



Security & Fire Safety Report

University of Saint Katherine is a generally safe campus in an area with very few serious crimes. Unfortunately, crime can happen anywhere, including our campus. The purpose of this guide is to alert you to the types of incidents you could encounter during your time at University of Saint Katherine, and provide you with valuable crime prevention, safety and emergency response information so you can better partner with us to make the campus a safe place for all.

This combined report provides annual crime and residential fire safety statistics to comply with the mandatory reporting requirements of both the Higher Education Opportunity Act and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092(f)). Statistics in this report are compiled by the Office of the President based on crimes and arrests reported to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and University of Saint Katherine. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to report crimes to Facilities Management/Security for investigative follow-up and inclusion in the annual report. Direct, timely reports of crimes and incidents are most helpful in maintaining a safe campus community.

The Annual Security & Fire Safety Report is available online on the University of Saint Katherine website, www.usk.edu. Printed copies are available from Facilities Management/Security.

Crime Prevention

University of Saint Katherine has adopted a proactive approach to crime prevention that involves all members of the university community. The program includes security orientation programming for new students, and continuing efforts throughout the year involving the distribution of literature, a campus watch program, guest lecturers, and targeted crime prevention presentations.

Crime Prevention. Do you know what it means? It means making it harder for crime to happen. It means reducing the opportunity for criminals to victimize you and the university community. It means protecting people and property, and increasing community safety and well-being. Crime prevention is a proactive strategy designed to minimize or eliminate criminal opportunity before a crime actually occurs. Safety and security on our campus is a cooperative effort, a partnership. You can do your part by taking a few simple steps to protect yourself, your belongings, and your campus community.

Personal Safety

University of Saint Katherine is a safe campus. Nevertheless, just like any college, there can be incidents of crime. Make sure to practice "street smarts" whether on campus or off. The following are some recommendations to improve personal safety.

- Stay alert and trust your instincts. Know who is in the area to assist you. Communicate the message that you are calm and confident and walk purposefully. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave quickly. If you feel that you are being followed, go to the nearest open business & let them know that you are possibly in danger. Ask them to contact police if you cannot call on your own. Never hesitate to contact 911 in an emergency.
- When walking, it is wise to plan the safest route to your destination and use it. It is recommended that you walk in areas/along pathways that have ample lighting and provide open visibility. Shortcuts through parking lots, alley ways and such are not recommended. Whenever possible, travel with a friend or make sure to let someone you trust know when to expect your arrival at a particular destination.
- Before walking toward your car, especially in dark or poorly lit areas, take a couple minutes to assess the area around your vehicle and make sure you don't see any signs of potential danger.
- Report any suspicious-looking individuals whom you feel do not belong in your apartment hall or on campus. Also report any unusual incidents on campus to Facilities Management/Security.
- If you live on campus or are alone in a campus building, keep the door locked, especially at night. Always find out who is knocking before you open the door. Protect keys and access cards and do not leave doors propped open for visitors.
- Annoying telephone calls, emails, text messages, and internet messages are the second most common incident on campuses. If you are a victim of any of these types of harassment, please report it to Facilities Management/Security or your RA, if you are a resident .
- Alcohol and crime are related. In mid-1994, a Columbia University study found that 95% of violent crimes and 53% of all injuries on campus are alcohol related. Incidents of property damage, vandalism, and disorderly conduct can be related to alcohol abuse. Furthermore, 90 percent of rapes on campus occur when at least one of the subjects uses alcohol.

Protect Your Property

Theft is the #1 crime on college campuses. Never leave your valuables unattended, especially in open view. Mark easily stolen property with a personal identifier. When leaving a room or office, even if only for a few minutes, make sure all doors and windows are closed and locked. Report any faulty locks, doors, windows, or lights to Facilities Management/Security at ext. 309. Always lock your automobile when leaving it unattended and never leave valuables in plain view inside your automobile. Report any suspicious people or activity in any College parking lot to Facilities Management/ Security at ext. 309.

