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SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Annual Security and Fire Safety Report outlines South Dakota Mines' policies, procedures, and statistics in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act, the Stop Campus Hazing Act (2024), and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. South Dakota Mines is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and accountable environment for all students, employees, and visitors.

The report includes:

- Crime statistics for the calendar year 2024, categorized according to Clery Act definitions and reporting geography.
- Fire safety data for campus housing including documented fire incidents and prevention protocols.
- Descriptions of campus safety policies including those on weapons, missing students, alcohol and drug use, hazing, and sexual misconduct.
- Summaries of educational programs focused on personal safety, substance use prevention, sexual assault response, and hazing awareness.
- Institutional response procedures for emergency notifications, timely warnings, and safety alerts.

This year's report includes updated language and compliance measures aligned with the Stop Campus Hazing Act. South Dakota Mines now formally tracks and reports hazing incidents, publishes anti-hazing policies within this report, and will release a biannual Hazing Transparency Report beginning December 2025.

All community members are encouraged to review the procedures outlined in this report and to participate in prevention, reporting, and safety programs. The University maintains a public commitment to campus safety through continuous review, annual training, regular audits of compliance practices, and proactive coordination with local law enforcement and public health agencies.

This full report is available online at <https://www.sdsmt.edu/about/policies-and-compliance/consumer-information.html>. Printed copies can be requested through the offices of Public Safety, Community Standards, Residence Life, Human Resources, Admissions, or the Dean of Students.



SECTION 2: INSTITUTIONAL JURISDICTION AND GEOGRAPHY

South Dakota Mines is required to identify all locations where students live, learn, and engage in university-sponsored activities. These areas are categorized according to federal definitions and reviewed annually to ensure reporting accuracy.

ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY

The main campus of South Dakota Mines is located at **501 E. Saint Joseph Street and 306 E. Saint Joseph Street, Rapid City, South Dakota**. On-campus property includes all buildings and land owned or controlled by the University that is contiguous to the area and used to support the University's educational mission.

This includes:

- Academic buildings
- Residence halls (Connolly, Palmerton, Peterson, Rocker Square Apartments, & Placer Halls)
- Administrative offices and student services spaces
- The King Center, Stadium and the Dakota Building
- University-controlled parking lots and pathways within campus boundaries

All residence halls fall within the on-campus category and have their own fire safety and emergency protocols, addressed later in this report.

NON-CAMPUS PROPERTY

South Dakota Mines owns or leases several properties that are physically separate from the main campus but are used regularly by students and the University for educational purposes or housing. This includes:

- **CAPE Laboratory** | 920 E. Saint Patrick Street, Rapid City, SD

Additionally, all recognized fraternity and sorority housing used by students, whether leased or owned, is included as non-campus property. These include:

- **Triangle Fraternity** | 402 South St, Rapid City, SD
- **Theta Tau** | 109 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD
- **Lambda Chi Alpha** | 404 Columbus St, Rapid City, SD
- **Delta Sigma Phi** | 24 E Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Public property includes areas immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus. This covers:

- Streets such as East Saint Joseph Street, O'Harra Stadium Drive, and East Kansas City Street
- Sidewalks and public-use parking bordering campus buildings



Public Safety monitors these areas in conjunction with the Rapid City Police Department and includes applicable crime statistics in this report.

SEPARATE CAMPUS

South Dakota Mines does not operate a separate campus. If taking coursework through the University Center-Rapid City, safety and security information can be found through Black Hills State University's report here: <http://www.bhsu.edu/university-resources/PDFs/BHSU-Annual-Security-and-Fire-Safety-Report.pdf>.

MAP AND GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE

For a complete visual reference, visit the South Dakota Mines Campus Map: www.sdsmt.edu/CampusMap/

SECTION 3: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY OVERVIEW

The Office of Public Safety at South Dakota Mines provides continuous, campus-wide law enforcement and security services in conjunction with the Rapid City Police Department (RCPD). Its structure includes both sworn officers authorized via a law enforcement agreement with RCPD and trained non-sworn public safety officers.

CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING

Public Safety operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Officers patrol on foot and in vehicles and are trained in emergency response, de-escalation, and incident documentation. Key staff include:

- **Sworn Officers:** Serve as law enforcement authority; &
- **Non-Sworn Officers:** Provide security, access control, and assist in emergency management.

CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITIES (CSAs)

In accordance with Clery Act requirements, South Dakota Mines designates specific individuals as Campus Security Authorities (CSAs). These include:

- Residence Life staff;
- Athletic coaches and staff;
- Student activities coordinators;
- Public Safety Officers;
- Title IX Coordinator; &
- Counseling and student conduct professionals in non-confidential roles.

CSAs are trained annually and are obligated to report qualifying crimes.



