

Kent State University
Annual Security Report
and Fire Safety Report
2025 Report on 2024 Statistics
Kent Campus



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About the Annual Security Report

Ensuring the safety and security of students, employees and visitors to campus remains a high priority at Kent State University. Please read the important information in this bulletin to learn more about the university's policies, procedures, programs and statistics regarding safety and security, including valuable information about how to report and get help in the event safety is compromised.

The "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act" (Clery Act) is a federal law originally enacted in 1990, amending the Higher Education Act of 1965. This law and its amendments require universities that receive federal funds to annually disseminate certain information regarding crimes that occur on campus; on public property contiguous to campus; or on non-campus property owned or controlled by a student organization or by the university when used in support of the university's educational purposes and frequented by students. The data in this report was compiled by Kent State's Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Office of General Counsel, Compliance and Risk Management and several other university departments. The city of Kent, Ohio, police department also was consulted regarding crime statistics, as well as other police departments representing jurisdictions that encompass Kent State remote locations.

Kent State continues to be one of the nation's safest college campuses when compared to others with similar populations and geographic areas. Kent State Police Services was the first university police department in Ohio accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Inc., and it is the only university police department in the country to receive Flagship status by CALEA a record three times. The university is proud to be a model for innovative safety education programs, including a residential security program with a student security escort service.

This report, as well as reports specific to all of Kent State's campuses, is available online on the [Public Safety website](#). Printed copies of this report also can be obtained from the Kent State University Police Department, Stockdale Safety Building, 530 E. Summit. St., Kent, Ohio, 44242.

Reporting Criminal Offenses

Important Numbers

University and Community Resources	Telephone Number
Police, Fire, Medical Emergencies (24/7)	911
KSU Police Department Non-emergency (24/7)	330-672-2212 or 330-672-3070
City of Kent Police Department	330-673-7732
Kent Fire Department	330-676-7393
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Residential Safety Escort Program (24/7 for fall/spring semesters)	330-672-7004
Kent State Threatline (24/7)	330-672-SAFE (7233) https://apps.kent.edu/KSUPD/Threatline/
Title IX Coordinator (reports of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, stalking; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F, non-emergency)	330-672-6272
Office of Student Conduct	330-672-4054

Students, faculty, staff and the campus community are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety-related incidents to Kent State University Police Services in a timely manner. In some cases, one may be *required* to make such a report, even if the victim of the crime is unwilling or unable to make a report themselves (see the following section regarding confidential or anonymous reporting). Criminal activity or any other emergency may be reported 24 hours a day, seven days a week via the university's 911 emergency phone system, which provides a direct connection to the university police. Dialing 911 is also the quickest way to access emergency fire and medical services provided by the Kent City Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The police department employs a text telephone (TTY) to communicate with individuals with hearing or

speech impairments. In addition to the all-purpose 911 emergency number, students and employees may contact university police about non-emergency matters requiring police assistance at 330-672-2212. Kent State University Police Services has established a violence prevention Threatline phone number and website. The Threatline does not replace 911 in the case of an immediate emergency and is not meant to be a replacement for filing an official report with Kent State University Police Services. The Threatline provides additional means to communicate information about threats of violence. The phone line and website are anonymous, toll free and available at any time of day. Individuals with information about violence or threats of violence on campus are encouraged to contact Kent State Police Services at 330-672-SAFE (7233) or

<https://apps.kent.edu/KSUPD/Threatline/>.

Reportable activities include: threats of physical harm, harassment, information regarding weapons or drugs on campus, or suspicious or disruptive behavior on campus. General information, lost and found and/or records inquiries can be made by calling 330-672-3070. Outdoor campus phones, recognizable by their blue lights, can be used for emergency and non-emergency situations.

Courtesy phones are located at the entrances to residence halls. Frequently used campus phone numbers are posted at each phone, including numbers for emergencies, campus security, escort and motorist assistance.

Campus and Local Law Enforcement

Kent State Police Services employs 29 peace officers with full police authority in the state of Ohio (Ohio Revised Code Section 3345.04). They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additionally, Kent State University Police Services maintains a daily crime log and a fire log summarizing crimes and residence hall fires reported for the past 60 days, available to the public at

<https://www.kent.edu/publicsafety/police-services/clery-compliance>. Requests for printed copies of crime or fire logs or custom logs exceeding 60 days can be made in person at Kent State University Police Services, Stockdale Safety Building, 530 E. Summit St., Kent, Ohio, 44242, or by contacting the records division at 330-672-3070.

Through a mutual aid agreement with the city of Kent, the Kent State Police Services and Kent City Police assist each other in handling criminal and noncriminal incidents. Kent City Police have jurisdiction over fraternity and sorority houses formally recognized by the university. Other state, county and city agencies have concurrent jurisdiction on properties within their geographic areas that are owned or leased by the university. In September 2012, Kent State University entered

into a mutual aid agreement with the city of Kent, Ohio, for emergency police services and joint police patrol authority. As a result of that agreement, university police officers have authority to enforce the laws of Ohio, as well as municipal ordinances, while patrolling certain areas near the campus in the city of Kent.

In March 2016, the university entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Kent Police Department and Townhall II, a community rape crisis center in the city of Kent. The MOU formalizes the commitment of the parties to work together to provide prevention and awareness education around sexual violence and trauma-informed support to victims of sexual assault, intimate partner violence and stalking, and to improve the overall response to sexual violence at Kent State University and within the greater Kent community. The parties share the goal of preventing sexual violence on the Kent Campus and in the community and responding appropriately to those who have been victimized.

Office of Student Conduct

The goal of the Office of Student Conduct is to provide an atmosphere of safety and security for the university. Outlined in the Code of Student Conduct are policies and procedural guidelines that allow students, faculty, staff and visitors to feel safe and secure in their person and property while on campus. Such policies afford individuals a living and learning environment that is free from persecution and the threat of physical harm. Violations of the Code of Student Conduct may be reported directly to the Office of Student Conduct. The office provides due process hearings of alleged violations of such policies before independent adjudicators. The Office of Student Conduct will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence, the results of any disciplinary hearing conducted by the university against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of the crime or offense. If the alleged

victim is deceased as a result of the crime or offense, the results of the disciplinary hearing may be provided to the victim's next of kin, if so requested. If the crime is sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking, as discussed below, the results will be shared with the alleged victim without the need to make a request.

Office of Student Conduct
119 Twin Towers (Beall/McDowell Hall)
Phone: 330-672-4054
Email: studentconduct@kent.edu
Website: <https://www.kent.edu/studentconduct>

Confidential or Anonymous Reporting

The Threatline, described above, is a mechanism for reporting incidents anonymously. For confidential reporting, reports made to a university employee whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling may be kept confidential when the employee is functioning within the scope of their license or certification as a counselor. (Counselors are, however, encouraged to provide information regarding reporting options and support resources.) The university cannot promise that any other reports of crimes will remain confidential. The university's Administrative policy 5-16.1 requires all employees to notify police and the Title IX Coordinator of any gender/sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking they are made aware of. Additionally, many employees are considered Campus Security Authorities under the Clery Act. A Campus Security Authority is any employee with significant responsibility for student and campus activities. These employees are expected to disclose to Kent State Police any Clery-reportable offenses brought to their attention. Furthermore, the Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.22 requires the reporting of all felonies to law enforcement.

Emergency Response, Notification and Evacuation Procedures, and Timely Warnings

The goal of Kent State's emergency plans and procedures is to maximize human safety, minimize danger, preserve and protect property and critical infrastructure and provide for responsible communications with the university community and the public during and after an emergency with the intent to restore normal activities. An emergency is any event or condition that presents: an imminent risk of death, serious injury or illness to the university community; suspension or significant disruption of university operations; significant physical or environmental damage; or significant threat to the university's financial well-being. Rather than establishing rigid parameters for qualifying an event as an emergency, this definition is intended to emphasize the actual and potential catastrophic effect, and the imminent threat and seriousness inherent to emergencies. Other events may produce crises or harmful effects, but an emergency is distinguished by the severity of the threat and its effects, as well as the ongoing threat posed to the university community. The university notifies students, faculty, staff and the public concerning all emergencies, as well as other conditions, that present a potential threat to the public. This notification is communicated through various media and is made as soon as sufficient, reliable information becomes available. The university strives to ensure that emergency notification is made responsibly and accurately, however, notification will not be delayed on this account unless notification would compromise efforts to assist victims or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

Emergency assistance should always be sought first by immediately dialing 911 from any campus

phone to permit proper and immediate notification to be initiated.

Once an initial and credible report has been received, notification will be made by available methods such as word-of-mouth, public address systems or other electronic means. Those notified shall include students, faculty, staff and visitors located on campus at the time of the emergency, and those who may be en route to the campus, if possible. The Division of University Communications and Marketing will be responsible for the dissemination of emergency information, when warranted, to the larger community using its existing methods for announcing and disseminating information to the general public.