CAMPUS WATCH Campus Watch asks students, faculty and staff to look out for each other's welfare, to be alert to anything that threatens the quality of campus life, and to report all suspicious activities, emergencies, and other concerns to someone who can take action. Suspicious activity and other emergencies can be reported directly by any student, faculty or staff member by dialing ext. 309 or (760) 471-1316 from your cell phone.

Reporting Crimes and Incidents

All members of our campus community are encouraged and required to report all criminal incidents to Facilities Management/Security. Any suspicious or suspected criminal activities should also be reported.

Emergencies should always be reported at once to community police, fire or emergency agencies at 911.

Students involved in incidents at off-campus housing are subject to the university disciplinary process in addition to any criminal charges pursued by law enforcement. Criminal investigations for incidents at local apartments are the jurisdiction of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, however the university may also conduct an investigation into violations of the University's Code of Conduct.

Law Enforcement Authority

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department, headquartered just a few blocks from campus, is the primary law enforcement agency responsible for police response to campus and follow-up criminal investigations. The San Diego County Sheriff's Department patrols the campus and responds to emergency calls on campus as they would to any other property within their jurisdiction. The University's Facilities Management/Security staff works closely with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department to provide a cooperative, coordinated emergency response to on-campus incidents. University of Saint Katherine strongly encourages members of our campus community to immediately report all crimes, incidents and suspicious activity to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Those reporting crimes to the Facilities Management/Security will also be given the opportunity to make a police report with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department to initiate a criminal investigation. It is common for the university to conduct investigations to support the university's disciplinary process, and to assist the police with on-campus investigations.

Emergency Response and Notification

Knowing what to do before an emergency arises is an important way to provide for your own personal safety. At University of Saint Katherine, we provide, post and distribute a variety of resources to educate our community members on safety and emergency response topics. Emergency instruction reference sheets are posted for easy reference in classrooms and meeting spaces, and periodic awareness messages are sent to the relevant campus groups by e-mail.

In the interest of protecting life and preventing harm, our staff are authorized to confirm the existence of an emergency situation, activate our emergency systems, notify local authorities for additional assistance, and take other response actions based on existing procedures, prior to notifying the senior administration of the university. Our emergency notification systems include:

- **University of Saint Katherine Alert (USK-Alert)** – This is our emergency text/e-mail/voice-call system which is used to notify students/faculty/staff who may be on campus, near campus or enroute to the campus. This system is also used to announce school closings due to severe weather or any other type of unforeseen event which will require an unplanned closure of the college.
- **Campus Webpage** – Emergency updates will be periodically posted on the University of Saint Katherine website.

The Emergency Broadcast Systems and USK-Alert both have a series of pre-programmed messages for a variety of emergency situations and the systems can also be used to provide additional, "live" announcements and updates as additional relevant information becomes known. In compliance with Federal law, these systems would be activated after confirmation of a significant emergency threatening the health or safety of those on campus, unless responsible authorities determine that issuing the notification will compromise efforts to assist victims, or to contain, respond to or mitigate the emergency.

For less time-sensitive notification when there is not an immediate emergency threatening the safety of the campus community, the following notification methods may be used:

- Campus Voicemail
- Campus Email
- Posted Alerts

Timely Warnings and Crime Alerts

Facilities Management/Security issues Crime Alerts complying with the “Timely Warning” provision of the Cleary Act when there has been a crime or incident which poses some continuing potential for physical harm to members of the campus community, but which is not an immediate emergency. These Crime Alerts are distributed by campus e-mail, displayed on the campus portal, and printed copies are posted in various locations on campus.

University of Saint Katherine has a fully functional fire alarm system which will automatically activate in cases where fire and/or smoke are detected in the interior of the building. Pull down fire alarms and fire extinguishers are provided throughout the campus for use in case of emergency.