CRIME RESPONSE AND REPORTING PROTOCOL

Incidents on campus may be reported directly to:

- **Public Safety** | 605-394-6100
- **Community Standards Office** | 605-394-2348
- **Human Resources** | 605-394-1203
- **Dean of Students** | 605-394-2416

Public Safety staff respond to reports of theft, assault, vandalism, harassment, and other concerns. Reports are documented, and when necessary, referred to law enforcement or internal conduct processes. Incidents are reviewed by Public Safety, Human Resources, Title IX, and Community Standards to determine next steps, which may include:

- Formal or informal resolutions;
- Title IX proceedings;
- Referral to RCPD for criminal charges; &
- Emergency notifications or timely warnings.

Anonymous reports can be made through the University's reporting site via Advocate: https://sdsmt-advocate.symlicity.com/public_report/index.php/. Reports involving imminent threats should always be made by phone to 911 then Public Safety.

SECTION 4: CAMPUS SECURITY AND ACCESS CONTROL

Campus buildings at South Dakota Mines are secured through a combination of electronic access systems, scheduled locking procedures, physical locking systems, checks by staff, and community expectations for safe behavior. Access is limited based on building function, time of day, and occupant needs.

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACCESS

Most academic and administrative buildings are open during standard business hours (Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Following these hours, buildings are locked based on a schedule and require South Dakota Mines-issued digital credentials or physical locking systems for access. Faculty, staff, and students may request after-hours access from their department chair or supervisor.

All SDM credentials whether physical card or mobile are individually encoded and tracked through the campus access control system. Unauthorized entry, tailgating, or door propping is prohibited and may result in conduct referrals.

Residence Life and Public Safety conduct regular rounds to ensure that all doors function properly and that locking schedules match usage patterns.



RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ACCESS

Residential facilities at South Dakota Mines include:

- Connolly Hall
- Palmerton Hall
- Peterson Hall
- Placer Hall
- Rocker Square I
- Rocker Square I

These buildings are secured 24 hours a day. Access is individualized and limited by residence assignment. Residents access their assigned building via *Grubby ID* (physical or mobile), building access cards, and physical keys specific to their assigned spaces.

Guest access is allowed under conditions outlined in the Residence Life Handbook. All guests must be accompanied at all times and are expected to follow university policy. Residents are responsible for their guests' behavior. During social visits, Non-Student Minors on campus must be under direct supervision at all times by an authorized adult such as their parent, custodial guardian, or chaperone.

Non-Student Minors on campus during authorized programs must follow the guidance of [SDBOR Policy 1.6.4](#). The policy requires that non-student minors on campus must be under the direct supervision of an authorized adult, parent, or legal guardian. The policy prohibits programs for minors from including specific sexual activities, obscene conduct, or material harmful to minors. It also mandates using content descriptors on promotional materials for events that may involve nudity, sexual situations, violence, or other explicit content.

Resident Advisors (RAs) are assigned to each traditional residence hall and conduct nightly building rounds to monitor safety concerns, report damages, and check that exterior doors remain secure.

Apartment Managers (AMs) perform the same safety and duty responsibilities in those apartment buildings. AMs complete nightly checks of stairwells, doors, and community spaces, and follow up on resident reports and safety concerns.

All observations are recorded in a duty log system and reviewed by professional Residence Life staff. Follow-up includes work orders, resident conversations, and in some cases, referral to Public Safety.

EMERGENCY ACCESS PROCEDURES

In the event of a power outage or digital system failure:

- All entrances are secured, and only one access point is designated for monitored entry;
- RAs and AMs receive updated rosters and have physical key access to allow residents to re-enter;
- In some cases, traffic may be restricted to egress-only to prevent unauthorized entry; &
- Staff increase visibility near designated entry points, and temporary signage or messages are posted when communication systems allow.



Facilities, ITS, and Public Safety are notified during outages to coordinate system checks and restoration.

SURVEILLANCE AND SAFETY MONITORING

Cameras are installed in public-facing spaces including entrances, lobbies, and community areas, as well as in operational areas such as dining services and the 24/7 Market at Rocker Square I. Exterior and interior cameras are positioned at high-traffic entry and exit points and may be reviewed by Public Safety and Community Standards in response to reported incidents. The systems are not actively monitored at all times; however, recordings are retained for review as needed. Campus lighting in walkways, parking lots, and building entrances is inspected on a regular basis. Residents and staff may report safety concerns through the online work order system at <https://bit.ly/mineswo> or by contacting duty staff directly.

REPORTING ACCESS AND SAFETY ISSUES

To report problems related to access, lighting, or facility security:

- Public Safety | 605-394-6100
- Facilities Work Order System | <https://bit.ly/mineswo>
- Residence Life Offices and On-Call Phones | Contact numbers posted on exterior entrances
- Dean of Students | 605-394-2416

Physical access during system outages is never granted by Public Safety unless confirmed and coordinated through supervisory staff with proper verification.

SECTION 5: TIMELY WARNINGS & EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

South Dakota Mines follows two critical safety communication processes designed to alert the campus community of incidents or emergencies that may impact health, safety, or security: Timely Warnings and Emergency Notifications.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Emergency Notifications are used when there is a confirmed, immediate threat to campus safety. Examples include severe weather, gas leaks, chemical spills, fires, or violent acts such as active assailants. When such an emergency is confirmed, the University immediately sends out a notification with specific instructions to protect the community.