If evacuation procedures need to be initiated, protocols found in the Evacuation Annex of the [Emergency Management Plan](#) will be followed.

Emergency Response Team

The Kent Campus Emergency Response Team (ERT) consists of both administration and staff members with responsibilities involving the four phases of emergency management (Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery). The ERT is a key factor in formulating and leading the campus response to an emergency. In the event of an emergency, ERT members assess the situation and follow the procedures outlined in the Emergency Response Plan. Procedures are reviewed annually and a test that includes campus evacuation is conducted at least once a year by the ERT.

On July 9, 2024, from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., an announced functional exercise was conducted by Kent State Emergency Management for the Kent Campus and surrounding emergency response agencies. The exercise scenario was an active shooter event in a residence hall involving multiple casualties. Topics such as public warning,

evacuations, and recovery aspects were tested during the exercise.

Timely Warnings

The university is required to issue “timely warnings” when a crime is reported and considered a serious or continuing threat to the campus community. Police Services is responsible for determining when a timely warning should be issued and disseminates information regarding any crimes considered to represent a serious or continuing threat to anyone in the university community.

In order to expedite the decision-making process and ensure timely notification, Police Services initiates emergency notifications and timely warnings. Police Services can receive, assess, develop content and initiate notification from its 24-hour professionally staffed communication center. University Communications and Marketing, in collaboration with Police Services, facilitates other forms of notification and may assist in developing the content of the notifications. The emergency response and evacuation procedures are tested annually in conjunction with a campus-wide test of the University Mass Notification System. Also, bi-monthly tests of the tornado sirens are conducted. The Emergency Response Team periodically reviews, evaluates and revises the response and evacuation procedures. Emergency Response procedures will be publicized annually during tornado and fire safety education events using e-mail and mass media coordinated by University Communications and Marketing.

Public notification of emergencies, timely warnings and other conditions that present an ongoing threat to the university community is made through one or more of the following media:

- Facility public address systems.

- Flash ALERTS is Kent State's official emergency text notification system to alert students, faculty and staff of critical information no matter what time it is or where they are in the world. Sign up for this service at www.kent.edu/flashalerts
- Monitors and/or Bulletin Boards.
- Mass emails.
- Press releases, advisories and/or official statements to media.
- Interviews with newspapers, TV and radio stations that send reporters to campus.
- Updates on the Info 3000 message line (330-672-3000).
- Website posts to the university's home page (www.kent.edu) and advisory page (www.kent.edu/advisory).
- Multiple social media platforms, including Facebook and X.

Security of Campus Facilities

Access to Campus Buildings

Residence Halls: All student living areas are locked 24 hours a day. Only residents of a particular hall and authorized personnel have building entrance keys. Nonresident guests must be escorted at all times, and each residence hall room door is equipped with a security viewer (peep hole).

The residence hall system has three area desks. All desks are open 8 a.m.-10 p.m., seven days a week. Students and staff living in any of Kent State's 24 residence halls may report criminal activity, emergencies or safety concerns to the Safety and Community Care staff, Desk Assistant staff, Resident Assistant staff or police.

Kent State's Safety Assistant program is nationally recognized for excellence and for its status as the only program of its kind that is staffed by student leaders, and recently won NASPA's Gold Excellence Award for the 2021-2022 academic year. Safety Assistants receive more than 100 hours of training, learning fire prevention, emergency procedures, conflict resolution, de-escalation, strategies to promote mental wellness, and more. Safety Assistants and Senior Safety

Assistants are in contact with University Police Services via cell phones. Safety Assistants complete escorts and complete rounds in the residence halls in the evenings. While on rounds, Safety Assistants inspect fire safety equipment, secure exterior entrances, enforce residence hall policies and assist residents with any questions they may have. The presence of Safety Assistants provides safety and community care on a proactive basis as well as assistance in emergency situations.

The most widely used service offered by Safety and Community Care is the escort service. Students can call 330-672-7004 to request an escort to/from any location on campus between 12 p.m.-4 a.m., seven nights a week during fall and spring semesters. Other services provided by Safety and Community Care include bike registration, lost and found and safety-related residence hall programming.

Security, Maintenance and Access to Other Campus Buildings: Academic buildings are closed from 11 p.m.-7 a.m. Monday through Friday and on the weekends unless requested otherwise by a building curator. All grounds are inspected

regularly. Monthly inspections by the university Fire Safety Services ensure that all fire equipment and exit lights are functional. Each student and employee has a university photo identification FLASHcard that may be requested to identify authorization for access.

Crime Prevention and Awareness Programs

Kent State University Police Services is committed to offering a wide range of comprehensive, proactive programs and procedures that anticipate, recognize and appraise crime risks and initiate actions to remove or reduce crime risks. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to take an active role in becoming educated about crime prevention and safety. If a crime pattern or other situation develops that presents a serious threat to the campus, the Director of Public Safety promptly informs the university community so that it may exercise appropriate measures to prevent a similar occurrence(s). Timely reports are released to local news media as well as through internal publications. Additionally, the university offers a number of security and crime prevention and awareness programs to the university community, including:

- Kent State University's Department of Public Safety offers active threat training to students, faculty, and staff. This training is designed to give participants insight and response options when encountering an active threat. The training is offered virtually or in person by contacting the [Department of Public Safety](#).
- A full-time Community Resource Officer who coordinates presentations on general campus crime prevention, distracted driving, general personal safety and other timely topics.
- The Safety Assistant program, discussed above, provides a campus-wide escort service and complete rounds in the residence halls seven days a week. In addition, Resident Assistants are on-call in every residence hall seven days a week to assist with student issues or concerns.
- The **Center for Sexual and Relationship Violence Support Services (SRVSS)** is a designated safe space on campus for anyone needing assistance dealing with issues of sexual assault, relationship violence or stalking.
- Beyond Compliance (BC) training provides annual training for Kent State faculty and staff that focuses on key policies, laws and violence prevention designed to promote safety and enhance the culture of the university. All current Kent State University full-time and part-time staff must attend a minimum of two hours of BC training for each fiscal year (July 1–June 30). All full-time and part-time faculty are strongly encouraged to meet this standard as this initiative benefits all members of the university community. See some of the relevant online offerings below:
 - Managing Difficult Behaviors
 - Workplace Bullying: Awareness and Prevention
 - Americans with Disabilities Act Overview
 - Conflict Management: Staff-to-Staff
 - FERPA: Kent State University
- The **Division of People, Culture and Belonging** in conjunction with Kent State University Police Services offers a number of facilitator-led and online security awareness programs year-round for employees, including:
 - Regional Security Officer's Annual Training. The Office of Gender Equity and Title IX provides an annual Title IX update on reportable events related to gender/sexual harassment, VAWA and

Clery Act matters to promote campus accountability.

- **There are four online courses** that all new employees are automatically enrolled in:

- **Online Title IX and Sexual Violence Prevention for Employees, SafeColleges (BC 1 hr)** – Title IX and Sexual Violence Prevention for Employees. This course covers such crucial topics as the prevalence of these crimes on campus, why people perpetrate, federal requirements for campuses, the power of primary prevention, sexual harassment and sexual discrimination.
- **Online General Ethics in the Workplace, SafeColleges (BC 0.5 hr)** – This course provides staff members with an overview of ethical standards at work. Common themes include describing ethical behavior with monetary practices, explaining ethical behavior with colleagues, and identifying several guidelines for appropriate ethical behavior.
- **Online Workplace Bullying: Awareness and Prevention, SafeColleges (BC 0.5 hr)** – This course is designed to help staff members gain a greater understanding of the nature of workplace bullying so that it may be prevented. It will review the impact of workplace bullying, the identification of bullying behavior and effective ways to deal with workplace bullying.
- **Online Emergency Preparedness and Response Training, Kent State University (BC 1 hr)** – Feeling prepared during urgent emergency situations can help people remain calm and enable them to respond more effectively. Take some time to consider how best to respond to emergencies by learning basic emergency

guidelines and survival strategies in this online video training course. This course is designed to assist you in taking necessary precautions and exercising better judgment during potential emergency situations. Help yourself and possibly others when it can count the most by completing this Emergency Preparedness and Response training. By completing this course, participants will:

- Become informed about the university's guidelines and processes regarding emergency preparedness.
 - Learn strategies and best practices in responding to and surviving emergencies.
 - Increase confidence by enhancing knowledge about emergencies.
- The Division of People, Culture and Belonging offers facilitator-led courses and webinars as open-enrollment courses and custom department requests:
 - **Campus Security Authority** training via webinar to all employees, lasting **1-hour BC**. In partnership with the Office of General Counsel and Kent State Police Services, this webinar is offered annually.
 - **Foundation in Conflict Management** is a 1-hour BC session where participants learn what conflict is and isn't, common conflict management styles, and communication tools to facilitate conflict resolution.
 - **Essential Skills for Handling Important Conversations: Supervisory Series** is a 1-hour training session focused on managing and defusing emotionally charged conversations through pre-planning, goal setting, and follow-up.
 - **Foundations in Navigating Change & Transitions** is a 1-hour session dedicated

to recognizing and managing the emotional, human side of change initiatives.

