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CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY 2026 ANNUAL SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY REPORT

This Annual Security and Fire Safety Report has been prepared by the Claflin University Department of Public Safety in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, commonly known as the Clery Act, and other applicable federal campus safety requirements. The report provides information regarding Claflin University's campus safety and security policies, crime prevention and awareness programs, emergency response and evacuation procedures, timely warnings, emergency notifications, reporting procedures, and fire safety practices.

The report also includes Clery crime statistics for calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025, as well as required information concerning crimes reported on campus, in or on certain non-campus buildings or property, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the University's campus. The report includes applicable information concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, hate crimes, arrests and disciplinary referrals, and hazing. It also incorporates the University's Annual Fire Safety Report and required fire statistics for residential facilities.

Claflin University is committed to maintaining a safe, secure, and welcoming environment for students, employees, visitors, and members of the surrounding community. The Department of Public Safety works collaboratively with University departments, Campus Security Authorities, local and state law enforcement agencies, and other community partners to promote safety, prevent crime, respond to emergencies, and ensure that reportable incidents are appropriately documented and disclosed.

Safety is a shared responsibility. Members of the Claflin University community are encouraged to remain alert, take reasonable precautions for their personal safety, promptly report crimes, suspicious activity, hazardous conditions, and emergencies, and become familiar with the safety resources, policies, and procedures contained in this report.



Executive Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Message

The safety and well-being of the Claflin University community remain among our highest priorities. A safe and secure campus is essential to supporting the University's mission and creating an environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors can learn, work, live, and thrive with confidence.

The Claflin University Department of Public Safety is committed to providing professional, responsive, and community-focused public safety services. As a hybrid agency composed of sworn law enforcement officers and trained security personnel, we embrace the principles of Community Policing and recognize that effective campus safety depends upon strong partnerships, trust, communication, and cooperation.

Our approach extends beyond enforcement. It includes crime prevention, safety education, emergency preparedness, timely communication, technology, and proactive engagement with the campus community. We continually evaluate our operations, training, resources, and safety strategies to ensure that we remain prepared to address the evolving needs of Claflin University.

We also maintain strong partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement and public safety agencies, including the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina State University Police Department, and other agencies that assist with coordinated safety and emergency response efforts.

Campus safety is a shared responsibility. Every member of our community contributes by remaining alert, making responsible decisions, following established safety procedures, and promptly reporting criminal, suspicious, or concerning activity.

Claflin University publishes this Annual Security and Fire Safety Report in accordance with federal campus safety requirements. The report contains important information regarding safety and security policies, crime prevention, emergency response and notification procedures, crime statistics, fire safety, reporting options, and resources available to our community.

I encourage you to review this report and become familiar with the information and resources it provides. An informed and engaged campus community is one of our strongest tools for preventing crime, responding effectively to emergencies, and maintaining a safe environment.

The Claflin University Department of Public Safety remains committed to serving with professionalism, integrity, accountability, respect, and compassion. Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping us keep Claflin University safe. Panther Pride!

All the best,

Melvin Williams

Executive Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police





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Important Contact Information

Emergencies Call 911

Crime on Campus — Dial x5444 from any campus phone

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Legal Requirements of the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act

1. Overview and Purpose

The Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act (Clery Act), codified principally at 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f), requires colleges and universities that participate in federal Title IV student-aid programs to collect, classify, disclose, and report specified information about campus crime and institutional safety policies. Implementing regulations appear primarily at 34 C.F.R. §§ 668.41 and 668.46. Separate campus fire-safety duties appear at 20 U.S.C. § 1092(i) and 34 C.F.R. § 668.49.

The law is designed to ensure that current and prospective students and employees receive accurate, consistent, and timely information about campus safety. Compliance is an institutional responsibility that depends on coordinated reporting by Campus Security Authorities (CSAs), university departments, and law-enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over the University's Clery geography.

The U.S. Department of Education may investigate noncompliance, require corrective action, impose civil penalties for each violation (as adjusted for inflation), and limit or terminate an institution's participation in federal student-aid programs.

2. Legislative Background

Congress enacted the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 after the 1986 murder of Jeanne Clery, a Lehigh University student. Her parents, Howard and Connie Clery, became national advocates for campus-safety transparency. Congress later renamed the law in Jeanne Clery's honor. Subsequent amendments expanded the law. The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 added dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking statistics and strengthened prevention, response, and disciplinary-process disclosures. The Stop Campus Hazing Act, Public Law 118-173, enacted December 23, 2024, added hazing statistics, hazing policy and prevention requirements, and a separate Campus Hazing Transparency Report.

3. Core Compliance Requirements

A. Annual Security Report and Annual Fire Safety Report

Claflin University must distribute its Annual Security Report (ASR) and, because it maintains on-campus student housing, its Annual Fire Safety Report (AFSR) by October 1 each year. The reports may be combined, provided the title clearly states that the document contains both reports. If published separately, each report must explain how to access the other.

The ASR must include crime statistics for the three most recent calendar years for qualifying offenses reported to a CSA or local law-enforcement agency and occurring within the University's Clery geography: on-campus property, on-campus student housing (reported as a subset of on-campus statistics), certain noncampus buildings or property, and public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus.



Required statistical categories include:

- Primary crimes: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, manslaughter by negligence, rape, fondling, incest, statutory rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson.
- Arrests and disciplinary referrals for liquor-law, drug-law, and weapons-law violations.
- Hate crimes involving the primary crimes and, when motivated by a covered bias, larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction/damage/vandalism of property. Covered bias categories are race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, and disability.
- Dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.
- Hazing incidents, as required by the Stop Campus Hazing Act.
- The number of crime reports determined to be unfounded by sworn or commissioned law-enforcement personnel after a full investigation.

The ASR must also contain current policy statements and procedures addressing, among other subjects:

- Crime and emergency reporting; identification and training of CSAs; voluntary confidential reporting; preparation of crime statistics; and timely warnings.
- Campus law-enforcement authority and jurisdiction, relationships and agreements with outside agencies, security and access to facilities, and security considerations in facilities maintenance.
- Emergency response, evacuation, emergency notification, and annual testing and documentation of emergency procedures.
- Crime-prevention and security-awareness programs; monitoring certain off-campus criminal activity involving recognized student organizations; alcohol and drug policies; and registered sex-offender information.
- Programs and procedures concerning dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including prevention education, reporting options, supportive measures, written notifications, and disciplinary proceedings.
- Missing-student notification procedures for students residing in on-campus student housing.
- Hazing policies, reporting and investigation procedures, applicable laws, and research-informed, campus-wide hazing prevention and awareness programs.

The AFSR must include three years of fire statistics for each on-campus student housing facility; a description of each facility's fire-safety systems; fire-drill information; evacuation procedures; policies on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames; fire-safety education and reporting procedures; and plans for future fire-safety improvements, when applicable.

B. Distribution and Public Availability

By October 1, the University must provide every enrolled student and current employee with the reports or with an individual notice containing the exact web address, a brief description of the reports, and a statement that a paper copy will be provided upon request. Merely posting the reports online without the required notice is insufficient.



Prospective students and prospective employees must receive notice of the reports' availability, a description of their contents, and an opportunity to request a copy. When web access is used for

prospective persons, the reports must be available on a public internet site rather than only on an intranet.

C. Stop Campus Hazing Act Requirements

For federal statistical reporting, hazing is an intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed against another person, regardless of that person's willingness to participate, in connection with initiation into, affiliation with, or maintenance of membership in a student organization, when the act causes or creates a risk of physical or psychological injury above the reasonable risks ordinarily associated with participation in the institution or organization.

The federal definition of a student organization for hazing statistics includes an organization in which two or more members are enrolled students, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the University. Hazing incidents must be compiled and reported in accordance with the federal counting rules.

The ASR must include the University's current hazing policy; procedures for reporting and investigating hazing; applicable local, state, and Tribal laws; and a description of research-informed, campus-wide prevention programs for students, staff, and faculty. Prevention efforts must include primary strategies intended to stop hazing before it occurs and may include bystander-intervention skills, ethical leadership, and methods of building group cohesion without hazing.

The University must also maintain a separate Campus Hazing Transparency Report (CHTR) when a student organization established or recognized by the University is found responsible for violating institutional hazing standards. The CHTR must:

- Be prominently posted on the University's public website and updated at least twice each year when new findings of responsibility occur; an update is not required for a period with no new finding.
- Identify the student organization and provide a general description of the violation, including relevant findings, whether alcohol or drugs were involved, and any institutional sanctions.
- State the dates the incident was alleged to have occurred, the investigation began, the investigation ended with a finding, and the organization received notice of the finding.
- Exclude personally identifiable information about individual students and retain each posted update for five calendar years.
- Provide access to the University's hazing policies and applicable laws and notify the public of the annual availability of hazing statistics, with a link to the ASR.

D. Daily Crime Log

Because CUDPS is a campus police or security department, it must maintain an easily understood daily crime log. The log covers crimes reported to CUDPS that occurred within the University's Clery geography and, for crime-log purposes, within CUDPS's patrol jurisdiction. Each entry must state the nature, date, time, and general location of the crime and the disposition of the complaint, if known.



An entry generally must be made within two business days after the information is reported. Information may be withheld only when disclosure is prohibited by law, would jeopardize a victim's confidentiality, or clear and convincing evidence shows that release would jeopardize an ongoing

investigation or a person's safety, cause a suspect to flee or evade detection, or result in destruction of evidence. Withheld information must be disclosed once the adverse effect is no longer likely. The most recent 60 days of the log must be open to public inspection during normal business hours. Any portion older than 60 days must be made available within two business days after a request.

E. Fire Log

The University must maintain a separate, written, easily understood fire log for every fire reported in an on-campus student housing facility. The log must include the nature, date, time, and general location of the fire and must be updated within two business days. The most recent 60 days must be open to public inspection during normal business hours; older portions must be provided within two business days after a request.

F. Annual Submission to the U.S. Department of Education

Each year, the University must submit required crime and fire statistics through the Department of Education's Campus Safety and Security Survey by the deadline stated in the Department's annual collection notice. The submission covers the three most recent calendar years for which data are available. Statistics submitted to the Department must be consistent with the statistics disclosed in the ASR and AFSR.

G. Timely Warnings and Emergency Notifications

Timely warnings are required for Clery-reportable crimes reported to a CSA or local police agency that the University determines represent a serious or continuing threat to students or employees. A warning must be issued in a timely manner, contain information that aids prevention of similar crimes, and withhold victim names and other identifying information.

Emergency notifications are required, without delay, upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on campus that presents an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees. The University must determine the appropriate recipients and message content and initiate notification unless responsible authorities determine that doing so would compromise efforts to assist a victim or contain, respond to, or mitigate the emergency. Follow-up information must be provided as appropriate.

H. Emergency Response, Evacuation, and Missing Students

The University must maintain and annually test emergency response and evacuation procedures. Testing must include announced or unannounced drills or exercises, appropriate follow-through, documentation of each test, and annual publication of emergency response and evacuation procedures in conjunction with at least one test.

Because Claflin provides on-campus student housing, the ASR must include a missing-student policy. Reports must be referred immediately to CUDPS. Students must be allowed to identify a confidential contact. When an on-campus resident is determined to be missing, required contacts and the appropriate local law-enforcement agency must be notified within 24 hours, subject to the special notification requirements for unemancipated students under age 18.



I. Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

The University must provide primary prevention and awareness programs for incoming students and new employees and ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for current students and

employees. The ASR must explain definitions, consent standards under applicable law, safe and positive bystander intervention, risk-reduction information, reporting options, evidence preservation, available assistance and accommodations, confidentiality, written notices of rights and options, and institutional disciplinary procedures.

Disciplinary proceedings must be prompt, fair, and impartial; conducted by trained officials without conflict of interest or bias; provide the accuser and accused the same opportunities to have an advisor and receive simultaneous written notice of outcomes and appeal results; and use the standard of evidence identified in University policy.

J. Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act requirements are related to, but legally distinct from, the Clery Act. As a Title IV institution, Claflin must maintain a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program and annually distribute written information to every student and employee. The notice must describe standards of conduct; applicable legal and institutional sanctions; health risks; available counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, or re-entry programs; and the University's commitment to impose sanctions consistently.

At least every two years, the University must conduct a biennial review to determine the program's effectiveness, implement needed changes, and ensure consistent enforcement of disciplinary sanctions. The University must retain records demonstrating compliance.

4. Claflin University Compliance Responsibilities

Claflin University is committed to full compliance with the Clery Act, the Stop Campus Hazing Act, federal campus fire-safety requirements, and related federal regulations. CUDPS coordinates the preparation of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report and the collection and classification of reportable crime data. Compliance, however, is a University-wide responsibility.

CUDPS should coordinate regularly with offices whose records or policies may affect the reports, including Student Affairs, Residence Life, Title IX, Human Resources, Athletics, Student Conduct, Counseling, Facilities, Emergency Management, Communications and Marketing, and other offices with designated CSAs. This coordination should include annual CSA identification and training, written data requests, reconciliation of incident records, confirmation of Clery geography, and review of policy statements before publication.

CUDPS also requests relevant crime data from law-enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over Clery geography or other locations used by the University, including, as applicable:

- Orangeburg Department of Public Safety (ODPS)
- Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office (OCSO)
- South Carolina State University Police Department (SCSUPD)
- South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)



The University's annual compliance process should preserve an auditable record of CSA reports, local law-enforcement requests and responses, classification decisions, geographic determinations, warning and notification decisions, statistical worksheets, survey submissions, distribution notices, policy approvals, and supporting fire-safety records.

5. Reporting Crimes and Obtaining Safety Information

Members of the Claflin University community are strongly encouraged to report crimes, suspicious activity, fires, and emergencies promptly. A report may be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

Reporting Method	Contact Information
Emergency	Dial 911
CUDPS	(803) 535-5444
Email	PublicSafety@claflin.edu
In person	Claflin University Department of Public Safety 400 Magnolia Street, Orangeburg, SC 29115
Anonymous reporting	Claflin University's EthicsPoint online reporting portal

Anonymous or confidential reporting options do not replace the need to call 911 when there is an immediate danger or urgent need for police, fire, or emergency medical assistance.

Annual Security Report Policy

1. Purpose

Claflin University prepares and distributes an Annual Security Report to provide current and prospective students and employees with accurate information about campus crime, safety policies, and institutional prevention and response programs. This policy establishes the University's process for identifying Campus Security Authorities, collecting reports, evaluating Clery geography, compiling statistics, reviewing policy statements, and distributing the report.

This policy applies to the Claflin University Department of Public Safety, all University offices and employees designated as Campus Security Authorities, and departments that maintain records or policies used in the Annual Security Report.

2. Legal Authority

The University follows the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f), and the implementing regulations in 34 C.F.R. §§ 668.41 and 668.46. The report also incorporates applicable requirements of the Violence Against Women Act and the Stop Campus Hazing Act. Fire statistics and fire-safety disclosures for on-campus student housing are governed by 20 U.S.C. § 1092(i) and 34 C.F.R. § 668.49.

The Annual Security Report must disclose statistics for the three most recent calendar years for qualifying offenses reported to a Campus Security Authority or local law-enforcement agency and occurring within the University's Clery geography. Hazing incidents are included as required by current federal law.



3. Definitions

Campus Security Authority

A Campus Security Authority is any of the following:

- The University's campus police or campus security department, including CUDPS.
- A person responsible for campus security who is not part of CUDPS, such as an employee or contractor assigned to monitor an entrance or provide security at University property or events.
- A person or organization identified in the University's campus security policy as an office or official to whom students and employees should report criminal offenses.
- A University official who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including student housing, student discipline, campus judicial proceedings, athletics, or recognized student organizations.