Emergency Notifications may be distributed through:

- Everbridge alerts via app, text message, voice call, and email;
- South Dakota Mines website and official social media accounts; &
- Campus digital signage and printed postings when applicable.

These alerts are issued by the Emergency Management team. The system is tested annually.



TIMELY WARNINGS

Timely Warnings are issued when a Clery Act reportable crime occurs on or near campus and presents a serious or continuing threat to students or employees. Crimes that typically prompt such warnings include robbery, sexual assault, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, and homicide.

Timely Warnings may also be issued in response to credible reports of hazing if the situation involves an active or ongoing threat to individuals or student groups. Hazing is broadly defined as any intentional or reckless act related to initiation or membership that endangers the mental or physical health of a student.

The decision to issue a Timely Warning is made on a case-by-case basis by a designated University group. This often includes staff from the Community Standards Office, Dean of Students Office, Operations, and Public Safety. Warnings are factual, concise, and designed to provide enough information for individuals to make informed decisions without compromising any ongoing investigation or identifying any complainant.

Timely Warnings may be delivered through:

- University email to all affected communities;
- Everbridge alerts via app, text message, voice call, and email; &
- Printed postings in affected campus areas when appropriate.

To report incidents or concerns that may require a warning, contact:

- **Public Safety** | 605-394-6100
- **Community Standards** | 605-394-2348
- **Dean of Students** | 605-394-2416

Online reporting is also available here: https://sdsmt-advocate.symplicity.com/public_report/index.php/.

EVERBRIDGE: CAMPUS ALERT SYSTEM

All enrolled students and active employees are automatically entered into the Everbridge system. To manage contact preferences or to download the app:

1. Visit <https://campusalert.sdbor.edu/?univ=sdsmt> or search for Everbridge in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store;
2. Download the **Everbridge Mobile App**;
3. Select **South Dakota Mines** as your organization;
4. Sign in using your SDM credentials;
5. Enable push notifications and location access to receive local alerts

Students are expected to maintain current contact information. Employees who supervise student groups or activities are encouraged to ensure that their teams understand how to receive emergency alerts.



Everbridge participation is a condition of enrollment and employment and is used only for verified emergencies or urgent safety notices.

SECTION 6: CAMPUS INCIDENT LOGS & REPORTING ACCESS

South Dakota Mines maintains formal procedures and public records to support campus safety, regulatory transparency, and institutional accountability. Individuals are encouraged to report crimes, safety concerns, and misconduct through the appropriate channels.

REPORTING AN INCIDENT

Members of the campus community may report safety or conduct concerns through multiple avenues:

Emergency Reporting

- Dial 911 for immediate law enforcement or medical assistance
- Public Safety | 605-394-6100

Non-Emergency Reporting

- Public Safety | 605-394-6100
- Non-Emergency Police Dispatch | 605-394-4131
- Community Standards | 605-394-2348
- Dean of Students | 605-394-2416
- Title IX Coordinator | 605-394-2533
- Human Resources | 605-394-1203
- CARE Reporting | [Public Report Portal](#)

Anonymous Reports

Individuals may submit anonymous reports via the University's online reporting system:

https://sdsmt-advocate.symplicity.com/public_report/index.php/

Anonymous reports are reviewed, but investigative options may be limited without contact information.

Confidential Resources

Counselors, including those practicing under another's license or as a college counselor, may receive reports confidentially and are not required to disclose information to the University unless given permission by the individual or if there is a clear and present danger to someone's health or safety or there is a duty to warn such as suspected child abuse or elder or vulnerable adult abuse. Healthcare providers and pastoral care professionals operate under similar privileged communications.



Responsible Employees

All university employees, excluding confidential resources, are designated as responsible employees and must forward reports of sexual harassment, assault, or violence to the Title IX Coordinator.

DAILY PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

The Daily Public Safety Log contains a chronological record of all criminal incidents and alleged criminal incidents reported to Public Safety. It includes the nature of the crime, date and time reported, time the incident occurred (if known), general location, and the current disposition (such as open, referred, or closed).

Public Safety updates this log after receiving a report. The log includes all incidents not only those classified as Clery-reportable crimes if they occurred on campus, in university-controlled property, or adjacent public areas.

Anyone may request to view the Daily Public Safety Log in person at the Public Safety Office located in the Facilities Building during normal business hours.

To ensure timely communication, any crime representing a serious and continuing threat will also be reviewed for Timely Warning status in accordance with Clery Act policy (see Section 5).

FIRE LOG

The Fire Log records all reported fires occurring on campus. Each entry notes the type of fire, the date and time of occurrence, the location, and any injuries or damages. The log is updated within two business days of receiving a report and is maintained by Public Safety with assistance available from Campus Environmental Health & Safety at 605-394-6020. To report a fire:

- Dial 911 immediately
- Call Public Safety | 605-394-6100
- If reporting after the fact, contact Public Safety | 605-394-6100

SECTION 7: CRIME STATISTICS

Appendix A provides a three-year overview of specific criminal offenses that occurred in areas South Dakota Mines owns or recognizes as part of the educational mission. These include academic and residential buildings on the main campus, university-leased housing and lab spaces used by students, and public sidewalks and roads that touch campus property.