Emergency alert systems and evacuation procedures at University of Saint Katherine are tested on a periodic basis on the following schedule:

USK-Alert is tested once at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters.

Complete fire alarm system tests are performed during the Summer for all campus buildings.

Timed, unannounced apartment hall fire drills are conducted at the beginning of the Fall semester. Buildings which fail a 3-minute evacuation time will be subject to follow-up, unannounced fire drills until the 3-minute time target is achieved.

On an annual basis, University of Saint Katherine will perform an emergency procedures drill or evacuation exercise, with an evaluation following the exercise to aid in assessing and improving performance. While fire drills and exercises involving core emergency response personnel may be unannounced, exercises involving the general population of the campus will be announced in advance to avoid undue distress.

Alcohol and Drugs

University of Saint Katherine has the obligation to uphold federal, state and local laws with regard to possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs. University of Saint Katherine will not protect students from legal investigations and will fully cooperate with legal authorities as required by law.

Alcohol: The legal age for the possession and use of all alcoholic beverages in California is 21 years of age. Fraudulent identification for the purpose of securing alcoholic beverages and/or purchasing such beverages for minors is a violation of state and local law. Students who are 21 years of age or older have the legal right to use alcoholic beverages of any category in their private residences or while away from University of Saint Katherine property. However, if students are living in housing offered by University of Saint Katherine or on campus property they are expected to comply with the zero-tolerance rule.

Note: It is against the law to provide alcoholic beverages to any person under 21 years of age and University of Saint Katherine will fully comply with any legal investigation regarding such matters.

Drugs: Sale, distribution, use, or possession of illegal chemical substances or paraphernalia for chemical use is prohibited on University of Saint Katherine property. University of Saint Katherine also prohibits the manufacture, possession, distribution or use of synthetic marijuana, bath salts, incense and other materials marketed or generally recognized to simulate the intoxicating effects of unlawful substances, regardless of their current legal status.

Statistics show that the use of alcohol and drugs often times contributes to both the occurrences of crime, as well as victimization. To help educate students about the problems of drinking and drug use, the University of Saint Katherine Director of Student Affairs is able to provide information regarding a range of programs aimed at eliminating underage drinking, binge drinking, illegal drug use, excessive use of prescribed medications and impaired driving among students.

Building Access Control

Entrances to University of Saint Katherine buildings, classrooms and administrative offices are locked when classes and other events are not scheduled in the buildings. A security alarm system is installed and fully activated when the building is not occupied. Some or all of University of Saint Katherine buildings may be monitored by a video surveillance camera in order to maintain safety for all students/staff & faculty.

Missing Student Protocol

University of Saint Katherine has a specific procedure for responding to reports of missing resident students, in full compliance with applicable law and with the safety of our students firmly in mind. Following is a summary of the key points of that procedure:

- Resident students who are 18 years of age or older and/or are emancipated minors have the option to provide University of Saint Katherine with confidential contact information, including name, address, home and cell phone numbers, and optionally an e-mail address, for a person to contact in case the student is determined to be missing for more than 24 hours. For resident students under the age of 18 who are not emancipated minors, University of Saint Katherine will contact the custodial parent or guardian of record for the student. If no confidential contact information is provided and the student is 18 or older, the matter will be reported to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.
- Resident students shall provide University of Saint Katherine with personal contact information, which shall include the student's cell phone number and e-mail address. This information shall only be used for contacting the student in an emergency situation. A missing person report is considered an emergency by the university.
- All members of the university community are encouraged to immediately notify the Director of Student Affairs to make an official report of any missing resident student.
- If the university is unsuccessful in locating the student, the investigation will be turned over to the appropriate local law enforcement agency no later than 24 hours after the initial report, and sooner if there is any concern that the student may be in distress or the student is determined to have been missing for more than 24 hours. At this time, the notified police agency becomes the authority in charge, and the Director of Student Affairs will assist them in the investigation.
- The Director of Student Affairs or designee will be responsible for communicating with the family of the missing person.