Clery Geography

For statistical reporting, Clery geography includes on-campus buildings and property, on-campus student housing, qualifying noncampus buildings or property, and public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus. CUDPS or the University's designated Clery compliance official determines the correct geographic classification.

Clery Reportable Offenses

The statistical categories currently include:

- Criminal homicide, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson.
- Arrests and disciplinary referrals for liquor-law, drug-law, and weapons-law violations.
- Hate crimes involving the covered offenses and bias categories specified by federal law.
- Dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.
- Hazing incidents.

4. Identification of Campus Security Authorities

CUDPS, in coordination with Human Resources, Student Affairs, Title IX, Athletics, Housing and Residence Life, and other appropriate offices, will review positions and functions at least annually to identify Campus Security Authorities. A person's job title alone does not determine CSA status. The University will evaluate the person's actual duties and institutional designation.

Positions and groups that ordinarily meet the federal definition include, as applicable:

- CUDPS personnel and contracted security officers.
- Employees or contractors assigned to building access control, event security, or other campus security duties.
- The Dean of Students and officials responsible for student conduct or campus judicial proceedings.
- Housing and Residence Life professionals, resident assistants, and others with significant responsibility for residential student activities.
- Athletic directors, coaches, and other officials with significant responsibility for intercollegiate athletics.
- Faculty or staff advisors to recognized student organizations and officials who supervise or coordinate significant student activities.



- Title IX personnel or other offices specifically designated as reporting locations for criminal offenses.

Faculty members, Human Resources employees, counselors, mentors, and other employees are not automatically CSAs solely because a student may confide in them. They are CSAs only when their assigned duties, institutional designation, or significant responsibility for student and campus activities meets the federal definition.

Pastoral and professional counselors are not CSAs when they are acting within the scope of their counseling role. This exemption does not prevent the University from encouraging counselors, when appropriate, to explain voluntary and confidential crime-reporting options.

5. Responsibilities of Campus Security Authorities

A CSA who receives information that may involve a Clery-reportable offense must promptly forward the report to CUDPS or the University's designated Clery compliance official. The duty to report applies even when the person making the report does not want a police investigation, disciplinary action, or prosecution. The University may count a report without initiating an investigation or disclosing personally identifiable information about the victim.

The CSA should provide the information available at the time, including:

- A brief description of what was reported.
- The date or date range of the incident and the date it was reported to the CSA.
- The building, address, or general location where the incident allegedly occurred.
- Information needed to evaluate the offense, including relevant relationships, injuries, weapons, bias indicators, or a connection to a student organization or alleged hazing.
- Whether CUDPS, another law-enforcement agency, Title IX, Student Conduct, or another University office has already received the report, if known.

A CSA should not:

- Investigate the allegation or attempt to determine whether the report is true.
- Require the reporting person to contact law enforcement or participate in a University process.
- Promise absolute confidentiality when University policy or law may require limited disclosure.
- Delay reporting while attempting to obtain information that is not readily available.

Emergencies and immediate threats must be reported to 911 and CUDPS without delay. CUDPS will separately evaluate whether a timely warning or emergency notification is required.

6. Annual Data Collection

CUDPS coordinates an annual data-collection and reconciliation process that includes:

- Written requests to identified CSAs and relevant University offices for reports that may not already appear in CUDPS records. CSAs may be required to submit a response even when they have no incidents to report.
- Written requests to law-enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over the University's Clery geography and qualifying noncampus property. Depending on jurisdiction, these agencies may include the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, South Carolina State University Police Department, and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.



- Comparison of CUDPS, Title IX, Student Conduct, Housing and Residence Life, Athletics, Human Resources, and other relevant records to identify duplicate reports and potential omissions.
- Review of University-controlled locations and programs to confirm the current Clery geography, including qualifying noncampus property used by students.
- Collection and review of required policy statements, program descriptions, and fire-safety information from responsible University offices.

7. Classification and Statistical Decisions

CUDPS or the University's designated Clery compliance official will evaluate each report under the federal offense definitions, counting rules, and geographic requirements. The criminal-law charge selected by a responding agency does not by itself control the Clery classification. Reports are counted in the calendar year in which the crime or incident was reported to a CSA or local law-enforcement agency, subject to the applicable federal rules.

A report is not excluded because no investigation occurred, no suspect was identified, the victim declined to participate, no arrest was made, disciplinary action was not taken, or the matter did not result in prosecution. A reported crime may be removed as unfounded only when sworn or commissioned law-enforcement personnel complete a full investigation and formally determine that the report is false or baseless.

Uncertainty about a location does not justify automatically adding an incident to the University's Clery statistics. CUDPS will make a documented, good-faith effort to identify the location and determine whether it falls within Clery geography. If the available facts remain insufficient, the reviewer will document the information considered, follow-up efforts, and the basis for the decision. A classification may be revised when reliable additional information becomes available.

When several offices or agencies receive the same report, the University will reconcile the records so that a single incident is not counted more than once, except when federal counting rules require separate offenses or statistics.

8. Preparation and Review of the Annual Security Report

CUDPS coordinates preparation of the Annual Security Report with the University offices responsible for the required policies and programs. The report will include the required three-year statistical tables and current policy statements concerning crime reporting, law-enforcement authority, timely warnings, emergency notifications, emergency response and evacuation, security awareness and crime prevention, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, hazing, missing students, alcohol and drugs, and other federally required subjects.

The University will review the statistical tables, policy statements, hyperlinks, contact information, and distribution notice before publication. If the Annual Security Report and Annual Fire Safety Report are published together, the title will clearly state that the document contains both reports.

9. Publication and Distribution

Claflin University will distribute the Annual Security Report and Annual Fire Safety Report by October 1 each year to all enrolled students and current employees. When the reports are posted online, the



University will send each person an individual notice stating that the reports are available, providing the exact web address, briefly describing the contents, and explaining that a paper copy will be provided upon request. Posting the reports online without the required notice does not satisfy the distribution requirement.

Prospective students and prospective employees will receive notice of the reports' availability, a description of their contents, and an opportunity to request a copy. The public website, admissions materials, employment information, or other appropriate communications may provide this notice.

The 2026 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is posted at:

www.claflin.edu/2026AnnualSecurityandFireSafetyReport



Paper copies may be requested from the Claflin University Department of Public Safety, 400 Magnolia Street, Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115, or by calling (803) 535-5451.

10. Training Documentation and Oversight

The University will notify identified CSAs of their responsibilities and provide periodic training on reportable offenses, Clery geography, reporting procedures, confidentiality, hazing, and the difference between a CSA report and a police complaint. Supervisors and Human Resources should notify CUDPS when duties change in a manner that may affect CSA status.

CUDPS will maintain records supporting the University's compliance process, including CSA lists and training records, annual data requests and responses, law-enforcement correspondence, classification and geographic decisions, duplicate reconciliation, statistical worksheets, policy approvals, distribution notices, and submissions to the U.S. Department of Education. Records will be retained in accordance with federal requirements and the University's records-retention schedule.

Keeping the Campus Community Informed Emergency Notifications and Timely Warnings

Purpose

Claflin University uses **Panther Alert**, the University's Regroup mass-notification system, to provide students and employees with urgent safety information and protective instructions. The Department of Public Safety coordinates with appropriate University offices and public-safety partners to evaluate reported incidents, determine whether a Clery Act notification is required, and distribute information without unnecessary delay.

Panther Alert may be used to distribute a timely warning, an emergency notification, follow-up information, or another important University safety message. The use of the same communication platform does not make every message a Clery Act alert. Each incident is evaluated under the applicable federal standard described below.



Clery Act Alert Standards

Standard	Timely Warning	Emergency Notification
Trigger	A reported Clery-reportable crime that the University determines may represent a serious or continuing threat to students or employees.	A confirmed significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on campus that presents an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees.
Geographic scope	Clery geography: on-campus property, on-campus student housing, qualifying noncampus property, and applicable public property.	The immediate-threat condition must occur on campus. The University may also send discretionary safety advisories about conditions outside this legal scope.
Timing	Issued promptly after the University receives sufficient information and determines that a warning will help members of the campus community protect themselves.	Initiated immediately upon confirmation and without delay, unless responsible authorities determine that notification would compromise efforts to assist a victim or contain, respond to, or mitigate the emergency.
Recipients	The campus community. Unlike emergency notifications, timely warnings are generally distributed campus wide.	The segment or segments of the campus community threatened by the emergency. Distribution may be expanded as conditions change.

Timely Warnings

Claflin University will issue a timely warning when a Clery-reportable crime is reported to a Campus Security Authority or local law-enforcement agency, occurred within the University's Clery geography, and is considered a threat to students or employees. Reportable categories include primary crimes, hate crimes, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and hazing. A warning may be required even when limited information is available or a criminal investigation has not been completed.

The decision is made case by case. Relevant considerations may include the nature and seriousness of the reported conduct, whether the circumstances indicate a continuing risk, the amount and reliability of available information, and whether disclosure of particular details could endanger a person or interfere with law-enforcement activity. The absence of an arrest or a reporting person's decision not to participate in an investigation does not, by itself, eliminate the need to consider a timely warning.

A timely warning will protect victim confidentiality and, when available and appropriate, may include:

- A brief description of the incident or pattern of incidents
- The date, time, and general location
- A description of a suspect when that information will assist public safety
- Recommended precautions or other actions community members should take
- Instructions for reporting information to Public Safety or another law-enforcement agency



Emergency Notifications

Claflin University will immediately notify the appropriate segment or segments of the campus community after authorized officials confirm a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on campus that presents an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees. Confirmation means that responsible officials have verified that a legitimate emergency or dangerous condition exists; it does not require that every fact be known.

Examples may include:

- An active threat or ongoing violent incident
- A major fire, explosion, gas leak, or hazardous material release
- A tornado warning or other severe-weather condition requiring immediate protective action
- A structural failure, utility emergency, or other condition presenting an immediate safety risk
- A serious infectious disease outbreak or other public-health emergency

The University will determine the content of the message and initiate the notification system without delay, taking into account the safety of the community. Notification may be delayed only when, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, issuing it would compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. When emergency-notification procedures are used for circumstances that would also support a timely warning, a separate timely warning is not required; the University will provide adequate follow-up information as needed.

Notification Process

The Department of Public Safety and officials designated in the University's emergency procedures confirm emergency conditions, identify the affected population, determine message content, and initiate notifications. When necessary, the University coordinates with local law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, public-health authorities, and other response agencies.

Message Content and Follow Up

An initial alert will provide the information reasonably available at the time, which may include:

- The nature and general location of the threat
- The population or area affected
- Protective actions such as evacuating, sheltering in place, avoiding an area, or securing a location
- Where to obtain additional official information

The University may issue updates as material facts change and an all-clear or concluding message when appropriate. Alerts will not disclose victim-identifying information. Details may be withheld or described generally when disclosure would create an additional safety risk or compromise response efforts.

Panther Alert Delivery and Enrollment

Panther Alert can deliver messages by text, University or personal email, and voicemail. The University may supplement these alerts through other available methods or direct instructions from



University officials. When notice to the larger community is appropriate, the University coordinates with relevant offices and public-safety partners. No single method is guaranteed to reach every person in every emergency.

Current students, faculty, and staff are pre-enrolled using available University contact information. The Regroup service is voluntary, and users may manage enrollment and delivery preferences.

Members of the University community are strongly encouraged to remain enrolled and keep their mobile telephone numbers and email addresses current so they can receive emergency notifications and other important safety information without unnecessary delay. Parent, guardian, or other contact may also be added when appropriate.

Panther Alert is used for emergency, safety, and important University operational messages. It is not used for advertising or unrelated campus activities.

Manage Panther Alert contact information and preferences through the [Claflin University Panther Alerts page](#) or the [Claflin Regroup portal](#). Instructions are also provided during student and employee orientation.



Other University Safety Messages

The University may also use Panther Alert for important information that does not meet the federal definition of a timely warning or emergency notification, including weather closures, major utility

interruptions, traffic restrictions, or credible off-campus conditions affecting the University community. These are discretionary safety or operational notices. Panther Alert is not used for advertising or unrelated campus activities.

Reporting Emergencies and Suspicious Activity

For an immediate emergency, call **911**. Crimes, suspicious activity, and safety concerns on campus should also be reported promptly to the **Claflin University Department of Public Safety at 803-535-5444**. Prompt reporting helps the University evaluate whether a warning or notification is required.

Emergency Response Policies and Procedures

1. Purpose and Scope

Claflin University maintains an Emergency Preparedness Plan to guide the University's prevention, preparedness, response, continuity, and recovery activities. The Plan establishes a flexible framework for protecting life and property, coordinating University resources, communicating during emergencies, and working with public safety, fire, emergency medical, public health, and other government agencies.



Because emergencies differ in scope and may change rapidly, responsible officials may modify response actions when conditions require. Such decisions will be based on life-safety priorities, available information, professional judgment, and coordination with the incident commander or responding agencies. Students and employees must follow directions issued by CUDPS, emergency responders, and other authorized University officials.

2. Emergency Reporting

Anyone who becomes aware of an emergency, dangerous condition, fire, hazardous-material release, or immediate threat on University property should promptly report the situation. Provide the location, nature of the emergency, known injuries, a description of any involved person or hazard, and a callback number. Do not place yourself in danger to obtain additional information.

- For an immediate police, fire, or medical emergency, call 911.
- Contact CUDPS 24 hours a day at 803-535-5444.
- Use an emergency call box when available or report directly to a Public Safety officer.

3. Emergency Confirmation and Notification

When Claflin University receives information indicating that a significant emergency or dangerous situation may be occurring on campus and may pose an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees, CUDPS and other responsible officials will assess and confirm the situation using available information. Confirmation may include officer observations, reports from emergency responders, verified witness information, alarms, camera systems, weather or public-health information, or other reliable sources.

Notification Decision and Initiation

Upon confirmation, CUDPS, acting through the Executive Director/Chief of Police or designee and authorized Public Safety personnel, will coordinate with the President or designee, the Emergency Management Team, Communications, Facilities, Student Affairs, and responding agencies as appropriate to:

1. **Confirm the threat.** Determine whether a significant emergency or dangerous situation exists and whether it presents an immediate threat on campus.
2. **Identify recipients.** Determine whether to notify the entire campus community or only the segment or segments that are affected or at risk.
3. **Develop the message.** Provide clear information about the nature and location of the threat, the area affected, and protective actions recipients should take, while protecting confidential and sensitive information.
4. **Initiate notification.** Activate Panther Alert and any additional communication methods appropriate to the circumstances.

The University will determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system without delay, taking into account the safety of the community. Notification may be delayed only when, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, issuing it would compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

Notification Methods and Follow-Up

Emergency information may be distributed through Panther Alert, the University's Regroup mass-notification system, using text messages, email, and voicemail. Depending on the incident, the



University may also use public-address systems, fire alarms, digital platforms, the University website and social media, in-person notifications, local news media, or other available methods. The University may issue follow-up messages as conditions change and will provide an all-clear or other closure notice when appropriate.

If an emergency affects the surrounding community, University Communications or another authorized official will coordinate the release of relevant information with local emergency-management and public-safety partners and, when appropriate, local news media.