Crimes are reported as shared with campus authorities or law enforcement and include both arrests and conduct-related referrals when university policies were violated.

Every effort is made to accurately capture and share these statistics. While the numbers vary from year to year, they reflect our community's commitment to both reporting incidents and responding to them. We



encourage all students and employees to report concerns whether they involve physical safety, property loss, harassment, hazing, or behavior that affects well-being so that support and action can follow.

SECTION 8: FIRE SAFETY IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Fire prevention and safety is a shared responsibility across South Dakota Mines housing communities. Each residence facility is equipped with active detection systems, and students receive education and training about how to prevent and respond to potential fire risks.

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES COVERED

Fire safety reporting and systems apply to all on-campus housing. These buildings have hard-wired smoke detectors, pull stations, and sprinkler systems. Audible alarms and strobe lights are installed in individual rooms and common areas. Emergency exits are marked and lit in compliance with state code.

BUILDING	SMOKE ALARM & FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	FIRE ALARM EXTERNAL MONITORING	SPRINKLER	2024 FIRE DRILLS
Connolly Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Palmerton Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Peterson Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Rocker Square I	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Rocker Square II	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Placer Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	1

FIRE DRILLS AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Each residential building conducts at least one unannounced fire drill per year. These drills are scheduled and evaluated by Residence Life in partnership with Environmental Health & Safety and Public Safety. During drills, students are expected to evacuate immediately using posted exit routes and gather at designated meeting locations. Staff members track participation, provide coaching, and follow up.

Evacuation expectations are reviewed during student move-in and included in Residence Life floor meetings at the start of each semester.

PROHIBITED ITEMS AND BEHAVIORS

To reduce the risk of accidental fires, the following are prohibited in all residence facilities:

- Open flames, including wicked candles and incense (even if unlit);
- Smoking of any substance (including e-cigarettes and vapes);
- Halogen lamps and unapproved extension cords;
- Hot plates, toasters, and air fryers (unless kitchen-approved by Residence Life); &
- Tampering with smoke detectors or sprinkler heads.



Room inspections occur each semester and when safety concerns are reported. Students found with prohibited items may be subject to conduct action and removal of the items.

REPORTING FIRES AND CONCERNS

Students or staff who witness a fire or evidence of a fire should:

1. Call 911 immediately, then
2. Contact Public Safety | 605-394-6100
3. Inform Residence Life staff on duty

If a fire is discovered after the fact or resulted in no emergency response, students should still report it. Public Safety documents all fire events and submits them for federal reporting.

The Fire Log and additional information concerning fire incidents can be found at http://sdmines.sdsmt.edu/cgi-bin/global/fs_view_alarms_list.cgi. All residential buildings are fully sprinkled and buildings are monitored for fires. The University does not have future improvement plans at this time.

SECTION 9: MISSING STUDENT NOTIFICATION

South Dakota Mines follows federal requirements for identifying, responding to, and notifying appropriate contacts if a student is believed to be missing. While the law specifies a 24-hour timeframe for action, South Dakota Mines acts at once upon receiving credible concerns.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Through the housing application, all students living in on-campus housing are asked to provide an emergency contact. This person does not have to be a parent or guardian and is stored separately from academic or conduct records. Only authorized campus officials may access this information in a missing person case.

When students apply to South Dakota Mines, information about parent or guardian contacts is also recorded.

Students may update this contact by reaching out to Residence Life, through the Banner Self-Service Portal, or through their housing portal.

INITIATING A MISSING PERSON REPORT

A student may be reported missing by anyone, a roommate, faculty member, coach, or friend. If a student is suspected to be missing for **24 hours or more**, or if there are immediate safety concerns, contact:

- Public Safety | 605-394-6100
- Residence Life | 605-394-2348
- Dean of Students Office | 605-394-2416



There is no requirement to wait 24 hours if there is reason to believe the student may be in danger. Reports are taken seriously and begin with an internal welfare check.

RESPONSE PROCEDURE

When a report is received that a student may be missing, South Dakota Mines does not delay action. Public Safety, the Dean of Students, or Residence Life initiates a welfare check as soon as the concern is received. This may include visiting the student's room, checking recent card access or meal usage, contacting roommates or close peers, and reviewing any available information about class attendance or behavior changes.

If the student cannot be located and no one confirms recent contact, Residence Life staff, the Dean of Students, and Public Safety coordinate to expand the search. Within 24 hours of the original report and often much sooner South Dakota Mines takes the following steps:

- The student's emergency contact is notified using the information provided through their housing application or in their student profile;
- If the student is under 18 and not legally emancipated, their parent or legal custodial guardian is contacted;
- The Rapid City Police Department is informed and brought into the response process.

The goal is to locate the student quickly and safely, and to involve the people they trust most if they are unreachable. The University will continue its efforts until the student is confirmed safe or located by authorities.

STUDENT COMMUNICATION

Students are informed of this process during housing move-in, at community meetings, and through materials provided in the Residence Life Handbook.