While this policy addresses resident students, University of Saint Katherine will assist law enforcement agencies with investigating reports of missing non-resident students. The applicable police agency maintains the responsibility for initiating that investigation.

Sex Offender Registry

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department operates and maintains online access to registered sex offender data, searchable by name or location. Use of the registry is one tool to help protect your safety, and we especially recommend that those students residing off-campus periodically check the registry for nearby offenders. Please note that the system only provides information related to sex offenses qualifying by law for the registry, and is not a complete record of a person's criminal history. SUniversity of Saint Katherine does not maintain the information in the registry, and is not responsible for its accuracy.

To comply with California law, registered sex offenders are now required to register in person with Facilities Management/Security within three days of registering for classes at University of Saint Katherine or accepting employment with University of Saint Katherine, regardless of work location. Registered sex offenders are also required to update that registration when employment or enrollment status changes, and at the beginning and end of each academic term.

Consent

Sexual activity requires "consent," which is defined as clear, unambiguous, voluntary, positive agreement between the participants, to engage in specific sexual activity.

Consent to sexual activity can be communicated in a variety of ways, but one should presume that consent has not been given in the absence of clear, positive agreement. While verbal consent is not an absolute requirement for consensual sexual activity, verbal communication prior to engaging in sex helps to clarify consent.

Consent must be clear and unambiguous for each participant at every stage of a sexual encounter. Silence, or the absence of resistance, does not imply consent. A prior relationship does not indicate consent to future activity. Consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not imply consent to engage in sexual activity with another.

A person who is asleep, unconscious, or mentally or physically incapacitated, either through the use of drugs or alcohol, because of a disability, or for any other reason, is not capable of giving valid consent. Additionally, the use of alcohol or drugs may seriously interfere with the participants' judgment about whether consent has been sought and given.

Sexual Assault Under California Law

Sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual violence or other sexual misconduct is prohibited by this policy without regard to whether the conduct would violate applicable laws. Although University of Saint Katherine's policy prohibiting sexual assault, sexual violence and other sexual misconduct is broader than parallel California statutory or other legal prohibitions, the university provides the following for informational and educational purposes.

The California laws applicable to the felonious crimes of criminal and aggravated criminal sexual assault and criminal and aggravated criminal sexual abuse are spelled out in the California Compiled Statutes, Chapter 720, Paragraphs 5/12 to 5/12-16.

The State of California defines "sexual conduct" in very broad terms:

"Sexual conduct" means any knowing touching or fondling by the victim or the accused, either directly or through clothing, of the sex organs, anus or breast of the victim or the accused or any part of the body

of a child under 13 years of age or any transfer or transmission of semen by the accused upon any part of the clothed or unclothed body of the victim, for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal of the victim or the accused."

This definition extends far beyond the typical understanding of the term "rape."

University of Saint Katherine policy and California law both recognize that sexual assault is not a gender-specific crime. According to the State of California, criminal sexual assault may take the form of any of the following:

- An act of sexual penetration by the use of force or threat of force, including threatening or endangering the life of the victim or any other person; or
- An act of sexual penetration where the accused knew that the victim was unable to understand the nature of the act or was unable to give knowing consent; or
- An act of sexual penetration with a victim who was under age 17 when the act was committed or with a victim who was under age 18 when the act was committed and the accused was age 17 or more and held a position of trust, authority or supervision in relation to the victim; or
- An act of sexual penetration in which the accused delivered (by injection, inhalation, ingestion, transfer of possession or any other means) to the victim without his or her consent or by threat or deception and for other than medical purposes, any controlled substance.

California law also identifies the category of criminal "sexual abuse," which involves any sexual contact without consent as described for criminal sexual assault. The key aspect under California law is that sexual penetration is not required in order to violate the law. Any sexual contact without consent or in which the victim is unable to consent or revokes consent, can constitute a crime in California.