4. Evacuation Procedures

An evacuation may be ordered for a building, an area of campus, or the entire campus. When an alarm sounds or an authorized official directs an evacuation, occupants should act promptly and follow these procedures:

- Stop work, remain calm, and leave by the nearest safe exit. Do not delay to collect belongings.
- Assist individuals who need help when it is safe to do so, and notify responders of anyone who may require evacuation assistance.
- Do not use elevators during a fire, fire alarm, or when directed by emergency personnel.
- Proceed to the designated assembly area or another location directed by CUDPS or emergency responders.
- Keep entrances, fire lanes, roadways, and emergency access routes clear.
- Do not re-enter an evacuated building or area until authorized officials issue permission.

If You Cannot Evacuate During a Fire

If smoke, fire, heat, or another condition prevents a safe exit, move to a room or refuge area that provides the greatest available protection. Close the door and, if smoke is entering, seal openings around the door with towels, clothing, or other available material. Call 911 and provide your exact location, room number, condition, and the number of people with you. If a window is available, signal responders with a light-colored object. Keep the window closed unless opening it is necessary to breathe or signal for assistance. Remain in place until emergency personnel reach you or direct you to relocate.

Before opening a closed door during a fire, check it carefully for heat. Do not open a hot door. If the door is cool, open it slowly while remaining prepared to close it immediately if smoke or heat is present.

5. Shelter-in-Place Procedures

Shelter-in-place may be directed when moving outdoors or evacuating would create greater danger, including during severe weather, a hazardous-material release, or certain law-enforcement emergencies. The safest location depends on the threat; follow Panther Alert messages and instructions from CUDPS or emergency responders.



Threat	General Protective Action
Severe weather	Move to the lowest practical level and an interior room or corridor away from windows and exterior walls. Protect your head and neck.
Hazardous material or outdoor air hazard	Move indoors; close doors and windows; turn off fans or ventilation equipment if instructed; avoid the affected area.
Hostile intruder or active threat	Follow law-enforcement and Panther Alert instructions. If evacuation is unsafe, move to a securable location, lock or barricade doors when possible, silence devices, remain quiet, and stay out of sight.

- Remain sheltered until CUDPS, emergency responders, or an official University message directs you to relocate or announces an all-clear.
- Monitor Panther Alert text messages, email, and voicemail for instructions and updates.
- Call 911 only to report urgent information or request immediate assistance; unnecessary calls may overload emergency communications.

6. Re-Entry and Post-Incident Communication

After a fire, the Orangeburg Fire Department or other authority having jurisdiction will determine when a building may be reoccupied. CUDPS will communicate the decision to evacuees and coordinate re-entry. For other emergencies, the incident commander or responsible University official will determine when restrictions may be lifted. If re-entry is not safe, the University will provide instructions regarding relocation, continuity of operations, transportation, housing, or other available assistance.

7. Tests, Exercises, and Documentation

Claflin University tests its emergency response and evacuation procedures at least once each calendar year. Tests may be announced or unannounced and may include drills, tabletop exercises, functional exercises, notification-system tests, or other appropriate follow-through activities designed to assess and evaluate the University's emergency plans and capabilities.

In conjunction with at least one test each calendar year, the University will publicize its emergency response and evacuation procedures. For every test, the University will document a description of the exercise, the date and time, and whether it was announced or unannounced. After-action findings will be reviewed and used, as appropriate, to improve plans, training, equipment, communications, and coordination.

8. Community Preparedness

Students and employees should become familiar with building exits and assembly areas, participate in drills, keep Panther Alert contact information current, and consider in advance how they would evacuate or shelter in place. Individuals who may need disability-related emergency assistance should contact the appropriate University accessibility office and discuss emergency-planning needs before an incident occurs.



Daily Crime Log

1. Purpose

The Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act requires an institution that maintains a campus police or security department to keep a written, easily understood daily crime log. The log provides timely public information about criminal incidents reported to the Claflin University Department of Public Safety (CUDPS) and supports the University's commitment to transparency and campus safety.

The Daily Crime Log is distinct from the crime-statistics tables in the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. The log covers a broader range of crimes and a broader geographic area than the annual Clery crime statistics.

2. Incidents Included in the Log

CUDPS records any alleged criminal incident reported to the Department when the reported crime occurred within the Daily Crime Log's applicable Clery geography. This includes:

- Buildings and property that are part of the Claflin University campus, including on-campus student housing facilities.
- University noncampus buildings or property.
- Public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus.
- Any additional area within the patrol jurisdiction of CUDPS.

The log is not limited to the crime categories counted in the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. A crime reported to CUDPS must be logged when it meets the geographic requirement, even if it is not a separately reportable Clery statistical offense, is reported long after it occurred, remains under investigation, or does not result in an arrest or prosecution. Noncriminal service calls, policy violations, accidents, and similar matters are not federally required crime-log entries, although CUDPS may document them elsewhere.

3. Required Information

Entries are organized by the date the crime was reported to CUDPS. Each entry will contain the following information, to the extent known and lawfully disclosable:

Log Element	Information Recorded
Date and time reported	When CUDPS received the report; the log is maintained by this date.
Nature of the crime	A brief, understandable classification or description of the alleged criminal incident.
Date and time occurred	When the incident reportedly occurred, including a date or time range when appropriate and known.
General location	A location description sufficient to inform the public without identifying a victim or disclosing protected information.
Disposition	The status of the complaint, if known, such as open, under investigation, referred, arrest made, closed, or unfounded by authorized sworn law-enforcement personnel.
Case number	The CUDPS incident or case number, when assigned. A case number is useful for reference but is not a federally required log element.



4. Entry and Update Deadlines

CUDPS will make a new entry, or add newly received information to an existing entry, within two business days after the information is reported to the Department. For this purpose, a business day is Monday through Friday, excluding a day when the University is closed. The deadline runs from receipt of the information, not from the date the incident occurred.

Log entries reflect the information reasonably available at the time and may be updated as the classification, location, or disposition becomes clearer. An initial classification is not a final determination of criminal liability.

5. Sources of Crime-Log Information

Information may be entered in the Daily Crime Log when CUDPS receives a qualifying crime report through:

- A report made directly to a CUDPS police officer, security officer, dispatcher, or other authorized Department employee.
- A report made by a student, employee, visitor, witness, victim, Campus Security Authority, or other person and then transmitted to CUDPS.
- Information provided to CUDPS by the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety or another law-enforcement agency.

A crime known only to another office or outside law-enforcement agency is not automatically a CUDPS Daily Crime Log entry unless the incident is reported to CUDPS. Separate Clery statistical collection requirements may still apply to reports received by Campus Security Authorities or local police agencies.

6. Public Inspection and Availability

The Daily Crime Log for the most recent 60-day period is available for public inspection, free of charge, at the CUDPS Front Access Control Booth, 400 Magnolia Street, Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115. The access-control booth operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Any person may inspect the log; affiliation with the University is not required.

A portion of the log older than 60 days will be made available within two business days after a request for public inspection. Requests may be made to CUDPS at 803-535-5444 or publicsafety@claflin.edu.

7. Privacy and Limited Withholding

CUDPS will not include a victim's name or information that would jeopardize the victim's confidentiality. An entry or portion of an entry may also be withheld when disclosure is prohibited by law.

Information may be temporarily withheld only when clear and convincing evidence shows that release would:

- a. **Jeopardize an investigation or safety.** Jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation or the safety of an individual;
- b. **Permit evasion.** Cause a suspect to flee or evade detection; or
- c. **Risk evidence.** Result in the destruction of evidence.



Only the information that would cause the identified adverse effect may be withheld. The withheld information will be disclosed once the adverse effect is no longer likely to occur. The existence of a pending investigation, a request by a victim not to pursue charges, the absence of an arrest, or the expiration of a criminal statute of limitations does not, standing alone, authorize CUDPS to omit an otherwise required entry.

8. Retention and Use of Log Information

CUDPS retains current and archived Daily Crime Logs for seven years in accordance with federal Clery record-retention guidance. Logs will remain accessible for public inspection as described above and may be reviewed during a federal audit or program review.

Crime-log information is one source used to compile annual crime statistics. Only incidents that meet the applicable Clery offense definitions and statistical-geography rules are counted in the

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report and the U.S. Department of Education's annual Campus Safety and Security Survey.

9. Responsibility and Compliance

CUDPS is responsible for maintaining the Daily Crime Log, making required entries and updates, protecting confidential information, and providing public access. Department personnel responsible for reports and records must promptly forward qualifying information for entry. Supervisors will periodically review the log for timeliness, completeness, and consistency with incident records.

Reporting Criminal Incidents and Other Emergencies

1. Reporting Policy

Claflin University encourages students, employees, visitors, witnesses, and other members of the community to accurately and promptly report crimes, suspicious activity, emergencies, and safety concerns to the Claflin University Department of Public Safety (CUDPS) or the law-enforcement agency with jurisdiction. Prompt reporting allows officers and emergency personnel to provide

assistance, protect the community, preserve evidence, evaluate the need for a Timely Warning or Emergency Notification, and determine whether an incident must be included in Clery Act records and statistics.

A person may report an incident even when the victim is unable to make a report or asks another person to report on the victim's behalf. In an emergency, concern for immediate safety should take priority. When circumstances are not urgent, reporting persons should respect the victim's choices to the extent possible while recognizing that certain University employees, including Campus Security Authorities, may have reporting responsibilities.



2. How to Report an On-Campus Incident

Method	Contact	When to Use
Emergency call	911	Any immediate threat to life or safety; serious injury or medical emergency; fire; crime in progress; weapon; or other urgent police, fire, or emergency-medical need.
CUDPS call	803-535-5444	Crimes, suspicious activity, safety concerns, requests for an officer, or non-emergency assistance. CUDPS is available 24/7.
In person	CUDPS, lower level of High-Rise Residence Center, 735 Goff Avenue, Orangeburg, SC 29115	To speak directly with an officer or submit a report when it is safe and practical to do so.
Email	publicsafety@claflin.edu	Non-urgent information or follow-up only. Email should not be used to request an immediate emergency response.

Emergency Call Guidance

If you call 911 from campus, provide the dispatcher with your exact campus location and advise that the emergency is occurring at Claflin University. When safe to do so, also notify CUDPS at 803-535-5444 so University officers can respond, assist outside emergency personnel with campus access, and coordinate University actions. Do not delay a 911 call to contact CUDPS first.

3. Off-Campus Incidents

For a crime or emergency occurring away from Claflin University property, call 911. The communications center will route the call to the law-enforcement, fire, or emergency-medical agency with jurisdiction. If the incident involves a Claflin student or employee, a University program or activity, University-controlled property, or a circumstance that may affect campus safety, the reporting person is also encouraged to notify CUDPS.

4. Information to Provide

The dispatcher or responding officer may ask for the following information. Provide what you know; do not place yourself in danger to obtain additional details.

- Location.** The exact location of the incident and your current location, including the building, room, parking lot, roadway, or nearby landmark.
- Nature of the incident.** What happened, whether it is still occurring, when it occurred, and whether weapons, fire, hazardous materials, or other immediate dangers are present.
- Injuries and assistance.** The number and condition of injured persons and whether police, fire, or emergency medical assistance is needed.
- People involved.** Names when known and physical descriptions, clothing, identifying features, last known location, and direction of travel.
- Vehicles.** Color, make, model, license plate, distinguishing features, location, and direction of travel.
- Contact information.** Your name, telephone number, and a safe location where officers can meet you. Anonymous reporting options may be available, but contact information can assist the response and follow-up investigation.



Follow the dispatcher's instructions, remain on the line until told to disconnect, and do not approach a suspect, weapon, suspicious package, fire, or hazardous condition.

5. CUDPS Response and Campus Alerts

CUDPS will assess each report and respond according to the nature and urgency of the incident. For an emergency requiring immediate police action, CUDPS will dispatch available personnel and request assistance from the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, fire services, emergency medical services, or other agencies as needed.

CUDPS will separately evaluate whether the circumstances meet the requirements for a Timely Warning or Emergency Notification. Not every report will result in a campus-wide alert. The decision will be based on the reported facts, the nature of the threat, applicable Clery Act standards, the affected campus population, and information available at the time. Personally identifying information about victims will be protected as required by law.

6. Campus Security Authority Reporting

A Campus Security Authority (CSA) who receives a report of a possible Clery-reportable crime must promptly forward the required information to CUDPS or the University's designated Clery official, even if the reporting person does not want to make a police report or participate in an investigation.

The CSA should not investigate the incident or attempt to determine whether a crime occurred. The report should contain the information provided and should not include personally identifying information when the reporting person requests confidentiality, unless another law or University reporting obligation requires disclosure.

CSA reporting supports Clery statistical review and assessment of possible warnings. It does not, by itself, require a victim to speak with law enforcement or pursue criminal charges. In an emergency, the CSA must call 911 or CUDPS immediately rather than waiting to submit an administrative report.

7. Anonymous and Confidential Reporting

Individuals who do not wish to identify themselves may submit information through the University's EthicsPoint reporting portal. An anonymous report may limit the University's ability to investigate or provide direct assistance and should never replace a call to 911 during an emergency. Crimes reported to pastoral or professional counselors acting within the scope of their counseling roles are treated in accordance with the Clery Act and applicable confidentiality rules. Additional details are provided in the University's Confidential Reporting policy.

8. Institutional Commitment

Claflin University encourages good-faith reporting and seeks to provide a safe, respectful process for persons who report crimes or emergencies. CUDPS will document and evaluate reports, coordinate appropriate response and support, and use qualifying information for the Daily Crime Log, Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, federal crime-statistics submission, and required safety notifications.



Emergency Blue Phones

Purpose and Availability

Claflin University maintains eleven (11) Emergency Blue Phones, also called Code Blue Stations or emergency call boxes, at visible locations across campus. The stations provide students, employees, visitors, and other community members with a direct means of contacting the Claflin University Department of Public Safety (CUDPS) when a personal telephone is unavailable, unsafe to use, or impractical.

Emergency Blue Phones are identified by a blue light and emergency signage. Activating a station places a direct call to CUDPS communications personnel. Calls from these devices are treated as priority requests for assistance.

2. When to Use an Emergency Blue Phone

Use a station to report or request assistance for situations such as:

Situation	Examples
Immediate emergency	A crime in progress, physical assault, medical emergency, fire, weapon, hazardous condition, or other immediate threat to life or safety.
Suspicious activity	A person, vehicle, package, sound, or circumstance that reasonably causes concern for safety.
Urgent assistance	You feel unsafe, are being followed, need an officer, or cannot safely reach another telephone.

3. How to Use a Station

- Activate the station.** Press the emergency-call button once and wait for the connection. Do not repeatedly press the button unless directed.
- Speak clearly.** Tell the dispatcher your location, what happened, whether the incident is still occurring, and whether anyone is injured or a weapon is present.
- Provide descriptions.** When safe, describe involved persons, vehicles, direction of travel, and any immediate hazards.
- Follow instructions.** Remain at the station only if it is safe, follow the dispatcher's directions, and do not disconnect until instructed.

If You Cannot Speak

Activate the station and remain nearby only if it is safe to do so. An unanswered or silent activation will be treated as a possible emergency, and CUDPS will initiate an appropriate response to assess the situation. If the threat is nearby, move to a safer location after activating the station.

4. Other Reporting Options

An Emergency Blue Phone is one of several ways to request help. For any immediate police, fire, or medical emergency, call 911 when a telephone is available. CUDPS is available 24 hours a day at 803-535-5444 for crimes, suspicious activity, safety concerns, and non-emergency assistance.