SECTION 10: ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE PREVENTION

South Dakota Mines prohibits the unlawful possession, use, manufacture, or distribution of alcohol and controlled substances on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. This policy applies to all students, employees, and guests regardless of age and reflects both legal obligations and the institution's commitment to academic success, health, and personal responsibility.

UNIVERSITY POLICY

Alcohol and drug policies are outlined in the South Dakota Board of Regents Code of Conduct and South Dakota Mines' institutional policies. These documents specify:

- Alcohol is not permitted in traditional residence halls or on campus property including for students over the age of 21;



- Drug possession or use, including marijuana (even if legally obtained elsewhere), is prohibited on all university grounds;
- Violations of this policy may result in conduct sanctions, referral to law enforcement, and removal from university housing or programs.

Employees are subject to additional provisions under workplace policy and federal drug-free workplace standards. Controlled substance use is not permitted in connection with job duties or on university time.

EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS

South Dakota Mines offers several educational initiatives to support healthy decision-making and legal compliance:

- **'Choices' Alcohol and Drug Education Program:** A required program for students found responsible for a violation; also available by referral or request.
- **Peer Health and Wellness Outreach:** Residence Life programs, student-led campaigns, and tabling events throughout the year promote harm reduction and campus safety.
- **New Student Orientation:** All new undergraduates receive an introduction to campus expectations and available supports.
- **Employee Training:** Human Resources offers training for supervisors and employees on workplace standards and substance-free expectations.

Information is distributed to all students and employees annually, including the health effects of substance use, state and federal legal sanctions, university policy, and counseling and referral options.

HEALTH RISKS AND SUPPORT RESOURCES

Use of alcohol and other drugs can interfere with academic performance, sleep, concentration, and mental health. Risk increases with misuse, mixing substances, or using while alone.

Students may access confidential support through:

- **Counseling Services (605-394-1924):** Individual sessions, referrals, and screenings
- **Student Wellness Programs:** Outreach and education on coping skills, recovery, and healthy decision-making
- **Dean of Students and Community Standards:** Informal conversations and referrals for care or resolution

Employees may use the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for confidential support.

LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

Violations of alcohol or drug laws may result in fines or imprisonment, suspension of federal financial aid eligibility, and disciplinary action through university conduct or employment processes. Local, state, and



federal laws are enforced in full cooperation with law enforcement, including the Rapid City Police Department.

BIENNIAL REVIEW

South Dakota Mines conducts a formal Biennial Review every two years to evaluate the effectiveness of its alcohol and drug programs and ensure policy enforcement. This report is available upon request from the Office of the Dean of Students or the Counseling Department.

SECTION 11: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND VAWA OFFENSES

South Dakota Mines is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment where all members of the community can focus on their academic and professional goals without fear of violence, coercion, or discrimination. Sexual misconduct including sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking violates individual dignity and is incompatible with the values of a STEM-centered, human-centered institution.

WHAT CONSTITUTES SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Sexual misconduct refers to a range of non-consensual behaviors, all of which are prohibited regardless of whether the individuals involved are students, employees, or guests. Prohibited conduct includes:

- **Sexual assault**, including rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape;
- **Stalking**, defined as a pattern of unwanted attention that causes emotional distress or fear for safety;
- **Dating violence**, which involves threats or physical abuse in a romantic or intimate relationship;
- **Domestic violence**, which includes abuse by a current or former spouse, family member, or household partner.

Consent must be affirmative, voluntary, and ongoing. It cannot be obtained through force, intimidation, coercion, manipulation, or when a person is incapacitated. No relationship, status, silence, or previous behavior ever assumes consent.

REPORTING MISCONDUCT

Students, guests, and employees can report concerns at any time. South Dakota Mines offers several reporting options to make the process accessible and student-centered:

- **Title IX Coordinator** | titleix@sdsmt.edu | 605-394-1203
- **Community Standards Office** | 605-394-2348
- **Public Safety** | 605-394-6100
- **Online Reporting** | [Public Report Portal](#) (can be used anonymously)

Reports are not limited by location or timing and may include incidents from off-campus events, online interactions, or university-sponsored travel. Anonymous reports may limit the university's ability to respond but are still reviewed for possible action and safety planning.



Once a report is submitted, the university offers supportive measures to all involved parties. These may include academic accommodations, housing adjustments, referrals to counseling, changes to work or class schedules, and mutual no-contact agreements. Complainants are never required to file a formal complaint to receive support.

When a formal grievance is filed, both parties are provided written notice of allegations, an impartial process with advisors permitted, and the right to appeal decisions. The University uses trained investigators and adjudicators in all Title IX proceedings.

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

Education is central to prevention. The University offers:

- Required online sexual misconduct and consent education for all incoming students
- Student and staff-led programming during orientation and throughout the year
- Workshops on bystander intervention, healthy relationships, and respect in STEM fields
- CSA training to ensure accurate reporting from staff who oversee student activities

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC DISCLOSURES AND HOUSING ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with state and federal law, students who are registered sex offenders are expected to comply with all requirements of the South Dakota Sex Offender Registry. The registry is publicly accessible through the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation at: <https://sor.sd.gov>.