Other Interpersonal Misconduct: Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking

Dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, as those terms are defined below, is also prohibited by University of Saint Katherine policy.

The term "dating violence" means violence committed by a person—

- who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - the length of the relationship.
 - the type of relationship.
 - the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

The term "domestic violence" includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence 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,
- a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner,
- a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or
- 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

The term "stalking" means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—

- fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or
- suffer substantial emotional distress.

Domestic Abuse and Domestic Violence Under California Law

“Domestic abuse” is also a crime under California law. Any person who hits, chokes, kicks, threatens, harasses or interferes with the personal liberty of another person has engaged in prohibited domestic abuse. In California, it is also a crime to prevent someone from calling 911 by interfering with the call or blocking access to the phone. According to the California Domestic Violence Act, “Domestic violence is a learned pattern of behaviors used by one person in a relationship to control the other person. The partners may be married or not, gay or lesbian, living together, separated or dating.”

Confidentiality

University of Saint Katherine strongly supports a student’s interest in confidentiality in cases involving sexual violence. To the extent possible, the university will only disclose information regarding alleged incidents of sexual violence to individuals who are responsible for handling the university’s response.

In the event that a student reporting an incident of sexual violence requests that the student’s name not be disclosed to the alleged perpetrator, or that no investigation or disciplinary action be pursued, the university will evaluate whether the request can be honored while still providing a safe environment for all students. The university will consider in particular whether there are any circumstances that suggest that there is an increased risk of the alleged perpetrator committing additional acts of sexual violence or other violence. If a victim’s request for confidentiality limits the university’s ability to investigate, the university will take appropriate steps to limit the effects of the alleged sexual misconduct and prevent its recurrence. Regardless of the University of Saint Katherine’s decision, the university will take appropriate interim or remedial measures to protect the safety of the victim and other members of the university community. In the event that the university determines that a request for confidentiality cannot be honored, the university will still limit its disclosure of information regarding the incident to the extent practicable.

If a victim decides not to notify the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department or to pursue University of Saint Katherine disciplinary procedures, the university encourages the individual to contact a campus or community resource to get support. Each student is entitled to confidential services, either on or off campus, whether or not criminal or campus judicial charges are pursued.

Training, Prevention and Education

The university will provide the following education programming designed to promote the awareness of rape, acquaintance rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Primary Prevention and Awareness Programs

The university will provide primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees that include the following:

- A statement that the university prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, and a description of the university's policies that prohibit this conduct;
- The definition of consent, in reference to sexual activity, as defined under California law and under university policy;
- The definition of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking under California law;
- Safe and positive options for bystander intervention that may be carried out by an individual to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking against a person other than such individual;
- Information on risk reduction to recognize warning signs of abusive behavior and how to avoid potential attacks;
- The possible sanctions or protective measures that the university may impose following a final determination of a university disciplinary procedure regarding allegations of sexual misconduct or other interpersonal misconduct;

- The procedures that an accuser (or complainant) should follow if a sex offense, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking has occurred, as described in this booklet;
- The procedures for university disciplinary action in cases of alleged domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking;
- Information about how the university will protect the confidentiality of accusers and victims, including how publicly available record-keeping will be accomplished without the inclusion of identifying information about the accuser or victim, to the extent permissible by law;
- Information about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance and other services available for student and employee accusers and victims, both on campus and in the community; and
- Information about options for, and available assistance in, changing academic, living, transportation and working situations, if so requested by the accuser or victim and if such accommodations are reasonably available, regardless of whether the accuser or victim chooses to report the crime to Campus Security or local law enforcement.

The university will also provide ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for students and employees that include the information covered in the student and faculty handbooks.