5. Inspection and Malfunction Reporting

CUDPS and appropriate University personnel periodically inspect and test Emergency Blue Phones. Anyone who observes a damaged, obstructed, or malfunctioning station should promptly notify CUDPS at 803-535-5444 and provide the station's location or identification number, if visible. Do not test a station or activate it as a prank. Misuse may delay assistance to a person experiencing an actual emergency and may result in disciplinary or legal action.

6. Campus Safety Commitment

Emergency Blue Phones supplement, but do not replace, routine CUDPS patrols, 911 service, Panther Alert emergency notifications, and other University safety measures. Community members should become familiar with the locations of stations along their regular travel routes and immediately report hazards that prevent safe access to a station.

Confidential and Anonymous Reporting

1. Purpose and Policy

Claflin University encourages students, employees, visitors, victims, and witnesses to report crimes and safety concerns. The University recognizes that some individuals may be reluctant to make a traditional police or administrative report, identify themselves, participate in an investigation, or pursue criminal or University disciplinary action. Voluntary confidential and anonymous reporting options allow individuals to share safety information while requesting that their identity be protected or choosing not to provide identifying information.

Information received through these channels helps the University identify possible crime patterns, evaluate risks, provide support when possible, consider whether a Timely Warning or Emergency Notification is required, and compile accurate Clery Act statistics. A qualifying crime may be counted in the University's statistics even when the victim does not make a police report, request an investigation, or identify themselves.

2. Confidential and Anonymous Reports

Report Type	What It Means	Important Limitation
Anonymous	The reporting person does not provide their identity or chooses EthicsPoint's anonymous-reporting option.	Limited information or lack of contact details may restrict the University's ability to verify facts, provide direct assistance, or conduct a complete investigation.
Confidential	The recipient may know the reporting person's identity but limits access to that information and shares it only as permitted or required.	A report to CUDPS is not legally privileged, and absolute confidentiality cannot be guaranteed when disclosure is required by law, court order, safety needs, or University obligations.

3. Reporting Options

EthicsPoint Compliance and Reporting Line

Claflin University uses EthicsPoint, an independent third-party reporting service, to receive compliance, ethics, crime, and safety reports. Reporters may choose to remain anonymous when submitting a report. EthicsPoint is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Online	claflin.ethicspoint.com
Telephone	877-319-8243 (toll-free; available 24/7)

Voluntary Report to CUDPS

A victim or witness may contact CUDPS at 803-535-5444 and request that identifying information be limited when possible. CUDPS may document the facts needed for safety assessment and Clery Act review without including the victim's identity in public crime statistics, the publicly available Daily Crime Log, or a campus safety alert. The Executive Director/Chief of Police or designee will evaluate confidentiality requests in light of applicable law, the seriousness of the reported conduct, and the safety of the campus community.

4. How Information May Be Used

Information received through a confidential or anonymous report may be used to:

- Determine whether the reported conduct falls within a Clery-reportable offense and location category.
- Include a qualifying incident in annual crime statistics without identifying the victim or accused person.
- Identify patterns involving a location, method, behavior, or alleged offender.
- Evaluate the need for a Timely Warning, Emergency Notification, safety intervention, or referral to another University office.
- Offer services, supportive measures, or follow-up when the reporting person provides sufficient contact information.

Clery Act statistical reporting does not require the University to initiate a criminal investigation or disclose personally identifying information about a victim. Public safety alerts will not disclose a victim's name or other personally identifying information.

5. Limits on Confidentiality

The University will protect privacy and limit disclosure to individuals who need the information to perform their responsibilities, to the extent permitted by law. However, confidentiality may be limited when disclosure is necessary or required, including circumstances involving:

- An immediate or serious threat to the health or safety of an individual or the campus community.
- Suspected abuse or neglect of a child, vulnerable adult, or other person when mandatory reporting laws apply.
- A valid subpoena, court order, public-records requirement, or another legal obligation.
- University obligations relating to sex discrimination, sexual harassment, violence, employee conduct, student conduct, or campus safety.
- Information necessary to provide requested supportive measures or carry out an appropriate response.

When disclosure is necessary, the University will share only the information reasonably required and will continue to protect personally identifying information in publicly available Clery records and disclosures.



6. Reports Involving Sexual Harassment or Sexual Violence

A report involving possible sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking may be provided to the Title IX Coordinator or another appropriate University official as required by law and University policy. A referral does not mean that the report will be published or that the reporting person must make a criminal complaint. The University will explain available reporting choices, supportive measures, and applicable limits on confidentiality when contact information is available.

7. Pastoral and Professional Counselors

Pastoral and professional counselors are not Campus Security Authorities when they are acting within the scope of their recognized counseling roles. Crimes disclosed to them in that capacity are not required to be reported for Clery statistics. When they consider it appropriate, counselors are encouraged to inform persons receiving counseling about the University's voluntary confidential and anonymous reporting procedures.

8. Emergency and Good-Faith Reporting

EthicsPoint and other non-emergency reporting methods are not substitutes for immediate assistance. Anyone facing an active threat, crime in progress, serious injury, fire, or other emergency should call 911 or CUDPS at 803-535-5444. Claflin University prohibits retaliation against a person who makes a good-faith report or participates in an authorized investigation. Knowingly, submitting false information may result in disciplinary or legal action.

Campus Officer Authority and Jurisdiction

1. Department Structure

The Claflin University Department of Public Safety is a hybrid public-safety organization composed of sworn law-enforcement officers and security officers. The authority of each employee depends on the employee's position, current certification or registration, commission, assigned duties, and the geographic limits established by law. CUDPS personnel also enforce applicable University policies and support the safety of students, employees, visitors, and University property.

2. Sworn Law-Enforcement Officers

CUDPS sworn officers assigned full law-enforcement duties are certified through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy as Class 1-LE law-enforcement officers. The Academy's Basic Law Enforcement program is currently twelve weeks in duration, and candidates must complete the required training and certification process within the period established by South Carolina law and Academy standards.

Sworn CUDPS officers are commissioned in accordance with South Carolina law. When an officer holds a gubernatorial appointment as a state constable under S.C. Code § 23-1-60, the appointment authorizes the officer to assist in detecting crime and enforcing South Carolina criminal law. An officer's actual enforcement and arrest authority is governed by the terms of the officer's current commission, certification, assigned jurisdiction, applicable law, and CUDPS policy. The University therefore does not describe this authority as unlimited or independent of those conditions.



Within their lawful authority, sworn officers may investigate criminal activity, detain or arrest persons when legally justified, enforce applicable South Carolina criminal and traffic laws and local ordinances, issue lawful citations, and take other police action. Federal offenses are referred to, or investigated in coordination with, the federal agency having jurisdiction unless a separate legal basis authorizes CUDPS action.

3. Security Officer

CUDPS security officers are not represented as having general statewide police authority. Security officers must hold the registration required by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) before exercising the arrest authority provided by the Private Security and Investigation Agencies Act. A person working while an initial registration application is pending has no statutory arrest authority under that chapter and may not carry a firearm until SLED issues the required registration and weapons permit.

Under S.C. Code § 40-18-110, a properly registered or licensed security officer employed to provide security services on specific property is granted the authority and arrest power given to a sheriff's deputy for violations of South Carolina criminal law, but only on the property where the officer is employed. This authority does not create general off-property or statewide police jurisdiction. Security officers exercise any detention or arrest authority only when legally justified and consistent with their registration, training, assignment, and CUDPS policy.

Authority at a Glance

Personnel	Authority	Primary limitation
Sworn officers	Police powers and arrest authority permitted by law; criminal investigations; lawful citations and enforcement action.	Current commission, certification, assigned jurisdiction, applicable law, and CUDPS policy.
Security officers	Property-protection duties and the arrest authority provided by S.C. Code § 40-18-110 when properly registered.	Authority under § 40-18-110 is limited to the property where the officer is employed.

4. Identification, Access, and University Regulations

CUDPS officers may request identification and may determine whether a person has lawful business on University property. Consistent with law and University policy, officers may enforce access restrictions, direct a person to leave University property, issue a trespass notice, or take other appropriate action. An arrest or detention must have an independent lawful basis; a request for identification alone does not eliminate that requirement.

CUDPS personnel may enforce University parking and traffic regulations and may issue University parking citations. Administrative parking charges may be posted to the University accounts of students or employees in accordance with published University procedures. Parking enforcement under University policy is distinct from a criminal or state traffic citation unless a sworn officer separately acts under lawful police authority.

5. Coordination with Other Law-Enforcement Agencies

CUDPS maintains working relationships with the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, the South Carolina State University Police Department, SLED, and other agencies having jurisdiction. CUDPS may request assistance, exchange information as



permitted by law, coordinate investigations, or refer matters to the agency with primary jurisdiction. The University identifies in its Annual Security Report any written agreement or memorandum of understanding then in effect for the investigation of alleged criminal offenses. If no such written agreement is in effect, the report should state that fact while describing the agencies' working relationship.

6. Reporting and Annual Review

All members of the University community are encouraged to report crimes and emergencies accurately and promptly to CUDPS and, when appropriate, to the law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction. CUDPS reviews this policy statement at least annually and updates it when officer certifications, commissions, security registrations, jurisdictional arrangements, written agreements, or applicable law change.

Working Relationship with Law Enforcement

The Claflin University Department of Public Safety maintains active working relationships with law-enforcement agencies that serve the University and the surrounding community. These relationships support emergency response, criminal investigations, crime-statistics collection, intelligence sharing, and coordinated efforts to protect students, employees, visitors, and University property.

Written Agreements

At the time of publication, Claflin University does not have a written memorandum of understanding or other written investigative agreement with a local, state, or federal law-enforcement agency for the investigation of alleged criminal offenses. The absence of a written agreement does not limit the lawful jurisdiction of another agency or prevent CUDPS from requesting assistance, referring a matter to the agency with primary jurisdiction, or coordinating an investigation or emergency response. Any written agreement established after publication will be evaluated for inclusion in the next Annual Security Report.

Interagency Coordination

Because Claflin University is located within the City of Orangeburg and adjacent to South Carolina State University, CUDPS works regularly with the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, the South Carolina State University Police Department, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and other agencies having jurisdiction or specialized resources. CUDPS may also coordinate with appropriate federal agencies when an incident falls within federal jurisdiction or requires federal assistance.

Depending on the incident, coordination may include requesting backup or specialized assistance, transferring or jointly investigating cases, sharing information permitted by law, coordinating emergency operations, identifying crime patterns, and obtaining crime statistics for locations within the University's Clery geography. CUDPS makes a reasonable, good-faith effort each year to obtain required crime statistics from state and local law-enforcement agencies.

Intelligence and Crime Information Sharing

CUDPS participates in appropriate law-enforcement information and intelligence sharing with area agencies. Information received through these relationships may be used to assess threats, identify criminal activity or emerging trends on or near campus, support investigations, determine whether



a timely warning or emergency notification should be considered, and improve prevention and response planning. Information is handled in accordance with applicable law, investigative restrictions, victim-privacy requirements, and University policy.

Off-Campus Student Conduct and Noncampus Locations

CUDPS does not routinely patrol or monitor all off-campus locations where students may be present. However, through its working relationships with other law-enforcement agencies, CUDPS may receive information concerning alleged criminal conduct by a Claflin University student or activity associated with an officially recognized student organization. When appropriate, CUDPS documents the information, evaluates whether it has Clery Act reporting or warning implications, and refers the matter to the University office responsible for student conduct, Title IX, or another appropriate administrative process. University disciplinary review is separate from any criminal investigation or court proceeding.

For noncampus property owned or controlled by an officially recognized student organization, including any qualifying noncampus housing facility, CUDPS relies on communication with the law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction to obtain available information about reported criminal activity. Any qualifying Clery Act crime reported to CUDPS, another Campus Security Authority, or a local law-enforcement agency is evaluated for inclusion in the University's crime statistics and for any required safety notification.

Reporting

Members of the University community are encouraged to report crimes accurately and promptly to CUDPS and, when appropriate, to the law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction. In an emergency, call 911. CUDPS may be reached at 803-535-5444.

Counselors and Confidential Crime Reporting

The Clery Act recognizes that students and employees may seek help from pastoral or professional counselors without making a report to a campus security authority. When a person meets the applicable regulatory definition and is acting within that counseling role, the person is not considered a Campus Security Authority for information received in that capacity and is not required by the Clery Act to report the information for inclusion in the University's crime statistics.

Scope of the Counselor Exclusion

The exclusion is based on the counselor's function at the time the information is received. It applies only while the person is acting as a pastoral or professional counselor within the scope of the recognized role, license, or certification. A counselor who receives information while serving in another role - such as an administrator, adviser, disciplinary official, or other position with campus-security responsibilities - may have separate reporting responsibilities.

Definitions

a. Pastoral Counselor

A pastoral counselor is a person associated with a religious order or denomination who is recognized by that religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and who is functioning within the scope of that recognition.



b. Professional Counselor

A professional counselor is a person whose official responsibilities include providing mental-health counseling to members of the University community and who is functioning within the scope of the person's license or certification.

Voluntary Confidential Crime Reporting

Claflin University encourages pastoral and professional counselors, when they determine it is appropriate, to inform persons they are counseling about the University's procedures for voluntarily reporting crimes on a confidential basis for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics. A counselor may explain the available reporting options without requiring or pressuring the person to make a report.

A person who wants an incident considered for Clery Act statistical purposes may report directly to CUDPS or use the voluntary confidential reporting procedure described in the Confidential Reporting section of the Annual Security Report. The University will not include personally identifying information about a victim in its publicly disclosed Clery crime statistics. When sufficient nonidentifying information is available, the report may also assist the University in identifying crime patterns and evaluating whether a safety notification or other protective response is appropriate.

Security of and Access to Campus Facilities

Claflin University controls access to its buildings and grounds according to each facility's purpose, operating schedule, and security needs. The University uses physical security measures, access-control technology, patrols, community reporting, and facility maintenance to reduce unsafe conditions and support the safety of students, employees, residents, and visitors.

Academic and Administrative Buildings

Academic and administrative facilities include classrooms, offices, the library, athletic and recreation facilities, research and laboratory spaces, cultural facilities, and other buildings supporting University operations. Buildings that serve the public are generally accessible during their posted business or program hours. Access may be restricted because of the building's function, scheduled activities, holidays, emergencies, or other operational and security considerations.

Selected entrances use card, fob, key, or other access-control systems. Laboratories, offices, mechanical areas, and other restricted spaces are limited to persons with authorization. After normal operating hours, academic and administrative buildings are secured and may be entered only by authorized persons or with approved access. Individuals should not allow unknown persons to follow them into a controlled building.

CUDPS operates twenty-four hours a day and includes academic and administrative buildings in its patrol responsibilities. For information about the access procedures for a particular facility, contact Facilities Management or CUDPS at 803-535-5444.

Classrooms

Classroom buildings and individual instructional spaces are included in designated CUDPS patrol sectors. Classroom access follows the posted building schedule and University authorization. After



hours, persons entering an academic building or classroom must have authorized access and may be asked to present University identification or explain their purpose for being in the facility.

Student Housing Facilities

Access to on-campus student housing is restricted to assigned residents, their approved guests, authorized University personnel, and others with legitimate University business. Residents receive the key, key card, or credential assigned for their residence hall and must not loan it to another person. Lost or stolen credentials and malfunctioning doors or locks should be reported immediately to Housing and Residential Life or CUDPS.