South Dakota Mines does not independently review or screen students for registry status but will act on official notifications or law enforcement disclosures in accordance with institutional and legal protocols.

In line with safety considerations, South Dakota Mines requires compliance with SDBOR policy 3.7.1. As such, students applying for on-campus housing are to self-disclose if they required to register as a sex offender pursuant to law or if they have a criminal history of a felony offense that includes conviction, guilty plea, no contest plea, or suspended imposition of sentence that has not been discharged.

The university reserves the right to review criminal history as part of housing assignments. This process is not automatic exclusion; it includes an individualized review to balance safety and educational access. Any questions about this process may be directed to the Office of Residence Life.

SECTION 12: HAZING PREVENTION AND TRANSPARENCY

South Dakota Mines prohibits all forms of hazing. Hazing is not a tradition. It is not a rite of passage. It is a violation of university policy, South Dakota Board of Regents expectations, and federal law. The university actively works to prevent hazing, respond to reports, and support students who may be at risk.



DEFINITION OF HAZING

As defined in SDBOR Policy 3.4.1, Section 2.4.8, hazing includes any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by one person or a group against a student, regardless of whether the student consents, that:

- Occurs during initiation, affiliation, or maintenance of membership in a student group; and
- Creates a risk of physical or psychological harm, beyond what is reasonable in normal educational or organizational activities.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Physical abuse (beating, shocking, confinement, forced physical activity)
- Forced consumption of food, alcohol, or drugs
- Sleep deprivation or exposure to extreme conditions
- Coerced sexual acts
- Acts involving humiliation, intimidation, or fear
- Any act that requires a student to violate the law or university policy.

Consent is never a defense to hazing. Students cannot waive their rights or agree to be harmed.

REPORTING HAZING

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged and in many cases obligated to report hazing. Reports may be submitted anonymously. Individuals who report hazing are protected from retaliation.

Reports can be submitted through:

- Community Standards Office | 605-394-2348
- Dean of Students | 605-394-2416
- Public Safety | 605-394-6100
- Online Reporting | [Public Report Portal](#) (can be used anonymously)

When a report is received, the university investigates whether the conduct violates hazing policy, endangers students, or requires additional response. All confirmed incidents are included in crime statistics, the biannual Hazing Transparency Report, and reviewed for Timely Warning consideration when appropriate.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE AND SANCTIONS

Hazing cases may result in:

- Educational sanctions (reflection papers, program creation)
- Restorative processes (if appropriate and agreed upon by all parties)
- Suspension or removal of group recognition
- Individual student suspension or expulsion



Organizations found responsible for hazing may lose access to facilities, funding, or recognition. Students may face both university and criminal consequences under South Dakota law.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

To prevent hazing and build respectful communities, South Dakota Mines incorporates hazing education into:

- New Student Orientation
- Residence Life training and programming
- Leadership development sessions
- Fraternity and sorority onboarding
- Club and organization registration requirements

Content focuses on team building without coercion, bystander strategies, and how to report concerns. Education is proactive and designed to reinforce a culture of care.

HAZING TRANSPARENCY REPORTING

In compliance with the Stop Campus Hazing Act, South Dakota Mines will publish a biannual Hazing Transparency Report beginning December 2025. This report will include:

- All substantiated hazing incidents
- Organization(s) involved
- Brief description of the conduct
- Outcome of any university disciplinary process

These reports will remain posted for five years. Reports will be publicly accessible through the South Dakota Mines website and shared directly with all recognized student organizations and advisors.

SECTION 13: CAMPUS SAFETY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Creating a secure and informed campus is a shared effort. South Dakota Mines offers a range of programs, services, and training throughout the academic year that promote safety, prevent harm, and strengthen students' ability to respond in times of need. These efforts are designed to be proactive, educational, and accessible to all members of the university community.

RESIDENCE LIFE SAFETY PROGRAMMING

RAs and AMs are trained to lead community-based safety education in each residential community. These staff members deliver peer-informed programs that focus on:

- Recognizing unsafe situations and reporting concerns;
- Healthy roommate and interpersonal boundaries;
- Fire safety and evacuation procedures;



- Responsible alcohol decision-making; and
- Emergency drills and severe weather preparedness.

Each semester includes a minimum of one safety-focused event per community, tailored to the building population and current student concerns.

BYSTANDER EDUCATION AND PEER-LED WORKSHOPS

Through partnerships with Student Engagement, Counseling Services, and the Office of Community Standards, South Dakota Mines offers educational sessions that help students identify when someone may be at risk and how to intervene effectively. Topics include:

- Alcohol and drug overdose response (e.g., calling for help, amnesty policies)
- Preventing sexual violence and supporting survivors
- Mental health crisis awareness
- Recognizing hazing and group pressure

Most of these sessions are delivered in-person by trained facilitators. All students living in residence halls or involved in student organizations have access to bystander education resources annually.