University of Saint Katherine Weapons Policy

While California has enacted the Firearm Concealed Carry Act authorizing properly screened, trained and permitted persons (licensees) to carry a concealed firearm in the state, numerous locations have been designated as “prohibited areas” where firearms may not be carried. College campuses, including University of Saint Katherine, are specifically identified as “prohibited areas” under the Act. As required under California Law, firearms are not permitted in campus buildings or on property owned, leased or controlled by the university, with the limited exception described below.

University of Saint Katherine has identified university-owned vehicles.

Unauthorized possession of a firearm or other weapon, or use or threatening to use a real or simulated weapon, is a violation of university policy, and may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the university for students, and termination of employment for faculty and staff, in addition to any criminal charges which may be filed.

Fire Safety Overview

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) requires academic institutions to produce an annual fire safety report outlining fire safety practices, standards and fire-related statistics for on-campus residence halls. The following public disclosure report details the fire safety related information required by the law.

University of Saint Katherine maintains a centrally-monitored fire alarm system for on-campus academic and support buildings. Campus buildings are equipped with a fire alarm system that is monitored 24 hours a day by an off-campus dispatcher and San Marcos Fire Department. University offices and campus buildings are all equipped with standard smoke and carbon monoxide detectors which alarm locally within that structure. Off-campus student housing at Palomar Station Apartment complex is not covered under this report.

Emergency procedures, which include fire evacuation procedures, are posted at multiple locations throughout University of Saint Katherine facilities. Fire safety equipment, including extinguishers, emergency

lighting, exit signs, and other fire system equipment, is periodically inspected in compliance with the NFPA codes and local ordinances.

- Smoking is prohibited by law in any campus building or in any part of the college property, and smoking regulations are vigorously enforced in campus buildings.
- Fire safety regulations require that cooking equipment with exposed heating elements, such as popcorn poppers, hot pots, and coffee pots be used in the kitchen areas only.
- No candles, incense, oil lamps, or other types of open flames, nor any fuel, gasoline, propane, lighter fluid, charcoal or fireworks/pyrotechnics are allowed in campus buildings.
- Hallways and stairwells may not be used as storage areas, and fire exits may not be obstructed at any time.
- Overloaded electrical outlets are not permitted; however UL-listed strip plugs with surge suppressors are allowed. Cords may not be run under carpeting, nor may they obstruct walkways.
- No objects or decorations may be hung from the fire extinguishers, or other life safety equipment.
- Holiday lights must be UL-listed and in good condition. Other holiday decorations must be non-combustible. Only artificial trees are permitted.

Fire Safety Policies

Fire Alarms and Drills

All campus buildings are inspected annually for compliance with fire codes by the San Marcos Fire Department. University of Saint Katherine routinely passes these inspections with few minor findings, and any findings are promptly resolved. Violations are copied to the office responsible for management of the affected area or building, and that office is responsible for correcting the deficiency and preventing repeat findings of that violation. In addition, University of Saint Katherine Facilities Management staff conducts environmental tours of all campus buildings, including residence halls, to check for safety and maintenance issues which can be addressed on a proactive, preventative basis.

No fires or smoke detector activation was reported in 2011AY-2021AY.

University of Saint Katherine Crime Statistics

	2020AY	2019AY	2018AY	2017AY
	San Marcos	San Marcos	San Marcos	San Marcos
Murder	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses— Forcible	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses—Non- forcible	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0
Hate Crimes Total	0	0	0	0
- Race	0	0	0	0
- Gender	0	0	0	0
- Religion	0	0	0	0
- Sexual Orientation	0	0	0	0
- Gender Identity	0	0	0	0
- Disability	0	0	0	0
- Ethnicity	0	0	0	0
- National Origin	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
<i>Arrests for:</i>				
- Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
- Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0
- Weapons Law Violations	0	0	0	0
<i>Disciplinary Referrals for:</i>				
- Liquor Law Violations	0	2	2	0
- Drug Law Violations	0	0	1	0
- Weapons Law Violations	0	0	0	0