Guests must comply with the University's visitation requirements and remain accompanied by their resident host when required by housing policy. Residents should not prop exterior doors, admit unknown persons, or allow another person to enter through a controlled door without using an authorized credential. CUDPS patrols student housing areas and works with Housing and Residential Life staff to address access-control concerns, policy violations, and reported safety issues.

Parking Lots and Exterior Areas

CUDPS regularly patrols University parking lots, roadways, walkways, and exterior common areas. Selected parking and exterior locations are supported by closed-circuit television cameras, emergency blue phones, lighting, or other security measures. The presence of a camera or emergency phone does not guarantee continuous observation or prevent criminal activity. Community members should remain attentive, secure their vehicles, and promptly report suspicious activity or unsafe conditions.

Emergency blue phones connect users directly with CUDPS. In an emergency, individuals may also call 911. Nonemergency concerns may be reported to CUDPS at 803-535-5444.

General Campus and Special Events

In addition to routine patrols, CUDPS may use high-visibility patrols in locations and during periods associated with increased pedestrian activity, nighttime events, or identified safety concerns.

Staffing and patrol assignments are adjusted based on available information, anticipated attendance, event type, location, and other operational considerations.

Organizations sponsoring campus activities must coordinate event-safety and security needs with the appropriate University offices. When requested and approved, CUDPS officers, University security officers, or contracted security personnel may provide event security, traffic control, parking management, or other public-safety support.

Maintenance of Campus Facilities

Facilities and grounds are maintained with consideration for safety and security. CUDPS, Facilities Management, Housing and Residential Life, and other responsible departments evaluate concerns involving lighting, locks, doors, alarms, access-control devices, emergency phones, security cameras, landscaping, walkways, and other conditions that may create a hazard or reduce visibility.



CUDPS officers report unsafe or insecure conditions to the department responsible for correction. Students, employees, and visitors should also report concerns promptly. Reports are prioritized according to risk and the work required. CUDPS may use incident information and crime-pattern analysis to recommend additional patrols or other safety measures.

Monitoring of Recognized Student Organizations

At the time of publication, Claflin University does not recognize a student organization that owns or controls an off-campus housing facility. CUDPS does not routinely patrol private off-campus property; the law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction responds to criminal activity at those locations.

Through its working relationships with the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety and other agencies, CUDPS may receive information about an off-campus incident involving a Claflin student or recognized student organization. ODPS is not required by local policy to notify CUDPS of every incident on private property. CUDPS evaluates information received for Clery reporting or warning implications and may refer the matter to the appropriate University office. University disciplinary proceedings are separate from criminal proceedings.

Monitoring of Student Organizations at Noncampus Locations

Current Institutional Status

At the time of publication, Claflin University does not officially recognize a student organization that owns or controls a noncampus housing facility. The University will review this statement at least annually and revise its Clery geography and reporting procedures if an officially recognized student organization later owns, leases, or otherwise controls a qualifying noncampus location.

CUDPS does not routinely patrol private off-campus residences or other private property merely because Claflin students live, visit, or gather there. Criminal activity at those locations generally falls within the jurisdiction of the law-enforcement agency serving that area.

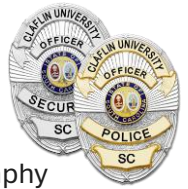
Coordination with Local Law Enforcement

The Claflin University Department of Public Safety (CUDPS) maintains a working relationship with the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety (ODPS) and other law-enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over locations where University students or recognized student organizations may be present.

- **Agency notification.** ODPS or another agency may notify CUDPS of an incident involving a Claflin student or recognized student organization. However, ODPS does not have a policy requiring automatic notification to CUDPS for every incident occurring on private property.
- **Annual information requests.** CUDPS makes reasonable, good-faith efforts to obtain crime information from agencies with jurisdiction over any University-identified Clery noncampus buildings or property for inclusion in the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, when applicable.

University Review and Response

When CUDPS receives information about off-campus conduct involving a student or recognized student organization, the University will review the facts and, as appropriate:



- **Clery assessment.** Determine whether the location is within the University's Clery geography and whether the incident must be counted, disclosed, or considered for a timely warning or emergency notification.
- **Referral.** Refer the matter to the Division of Student Development and Services, Student Conduct, the Title IX Coordinator, or another appropriate University office for review under applicable policies.
- **Safety response.** Coordinate with the investigating law-enforcement agency and take reasonable measures to address identified risks to the campus community.

A criminal investigation, arrest, or prosecution is separate from the University's disciplinary process. University review may proceed under applicable policies regardless of whether criminal charges are filed or how a criminal matter is resolved.

Reporting Changes in Organization Property

University offices responsible for recognizing, advising, or overseeing student organizations should promptly notify CUDPS when an officially recognized organization acquires, leases, regularly uses, or otherwise controls property away from the main campus. CUDPS will evaluate whether the property meets the Clery Act definition of a noncampus building or property and will update applicable reporting procedures.

Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs

Claflin University provides security-awareness and crime-prevention education to help students and employees understand campus security procedures, recognize and reduce risks, report concerns, and contribute to the safety of others. Programming is coordinated by the Claflin University Department of Public Safety (CUDPS) in collaboration with the Division of Student Development and Services, Residential Life, the Title IX Office, and other appropriate University offices.

Program Types and Frequency

The University provides programming at the beginning of a person's relationship with Claflin and reinforces that information throughout the year. The type, audience, and frequency of programming include:

- a. **Incoming student programs.** Security and crime-prevention information is presented during orientation periods for first-year and transfer students. Residential Life and campus partners also provide information through residence-hall meetings and other student programs.
- b. **New-employee programs.** New employees receive applicable safety, reporting, and prevention information through onboarding, orientation, training, or other communications coordinated by responsible University offices.
- c. **Ongoing education.** Students and employees receive prevention and awareness information throughout the academic year through forums, workshops, campaigns, residence-hall programs, electronic communications, safety notices, and programs connected with campus activities or emerging concerns.
- d. **Event-specific outreach.** CUDPS works with University departments and event organizers to provide safety information, staffing guidance, traffic and access information, and crime-prevention messaging when conditions or planned activities warrant additional outreach.



General Security Awareness

Security-awareness programs explain campus safety procedures and practices and encourage students and employees to take reasonable steps for their own safety and the safety of others. Depending on the audience and identified need, topics may include:

- a. **Reporting and assistance.** How to report crimes, suspicious activity, emergencies, and safety concerns; how CUDPS and local emergency services respond; and when to call 911.
- b. **Emergency readiness.** Panther Alert notifications, emergency response and evacuation procedures, shelter-in-place guidance, fire safety, and severe-weather preparedness.
- c. **Personal and property safety.** Situational awareness, residence-hall and building security, theft prevention, vehicle and parking-lot safety, online safety, and the responsible use of campus access controls and emergency blue phones.

Crime Prevention Education

Crime-prevention programs are designed to reduce opportunities for crime and strengthen the community's ability to recognize and report concerning behavior. Topics may include alcohol and other drug misuse, sexual misconduct, dating and domestic violence, stalking, harassment, hate crimes, interpersonal conflict, self-protection, theft and fraud prevention, and concerns identified through campus experience or crime analysis.

Prevention of Dating Violence Domestic Violence Sexual Assault and Stalking

Claflin University prohibits dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The University provides primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees and conducts ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for students and employees. These efforts are intended to be comprehensive, inclusive, responsive to community needs, and informed by research or assessed for effectiveness.

Consistent with federal requirements, these programs and campaigns address:

- **Applicable definitions and policy.** The University's prohibition of these offenses; the definitions of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and consent under applicable law and University policy; and available reporting options.
- **Bystander intervention.** Safe and positive actions an individual or group may take to recognize potential harm, overcome barriers to intervening, select an appropriate response, and help prevent violence without placing themselves or others in danger.
- **Risk reduction.** Practical options intended to reduce perpetration and bystander inaction, increase empowerment, promote safety, and address conditions that facilitate violence. Risk reduction information does not shift responsibility from a person who commits misconduct to the person harmed.
- **Reporting resources and rights.** How and where to report; options for involving campus or local law enforcement; preservation of evidence; confidentiality considerations; supportive measures; victim services; and applicable institutional disciplinary procedures.

Shared Responsibility and Program Coordination

Students and employees are encouraged to remain attentive to their surroundings, secure personal and University property, follow campus safety procedures, promptly report hazards and suspicious



conduct, and seek assistance when needed. These expectations supplement—not replace—the University's responsibility to maintain reasonable safety measures and respond to reported concerns.

CUDPS and its campus partners may adjust program content, delivery methods, and frequency in response to changes in law, campus conditions, identified trends, assessment results, and the needs of particular audiences. The University should maintain records sufficient to describe the programs offered, intended audiences, dates, delivery methods, and responsible departments for Annual Security Report preparation and compliance review.

Program Information

For information about security awareness or crime-prevention programs, contact:

- **Claflin University Department of Public Safety:** (803) 535-5444
- **Housing and Residential Life:** (803) 535-5301

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Claflin University is committed to maintaining an educational and working environment free from the unlawful possession, use, manufacture, sale, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol. Students, employees, student organizations, visitors, and other persons participating in University activities are expected to comply with University policy and all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Policy Statement

The unlawful possession, use, manufacture, sale, furnishing, or distribution of illicit drugs, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, or alcoholic beverages is prohibited on University property and at University-sponsored or University-supervised activities. Alcoholic beverages may not be possessed, consumed, furnished, sold, or distributed in any location or circumstance prohibited by law or University policy.

A controlled substance prescribed by an authorized health-care provider may be possessed and used only by the person for whom it was prescribed and only as directed. Misuse, unauthorized sharing, sale, or distribution of prescription medication is prohibited.

Student and Employee Responsibilities

Students and employees are responsible for knowing and following applicable law and University standards of conduct. Students remain subject to the Student Code of Conduct, and employees remain subject to applicable employment policies, while on University property or participating in University activities. Conduct occurring away from campus may also be addressed when University policy authorizes institutional review.

Students and student organizations that violate criminal law may also violate the Student Code of Conduct. Employees who violate criminal law may also violate University employment policies. Criminal, civil, and University proceedings are separate processes; action in one process does not automatically control the outcome of another.



Enforcement and Referral

CUDPS enforces applicable criminal laws within its authority and may coordinate with other law-enforcement agencies having jurisdiction. Suspected violations should be reported promptly to CUDPS. When appropriate, matters may be referred to the Division of Student Development and Services, Student Conduct, Human Resources, the Title IX Office, or another responsible University office.

University sanctions will be imposed in a manner consistent with applicable law and University policy. Depending on the circumstances, sanctions may include educational requirements, loss of privileges, organizational sanctions, probation, suspension, expulsion, employment discipline, termination of employment, referral for prosecution, or a requirement to complete an appropriate counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, or re-entry program.

Alcohol Laws

Claflin University supports enforcement of South Carolina laws governing the possession, consumption, purchase, sale, furnishing, and distribution of alcoholic beverages, including laws prohibiting possession or purchase by persons under 21 and furnishing alcohol to underage persons. University policy may impose restrictions that are more protective than the minimum requirements of state law.

Controlled Substance Laws

Claflin University supports enforcement of federal and South Carolina controlled-substance laws, including South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 44, Chapter 53. Prohibited conduct may include unauthorized possession, manufacture, distribution, dispensing, delivery, or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Education Prevention and Assistance

In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, the University maintains a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program for students and employees. At least annually, the University distributes written information to each covered student and employee that includes:

- **Standards of conduct.** The University's prohibition against the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on University property or as part of University activities.
- **Legal sanctions.** A description of applicable local, state, and federal penalties for unlawful possession or distribution.
- **Health risks.** Information regarding health risks associated with illicit-drug use and alcohol abuse.
- **Available assistance.** Information about counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, and re-entry programs available to students and employees.
- **Disciplinary sanctions.** A statement that the University will impose sanctions for violations and a description of possible sanctions, up to and including expulsion, termination of employment, and referral for prosecution.

The University conducts a biennial review of its prevention program to evaluate effectiveness, implement needed changes, and determine whether disciplinary sanctions are being enforced consistently.



Clery Act Reporting

For Clery Act purposes, the University collects and discloses required statistics for arrests and disciplinary referrals involving liquor-law and drug-law violations occurring within Clery geography. Clery statistical reporting is separate from the University's determination of responsibility under its conduct or employment processes.

Reporting

Report suspected violations, medical emergencies, or immediate safety concerns to:

- **Emergency:** 911
- **Claflin University Department of Public Safety:** (803) 535-5444

Substance Abuse Education

Claflin University maintains a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program for students and employees. The program is intended to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on University property and as part of University activities, promote informed decision-making, connect community members with assistance, and support consistent enforcement of University standards.

Education and Prevention Services

The University provides prevention information and related services through coordinated campus programs and communications. Program components may include:

- **Educational information.** Printed and electronic materials addressing alcohol misuse, illicit and prescription drug misuse, health and safety risks, applicable laws, University policies, and responsible decision-making.
- **Programs and training.** Orientation sessions, workshops, awareness campaigns, residence hall programs, employee training, and other educational activities for students and employees.
- **Counseling and referral.** Information about available counseling, assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, recovery, and re-entry resources on campus or in the community.
- **Intervention and response.** Referral to appropriate University offices, emergency assistance when needed, and disciplinary or employment action consistent with applicable policy and law.

Annual Written Information

At least annually, Claflin University distributes written prevention information to each covered student and employee. The distribution includes:

- **Standards of conduct** prohibiting the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on University property or as part of University activities;
- **Legal sanctions** under applicable local, state, and federal law;
- **Health risks** associated with illicit-drug use and alcohol abuse;
- **Available programs** for counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, and re-entry; and
- **University sanctions** for violations, up to and including expulsion, termination of employment, and referral for prosecution. An appropriate rehabilitation program may be included as a disciplinary sanction when permitted.



Biennial Program Review

The University reviews its drug and alcohol abuse prevention program at least once every two years to evaluate its effectiveness, identify and implement needed changes, and determine whether disciplinary sanctions are being enforced consistently.

University Discipline and Criminal Proceedings

Conduct involving alcohol or illegal drugs may violate criminal law and University policy. Students may be referred for action under the Student Code of Conduct, and employees may be referred for action under applicable employment policies. Criminal, civil, and University proceedings are separate; a law-enforcement action or court outcome does not automatically determine the University's response.

The University applies sanctions in accordance with the applicable policy and the facts of the matter. Depending on the circumstances, sanctions may include education, counseling or treatment requirements, loss of privileges, probation, suspension, expulsion, employment discipline, termination, and referral to law enforcement.

Program Information and Assistance

Students seeking prevention information or assistance may contact Counseling Services, Student Health Services, or the Division of Student Development and Services. Employees may contact Human Resources or an available employee-assistance resource. Medical emergencies or immediate safety concerns should be reported to 911 or the Claflin University Department of Public Safety at (803) 535-5444.

Missing Student Notification Policy

This policy applies to students who reside in a Claflin University on-campus student housing facility. Its purpose is to ensure that concerns about a residential student's whereabouts are reported and investigated promptly and that required notifications are made when the student is determined to be missing.

Report Immediately

Anyone who believes that a residential student may be missing should report the concern immediately. Do not wait 24 hours. A report should be made without delay when the student's whereabouts are unknown or when circumstances create concern for the student's safety, regardless of how long the student has been absent.

Report a missing residential student to:

- **Emergency or immediate danger:** 911
- **Claflin University Department of Public Safety:** (803) 535-5444, available 24 hours a day
- **University officials and Residential Life staff:** A report may also be made to a University official or Residential Life staff member. That person must immediately refer the report to CUDPS.