CSA TRAINING AND CLERY AWARENESS

Campus Security Authorities (CSAs), as designated under institutional policy, receive annual training on their reporting responsibilities, Clery Act definitions, and how to respond to disclosures of crime. CSAs include:

- Residence Life staff
- Student organization advisors
- Athletic coaches and support staff
- Student services professionals
- Title IX and conduct officers

Training is updated yearly to reflect new federal guidance, institutional changes, and case examples relevant to the South Dakota Mines campus.

PUBLIC SAFETY ESCORTING SERVICES

Public Safety offers 24/7 campus escort services for students and staff who feel unsafe walking alone or who request a safety presence. Escorts may be arranged by calling 605-394-6100 at any time.

EMERGENCY DRILL PARTICIPATION

Campus-wide emergency drills and tabletop exercises are scheduled each year.

Faculty, staff, and students are expected to treat each drill as a live event. After-action reviews are conducted to evaluate procedures and adjust communication systems as needed.



HEALTH AND SAFETY TABLING EVENTS

Several times each semester, campus offices set up informational tables in high-traffic areas like the Surbeck Center to share safety materials, demonstrate emergency tools, and answer student questions. Participation is tracked to help ensure all student populations have opportunities to engage with safety staff.

SECTION 14: POLICY DISCLOSURES AND STUDENT RIGHTS

South Dakota Mines affirms the dignity and rights of every student, employee, and guest. Campus safety is not only a matter of security procedures, it is also rooted in fairness, access to information, and transparent policy enforcement. The University is committed to ensuring that all community members know where to turn for help, how decisions are made, and what protections are in place when navigating campus processes.

STUDENT RIGHTS IN CONDUCT AND TITLE IX PROCESSES

Students participating in university conduct proceedings, including those related to sexual misconduct, hazing, or physical violence, have the right to:

- Receive written notice of the allegations and applicable policies;
- Present relevant information and request witnesses;
- Have a support person or advisor present;
- Be free from retaliation for participating in a report or investigation; and
- Access outcome letters and information about appeal options.

Rights apply equally to complainants (those who report harm) and respondents (those accused of violating policy). All parties are provided with a written summary of their rights and options at the start of the conduct process.

The University follows clear timelines and review standards, as outlined in institutional policy and SDBOR 3.4.1. Resolution procedures prioritize safety, procedural fairness, and support for all students involved.

TITLE IX AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENTS

South Dakota Mines does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, disability, national origin, or any other legally protected category, class, or characteristic recognized under applicable law. The university's Title IX Coordinator is responsible for overseeing all reports of sexual harassment. The Director of Human Resources serves as the EEO coordinator for complaints alleging general discrimination, harassment, or misconduct. The Office of Human Resources also serves as point of contact for employee rights, accommodations, and employment-related grievances.

Title IX Coordinator | 605-394-1203 | titleix@sdsmt.edu

<https://www.sdsmt.edu/about/policies-and-compliance/title-ix/index.html>

Office of Human Resources | 605-394-1203 | hr@sdsmt.edu



FERPA AND RECORDS ACCESS

Students have the right to access and request correction of their own educational records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This includes the ability to:

- Review their conduct and academic files;
- Request a hearing to challenge inaccurate information;
- Provide written consent before the University discloses personal information to outside entities (with limited legal exceptions).

Requests can be made to the Dean of Students, the Registrar, or Community Standards.

SECTION 15: CAMPUS CONDUCT & COMPLIANCE POLICIES

South Dakota Mines maintains a series of conduct and safety regulations to support the health, security, and well-being of all community members. These policies apply to students, faculty, staff, and guests while on university property or during any university-sponsored program. This section outlines campus expectations related to weapons, felony disclosures, and institutional rules linked to recent changes in South Dakota law and SDBOR policy.

WEAPONS AND CONCEALED CARRY

Effective July 1, 2025, South Dakota Mines permits the concealed carry of firearms and certain self-defense items on campus, as required by South Dakota Senate Bill 100 and reflected in SDBOR Policy 3.7.1.

Individuals who hold a valid Enhanced or Restricted Enhanced Concealed Carry Permit under South Dakota law may carry a concealed weapon throughout most university spaces. These changes align South Dakota Mines policy with state legislation while preserving safety-related exceptions. Concealed carry is not permitted in restricted areas that are signage posted.

Permit holders are responsible for ensuring that any weapon remains concealed and secured on their person. Open carry remains strictly prohibited on campus. Violations of this policy may result in removal from campus, disciplinary referral, or criminal charges.

University housing, including traditional residence halls and apartments, follows the same policy. Students with valid permits may carry within their assigned living space but must lock up when not in possession. Questions about secure storage or safety concerns should be directed to the Office of Public Safety or Community Standards.

Stun guns and personal protection sprays (such as pepper spray) may also be carried in accordance with state law. These items must be used solely for self-defense and must not be brandished or displayed in a manner that creates fear or alarm.

For more information on Weapons and Concealed Carry on campus see [Policy 7-8 Campus Weapons Policy](#).