- **Equity Education and Learning Lab** (*training sessions offered in 2024)
 - o Addressing Microaggressions (BC 1 hr)
 - o Creating an Inclusive Workplace (BC 1.5 hrs)
 - o Discovering DEI (BC 1 hr)
 - o Inclusive Hiring for Staff (BC 1.5 hrs)
 - o Intersectionality 101 (BC 1 hr)
 - o The Listening Project
 - o Recognizing Bias (BC 1 hr)
 - o Recruiting and Retaining Faculty (BC 1.5 hrs)
 - o Understanding Race and Racism (BC 1.5 hrs)
 - o What Does it Mean to be Anti-Racist? (BC 1.5 hrs)
 - o White Allyship (BC 1.5 hrs)
 - o Working Towards Equity (BC 1.5 hrs)
- **Step Up and Speak Out** provides greater awareness of mental health concerns, including risk factors for suicide. This suicide and violence prevention campaign facilitated by the CARES Center, represents a collaborative effort of Kent State University Counseling and Psychological Services, University Health Services, the Office of the Vice President for Student Life, the Office of the Dean of Students, Police Services and the CARES Center and aims to support individuals in need by educating university community members on protocols and resources designed to assist in disruptive situations or with distressed individuals. Visit <http://www.kent.edu/stepupspeakout> for more information, including campus-specific resources.
- In the Fall 2024 Semester, **Fraternity and Sorority Life** and the **Center for Student Involvement** hosted various hazing prevention

events for National Hazing Prevention Week (Sept. 23-27, 2024). Through a “These Hands Don’t Haze” campaign, students had the ability to take the pledge to stop hazing on campus and provide their information and involvement on a publicly displayed banner. Additionally, through a “We Donut Condone Hazing” event, Fraternity and Sorority students passed out donuts to the student body and handed out resources for students to take the hazing prevention state-mandated course. Through these events, roughly 250 students interacted with educational materials surrounding resources and reporting, recognizing signs on hazing and bystander intervention.

- The **Office of Student Conduct**, in collaboration with **The Center for Sexual and Relationship Violence Support Services** and **Kent State University Police Services** provides training to incoming undergraduate students during Destination Kent State orientation. This training educates students regarding crime prevention and awareness; safety education and reporting; and the student conduct system.
- The **Office of Student Conduct** provides training regarding general safety and the student conduct system regularly to residence hall directors, international student orientation, and upon request to other groups or departments.

Risk-Reduction Strategies

- Lock your car when parking in a campus lot. Do not leave valuables in plain view in your console or on the seat, i.e. cell phones, loose change, purses, books or anything of value.
- If you live on campus, lock your room, even if you are just going down the hall.
- Don’t leave books, purses, laptop computers or book bags unattended in

public places including the library, bookstore, the gym, study lounges and computer labs.

- Mark your books so you are able to identify them if they are stolen.
- Be alert to your environment at all times. Always know where you are and where you could go for help if you were to need it. Stay in areas that are well lit and populated. Consider varying your routine, particularly when walking to your car, and avoid putting both headphones in your ears. This will allow you to be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone.
- After evening classes, walk in pairs to your cars; if you cannot find a friend, contact campus security for an escort.
- Don't hesitate to report unusual behavior to Campus Security and notify the appropriate personnel if there is any breach of security around campus.

- Don't rely on rumors. Check legitimate news sources for correct information.
- When you go to a social gathering, go with a group of friends, check in with each other throughout the night, and leave together. Don't be afraid to let your friend know you're worried about their safety.
- Know what and how much you are drinking. If you choose to drink, be sure you watch it being poured and keep it with you. Avoid taking drinks from large punch bowls or other open containers where you don't know what was mixed in or how much.
- Carry your cell and some cash. Before you leave your housing, make sure you have your phone and that it is charged. Also, it is important to carry some cash in case you need money for transportation or gas for your car.
- Trust your gut. If you feel unsafe or uneasy in a situation, trust your instincts.

Policies and Programming Regarding Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence and Stalking

Kent State University Policies, Title IX and VAWA

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in education programs or activities operated by recipients of federal financial assistance, such as Kent State University. Sexual harassment, which includes sexual assault, is a form of gender discrimination and can limit a

student's ability to participate in, or benefit from, the university's programs. Administrative policy 5-16.2 reflects Title IX, and strictly prohibits unlawful discrimination and harassment on the basis of gender.

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA) amended the Clery Act to require campus programs regarding prevention, awareness and response to reports of dating

violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. VAWA also requires reporting of crime statistics for those offenses, which are also prohibited by university policy.

The university’s policies regarding prohibition of sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, as well as procedures for filing and investigating complaints of such offenses, can be found in

Chapter 5, at 5-16, 5-16.1 and 5-16.2 of the Kent State University [Policy Register](#).

The Code of Student Conduct is also a useful resource, as it contains information regarding prohibited student conduct, the student conduct adjudication process and the rights of students (including the rights of victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking). It can be found on the [Office of Student Conduct website](#).

Definitions

The following chart shares university policy definitions, as well as Ohio criminal definitions. When you file a complaint with the university’s Title IX Coordinator, university policy definitions will apply. **The table contains only portions of the definitions or laws, shortened for inclusion in this table; for complete versions, please see the notated policy or Revised Code citation. Additionally, other Ohio Revised Code sections may apply. The following is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as legal advice or guidance.**

Term: Sexual Assault	
University Policy 5-16.2 Definition	A form of sexual harassment and conduct on the basis of sex includes rape, sodomy, sexual assault with an object, fondling, incest, or statutory rape.
Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Definition	ORC §2907.02 Rape: (A)(1) No person shall engage in sexual conduct with another when any of the following applies: (a) For the purpose of preventing resistance, the offender substantially impairs the other person's judgment or control by administering any drug, intoxicant, or controlled substance to the other person surreptitiously or by force, threat of force, or deception. (b) The other person is less than thirteen years of age, whether or not the offender knows the age of the other person. (c) The other person's ability to resist or consent is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition or because of advanced age, and the offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person's ability to resist or consent is

	substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition or because of advanced age. (2) No person shall engage in sexual conduct with another when the offender purposely compels the other person to submit by force or threat of force.
	ORC §2907.03 Sexual Battery: (A) No person shall engage in sexual conduct with another; cause another to engage in sexual activity with the offender; or cause two or more other persons to engage in sexual activity when any of the following apply: (1) The offender knowingly coerces the other person, or one of the other persons, to submit by any means that would prevent resistance by a person of ordinary resolution. (2) The offender knows that the other person's, or one of the other persons', ability to appraise the nature of or control the other person's own conduct is substantially impaired. (3) The offender knows that the other person, or one of the other persons, submits because the other person is unaware that the act is being committed. (4) The offender knows that the other person submits because the other person mistakenly identifies the offender as the other person's spouse. (5) The offender is the other person's or one of the other persons', natural or adoptive parent, or a stepparent, or guardian, custodian, or person in loco parentis of the other person. (6) The other person, or one of the other persons, is in custody of law or a patient in a hospital or other institution, and the offender has supervisory or disciplinary authority over the other person. (7) The offender is a teacher, administrator, coach, or other person in authority employed by or serving in a school for which the director of education and workforce prescribes minimum standards pursuant to division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code, the other person, or one of the other persons, is enrolled in or attends that school, and the offender is not enrolled in and does not attend that school. (8) The other person, or one of the other persons, is a minor, the offender is a teacher, administrator, coach, or other person in authority employed by or serving in an institution of higher education, and the other person is enrolled in or attends that institution. (9) The other person, or one of the other persons, is a minor, and the offender is the other person's athletic or other type of coach, is the other person's instructor, is the leader of a scouting troop of which the other person is a member, or is a person with temporary or occasional disciplinary control over the other person. (10) The offender is a mental health professional, the other person, or one of the other persons, is a mental health client or patient of the offender, and the offender induces the

