs are made available immediately upon request.

## **REDUCING SECURITY RISKS**

SU students are encouraged to be responsible for their own security. It is important to be aware of possible risks. The following tips may help you protect yourself from security risks.

- Protect your location on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Foursquare and etc. If someone you don't know or trust ask you to go somewhere alone, let him or her know that you would rather stay with the group. Use any excuse you can think of to get out of a difficult situation.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Knowing where you are and who is around you may help you to find a way to get out of a bad situation.
- Try to avoid isolated areas. It is more difficult to get help if no one is around.
- Walk with purpose. Even if you don't know where you are going, act like you do.
- Try not to load yourself down with packages or bags as this can make you appear more vulnerable.
- Make sure your cell phone is with you and charged and that you have cab money.
- Don't allow yourself to be isolated with someone you don't trust or someone you don't know.
- Avoid putting music headphones in both ears so that you can be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry while walking in public places. The value of gold is high and criminals may take a "snatch and grab" opportunity.

## **SEX OFFENSE POLICY, PROCEDURES AND PROGRAMS**

If you are a victim of sexual assault, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety and obtain the necessary medical treatment. Time is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. Report the incident in a timely manner.

Any student, employee or visitor who is the victim of a forcible or non-forcible sex offense should contact the academic advisor at 915-778-4001 or the El Paso Police Department by calling 911.

If requested, academic advisor will assist the person in reporting to the proper law enforcement agencies. Filing a police report will not obligate a 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; and
- Provide an opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later.

Victims of a sexual crime should make every effort to save anything that might contain the perpetrator's DNA, therefore a victim should not:

- take a bath or shower; or
- use the restroom; or
- change clothes; or
- comb hair; or
- clean up the crime scene; or
- Move anything the offender may have touched.

University disciplinary proceedings for cases involving sexual misconduct may result in expulsion, suspension for a period of time, probation, an official warning, or any combination of these for the first offense. A student may also be criminally prosecuted for their actions. The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a disciplinary proceeding. Both the accused and the accuser will be notified of the outcome of the proceedings in the same manner and in the same time frame.

SU will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence, or a non-forcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense.

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE**

SU will impose sanctions (consistent with local, State, and Federal law) upon all faculty, staff, and students who violate the standards of conduct for drug and alcohol abuse. Such sanctions may include required completion (at the faculty, staff members, or students own expense) of an appropriate rehabilitation program chosen by the University, referral for prosecution, probation, suspension or expulsion of students and suspension or termination of faculty and staff members.

More information about alcohol and drugs and the risks they pose to health is available in the Campus Health & Wellness Center. Outside counseling services and support groups are available. The following is a partial list of these resources:

Alcoholics Anonymous: 915-562-4081

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Hotline: 915-401-7276

Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center: 915-255-4096

Drug and Alcohol Recovery: 915-209-7553

### **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION**

In accordance to the “Campus Crimes Prevention Act” of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act of 1974, the Jeane Clery Act and the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, SU is providing URL links to identify sex offenders on or near campus, or anywhere in the United States. Visit <http://www.sexoffender.com> or <http://nsopw.gov/Core/Portal.aspx> . You may search by city, county or zip code.

This information is collected by other agencies, and SU cannot guarantee this information is correct or complete. This information should not be used to intimidate, threaten or harass. Misuse of this information may result in prosecution.