CAMPUS TOBACCO POLICY

South Dakota Mines is a tobacco-free campus. The use of cigarettes, chewing tobacco, vaping devices, and other smoking products is prohibited inside all buildings, within all residence halls, and within 25 feet of any building entrance. This policy applies to all individuals on campus, including visitors. Violations are addressed through educational conversations and referrals to Student Conduct for repeated noncompliance.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: CLERY CRIME STATISTICS TABLE (3-YEAR)

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of our students and employees. The crime statistics provided in this appendix are collected from crime reports filed by the Rapid City Police Department, as well as campus agencies including Public Safety and Community Standards. These statistics are mandated by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) and are reported on a calendar year basis for the periods of January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022; January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023; and January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

All statistics are categorized according to the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system, with adjustments made to follow the Hate Crimes Statistics Act and the 1992 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. The data presented includes offenses that occurred on campus, in non-campus buildings or properties owned or controlled by the University, and on public property within the campus and immediately adjacent to the campus.

Reportable Offenses:

- Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter
- Manslaughter by Negligence
- Sexual Offenses (Rape, Fondling, Incest, Statutory Rape)
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson
- Domestic Violence
- Dating Violence
- Stalking

The University must also report statistics related to arrests and referrals for disciplinary action for:

- Liquor Law Violations
- Drug Violations
- Weapon Law Violations

Lastly, statistics for hate crimes involving the offenses, as well as larceny, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction of property, are provided. It is important to note that no unfounded crimes were reported during the 2022-2024 calendar years.



Criminal Offenses Reported

A glossary of terms related to the follow categories and locations may be found through the Campus Safety and Security website at <https://surveys.ope.ed.gov/campussafety/#/glossary>.

CATEGORIES	ON CAMPUS			ON CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES INCLUDED IN ON CAMPUS			NON CAMPUS PROPERTY			PUBLIC PROPERTY		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses												
Rape	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Arson	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stalking	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Arrests and Discipline Referrals

A glossary of terms related to the follow categories and locations may be found through the Campus Safety and Security website at <https://surveys.ope.ed.gov/campussafety/#/glossary>.

CATEGORIES		ON CAMPUS			ON CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES INCLUDED IN ON CAMPUS			NON CAMPUS PROPERTY			PUBLIC PROPERTY		
		2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Liquor Law Violations	Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Discipline Referral	30	33	28	28	33	28	2	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	Arrest	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Discipline Referral	2	3	4	2	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Discipline Referral	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0



Hate Crimes Reported

A glossary of terms related to the follow categories and locations may be found through the Campus Safety and Security website at <https://surveys.ope.ed.gov/campussafety/#/glossary>.

CATEGORIES	ON CAMPUS			ON CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES INCLUDED IN ON CAMPUS			NON CAMPUS PROPERTY			PUBLIC PROPERTY		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses												
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hazing Violations Reported

CATEGORIES	ON CAMPUS			ON CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES INCLUDED IN ON CAMPUS			NON CAMPUS PROPERTY			PUBLIC PROPERTY		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Hazing												
Whipping, Beating, Striking, Or Similar Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sleep Deprivation, Exposure to Elements, Extreme Calisthenics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forced Consumption of Food, Liquid, Alcohol, or Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coerced Sexual Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Threats of Bodily Harm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violations of Institutional or Criminal Law	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tasks Involving Policy or Legal Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

APPENDIX B: FIRE SAFETY STATISTICS TABLE (3-YEAR)

South Dakota Mines Annual Fire Report Statistics 2024

Appendix A provides a summary of fire incidents reported in South Dakota Mines residence halls from 2022 to 2024. The data includes the building name, year of occurrence, cause of the fire (if applicable), and details on the number of fires, injuries, deaths, and property damage.

BUILDING	YEAR	CAUSE	NUMBER OF FIRES	NUMBER OF INJURIES	NUMBER OF DEATHS	PROPERTY DAMAGE
Connolly Hall	2022	NA	0	0	0	\$0
Palmerton Hall	2022	NA	0	0	0	\$0
Peterson Hall	2022	NA	0	0	0	\$0
Rocker Square I	2022	NA	0	0	0	\$0
Rocker Square II	2022	NA	0	0	0	\$0
Placer Hall	2022	Cooking	1	0	0	\$0

BUILDING	YEAR	CAUSE	NUMBER OF FIRES	NUMBER OF INJURIES	NUMBER OF DEATHS	PROPERTY DAMAGE
Connolly Hall	2023	NA	0	0	0	\$0
Palmerton Hall	2023	Cooking	1	0	0	\$0
Peterson Hall	2023	NA	0	0	0	\$0
Rocker Square I	2023	NA	0	0	0	\$0
Rocker Square II	2023	NA	0	0	0	\$0
Placer Hall	2023	NA	0	0	0	\$0

BUILDING	YEAR	CAUSE				NUMBER OF FIRES	NUMBER OF INJURIES	NUMBER OF DEATHS	PROPERTY DAMAGE
Connolly Hall	2024	NA	0	0	0		\$0		
Palmerton Hall	2024	NA	0	0	0		\$0		
Peterson Hall	2024	NA	0	0	0		\$0		
Rocker Square I	2024	NA	0	0	0		\$0		
Rocker Square II	2024	NA	0	0	0		\$0		
Placer Hall	2024	NA	0	0	0		\$0		