	other person to submit by falsely representing to the other person that the sexual activity is necessary for mental health treatment purposes. (11) The offender is a licensed medical professional, the other person, or one of the other persons, is a patient of the offender, and the sexual activity occurs in the course of medical treatment. (12) The other person, or one of the other persons, is confined in a detention facility, and the offender is an employee of that detention facility. (13) The other person, or one of the other persons, is a minor, the offender is a cleric, and the other person is a member of, or attends, the church or congregation served by the cleric. (14) The other person, or one of the other persons, is a minor, the offender is a peace officer, and the offender is more than two years older than the other person.
	ORC §2907.04 Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor: (A) No person who is eighteen years of age or older shall engage in sexual conduct with another when the offender knows the other person is thirteen years of age or older but less than sixteen years of age, or the offender is reckless in that regard.
	ORC §2907.05 Gross Sexual Imposition: (A) No person shall have sexual contact with another; cause another to have sexual contact with the offender; or cause two or more other persons to have sexual contact when any of the following applies: (1) The offender purposely compels the other person, or one of the other persons, to submit by force or threat of force. (2) For the purpose of preventing resistance, the offender substantially impairs the judgment or control of the other person or of one of the other persons by administering any drug, intoxicant, or controlled substance to the other person surreptitiously or by force, threat of force, or deception. (3) The offender knows that the judgment or control of the other person or of one of the other persons is substantially impaired as a result of the influence of any drug or intoxicant administered to the other person with the other person's consent for the purpose of any kind of medical or dental examination, treatment, or surgery. (4) The other person, or one of the other persons, is less than 13 years of age, whether or not the offender knows the age of that person. (5) The ability of the other person to resist or consent or the ability of one of the other persons to resist or consent is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition or because of advanced age, and the offender knows or has reasonable cause to

	believe that the ability to resist or consent of the other person or of one of the other persons is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition or because of advanced age. (B) No person shall knowingly touch the genitalia of another, when the touching is not through clothing, the other person is less than 12 years of age, whether or not the offender knows the age of that person, and the touching is done with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person.
	ORC §2907.06 Sexual Imposition: (A) No person shall have sexual contact with another; cause another to have sexual contact with the offender; or cause two or more other persons to have sexual contact when the offender knows that the sexual contact is offensive to the other person, or one of the other persons, or is reckless in that regard.
Term:	Stalking
University Policy 5-16.2 Definition	Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety, fear for the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress.
Ohio Revised Code Definition	ORC § 2903.211 Menacing by Stalking: (A)(1) No person by engaging in a pattern of conduct shall knowingly cause another person to believe that the offender will cause physical harm to the other person or cause mental distress to the other person. (A)(2) No person, through the use of any electronic method of remotely transferring information, including, but not limited to, any computer, computer network, computer program, or computer system, shall post a message with purpose to urge or incite another to commit a violation of division (A)(1) of this section. (A)(3) No person, with a sexual motivation, shall violate division (A)(1) or (2) of this section.
Term:	Domestic Violence
University Policy 5-16.2 Definition	Acts of violence or intimidation committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Ohio Revised Code Definition	ORC §2919.25: (A) No person shall knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to a family or household member. (B) No person shall recklessly cause serious physical harm to a family or household member. (C) No person, by threat of force, shall knowingly cause a family or household member to believe that the offender will cause imminent physical harm to the family or household member.
Term:	Dating Violence
University Policy 5-16.2 Definition	Violence or intimidation committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the consideration of the length of the relationship; the type of relationship; and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
Ohio Revised Code Definition	Not specifically defined in the Ohio Revised Code.
Term:	Consent
University Policy 5-16.2 Definition	The voluntary, unambiguous and uncoerced agreement to participate in an act, the nature and full extents of which is known to and understood by all parties. Silence or lack of resistance cannot be the sole factor in determining consent. Consent may be given verbally or nonverbally. All parties are responsible for confirming that their counterpart's consent is maintained throughout the act and is present before engaging in a new act. A person may be incapable of giving consent due to physical incapacitation, physical or mental disability, threat, coercion, the influence of alcohol or drugs, or age.
Ohio Revised Code Definition	Not specifically defined in the Ohio Revised Code.

Support Services and Resources for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking:

If you experience sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking:

- Get to a safe place.
- Call a support person.
(See the following resources)
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible, if applicable.
- It is important to preserve evidence, as it may be necessary to the proof of a criminal offense or to obtain a protection order. For more information about how to do this, visit the [SRVSS website](#).
- You have the option of reporting the incident to the local law enforcement agency and to the university via the following resources. Reporting parties will receive written notification of these resources, reporting options and possible protective measures.

Police Services

- **University Police Services:** (911 for emergencies, or 330-672-2212) University personnel can help you contact the local law enforcement agency where the assault occurred.

Medical Assistance

- **DeWeese Health Center** can assist with medical treatment (330-672-2322)
- Cleveland Clinic Akron General Hospital (Akron, Ohio) – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners are on staff to provide specialized health care to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, and are able to collect physical evidence.

1 Akron General Avenue, Akron, Ohio
44307, 330-344-6000

Victim Advocacy

- **The Center for Sexual and Relationship Violence Support Services (SRVSS):** Is a resource for anyone who has experienced sexual assault, relationship abuse or stalking. SRVSS provides education, campus-based accommodations, resources and referrals as well as support services for any victim (regardless of gender). SRVSS advocates accompany victims when going through the university, a criminal or a civil process.

Jennifer O'Connell, Director
Williamson House, Kent State University
Phone: 330-672-8016
Email: srvss@kent.edu
Website: www.kent.edu/srvss

- **Townhall II:** Rape Crisis Center for Portage County, provides crisis intervention, counseling, victims' advocacy services and sexual assault education. Townhall II also can assist with notification to law enforcement, if the victim chooses.

155 N. Water St., Kent, OH, 330-678-4357, Website: <http://www.townhall2.com/>

Counseling

- Counseling and Psychological Services, Van Campen Hall (330-672-2487)
- The Counseling Center, White Hall, Room 325 (330-672-2208)
- Psychological Clinic, Kent Hall, Room 176 (330-672-2372)
- Coleman Professional Services, 5982 Rhodes Road, Kent (330-296-3555)
- Other mental health resources may be found at <https://www.kent.edu/mentalhealth>.

Other Services

- **Student Legal Services** – provides legal services for students. 164 E. Main Street, Suite #203, Kent, Ohio 44240
phone: 330-672-9550
website: www.kent.edu/sls
- **Student Ombuds** – can assist with requested changes to academic, living, working and transportation situations, financial aid issues and more.
Kent Student Center, 330-672-9494
- **Office of Global Education** - Visa and immigration assistance for students
106 Van Campen Hall, Kent, Ohio 44242,
phone 330-672-7980

University Reporting, Investigation, and Disciplinary Resources

Title IX Coordinator: is responsible for coordinating the university's response to allegations of sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking from students, staff and visitors to campus. This includes taking prompt, impartial and effective action to stop any harassment or violence, prevent its occurrence, and remedy its effects. The Title IX Coordinator has appointed Deputy Title IX Coordinators, who are responsible for investigating reports. As part of an investigation, remedial measures may be available to help stop any alleged harassment and ameliorate its effects. Possible remedial measures can include, but are not limited to, changes in: academic schedule, room assignment, transportation, working situations and issuing "No Contact Orders," if requested and appropriate. These measures are available regardless of whether the victim reports the crime to law enforcement. All allegations of sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking will be investigated to the extent consented to by the complainant. If the accused party is a student, a

student conduct hearing may be held to determine whether policy 5-16.2 was violated and set appropriate sanctions (see next paragraph). If the accused is an employee, the decision-maker overseeing the Title IX hearing will use a preponderance of the evidence standard to determine whether the policy was violated and recommend appropriate sanctions. If the accused is a visitor to campus, a hearing may be held in accordance with the Persona Non Grata policy, 5-12.7. The full procedure for reporting and investigating sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking is in the University Policy Register at 5-16.2.

To report these offenses, contact:
Richantae Johnson, Director, Gender Equity & Title IX Coordinator
Kent Student Center, Suite 250, Phone: 330-672-6272, Email: titleix@kent.edu, Website: <https://www.kent.edu/studentlife/genderequity-titleix>

Office of Student Conduct: Alleged violations involving Kent State University students, employees and visitors to campus must be reported to the Title IX Coordinator for investigation and may result in a conduct hearing before the university's Office of Student Conduct if the accused person is a student. The accuser and accused are entitled to have an advisor of their choice present during a disciplinary proceeding, as well as accommodations such as the option to participate via electronic means. A representative from the Office of Gender Equity and Title IX will be present at the hearing to share any pertinent information from the investigation with the hearing officer(s). The hearing officer(s) will use a preponderance of the evidence standard in making its determination (i.e. it is more likely than not that the offense occurred, based on the evidence presented). Hearing officer(s), the Title IX Coordinator and Deputies and officials involved in investigating and administering these procedures

are trained annually on these issues, as well as how to conduct an investigation or hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability. Both parties will be informed, in writing, of the outcome of the proceeding and appeal options, and will be notified if the other party appeals and if there is a change in results or final outcome. Possible sanctions following the hearing include, but are not limited to, disciplinary probation, suspension and dismissal.