Confidential Contact Designation

Each student residing in on-campus housing may identify one or more confidential contact persons for missing-student purposes. This designation is separate from the student's general emergency-contact information. A student may update the designation through the process provided by the University.

Missing-student contact information is maintained confidentially, is accessible only to authorized campus officials, and will not be disclosed except to law-enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing-person investigation. If a residential student is determined to be missing, the University will notify the designated contact person within 24 hours of that determination.

Investigation and Determination

CUDPS will promptly investigate each report using available information and reasonable investigative methods. Depending on the circumstances, these efforts may include:

- **Residence and campus checks.** Checking the student's assigned room and common areas and coordinating with Residential Life and other appropriate University offices.
- **Information review.** Reviewing available access, class, employment, dining, vehicle, communication, or other information consistent with law and University policy.
- **Interviews and contacts.** Contacting roommates, friends, family members, faculty, staff, and other persons who may know the student's whereabouts.
- **Law-enforcement coordination.** Sharing information and coordinating investigative activity with the law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction and other appropriate agencies.

CUDPS will determine whether the student is missing based on the facts and circumstances. There is no requirement to wait until the student has been absent for 24 hours before beginning an investigation or making a determination.

Required Notifications After a Missing Student Determination

When CUDPS or the law-enforcement agency with jurisdiction determines that an on-campus residential student is missing, the following notifications will be made within 24 hours of that determination:

- **Designated confidential contact.** The University will notify the contact person or persons designated by the student.
- **Parent or guardian for certain minors.** If the student is under 18 years of age and is not emancipated, the University will notify the student's custodial parent or guardian in addition to any designated contact person.
- **Local law enforcement.** The University will notify the law-enforcement agency with jurisdiction, regardless of whether the student designated a contact person, is over 18, or is an emancipated minor, unless that agency made the missing-student determination.

Continuing Response

CUDPS will continue to coordinate the investigation and University response with Residential Life, appropriate University officials, the student's contacts, and law enforcement as circumstances require. Information will be shared only as permitted by law and as necessary to locate the student and protect safety.



Maintaining a Safe Community

Claflin University and the surrounding Orangeburg community work to provide a safe environment, but no community is free from crime or emergencies. Students, employees, and visitors are encouraged to remain alert, report concerns promptly, and take reasonable precautions for themselves and others.

These suggestions may reduce exposure to certain crimes of opportunity, but they do not guarantee safety. Responsibility for criminal conduct rests with the person who commits it; a victim is never responsible for another person's unlawful actions. Personal precautions supplement the University's responsibility to maintain reasonable safety measures and respond to reported concerns.

Reporting and Emergency Assistance

- **Report promptly.** Immediately report crimes, suspicious activity, threatening behavior, safety hazards, and emergencies to CUDPS. Save (803) 535-5444 in your phone. Call 911 for an emergency or immediate threat.
- **Share useful details.** Provide the location, nature of the concern, descriptions of persons or vehicles, direction of travel, injuries, and whether weapons or other immediate hazards are involved. Do not place yourself in danger to obtain information.
- **Preserve evidence.** Do not disturb a scene or delete messages, photographs, videos, emails, or other information that may assist an investigation. Follow instructions from responding officers.

Personal Safety and Travel

- **Plan your route.** Use well-lighted and populated routes, remain aware of your surroundings, and avoid distractions that limit your ability to see or hear what is happening nearby.
- **Travel with others.** When practical, walk with friends or classmates, especially at night. Contact CUDPS to request or ask about available safety-escort assistance.
- **Trust your judgment.** Leave an area or event if conditions feel unsafe, become overcrowded, or involve escalating conflict or heavy intoxication. Contact CUDPS or the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety at the first sign of danger or when medical assistance is needed.
- **Cross streets carefully.** Use marked crosswalks when available, obey traffic signals, look in all directions, and make eye contact with drivers when possible before entering the roadway.

Alcohol and Social Settings

- **Know what you consume.** If you choose to drink and are legally permitted to do so, understand standard serving sizes, pace consumption, avoid accepting an open drink from an unknown person, and do not leave a beverage unattended.
- **Arrange safe transportation.** Do not drive while impaired or ride with an impaired driver. Make a transportation plan before attending an event and seek medical help immediately for a person who may have alcohol poisoning or another drug-related emergency.



Residence Hall and Building Security

- **Lock doors and windows.** Lock your residence-hall room whenever you leave and while sleeping. Close and secure accessible windows when the room is unattended.
- **Never prop access doors.** Do not prop open exterior or interior controlled-access doors or allow an unknown person to follow you into a secured building. Guests must follow University visitation and access procedures.
- **Challenge safely.** Do not physically confront an unknown or suspicious person. From a safe location, contact CUDPS and provide a description and location.

Property Vehicle and Identity Protection

- **Secure personal property.** Do not leave phones, wallets, purses, books, laptops, keys, or other valuables unattended. Carry only the cash and personal documents you need.
- **Protect vehicles.** Remove valuables from view, close windows, lock doors, and activate the alarm when leaving a vehicle. Never leave keys, access cards, or identifying documents inside an unattended vehicle.
- **Document valuables.** Record serial numbers and keep photographs and purchase information in a secure location. Use an owner-applied identification method recommended by the manufacturer or CUDPS; do not place sensitive personal identifiers on property.
- **Protect personal information.** Use strong, unique passwords and multifactor authentication, limit the personal information carried or shared, and verify unexpected requests before sending money, credentials, or account information.

Fraud Solicitation and Harassing Communications

- **Verify before responding.** Treat unsolicited requests for money, gift cards, passwords, verification codes, donations, employment fees, subscriptions, or personal information with caution. Government agencies and legitimate organizations will not pressure you to make an immediate payment through unusual methods.
- **Report suspicious solicitors.** Report unauthorized solicitors or suspicious door-to-door activity to CUDPS. Do not provide personal or financial information to an unknown person.
- **Save and report communications.** Preserve threatening, obscene, or harassing calls, messages, emails, voicemails, and social-media posts. Report immediate threats to 911 and other concerning communications to CUDPS.

Facilities and Safety Equipment

- **Report unsafe conditions.** Notify CUDPS at (803) 535-5444 about broken locks, damaged doors, inadequate lighting, obstructed walkways, malfunctioning emergency blue phones, or other conditions requiring prompt attention.

Daily Crime Log

The CUDPS Daily Crime Log for the most recent 60-day period is available for public inspection during normal business hours through the CUDPS Main Office, located in the lower level of the High-Rise Residence Center, 735 Goff Avenue, Orangeburg, South Carolina. Contact CUDPS at (803) 535-5444 to confirm current hours or request access. Portions of the log older than 60 days will be made available within two business days of a request.



Confidential Missing Student Contact Information

Federal law permits each student who resides in on-campus housing to identify one or more confidential contact persons for missing-student purposes. This designation is separate from a general emergency contact and is used if the student is determined to be missing.

Designating or Updating a Confidential Contact

Claflin University provides residential students an opportunity during the housing check-in and student-information process, and during semester updates, to identify or update a confidential missing-student contact. Designating a contact is optional. A student may decline to identify a contact or may change the designation through the University's established housing process.

Students who designate a contact should inform that person of the designation and are responsible for keeping the contact's name, telephone number, and other information accurate and current.

Confidentiality and Access

Confidential missing-student contact information is maintained separately as confidential information. It may be accessed only by authorized campus officials and may be disclosed only to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing-person investigation.

Required Notifications

If the Claflin University Department of Public Safety (CUDPS) or a law enforcement agency determines that a residential student has been missing for 24 hours, the University will initiate the required notifications within 24 hours after that determination:

- The student's designated confidential contact person or persons will be notified.
- If the student is under 18 years of age and is not emancipated, the University will also notify the student's custodial parent or guardian.
- The appropriate local law enforcement agency will be notified, unless that agency made the missing-student determination.

These procedures apply even if the student has not designated a confidential contact. A missing-person investigation and any required law-enforcement notification are not dependent on the existence of a designated contact.

Reporting a Concern

Do not wait 24 hours to report a concern. Anyone who believes that a residential student may be missing should immediately contact CUDPS at (803) 535-5444. Call 911 when there is an immediate threat to life or safety. Any University official who receives a report that a residential student may be missing must refer the report to CUDPS immediately.

Claflin University Prohibition of Sexual Misconduct

Claflin University prohibits sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, and retaliation as defined by applicable law and University policy. The prohibition applies to students, employees, applicants, and other participants in University education programs and activities to the extent provided by the applicable policy.



University Response

The University responds to reports in a prompt and equitable manner and may provide supportive measures, conduct an assessment, and initiate an investigation or disciplinary process when appropriate. A report may also result in action under the Title IX Policy, Student Code of Conduct, employee policies, or other applicable University procedures. Clery Act classification and statistical reporting are separate from a determination of responsibility under University policy or criminal law.

Written Explanation of Rights and Options

When a student or employee reports that they experienced dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, Claflin University will provide a written explanation of the person's rights and options, regardless of whether the reported conduct occurred on or off campus. The written information will address, as applicable:

- Procedures for preserving evidence and reporting to CUDPS or other law enforcement, including the right to decline to notify law enforcement.
- How to seek protective orders or similar lawful protections and how the University will honor them when applicable.
- Available counseling, health, mental-health, victim-advocacy, legal, visa and immigration, financial-aid, and other services on campus and in the community.
- Available supportive or protective measures and reasonably available changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations, regardless of whether a report is made to law enforcement.
- University disciplinary procedures, confidentiality considerations, and protections against retaliation.

Title IX Information

Definitions, reporting options, procedures, and Title IX resources are available on the University's [Title IX webpage](#) and in the current University policy governing sex discrimination and sexual harassment.

Educational Programs and Awareness Campaigns

Claflin University is committed to preventing dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The University prohibits these offenses and provides comprehensive prevention and awareness programming designed to promote respectful relationships, increase knowledge of available resources, reduce perpetration and bystander inaction, and support a safe campus community.

Primary Prevention and Awareness Programs

All incoming students and new employees receive primary prevention and awareness programming intended to prevent prohibited conduct before it occurs. Consistent with Clery Act requirements, the programming includes:

- A statement that Claflin University prohibits dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- Definitions of these offenses and the definition of consent in reference to sexual activity under applicable South Carolina law.
- Safe and positive options for bystander intervention and information about risk reduction.



- University policies, reporting options, procedures, supportive measures, victim services, and disciplinary processes that apply when an incident is reported.

Ongoing Prevention and Awareness Campaigns

The University provides ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for students and employees throughout the year. These sustained programs reinforce the required topics, increase understanding of behaviors and conditions that facilitate violence, promote healthy and mutually respectful relationships, and develop practical skills for prevention, intervention, reporting, and accessing assistance. Programs are intended to be inclusive, responsive to campus needs, and informed by research or assessed for effectiveness.

Bystander Intervention

Claflin University encourages community members to recognize situations that may lead to harm and to choose a safe, positive, and appropriate response. Depending on the circumstances, a bystander may intervene directly, create a distraction, ask another person or authority for help, check on the affected person afterward, preserve relevant information, or report the concern. No one should take an action that creates additional danger. Call 911 for an immediate threat or CUDPS at (803) 535-5444 for campus assistance.

Risk Reduction

Risk-reduction education identifies options that can decrease perpetration and bystander inaction, increase empowerment, promote safety, and help individuals and communities address conditions that facilitate violence. Risk-reduction information does not place responsibility on a person who experiences violence. Responsibility rests with the person who commits the prohibited conduct.

Program Information and Legal Reference

The Annual Security Report describes the prevention and awareness programs offered by the University.

Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs

Claflin University provides security-awareness and crime-prevention education to help students and employees recognize safety concerns, understand University procedures, reduce opportunities for crime, and report crimes or emergencies promptly. The University also provides primary prevention and awareness education addressing dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking to all incoming students and new employees.

New Employee Orientation

As part of the new-employee orientation process, the Office of Human Resources provides education concerning workplace violence, sex discrimination and sexual harassment under Title IX, prohibited conduct, and the procedures for identifying and reporting concerns. New employees also receive or are directed to the University's required prevention information concerning dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

The required prevention content includes the University's prohibition of these offenses; applicable definitions, including consent in reference to sexual activity; safe and positive bystander-



intervention options; risk-reduction information; reporting choices; available services and supportive measures; and applicable University response and disciplinary procedures.

New Student Orientation

New students participate in orientation programming that addresses campus safety and the prevention of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The program explains prohibited conduct, applicable definitions, consent, safe bystander intervention, risk reduction, reporting options, available assistance, supportive measures, and the procedures the University follows when an incident is reported.

Program Frequency and Continuing Education

Orientation education is provided to each incoming student and new employee as part of the applicable entry or onboarding process. The University supplements orientation with ongoing security-awareness, crime-prevention, and prevention-and-awareness programming for students and employees throughout the year. Program descriptions and frequency are reviewed for inclusion in the Annual Security Report.

Reporting and Assistance

Community members should promptly report crimes, emergencies, suspicious activity, and safety concerns. Call 911 for an immediate emergency or contact the Claflin University Department of

Public Safety at (803) 535-5444. Reporting options and support resources are also available through the University's applicable policies and offices.

Reporting and Response for Dating Violence Domestic Violence Sexual Assault and Stalking

Claflin University encourages prompt reporting of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking so the University can offer assistance, explain available options, preserve evidence when possible, assess campus-safety concerns, and fulfill applicable legal obligations. A person may seek University support and reasonably available supportive or protective measures without making a police report or pursuing a formal University complaint.

Emergency Assistance and Reporting Options

- Call 911 if there is an immediate threat, serious injury, or need for emergency medical assistance.
- Contact the Claflin University Department of Public Safety at (803) 535-5444, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Report to the Title IX Coordinator at (803) 535-5268 or confidential@claflin.edu, or use another reporting method identified in the University's current Title IX policy.
- A person may notify on-campus or local law enforcement, request University assistance in making that notification, or decline to notify law enforcement.

Prompt reporting is encouraged but is not required before seeking medical care, counseling, advocacy, or University supportive measures. Making a police report does not obligate a person to pursue criminal charges.



Department of Public Safety Response

When CUDPS receives a report, officers will respond based on the circumstances, address immediate safety and medical needs, explain available reporting choices, and document the information provided. As appropriate, CUDPS may:

- Request emergency medical assistance and help the reporting person reach an appropriate medical facility.
- Explain criminal-reporting options and initiate or coordinate a criminal investigation when authorized and appropriate.
- Identify, collect, document, and secure available evidence in accordance with law and departmental procedures.
- Provide written information about rights, options, services, supportive measures, and University procedures.
- Make required or appropriate referrals to the Title IX Coordinator and other University offices, and coordinate with the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, SLED, or another agency when jurisdiction or investigative needs warrant.
- Evaluate whether a timely warning or emergency notification is required and collect information needed for Clery Act classification and statistical reporting. Public safety notices and statistics do not include personally identifying information about a victim.

Medical Care and Evidence Preservation

After a sexual assault, the first priorities are safety and medical care. A person may seek treatment for injuries, pregnancy concerns, sexually transmitted infections, and other health needs, and may ask about a sexual-assault forensic examination. In South Carolina, an eligible forensic examination may be available without cost to the patient through the state victim compensation process; unrelated medical treatment may involve charges. A person may request a forensic examination without first deciding whether to participate in a criminal prosecution.

