University of Southern Indiana
Crime Reporting Methods

Public Safety: Contact USI Public Safety at 812-492-7777 to report a crime, any campus emergency, or any security issue. You may also dial 911 to contact local law enforcement directly. You may also contact USI Public Safety at 812-464-1845 to report non-emergency issues or if you have any questions.

On-Line Reporting: The Campus Action Response and Engagement Team (CARE Team) provides an on-line reporting form that may be used to report crimes or issues involving students of concern. This form is not to be used to report on-going campus emergencies (Dial 812-492-7777). The CARE Team provides proactive assistance and support to students by assessing, evaluating and responding to reports about students who present as disruptive or show concerning behavior and may need support to manage their academic and social experience at the University. Click here to complete an online CARE Team Reporting Form.

Silent Witness Form: If you have witnessed or have information regarding a crime or incident that has occurred on campus, you may anonymously submit the information to the Office of Public Safety using the Silent Witness Form. The information is submitted in email form and will be kept strictly confidential. The silent witness form is to be used for: Crimes or incidents occurring on USI campus property or crimes or incidents occurring off campus that involve University of Southern Indiana students, faculty, or staff. It is important to note that a silent witness will not result in an immediate emergency response from the Office of Public Safety. If you require immediate assistance, call campus ext. 7777 or 812-492-7777. All other off-campus crimes should be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency by dialing 911.

TIP Line: The University of Southern Indiana’s Office of Public Safety has established a telephone TIP line which allows callers, wishing to remain anonymous, to leave information via a voice mailbox as to any criminal activity or University Code violations. The TIP line is a means for the campus community to assist in establishing a safe campus environment. This telephone number may be called 24 hours a day to provide information. Persons wanting to report such activity should call the Tip Line at 812-228-5029 or campus extension “5029”.

Emergency Call Boxes: The University has also placed emergency two-way call boxes (Emergency Blue Light Phones) around the entire campus for use during emergencies. The convenient location of the blue phones allows someone to report an emergency or incident if other communication methods are not available. By pressing the button on these phones, users are immediately connected to the Office of Public Safety Dispatch Center.

The University of Southern Indiana and the Office of Public Safety strongly encourages the reporting of any sexual offense such as non-consensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, stalking, or any other form of sexual misconduct. Examples of other sexual misconduct issues may but are not limited to include sexual harassment, sexual intimidation, intimate partner violence and sexual battery.

- Rape/sexual assault (gang, acquaintance, stranger)
- Acts on a person who is not conscious or able to give consent
- Indecent exposure
- Direct or indirect threats linked to sexual propositions or activity
- Coerced sexual activity
- Sexual battery, (the unwanted touching of an intimate part of another person, such as a sex organ, buttocks, or breasts)
- Stalking, harassment or intimidation
- Dating or Domestic Violence

Timing is a critical factor in the reporting of any sexual assault/misconduct. The USI Counseling Center, off-campus advocates and personnel from the Office of Public Safety can discuss all of these reporting options confidentially with the victim.

Employees: University employees must report any incident of sex/gender misconduct and discrimination to the Title IX coordinator or designee within 24 hours of learning of the incident.

Employees designated as “Campus Security Authorities” are mandated to advise the Office of Public Safety of any Clery reportable crimes that occur in a Clery reportable area. Designated Forcible and Non-Forcible sex crimes are required reportable crimes. One of the key responsibilities of a campus security authority is to encourage crime victims and witnesses to report crimes to the Office of Public Safety. Information and training on Campus Security Authorities may be found on the Public Safety Website.

Employees serving in certain professional roles are not required to report these types of crimes unless there is an articulable immediate danger to the campus community that would necessitate disclosure. Examples of employees that would not be required to report include medical providers, pastoral and licensed professional counselors. These exempt employees may still complete an
anonymous/confidential report for statistical or pattern analysis purposes and not divulge any personal identifiable information without the victim(s) consent.

The University's Disciplinary Procedure for Sexual Assault is designed to respond to allegations of sexual assault. Indiana’s criminal statues determine the criminal penalty or sanctions based upon the act, severity, and other mitigating or aggravating circumstances. The Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Program include counseling services, crisis support groups, and other organizations which provide assistance and referrals to students who have been assaulted.