Office of Student Conduct - 119 Twin Towers (Beall/McDowell Hall); Phone: 330-672-4054, Email: studentconduct@kent.edu, <https://www.kent.edu/studentconduct>

Confidentiality: The university will keep all information pertaining to an investigation as confidential as possible. If the complainant requests that their information not be shared with the accused, the university will honor such a request in so far as is compliant with the law. However, such a request may limit the extent to which the university is able to investigate and respond to the complaint. If the complainant wishes to file a formal complaint with the university, the complainant's name and any written statements submitted will be disclosed to the accused. If the university determines that the safety of the community is at risk, certain confidential information may need to be shared in order to protect the university community. All university employees, with the exception of licensed counselors and medical personnel, are required to report to the Title IX Coordinator any sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking they are aware of involving the university community. Ohio law also requires that all felonies be reported to the police.

FERPA and Ohio Public Records Law: Ohio Revised Code Section 149.011 defines a public record as “any document, device, or item, regardless of physical form or characteristic ...

created or received by or coming under the jurisdiction of any public office of the state ... which serves to document the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the office.” ORC 149.43 further requires that “upon request, a public office or person responsible for public records shall make copies of the requested public record available at cost and within a reasonable period of time.” Many of the records kept by the university meet this definition, including many student conduct records. However, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 20 USC §1232g) prohibits the release of educational records without the permission of the student, subject to several statutory exceptions. An exception exists for releasing the results of a student conduct hearing regarding a violation that could be considered a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense. The university may release the final results of the conduct process to the victim of the alleged action without permission from the accused student, and regardless of the outcome of the process. If the accused student is found responsible for a policy violation that may also be considered a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense, the university can release the final results of the conduct process to anyone who requests it. The information released may only include the name of the student found in violation, the policy violated and the sanction imposed.

Bystander Intervention

Through the Kent State Stands Up campaign, Kent State teaches a bystander approach for the prevention of power-based personal violence that relies on the power of cultural and peer influence. The strategy engages everyone in the community as agents of change to visibly reduce the number of incidents of violence. There are two main components to the approach: a skills-based workshop and a social marketing campaign. The one-day workshop engages participants through awareness, education and skill practice that seek to

establish intolerance of violence as a norm and to intervene in high-risk situations, resulting in an ultimate reduction of violence. The goal is to equip participants with lots of options for bystander action from directly intervening, to distracting those involved as well as delegating to get help from someone else or the police all in an effort to increase action in the community. By doing so, new norms are introduced that move individuals from passive agreement that violence is wrong, to active intervention. Visit <https://www.kent.edu/kentstatestandsup> for more information.

Programming

- **Center for Sexual and Relationship Violence Support Services (SRVSS):** works with the greater university community to provide a comprehensive, collaborative, and victim-centered response to sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking that includes prevention, education, and response/recovery components. The responsibility of SRVSS is to educate the university community, to provide anti-violence programming and support services, and to encourage all community members to speak out when witnessing violence. Specific educational programs of SRVSS include:
 - [Informational website](#) for faculty, staff and students who may be dealing with sexual assault, relationship violence and/or stalking and are in need of services, education, or support.
 - Kent State Stands Up – A university-level campaign for raising awareness, sharing resources and promoting bystander action for the prevention, awareness and response to sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and sexual harassment.
 - “Not Anymore” is an online module that is completed by all incoming students by the end of their second week on campus. “Not Anymore” is an interactive experience that will share information about sex in college, partying smart, sexual violence and healthy relationships.
 - Provide information at all Destination Kent State sessions about SRVSS, bystander action, what to do if something happens and creating a community of respect and shared responsibility.
 - Individualized workshops or training for students, student groups and organizations, academic and student services, university departments, faculty and staff. Topics include consent, healthy relationships, bystander action, how to respond to a disclosure of harm, how to help a friend, sexual assault, intimate partner violence and stalking.
 - Provide education to resident assistants, resident hall directors on consent, healthy and unhealthy relationships, bystander action, how to support a student who discloses harm and creating a proactively safer floor/hall community.
 - Awareness month programming for relationship abuse, stalking and sexual assault. Events may include:
 - “Take Back the Night” annual march against sexual violence, which is followed by a name burning and candlelight vigil in support of survivors of sexual violence.
 - The Clothesline Project provides survivors and loved ones of those who have been impacted or killed by sexual violence the opportunity to visually share their stories through decorated t-shirts. The Clothesline Project is displayed at various times throughout the year.
 - “What were you wearing?” exhibit to break down myths around what someone wears causing harm and

- provide a space to share stories and impact.
- Tabling information. SRVSS participates in several wellness and outreach fairs each year, including Blastoff, Black Squirrel Festival, Graduate Student Orientation and International Student Orientation.
- Active social media with resource sharing and educational information. Like or follow @SRVSSKSU and @KSStandsUp.
- All Kent State University employees are required to complete two hours of Beyond Compliance Training. **The Division of People, Culture and Belonging** offers “Title IX and Sexual Harassment Prevention for Employees,” an online Title IX training course available for all full- and part-time faculty and staff to ensure they are fully up-to-date and aware of the relevant laws and university policies related to discrimination, harassment, violence prevention as well as reporting obligations. This training is designed to help employees understand sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment and sexual violence, and encourage reporting. This course also is a part of orientation for new employees. The online process has made the training more accessible and convenient across the university’s eight campuses. Although Human Resource Services offers a blend of options for Title IX training, we are requiring one of the two Beyond Compliance hours be Title IX training.
- **The Office of Gender Equity and Title IX** in collaboration with the **Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance** provides information, consultation and guidance to the Kent State community on affirmative action, equal opportunity, Title IX, Violence Against Women

Reauthorization Act, harassment prevention and discrimination issues. Training and workshops, include the following:

- Educated Residence Hall staff on sexual assault/misconduct, stalking, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment.
- Provided prevention education and Title IX training to all new and incoming faculty.
- Responsible for a campaign including signage, promotional materials and other mediums, emphasizing reporting options.
- Monthly Title IX facilitator-led workshops for faculty, staff and students.
- Presentations are made to all new hire employees encouraging them to take the online Title IX training course or the Title IX facilitator-led workshops.
- Informational website with information regarding who to contact if faced with sexual assault, intimate partner violence, or stalking along with gender discrimination policy.
- Provides individualized workshops for student organizations and student groups, which included all student-athletes, athletic administrators, coaches, trainers, athletic advisors, Greek Life student leaders, resident assistants, graduate assistants, etc. The workshops addressed sexual assault, intimate partner violence or stalking as well as reporting obligations.
- Email and text messages sent to student-athletes to attend the Title IX scheduled workshops.
- The Office of Gender Equity and Title IX partnered with Human Resource Services to provide annual training and education to affirmative action

facilitators and deputy Title IX Coordinators throughout the eight-campus system, which included information relating to prevention education, changes in policies, procedures and redefined categories of sexual harassment, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking and reporting obligations.

- **Residence Hall Programs:** Programs regarding sexual assault prevention and response are offered throughout the academic year as part of the programming in all the residence halls. For more on Residence Hall Safety and Community Care information, see the [Hallways Handbook](#).
- **Community Resource Officer:** A member of our Kent State University Police Services that provides awareness education and prevention to the university community regarding safety issues, including sexual assault. The officer also provides training tailored to specific community needs, as well as participating in presentations to incoming first-year students.
- **Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils:** Sponsored events throughout the year regarding sexual violence prevention, stories from survivors, and other artistic tools to discuss sexual assault and consent. For example, each semester, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) hosts a “New Member Convocation” to welcome the new young men who have just joined a fraternity to the IFC community, introduce

them to one another, provide them with basic community terminology and give them an opportunity to hear from campus partners. Green Dot has graciously partnered with IFC to give a 30-45 minute presentation on the bystander approach and power-based violence, with up to 180 new members of fraternities in attendance. Fraternity and Sorority Life’s Standards of Excellence chapter accreditation program requires each chapter to host an educational session on sexual misconduct each calendar year.

- The **Office of Student Conduct**, in collaboration with **The Center for Sexual and Relationship Violence Support Services**, **The Office of Gender Equity and Title IX**, and **Kent State University Police Services** provides training to incoming undergraduate students during Destination Kent State orientation. This training educates students regarding crime prevention and awareness; safety education and reporting; and the student conduct system. Sexual misconduct, intimate partner violence and stalking education and awareness are components of this training.

Sex Offender Registry

For more information about registered sex offenders near the campus you attend, go to the [Ohio Electronic Sex Offender Registration and Notification website](#).