If it can be done safely, a person should avoid bathing, showering, douching, brushing teeth, eating, drinking, smoking, using the restroom, or changing clothes before receiving medical guidance. If clothing is changed, place each item separately in a clean paper bag rather than plastic. Do not clean or disturb the location of the incident. Preserve texts, emails, photographs, social-media messages, call logs, location data, gifts, notes, and other digital or physical evidence. Evidence may still be available even if some of these actions have already occurred, so medical care and reporting should not be delayed.

Supportive and Protective Measures

Upon request, Claflin University will provide information about options for reasonably available changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations and other protective measures. These measures may be available regardless of whether the person reports to law enforcement or files a formal complaint. Depending on the circumstances and availability, measures may include:

- Changes to housing assignments, class schedules, work assignments, transportation arrangements, or campus access.
- No-contact directives, safety planning, escorts, increased monitoring, or assistance with lawful protective orders.
- Academic or workplace adjustments and referrals to counseling, health, advocacy, legal, financial-aid, visa and immigration, or community services.



The University will maintain the confidentiality of supportive and protective measures to the extent that doing so does not impair its ability to provide the measure. Information is shared only with personnel who need it to carry out the response, consistent with law and University policy.

University Process and Notice of Results

University and criminal processes are separate and may proceed independently. A person may choose to pursue a criminal investigation, a University complaint, both, or neither, subject to the University's legal obligations and authority to address safety risks. CUDPS investigates offenses within its authority and may coordinate with ODPS, SLED, or other agencies when appropriate.

Proceedings involving dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking will follow the applicable University policy and must provide a prompt, fair, and impartial process. The complainant and respondent receive the same opportunities to have an advisor of their choice present, timely and equal access to information used in the proceeding, and simultaneous written notice of the result, available appeal procedures, any change to the result, and when the result becomes final.

Possible sanctions and protective measures are those listed in the applicable policy and may include disciplinary action up to dismissal, termination, or expulsion when supported by the final determination.

For a disciplinary proceeding concerning a crime of violence or a nonforcible sex offense, the University will make any additional disclosure of final results to the alleged victim that is permitted or required by federal law. Public disclosures will not include personally identifying information about a victim.

Campus and Community Resources

Resource	Contact	Purpose
Emergency Services	911	Immediate danger or urgent medical response
CUDPS	(803) 535-5444	Campus police response and reporting
Title IX Coordinator	(803) 535-5268 confidential@claflin.edu	University reporting, supportive measures, and policy process
Counseling Services	(803) 535-5285	Confidential campus counseling
CASA Family Systems	(803) 531-6211 (800) 298-7228	Local sexual-assault and domestic-violence advocacy
National Domestic Violence Hotline	(800) 799-SAFE (7233)	24-hour domestic-violence support
RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline	(800) 656-HOPE (4673) Text HOPE to 64673	24-hour sexual-assault support



Violence Against Women Act and University Response

The Violence Against Women Act provides a federal framework for preventing and responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Claflin University incorporates applicable VAWA and Clery Act requirements into its prevention programs, reporting options, supportive measures, campus-safety procedures, and institutional disciplinary processes.

VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022

The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 was enacted as Division W of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, and signed into law on March 15, 2022. The reauthorization strengthened federal programs and protections for survivors, expanded services and access for historically underserved communities, reinforced housing protections, supported trauma-informed and culturally responsive practices, expanded certain Tribal criminal jurisdiction, and authorized additional prevention, training, restorative-practice, and victim-service initiatives.

The campus-safety provisions most directly reflected in this Annual Security Report were added to the Clery Act through the VAWA amendments enacted in 2013 and are implemented through 34 C.F.R. § 668.46. Those requirements include crime statistics, prevention and awareness programs, written rights and options, supportive measures, and prompt, fair, and impartial institutional disciplinary procedures for dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

University Prohibition and Scope

Claflin University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs or activities and prohibits sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, and retaliation as defined by applicable law and University policy. These prohibitions apply to students, employees, applicants, visitors, and other participants to the extent provided by the applicable policy and the University's authority.

Consent under the University's current policy is an affirmative agreement communicated through clear words or actions. Consent cannot be inferred from silence, passivity, or the absence of resistance; may be withdrawn at any time; and is not valid when a person is incapacitated or when consent results from force, threat, coercion, intimidation, or another circumstance recognized by policy or law.

Sexual Assault and South Carolina Criminal Law

Conduct reported as sexual assault may constitute a sex offense for Clery Act purposes and may also constitute criminal sexual conduct or another offense under South Carolina law. CUDPS investigates reported offenses occurring within its law-enforcement authority and may coordinate with the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, SLED, prosecutors, medical providers, or other agencies when jurisdiction, evidence collection, or investigative needs require. A University disciplinary process is separate from a criminal investigation, and either process may proceed without the other when permitted by law and policy.

Victim Centered Department Response

CUDPS seeks to provide a respectful, trauma-informed, and victim-centered response to every report, without regard to the reporting person's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, race, national origin, or other protected status. Officers will address



immediate safety and medical needs, explain available choices, and avoid prejudgment or victim-blaming. Depending on the circumstances and the person's wishes, CUDPS will:

- Arrange emergency assistance and help connect the person with medical care, counseling, an advocate, or other campus and community resources.
- Explain options to report to law enforcement, receive University assistance in making a report, or decline law-enforcement notification.
- Explain evidence-preservation considerations and collect or secure available evidence when authorized and appropriate.
- Provide or facilitate the required written explanation of rights and options, including information about supportive and protective measures.
- Allow an advocate or other support person to be present during interviews when permitted by law, policy, and investigative requirements.
- Assess whether a timely warning or emergency notification is required and collect information for Clery Act classification and statistical reporting.

Supportive Measures and University Response

Students and employees may request reasonably available supportive or protective measures regardless of whether they report to law enforcement or pursue a formal University complaint. Measures may include changes to academic, living, transportation, or working arrangements; no-

contact directives; safety planning; escorts; increased monitoring; and referrals to counseling, health, advocacy, legal, financial-aid, visa and immigration, or other services.

Reports are referred to the Title IX Coordinator or another appropriate University office as required by policy. The University may need to act when a report presents a serious or continuing safety concern, but it will consider the reporting person's wishes, explain available processes, and share information only with personnel who need it to perform their responsibilities.

Privacy and Confidentiality

Clery Act statistics and public safety disclosures do not include personally identifying information about a victim. The University also maintains the confidentiality of supportive measures to the extent that doing so does not impair its ability to provide them. Complete confidentiality cannot be guaranteed in every report because information may need to be shared to address an immediate threat, comply with law, conduct an authorized investigation, provide requested measures, or ensure a fair process. CUDPS and the University will protect identifying information from public disclosure to the extent permitted or required by federal and South Carolina law.

Reporting and Additional Information

- Emergency: Call 911.
- CUDPS: (803) 535-5444, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Title IX Coordinator: (803) 535-5268 or confidential@claflin.edu.
- Confidential Counseling Services: (803) 535-5285.

University definitions, reporting procedures, and grievance-process information are available on the [Claflin University Title IX webpage](#) and in the current applicable University policies.



Federal Clery Act Definitions

The following federal definitions are used to classify and disclose reports of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking for Clery Act purposes. An incident that meets a federal definition is treated as a crime for Clery Act reporting. These statistical definitions may differ from definitions used under South Carolina criminal law or University disciplinary policies; each matter is evaluated under every standard that applies.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence means a felony or misdemeanor crime 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.
- 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 in which the crime occurred.
- 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 in which the crime occurred.

Dating Violence

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. The existence of the relationship is determined from the reporting party's statement and consideration of:

- The length of the relationship.
- The type of relationship.
- The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. It does not include acts covered by the federal definition of domestic violence.

Stalking

Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

- Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or
- Suffer substantial emotional distress.

For this definition:

- Course of conduct means two or more acts, including acts in which a person directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person's property.
- Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.
- Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.



Classification and Reporting

Claflin University applies these definitions when evaluating reports received by CUDPS, Campus Security Authorities, and local law-enforcement agencies for inclusion in Clery statistics. Classification for Clery reporting does not require an arrest, criminal charge, prosecution, or a finding of responsibility under University policy.

South Carolina Jurisdictional Definitions

Purpose. This section states the definitions used under applicable South Carolina law and explains how those criminal-law definitions relate to Claflin University policy and federal Clery Act reporting. The categories may overlap, but they are not interchangeable. A matter may violate University policy even when the available facts do not establish every element of a criminal offense.

Domestic Violence under South Carolina Law

South Carolina Code § 16-25-20(A) makes it unlawful to cause physical harm or injury to one's own household member, or to offer or attempt to cause such harm or injury with apparent present ability under circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent peril.

For this statute, a "household member" currently includes: a spouse; a former spouse; persons who have a child in common; or, using the wording presently contained in § 16-25-10, "a male and female who are cohabiting or formerly have cohabited."

Important distinction. Emotional abuse, harassment, property damage, and coercive behavior may violate University policy or other criminal laws, but they should not be presented as part of the basic South Carolina domestic-violence offense unless the statutory elements are met.

Dating Violence

South Carolina does not identify "dating violence" as a separately titled criminal offense. Conduct occurring in a dating relationship may instead be prosecuted under another applicable law—such as assault and battery, domestic violence when the statutory household-member relationship applies, stalking, harassment, kidnapping, or criminal sexual conduct—depending on the facts.

For Clery Act purposes, 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. The existence of the relationship is determined from the reporting party's statement and consideration of the relationship's length and type and the frequency of interaction. This federal definition is used for Clery classification and disclosure even though South Carolina has no separately named dating-violence crime.

Stalking under South Carolina Law

South Carolina Code § 16-3-1700(C) defines stalking as a pattern of verbal, written, or electronic words, or a pattern of conduct, that serves no legitimate purpose; is intended to cause and does cause a targeted person; and would cause a reasonable person in the targeted person's position to fear:



- death, assault, bodily injury, criminal sexual contact, or kidnapping of the targeted person or a family member; or
- damage to the property of the targeted person or a family member.

A “pattern” means two or more acts, however short the period, that show continuity of purpose.

Electronic communications can qualify when the statutory elements are satisfied. The federal Clery definition separately addresses a course of conduct that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety or the safety of others, or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

Sexual Assault and South Carolina Criminal Sexual Conduct

Terminology. “Sexual assault” is the broader term used in federal Clery requirements and University policy. South Carolina generally prosecutes penetrative sexual offenses under its criminal-sexual-conduct statutes.

Sexual battery. Under § 16-3-651, sexual battery includes sexual intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, anal intercourse, or any intrusion—however slight—of any part of a person’s body or any object into another person’s genital or anal openings, except for medically recognized treatment or diagnostic purposes.

First degree — § 16-3-652. Sexual battery accompanied by aggravated force; sexual battery while the victim is also subjected to forcible confinement, kidnapping, trafficking in persons, robbery, extortion, burglary, housebreaking, or a similar offense or act; or intentionally causing the victim, without consent, to become mentally incapacitated or physically helpless through a controlled or intoxicating substance.

Second degree — § 16-3-653. Sexual battery accomplished through aggravated coercion, including specified aggravated threats of force, violence, physical harm, kidnapping, or extortion.

Third degree — § 16-3-654. Sexual battery accomplished through force or coercion without aggravating circumstances, or sexual battery when the actor knows or has reason to know that the victim is mentally defective (the statute’s term), mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless and aggravated force or aggravated coercion was not used.

Nonpenetrative conduct. South Carolina’s assault-and-battery statute also addresses certain nonconsensual touching of private parts. Other statutes, including laws concerning minors, may apply depending on the circumstances. Law-enforcement and prosecutorial authorities determine the appropriate criminal classification.

University Policy on Sexual Misconduct

Claflin University Policy 200.29, Sexual Misconduct and Harassment, prohibits sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and related misconduct. University policy may cover conduct more broadly than a particular South Carolina criminal statute. University administrative proceedings and criminal proceedings are separate processes and may use different definitions and standards.



Consent under University Policy

Consent is an affirmative agreement to engage in mutually acceptable sexual activity. It must be communicated through clear words or actions and may not be inferred solely from silence, passivity, or lack of active resistance.

Consent must apply to the specific sexual activity; agreement to one form of activity does not establish agreement to another.

A current or previous dating or sexual relationship does not, by itself, establish consent.

Consent may be withdrawn at any time. Once withdrawn, the sexual activity must stop.

A person cannot consent when incapacitated or when agreement results from fear, intimidation, coercion, or confinement.

Alcohol or drug use does not automatically establish incapacitation; the issue is whether the person lacked the ability to understand or make a knowing decision and whether the other person knew or reasonably should have known of that condition.

The University's affirmative-consent standard governs University policy. It should not be described as a standalone definition contained in South Carolina's criminal-sexual-conduct statutes.

Support, Reporting, and Referrals

Resource	Contact
Claflin University Department of Public Safety (24 hours)	803-535-5444
Claflin University Counseling Services	803-535-5285
Claflin University Student Health Services	803-535-5328
Emergency assistance	911

CUDPS can assist with immediate safety needs, reporting, referrals, and connections to advocacy and support resources. Seeking University support does not require a person to pursue criminal charges.

Reporting and Institutional Disciplinary Procedures

Purpose. Claflin University encourages prompt reporting of crimes and prohibited conduct so that safety needs can be addressed, evidence can be preserved, and affected individuals can receive information about available support and resolution options. A person may report to law enforcement, the University, both, or neither, subject to the University's obligations under applicable law and policy.



Reporting Options

Any student, employee, visitor, or other person may report dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or another crime through one or more of the following channels. A report may be made by someone other than the person affected.

Reporting Office	Contact	Availability or Purpose
Claflin University Department of Public Safety	803-535-5444	24 hours a day
Emergency Police Fire or Medical Assistance	911	Immediate emergencies
Title IX Coordinator and Associate Vice President for Human Resources	803-535-5268 confidential@claflin.edu	Title IX and University reporting
Vice President for Student Development and Services	803-535-5341	Student support and conduct matters
Executive Director of Housing and Residential Life	803-535-5301	Housing support and residential reports
EthicsPoint	877-319-8243 secure.ethicspoint.com	Anonymous option available 24 hours a day

Anonymous reporting. EthicsPoint allows a person to submit information without providing a name. Anonymous reporting may limit the University's ability to investigate or provide individualized remedies. Under the currently published Policy 200.29, an anonymous report does not by itself initiate the formal Title IX grievance process.

Privacy and Confidentiality

The University will protect the privacy of reports and records to the extent permitted by law.

Information may be shared with University officials who need it to assess safety, provide supportive measures, investigate, resolve the matter, satisfy Clery Act obligations, or comply with another legal requirement. The identities of complainants, respondents, and witnesses will not be disclosed except as permitted by FERPA, required by law, or necessary to conduct an applicable University proceeding.

Crime statistics and public safety notices. Personally identifying information is not included in publicly reported Clery crime statistics. Timely warnings and emergency notifications are drafted to protect privacy while providing information needed for community safety.

Confidential resources. A University employee or office should not be described as confidential unless the person is acting within a legally or professionally recognized confidential role. Employees who are designated responsible employees must forward reports covered by University policy to the Title IX Coordinator.

Law Enforcement and University Processes

A criminal investigation and a University administrative process are separate. Reporting to CUDPS does not automatically require a person to pursue criminal charges, and a criminal case is not a prerequisite to a University response. A person may pursue both processes at the same time. At law enforcement's request, the University may temporarily delay fact gathering during the initial stages of a criminal investigation and then promptly resume its process.