Drug, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policies and Programming

Kent State students are expected to follow local, state and federal laws regarding the possession, use and sale of alcohol. Use of alcohol is permitted only by persons of legal drinking age and only under the express consent of authorized university personnel. University policies governing the use and possession of alcohol are found at 4-04, 4-04.1, and 4-04.101 in [Chapter 4](#) of the Policy Register.

The university has adopted a zero-tolerance stance concerning the referral and adjudication of cases involving the possession, use and/or sale of illegal substances.

The [Code of Student Conduct](#) governs student violations of university alcohol and controlled substance policies. Kent State may notify parents of students who are under 21 years of age who have been found responsible for an alcohol or controlled substance violation. Possible sanctions may include referral to outside counseling agencies and stipulations to attend drug or alcohol abuse education programs.

Campus and Community Drug and Alcohol Abuse Resources

- Counseling and Psychological Services, Van Campen Hall, Phone: 330-672-2487
- For more resources, visit <https://www.kent.edu/studentlife/drug-free-schools-and-communities-act>

Programming

- **Kent State of Well-being:** Kent State of Well-being's mission is to support, promote and create robust opportunities, programs and resources that enable individuals to achieve a holistic sense of health and well-being. We encourage the entire community to invest time, talent,

and resources toward cultivating a safe and healthy culture. Located within the Kent State Student Recreation and Wellness Center, the Well Hub is the physical space location dedicated to Wellness programming. The Coordinator for Student Health and Well-being and Nationally Certified Peer Educators facilitate a number of alcohol and drug awareness initiatives, including, but not limited to:

- Peer Education Training: Certified Peer Educators who serve the Kent State of Well-being are both NASPA Nationally Certified Peer Educators and Recovery Ally Trained.
 - Certified Peer Educator (CPE) training is an effective strategy for building a well-educated and sustainable peer education group. CPE Training helps peer educators develop leadership skills to be able to successfully create and implement campus programs. The training includes eight modules, covering the role of peer education, helping peers make a behavior change, listening skills, response and referral skills, how to act and intervene, recognizing the role of diversity and inclusivity, programming and presentation skills, self-care and group dynamics. Initially launched by the BACCHUS Network in 1994, the Certified Peer Educator program has been an asset to health and wellness peer educators. The Kent State of Well-being has invested in full-time staff members attaining

the CPE Facilitator Credential to enable in-house facilitation of the curriculum in order to certify peer educators and student leaders at the university.

- Recovery is Spoken Here: Recovery Ally Training fosters an environment where students in or seeking recovery feel accepted by their peers, are empowered to live genuinely, feel comfortable asking for help and are celebrated by the Kent State community. This two-hour training is led by a trained Collegiate Recovery Community staff member and covers a high-level overview of addiction and recovery, addiction and recovery on campus, recovery-friendly language, how to connect students with the Collegiate Recovery Community and ways to get involved as a recovery ally.
- Programs by Request: Certified Health Education Specialist and Peer-led presentations to courses, student groups and other organizations upon request. Requested programs can include workshops for students referred because of a campus alcohol or drug policy violation.
- Fresh Check Day: An uplifting mental health promotion and suicide prevention event for colleges that includes interactive expo booths, peer-to-peer messaging, support of multiple campus departments and groups, free food, entertainment and exciting prizes and giveaways. Fresh Check Day aims to create an approachable and hopeful atmosphere where students are encouraged to engage in dialogue about mental health and helps to build a bridge between students and the mental health resources available on campus, in the community and nationally. This semesterly event includes campus resources and awareness of online screening tools for mental health, substance use and more.
- Well Huts: Topic-based resource tent on campus that provides information about wellness-based topics, to include Alcohol and Other Drugs and Substance Use.
- Wellness Wednesdays: Topic-based weekly activity that provides information about wellness-based topics, to include alcohol and other drugs and substance abuse.
- Freedom from Smoking Tobacco Cessation Services: Individualized services and quit plans facilitated by a Trained American Lung Association Freedom from Smoking Facilitator. Referrals for students, faculty/staff and community members to on- and off-campus in-person and web-based resources such as the Mental Health Website: <https://www.kent.edu/mentalhealth>. Referrals are made by Certified Health Education Specialists and Peer Educators through in-person visits to the Well Hub, during programs and events and via our e-mail address.
- Kent State has joined the Ohio College Impaired Road use Prevention Network through the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Misuse Prevention and Recovery via The Ohio State University as of Summer 2025. This group meets monthly to:
 - Collaborate & Network: Be part of a collaborative group of campuses throughout Ohio learning from one another and

working together to reduce impaired road use.

- **Measure & Test:** Measure impaired driving at our institution and gain access to impaired road use assessment tools designed specifically for the college audience.
- **Problem Solve:** Work together with other campuses to solve a common problem, receiving training and technical assistance along the way.
- **Receive Expert Training:** Receive training from prevention experts on how to address issues on our campus.
- **Inform the Solution:** Strategies developed throughout this initiative will be documented and shared with other campuses across the state and country. Be on the cutting edge of addressing this growing issue among students.
- **Plan, implement, and evaluate** an impaired driving prevention intervention on our campus with the support of HECAOD staff and collaborative members.

- **Counseling and Psychological Services**

(CAPS) offers comprehensive substance use services, which include substance use assessment and treatment, as well as several alcohol and drug awareness initiatives, including, but not limited to:

- **Collegiate Recovery Community:** Strives to offer support services to students who are in recovery or seeking recovery from substance abuse disorders or have a loved one afflicted with addiction. There is an emphasis

on peer support through group fellowship and sober social activities.

- **Empowering Students in Recovery:** A weekly peer support group for students in recovery, exploring recovery as an option, or have a loved one afflicted with addiction. Students receive feedback and encouragement from other students and develop a sense of connection in a non-judgmental, confidential environment.
- **Time to Thrive:** a calendar of sober activities that offer a welcoming, affirming, and substance-free social setting to promote recovery from substance use disorder and foster community.
- **CAPS Substance Use Specialist:** Offers presentations to student groups, athletic teams and other organizations upon request regarding substance use psychoeducation, harm reduction and support resources.
- **Anonymous online mental health screenings** that includes assessment of alcohol use.
- **National Alcohol Screening Day:** Online social media posts to raise awareness and encourage online screenings for alcohol-use disorders. Efforts are aimed at reducing and preventing at-risk drinking.
- **Increased harm reduction efforts** at Halloween and St. Patrick's Day to increase students' knowledge and awareness on issues pertaining to alcohol use and abuse. Emphasis is placed on the importance of students making informed choices about alcohol consumption.
- **Alcohol and Drug Awareness Workshops:** Two-hour comprehensive workshops covering psychoeducation about commonly used substances, risk

factors and signs of substance use disorder, harm reduction techniques, and support resources. Primarily intended for students referred because of an alcohol or drug policy violation or referred by a local court but students may be clinically referred as well.

- Recovery is Spoken Here: CAPS Substance Use Specialist offers Recovery Ally Training to faculty, staff and students upon request. The program is designed to raise awareness regarding substance use and addiction, provide information and knowledge about recovery and increase support for students seeking recovery by educating participants to become recovery allies.
- Outreach Resource Fairs: CAPS/Substance Use Specialist works in partnership with a number of student organizations and departments in support of other campus outreach initiatives that are health- and safety-related (e.g., outreach resource fairs, awareness weeks, trainings). Substance use awareness and on-campus support for students is disseminated.
- Website Resources: Students may access information about substance use treatment and mental health services available at Kent State University through the Mental Health website: <https://www.kent.edu/mentalhealth> as well as directly through the CAPS website <https://www.kent.edu/caps>.
- **Community Resource Officer:** Is a member of Kent State University Police Services who provides awareness education and prevention to the university community regarding safety issues, including alcohol and drug use, as well as drinking and driving. The officer also

provides training tailored to specific community needs, including increased awareness education prior to certain holidays and student events, organization of community outreach programming and participating in presentations to incoming first-year students.

- **The Alcohol and Other Drugs Task Force** is a group that fosters campus and community collaboration aimed at reducing the negative impact of alcohol and other drug use in our community. This group makes recommendations for policy and program changes, serves as the lead campus group to collaborate with community resources to reduce alcohol and other drug-related problems, coordinates the institutional alcohol and other drugs biennial review, and supports efforts of the community to reduce high-risk alcohol and other drug-related negative behavior on and off campus.
- **Division of People, Culture and Belonging: IMPACT** Employee Assistance and Work/Life Program offers counseling services by licensed professionals to assist employees with problems such as stress, anxiety, depression, substance abuse and more.
- **Panhellenic, Interfraternity and United Greek Councils:** With the passing of Issue 2 in Ohio, the Panhellenic Council hosted an event called “Baked” in collaboration with Student Legal Services to provide Panhellenic sorority women with education and an opportunity to ask questions regarding the navigation of marijuana use in Ohio with roughly 200 members in attendance. Additionally, the Interfraternity Council hosts a comprehensive risk management training

course each semester (fall and spring) with the Kent Police Department to discuss safe partying, alcohol consumption, Narcan and to review local ordinances with between 75-80 members in attendance. Fraternity and Sorority Life's Standards of Excellence chapter accreditation program requires all Greek organizations to host two personal risk management sessions, with most of the programs focusing on alcohol and other drugs.

- **Residence Hall Programs:** Programs regarding alcohol and other drug use are offered throughout the academic year as part of the programming in all the residence halls. For more on Residence Hall Safety and Community Care information, see the [Hallways Handbook](#).
- **Office of Student Conduct Programs:** The Office of Student Conduct facilitates a Decision-Making and Ethics Workshop 10

times per year as a sanction for students who violate the Code of Student Conduct and/or Residence Services policy. The goal is to share and apply personal reflection, responsible character awareness and accountability when confronted with challenging life circumstances. Through sanctions, the office assigns stress management workshops, alcohol workshops and drug workshops; and an intake for counseling.

- In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, the university's alcohol and drug abuse programs, standards of conduct, legal sanctions, penalties and health risks can be accessed at <https://www.kent.edu/studentlife/drug-free-schools-and-communities-act>. The Drug Abuse and Alcohol Prevention Program information is updated each semester and posted on the same website.

Crime Statistics

Below are statistics regarding reported crimes as related to the Kent Campus of Kent State University for the past three calendar years. For national college crime statistics information, and a glossary of terms defining the following offenses, visit the Department of Education's [Department of Education Campus Safety](#).

Burglary is the unlawful entry of structure to commit a felony or theft; *Larceny-theft* is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

Robbery is the larceny-theft or attempted larceny-theft from another through the use of or threat of force or while having a deadly weapon on the offender's person.

On-Campus Property

Any building or property owned or controlled by the university within the same reasonable contiguous geographic area and used by the university in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the university's educational purpose.

Reports	2022	2023	2024
Murder	0	0	0
Murder in Residence Halls	0	0	0
Negligent Homicide	0	0	0
Negligent Homicide in Residence Halls	0	0	0
Sex offenses - Forcible - Rape	12	7	13
Sex offenses - Forcible - Rape in Residence Halls	12	7	12
Sex offenses – Forcible - Fondling	14	5	12
Sex offenses - Forcible - Fondling in Residence Halls	12	2	8
Sex Offenses - Non forcible - Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Sex Offenses - Non forcible Statutory Rape in Residence Halls	0	0	0
Sex Offenses - Non forcible - Incest	0	0	0
Sex Offenses - Non forcible - Incest in Residence Halls	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Robbery in Residence Halls	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	2	1
Aggravated Assault in Residence Halls	0	1	1
Burglary	1	1	0
Burglary in Residence Halls	1	0	0
Arson	0	1	1
Arson in Residence Halls	0	1	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0

Reports	2022	2023	2024
Motor Vehicle Theft in Residence Halls	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	3	0	1
Domestic Violence in Residence Halls	1	0	0
Dating Violence	12	18	17
Dating Violence in Residence Halls	9	15	10
Stalking	9	11	12
Stalking in Residence Halls	6	2	6

Arrest Statistics	2022	2023	2024
Liquor Law Violations	51	8	33
Liquor Law Violations in Residence Halls	12	4	13
Drug Abuse Violations	33	16	15
Drug Abuse Violations in Residence Halls	4	9	6
Weapons Possessions	4	1	0
Weapons Possessions in Residence Halls	0	0	0

Office of Student Conduct Referrals	2022	2023	2024
Liquor Law Violations	25	42	22
Liquor Law Violations in Residence Halls	25	36	17
Drug Abuse Violations	13	16	24
Drug Violations in Residence Halls	13	14	13
Weapons Violations	0	0	0
Weapons Violations in Residence Halls	0	0	0

Public Property

Any public property, including thoroughfares, sidewalks, streets, and parking facilities within or immediately adjacent to campus.

Reports	2022	2023	2024
Murder	0	0	0
Negligent Homicide	0	0	0
Sex Offenses - Forcible - Rape	0	0	0
Sex Offenses - Forcible - Fondling	0	0	0
Sex Offense - Non-forcible - Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Sex Offense - Non-forcible - Incest	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	1	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Dating Violence	1	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0

Arrest Statistics	2022	2023	2024
Liquor Law Violations	18	11	19
Drug Abuse Violations	13	17	0
Weapons Possessions	3	0	1

Office of Student Conduct Referrals	2022	2023	2024
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0

Office of Student Conduct Referrals	2022	2023	2024
Weapons Possessions	0	0	0

Non-Campus Property

Property owned or controlled by a student organization officially recognized by the university; or owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

Reports	2022	2023	2024
Murder	0	0	0
Negligent Homicide	0	0	0
Sex Offenses - Forcible - Rape	2	0	1
Sex Offenses - Forcible - Fondling	0	2	2
Sex Offense - Non-forcible - Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Sex Offense - Non-forcible - Incest	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	3	0
Arson	1	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Dating Violence	1	0	0
Stalking	2	1	0

Arrest Statistics	2022	2023	2024
Liquor Law Violations	1	6	5
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0

Arrest Statistics	2022	2023	2024
Weapons Possessions	2	0	0

Office of Student Conduct Referrals	2022	2023	2024
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0
Weapons Possessions	0	0	0
Unfounded Crimes (not included in statistics above)**	0	1	1

Hate Crimes for the Past Three Calendar Years

2024

- One on-campus residence hall theft Incident characterized by religious bias.
- One on-campus damage to property characterized by sexual orientation bias.
- One on-campus damage to property characterized by sexual orientation bias.

2023

- One on-campus damage to property incident characterized by racial bias.
- One on-campus damage to property incident characterized by racial bias.
- One on-campus damage to property incident characterized by religious bias.
- One on-campus damage to property incident characterized by religious bias and sexual orientation bias.

2022

- One on-campus damage to property incident characterized by religious bias.
- One on-campus damage to property incident characterized by religious bias.
- One on-campus damage to property incident characterized by racial bias.
- One on-campus damage to property incident characterized by religious bias.

Missing Student Notification

Kent State University takes student safety very seriously. To this end, policy [4-13.2](#) has been established to assist in locating Kent State University students living in on-campus housing who, based on the facts and circumstances known, Kent State University has determined to be missing.

If a member of the university community has reason to believe that a student is missing, they should immediately contact Kent State Police Services at 330-672-2212.

Students have the option of identifying an individual who will be contacted by Kent State University no later than 24 hours after the time the student is determined to be missing. A student can register this confidential contact information through the student's FlashLine account. This contact will only be disclosed to authorized campus officials and law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing person investigation. Kent State University will follow the following notification procedure for a missing student who resides in on-campus housing no later than 24 hours after the time that the student is determined to be missing:

1. Once Kent State University receives a missing student report via the Dean of Students' Office, Kent State University Campus Safety, University Housing, or other source, the following offices will be notified:
 - a. Kent State University Police Services;
 - b. Undergraduate/Graduate Deans' Offices;
 - c. Vice President for Student Life; and
 - d. University Housing
2. Any official missing person report relating to this student shall be referred immediately to Kent State University Police Services.

3. If Kent State University Police Services, after investigating the official report, determines the student has been missing for more than 24 hours, Kent State University will contact the individual identified by the student, the custodial parent or legal guardian if the student is under 18 and not emancipated, or local law enforcement if these do not apply.

Upon notification from any entity that any student may be missing, Kent State University may use any of the following resources to assist in locating the student. These resources may be used in any order and combination: University Housing may be asked to assist in physically locating the student by performing a wellness check at the student's campus housing; Kent State University Police Services may search on campus public locations to find the student (library, cafeteria, etc.); Kent State University Police Services may issue an ID picture to assist in identifying the missing student; the Dean's Office may try to contact known friends, family or faculty members for last sighting or additional contact information; Student Life or academic departments may be contacted to seek information on last sighting or other contact information; University Housing may access residence hall card access logs to determine last use of the key card; Kent State University Police Services may access vehicle registration information for vehicle location and distribution to authorities; Information Technology may be asked to look up e-mail and other network logs for last login and use of Kent State University network resources. If there is any indication of foul play, other local police agencies may be contacted for assistance.

Fire Safety Report and Statistics

The Environmental Health and Safety Department's Fire Safety Services Unit strives to be a strong link between all departments within Kent State by promoting fire safety. Through a coordinated effort with the City of Kent Fire Department, the Fire Prevention Office enforces all required codes and standards to ensure the safety of individuals associated with the university community. Future improvements for fire safety are continuously assessed and evaluated. For more information, visit the Fire Safety Services [website](#).

Reporting Fires

In the event of an emergency, call 911 to report a fire. All non-emergency fire situations or evidence of a fire should be reported to the Kent State Police at 330-672-2212.

Fire Statistics 2024

There were 285 false fire alarms in 2024. The leading causes were burnt food, hair products and appliances, and vaping. To access more recent information, Kent State University Police Services maintains a daily crime log and a fire log summarizing crimes and residence hall fires reported for the past 60 days, available to the public at <https://www.kent.edu/publicsafety/police-services/clery-compliance>. Requests for printed copies of crime or fire logs or custom logs exceeding 60 days can be made in person at Kent State University Police Services, 530 E. Summit St., Kent, Ohio, 44242 or by contacting the records division at 330-672-3070.

Reportable Fires in the Residence Halls for the Past Three Years

2024

Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Bldg.	Fire No.	Cause of Fire	# of Injuries that Required Treatment at a Medical facility	# of Fire Related Deaths	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire
Allyn Hall 550 Senhauser Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Beall Hall 1475 Eastway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. A 275 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. B 325 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Bldg.	Fire No.	Cause of Fire	# of Injuries that Required Treatment at a Medical facility	# of Fire Related Deaths	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire
Centennial Ct. C 1300 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. D 1350 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. E 1400 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. F 1450 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clark Hall 1450 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dunbar Hall 225 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Engleman Hall 175 Terrace Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fletcher Hall 1350 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greek House A 1375 Campus Ctr Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Johnson Hall 325 Janik Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Koonce Hall 325 Cunningham Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Korb Hall 1425 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lake Hall 500 Williams Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leebrick Hall 1575 Leebrick Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manchester Hall 1300 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
McDowell Hall 1500 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Olson Hall 875 University Esp.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Prentice Hall 250 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Bldg.	Fire No.	Cause of Fire	# of Injuries that Required Treatment at a Medical facility	# of Fire Related Deaths	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire
Stopher Hall 375 Janik Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Van Campen Hall 625 Loop Rd.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Verder Hall 150 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wright Hall 1475 Leebrick Dr.	1	1	Accidental-art project	0	0	\$0

2023

Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Bldg.	Fire No.	Cause of Fire	# of Injuries that Required Treatment at a Medical facility	# of Fire Related Deaths	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire
Allyn Hall 550 Senhauser Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Beall Hall 1475 Eastway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. A 275 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. B 325 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. C 1300 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. D 1350 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. E 1400 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. F 1450 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clark Hall 1450 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dunbar Hall 225 Midway Dr.	1	1	Accidental - cooking	0	0	\$0

Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Bldg.	Fire No.	Cause of Fire	# of Injuries that Required Treatment at a Medical facility	# of Fire Related Deaths	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire
Engleman Hall 175 Terrace Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fletcher Hall 1350 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greek House A 1375 Campus Ctr Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Johnson Hall 325 Janik Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Koonce Hall 325 Cunningham Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Korb Hall 1425 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lake Hall 500 Williams Dr.	1	1	Accidental - cooking	0	0	\$71
Leebrick Hall 1575 Leebrick Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manchester Hall 1300 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
McDowell Hall 1500 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Olson Hall 875 University Esp.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Prentice Hall 250 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Stopher Hall 375 Janik Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Van Campen Hall 625 Loop Rd.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Verder Hall 150 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wright Hall 1475 Leebrick Dr.	1	1	Intentional	0	0	\$0

2022

Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Bldg.	Fire No.	Cause of Fire	# of Injuries that Required Treatment at a Medical facility	# of Fire Related Deaths	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire
Allyn Hall 550 Senhauser Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Beall Hall 1475 Eastway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. A 275 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. B 325 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. C 1300 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. D 1350 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. E 1400 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Centennial Ct. F 1450 Chiarucci Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clark Hall 1450 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dunbar Hall 225 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Engleman Hall 175 Terrace Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fletcher Hall 1350 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greek House A 1375 Campus Ctr Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Johnson Hall 325 Janik Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Koonce Hall 325 Cunningham Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Korb Hall 1425 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lake Hall	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Bldg.	Fire No.	Cause of Fire	# of Injuries that Required Treatment at a Medical facility	# of Fire Related Deaths	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire
500 Williams Dr.						
Leebrick Hall 1575 Leebrick Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manchester Hall 1300 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
McDowell Hall 1500 Petrarca Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Olson Hall 875 University Esp.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Prentice Hall 250 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Stopher Hall 375 Janik Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Van Campen Hall 625 Loop Rd.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Verder Hall 150 Midway Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wright Hall 1475 Leebrick Dr.	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Fire Drills and Evacuation Procedures

Kent State University plans and supervises one fire drill per semester in each on-campus student housing building. On occasion, more will be conducted in the event of a problem or at the request of the Residence Hall Director. Additionally, the Child Development Center has one fire drill per month, and DeWeese Health Center has two drills per year. The regional campus buildings conduct one per semester as well.

Fire Alarms provide an audible voice command to evacuate or shelter-in-place, depending on the nature of the emergency. Fire evacuation procedures include:

- Remain calm
- Walk to the nearest safe exit
- Close doors to contain the fire
- Activate the building fire alarm if necessary
- Do not use the elevator

- Call 911 emergency and provide the location of the fire
- Do not re-enter a burning building
- Distance yourself from the building for personal safety and to allow first responders access
- Report to the designated meeting place for Residence Hall evacuations

Policies for Fire Safety Education and Training Programs for Students, Faculty and Staff

Kent State University's Fire Safety Services Unit conducted 22 fire safety/extinguisher use classes for faculty, staff and students throughout the year. That number includes train-the-trainer programs for hallway staff. University Housing Safety Assistants receive fire safety training, which includes use of fire extinguishers, evacuation measures and fire response procedures. University Culinary Services receives fire watch training. Faculty and staff receive fire safety education every September. For more information about training offered, or to schedule a training session, visit the Fire Safety Services [website](#).

Smoking, Open Flames and Portable Electric Appliances

Smoking is prohibited in all the buildings of Kent State. The possession of or use of candles, incense, lanterns or other open flame devices is prohibited in the residence halls. Appliances are defined as any electric device with primary purpose of cooking, preparing food, preserving food or generating heat. A comprehensive list is available in the [Hallways Handbook](#).

Appliances that are not permitted in the Residence Halls include:

- Devices with open heating elements
- Toaster ovens
- Freezers
- Lava lamps
- Indoor grills similar to the George Foreman brand

Residence Hall Fire Alarm Systems

When activated, the fire alarm system in the building causes horns to sound continuously throughout the building. Signals are also transmitted to Kent State University Police Services, who will then notify the City of Kent Fire Department. Fire alarm pull stations are activated by completely pulling down the lever located at the lower half of the fire alarm station cover. Fire alarm pull stations are located near the exits. Depending upon the fire protection system installed in a specific building, fire alarms could also be automatically tripped by activation of smoke or heat detectors or by the release of sprinkler systems.

Fire Safety Systems

Student Housing	Fire Safety System
Centennial Court: Buildings A-F	These buildings are equipped with a sprinkler system and an addressable fire system with smoke detectors in all sleeping and living spaces.
Eastway: Allyn Hall Clark Hall Fletcher Hall Manchester Hall	These buildings are equipped with an addressable fire system with smoke detectors in all sleeping and living spaces.
New Front: Dunbar Hall Engleman Hall Prentice Hall Verder Hall	These buildings are equipped with an addressable fire system with smoke detectors in all sleeping and living spaces. Engleman Hall is equipped with a full sprinkler system. Prentice and Dunbar Halls are equipped with first floor sprinkler systems.
Tri-Towers: Koonce Hall Korb Hall Leebrick Hall Wright Hall	These buildings are equipped with a sprinkler system and an addressable fire system with smoke detectors in all sleeping and living spaces.
Twin Towers: Beall Hall McDowell Hall	These buildings are equipped with a sprinkler system and an addressable fire system with smoke detectors in all sleeping and living spaces.
The Quad: Johnson Hall Stopher Hall Lake Hall Olson Hall	The Johnson Hall and Stopher Hall buildings are equipped with a sprinkler system and an addressable fire system with smoke detectors in all sleeping and living spaces. The Lake Hall and Olson Hall buildings are equipped with an addressable fire system with smoke detectors in all sleeping and living spaces.
Other Housing:	The Van Campen Hall and Greek House A buildings are considered other housing.
<i>Van Campen Hall</i>	<i>This building is equipped with an addressable fire system with smoke detectors in all sleeping and living spaces. (This building was renovated in June 2021 and is no longer used a residence hall.)</i>
Greek House A	This building is equipped with a sprinkler system and an addressable fire system with smoke detectors in all sleeping and living spaces.