Process selection. The Title IX Coordinator reviews reports of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and determines the applicable University policy and resolution process based on the allegations, the parties' relationship to the University, where the conduct occurred, and other jurisdictional facts. Conduct outside Title IX jurisdiction may still be addressed under the Student Code of Conduct, employment policies, or another University rule.

Supportive Measures

Reasonably available supportive measures may be offered before or after a formal complaint and even when no formal complaint is filed. Measures are individualized, generally non-disciplinary and non-punitive, and may include:

- no-contact directives or other restrictions on contact;
- changes to academic, work, housing, parking, or transportation arrangements;
- campus escort services and increased security or monitoring;
- extensions, leaves of absence, or other course- or work-related adjustments; and
- referrals for counseling, health care, advocacy, academic support, or other services.

The University will maintain the privacy of supportive measures to the extent that doing so does not impair its ability to provide them. Supportive measures are distinct from disciplinary sanctions and do not constitute a finding of responsibility.

Formal Investigation and Resolution

When a formal University process is initiated, the controlling policy governs. For matters handled under the currently published Policy 200.29, the process includes the following protections:

1. **Notice.** The parties receive written notice of the allegations and applicable procedures and sufficient advance notice of meetings or proceedings requiring their participation.
2. **Impartial officials.** Investigators, decision-makers, and appeal officials must be trained and free from conflicts of interest or bias.
3. **Evidence and witnesses.** Both parties receive equal opportunities to identify witnesses and present relevant inculpatory and exculpatory evidence.
4. **Advisor.** Each party may be accompanied to related meetings and proceedings by an advisor of the party's choice, including an attorney retained at the party's expense. The University may impose equal restrictions on advisor participation, but may not prohibit an attorney or parent solely because of that status.
5. **Presumption and standard.** The respondent is presumed not responsible unless and until responsibility is determined. The published policy uses the preponderance-of-the-evidence standard, meaning more likely than not.
6. **Outcome.** Both parties receive simultaneous written notice of the result, available appeal procedures, any change to the result, and when the result becomes final.

Prompt timeframes. The published Policy 200.29 states that most formal investigations will be completed within approximately 45 to 60 workdays, subject to extensions for legitimate circumstances with notice to the parties. It also provides periods for evidence review, scheduling the hearing, and appeal. The current controlling policy should be consulted for the complete steps and deadlines applicable to a particular matter.



Sanctions and Remedies

If the University determines that a policy violation occurred, it may impose sanctions appropriate to the circumstances and the respondent's status. Available sanctions under the published policy include:

- written reprimand, educational requirements, community service, housing restrictions, or removal from campus;
- student suspension or expulsion;
- employee counseling, training, reassignment, demotion, leave without pay, or termination; and
- contract cancellation or other action authorized by University policy.

The University may also continue or modify remedies designed to restore or preserve the complainant's access to University programs and activities. Supportive measures for either party should not be characterized as disciplinary sanctions unless imposed following the applicable process.

Appeals

Under the currently published Policy 200.29, either party may submit a written appeal to the Office of the President within seven working days after receiving the determination letter. The permitted grounds are:

- a procedural irregularity that affected the outcome;
- new evidence that was not reasonably available when the determination or dismissal was made and that could affect the outcome; or
- a conflict of interest or bias by the Title IX Coordinator, investigator, or decision-maker that affected the outcome.

The non-appealing party must receive notice of the appeal and an equal opportunity to provide a written response. The appellate decision must be issued in writing to both parties simultaneously. Other University processes may have different appeal procedures; the notice of outcome and the applicable policy control.

Retaliation Prohibited

Claflin University prohibits intimidation, threats, coercion, discrimination, or other retaliation against a person because the person reported conduct, filed a complaint, requested supportive measures, participated or declined to participate in a process, or assisted another person. Retaliation should be reported promptly to CUDPS or the Title IX Coordinator.

Registered Sex Offender Information

Federal disclosure requirement. The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act amended the Jeanne Clery Act to require institutions of higher education to advise the campus community where law-enforcement information provided by a state concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. This disclosure requirement is codified at 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(1)(I).



Registration requirement. Federal sex-offender registration law requires a person who must register to keep the registration current in each jurisdiction where the person resides, is employed, or is a student. The responsible registering jurisdiction maintains and releases registry information in accordance with federal and state law. Claflin University does not independently determine an individual's registration status or maintain the State's public registry.

South Carolina Registry

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division maintains the South Carolina Public Sex Offender Registry. Members of the Claflin University community may search the registry by visiting:

South Carolina Public Sex Offender Registry: <https://scor.sled.sc.gov/>

Additional information. SLED also provides registry information and related guidance through its official website at www.sled.sc.gov/state-sex-offender-registry.

Assistance

Questions about accessing publicly available registry information may be directed to the Claflin University Department of Public Safety at 803-535-5444. Call 911 to report an immediate threat or emergency.

Appropriate use. Registry information is provided for public safety and awareness. It must not be used to threaten, intimidate, harass, or unlawfully discriminate against any person. The registry should be consulted directly for current information because entries may change as registration records are updated.

Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

Emergency Response and Coordination

The Claflin University Department of Public Safety (CUDPS) coordinates the University's initial response to emergencies occurring on campus. CUDPS officers and supervisors receive training appropriate to their assigned roles, including incident command and critical-incident response. When a serious incident presents an immediate threat to health or safety, CUDPS and the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety (ODPS) will ordinarily serve as first responders and coordinate through the Incident Command System or a unified command structure, as circumstances require.

Depending on the nature and scope of the incident, the University may request assistance from fire and emergency medical services, the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, emergency-management agencies, public-health authorities, or other local, state, or federal partners. The agency with legal or operational responsibility for the incident may assume command, while CUDPS supports campus access control, communications, evacuation, scene security, traffic management, and continuity of University operations.

Emergency Notification and Protective Actions

When responsible officials confirm a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on campus that involves an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees, the University will determine—without delay and with community safety as the primary consideration—



the appropriate audience, message content, and method of notification. CUDPS and other authorized University officials may initiate the Panther Alert emergency notification system and other available communication methods.

Notification may be limited to the segment or segments of the campus community affected by the threat. The University may withhold or delay a notification only when, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, issuing it would compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. When appropriate, information may also be shared with parents, visitors, neighboring institutions, news media, or the larger community through the University's official communications channels and public-information partners.

Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place

- **Follow directions:** Comply immediately with instructions from CUDPS, first responders, Panther Alert messages, alarms, and authorized University officials.
- **Evacuate safely:** Use the nearest safe exit, do not use elevators during a fire or when directed not to do so, assist persons who may need help when it is safe, and proceed to the designated assembly area.
- **Remain accounted for:** Stay at the assembly area for accountability and further instructions. Keep roadways, fire lanes, hydrants, and emergency access routes clear.
- **Do not re-enter:** Do not return to an evacuated building or area until CUDPS or the incident commander issues authorization.
- **Shelter when directed:** If evacuation is unsafe, move to the designated shelter location or an interior area away from windows and remain there until officials provide additional instructions or an all-clear message.

Department Preparedness and Continuity

Each University department is responsible for maintaining contingency and continuity-of-operations procedures appropriate to its functions, personnel, facilities, records, and essential services. Departments should review these procedures periodically, identify staff responsibilities and alternate methods of operation, and coordinate updates with the University's emergency-management process.

Annual Tests, Exercises, and Documentation

Claflin University tests its emergency response and evacuation procedures at least once each calendar year. Tests may be announced or unannounced and may include drills, exercises, or activation of the emergency notification system. The University will:

- publicize its emergency response and evacuation procedures in conjunction with at least one test each calendar year;
- evaluate the effectiveness of plans, communications, coordination, and operational capabilities; and
- document each test, including a description of the exercise, the date, the time, and whether it was announced or unannounced.

After-action findings may be used to revise plans, training, equipment, notification processes, and departmental continuity procedures.



Emergency Information and Assistance

- **Emergency:** Call 911. **CUDPS:** (803) 535-5444.
- **Emergency procedures:** [Claflin University Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Plan](#). Community members should review applicable procedures and become familiar with evacuation routes, assembly areas, and shelter locations for the buildings they use.

Definitions of Clery Reportable Offenses

Purpose and Scope

The Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act requires Claflin University to disclose statistics for specified offenses reported to a campus security authority or local law enforcement agency when the incident occurs within the University's Clery geography. The Annual Security Report presents statistics for the three most recent calendar years by location category. These statistical definitions are used for federal reporting and may differ from the names or elements of offenses under South Carolina law or University policy.

Primary Criminal Offenses

- **Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter:** The willful, nonnegligent killing of one human being by another.
- **Manslaughter by negligence:** The killing of another person through gross negligence.
- **Rape:** Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the victim's consent.
- **Fondling:** The touching of the private body parts of another person for sexual gratification, without the victim's consent, including when the victim is incapable of consent because of age or temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
- **Incest:** Sexual intercourse between persons related to one another within the degrees for which marriage is prohibited by law.
- **Statutory rape:** Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.
- **Robbery:** Taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person by force or threat of force or violence, or by placing the person in fear.
- **Aggravated assault:** An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This offense is usually accompanied by use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
- **Burglary:** The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft.
- **Motor vehicle theft:** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle, including cases in which a vehicle is taken by a person without lawful access even if the vehicle is later abandoned.
- **Arson:** The willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, specified real or personal property.

Hate Crimes

A hate crime is a reportable offense that shows evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator's bias against the victim's actual or perceived race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, or disability.

For Clery reporting, hate-crime statistics include any primary criminal offense listed above and the following additional offenses when motivated by a reportable bias:



- **Larceny-theft:** The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.
- **Simple assault:** An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another when neither a weapon nor severe or aggravated bodily injury is involved.
- **Intimidation:** Unlawfully placing another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through threatening words or conduct, without displaying a weapon or physically attacking the person.
- **Destruction, damage, or vandalism of property:** Willfully or maliciously destroying, damaging, defacing, or otherwise injuring real or personal property without the owner's consent.

Hazing

Hazing is an intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by one or more persons against another person, regardless of that person's willingness to participate, when the act occurs in connection with initiation into, affiliation with, or maintenance of membership in a student organization and causes or creates a risk of physical or psychological injury above the reasonable risk ordinarily encountered in participation in the institution or organization.

Examples identified in federal law include:

- whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing a harmful substance on a person's body, or similar conduct;
- causing or inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or similar activity;
- causing or inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
- causing or inducing another person to perform sexual acts;
- conduct that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through threatening words or actions; and
- conduct that includes, or requires another person to perform, a criminal violation of local, state, Tribal, or federal law.

For federal reporting, a student organization includes a group at the institution in which two or more members are enrolled students, whether or not the organization is established or formally recognized by the University. Hazing statistics are compiled by incident in accordance with federal law.

Dating Violence Domestic Violence and Stalking

- **Dating violence:** Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The relationship is evaluated using the reporting party's statement and the length and type of the relationship and the frequency of interaction. Dating violence includes sexual or physical abuse, or the threat of such abuse, but excludes acts classified as domestic violence.
- **Domestic violence:** A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner; a person who shares a child with the victim; a person who cohabitates or formerly cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; a person similarly situated to a spouse under applicable domestic or family violence law; or another person whose acts are covered by applicable domestic or family violence law.



- **Stalking:** A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others, or to suffer substantial emotional distress. A course of conduct consists of two or more acts, including conduct carried out directly, indirectly, or through third parties.

Arrests and Disciplinary Referrals

The University reports both arrests and referrals for campus disciplinary action for the following law-violation categories:

- **Weapons law violations:** Violations of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons.
- **Drug abuse violations:** Violations of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, or use of controlled substances and related equipment or devices.
- **Liquor law violations:** Violations of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages. This category does not include driving under the influence or public drunkenness unless another liquor-law offense is involved.

An arrest occurs when a person is processed by arrest, citation, or summons. A disciplinary referral is counted when a person is referred to a campus official who initiates a documented disciplinary action that may result in a sanction. A person is not counted in both categories for the same violation.

Where Reportable Offenses Are Counted

For the Annual Security Report, qualifying offenses are counted when reported and when they occurred in one of the following Clery geography categories:

- **On campus:** Buildings or property owned or controlled by the University within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used in direct support of, or in a manner related to, its educational purposes, including residence halls. Certain institution-owned but separately controlled property within or reasonably contiguous to that area may also qualify.
- **On-campus student housing:** A subset of the on-campus category. The University separately identifies offenses occurring in dormitories or other residential facilities for students located on campus.
- **Noncampus buildings or property:** Buildings or property owned or controlled by an officially recognized student organization, or owned or controlled by the University, used in direct support of or in relation to its educational purposes, frequently used by students, and not within the same reasonably contiguous campus area.
- **Public property:** Public property within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus, including applicable thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities.

Reporting and Classification Notes

- Statistics reflect reports received by campus security authorities and local law enforcement; a criminal investigation, arrest, prosecution, or finding of responsibility is not required for a report to be counted.
- Statistics do not identify the victim or the accused.



- Reports are classified using federal Clery and FBI Uniform Crime Reporting definitions. The same incident may be subject to specific federal counting rules.
- Clery geography is used for Annual Security Report statistics. The Daily Crime Log covers a broader area that also includes the patrol jurisdiction of CUDPS.



Claflin University Orangeburg Campus 2023 – 2025 Crime Statistics

Criminal Offenses – On-campus

	2023	2024	2025
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	2	2	0
Fondling	1	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	3	2	0
Burglary	3	5	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	3	3
Arson	0	0	0



Criminal Offenses – On-campus Student Housing Facilities

	2023	2024	2025
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	2	1	0
Fondling	1	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	3	0	0
Burglary	3	0	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	0
Arson	0	0	0



Claflin University Orangeburg Campus 2023 – 2025 Crime Statistics

Criminal Offenses – Public Property

	2023	2024	2025
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	2	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	1	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	0	0
Arson	0	0	0



Criminal Offenses – Non-Campus

	2023	2024	2025
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	0	1	0
Fondling	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0



Claflin University Orangeburg Campus 2023 – 2025 Crime Statistics

Hate Offenses – On-Campus

	2023	2024	2025
Murder	0	0	0
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	0	0	0



Hate Offenses – On-Campus Student Housing Facilities

	2023	2024	2025
Murder	0	0	0
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	0	0	0



Hate Crimes – Public Property

	2023	2024	2025
Murder	0	0	0
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	0	0	0



Hate Crime – Non-Campus

	2023	2024	2025
Murder	0	0	0
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	0	0	0



Claflin University Orangeburg Campus 2023 – 2025 Crime Statistics

VAWA Offenses – On-campus

	2023	2024	2025
Domestic Violence	0	0	1
Dating Violence	3	3	2
Stalking	0	0	0

VAWA Offenses – On-Campus Student Housing Facilities

	2023	2024	2025
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Dating Violence	3	0	2
Stalking	0	0	0

VAWA Offenses – Public Property

	2023	2024	2025
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0

VAWA Offenses – Non-Campus

	2023	2024	2025
Domestic Violence	0	0	1
Dating Violence	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	1



Claflin University Orangeburg Campus 2023 – 2025 Crime Statistics

Arrests – On-campus

	2023	2024	2025
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	3	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	7	0	0

Arrests – On-Campus Student Housing Facilities

	2023	2024	2025
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	3	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	7	0	0

Arrests – Public Property

	2023	2024	2025
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0

Arrests – Non-Campus

	2023	2024	2025
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0



Claflin University Orangeburg Campus 2023 – 2025 Crime Statistics

Disciplinary Action – On-Campus

	2023	2024	2025
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	2	2
Drug Law Violations	22	19	19
Liquor Law Violations	18	11	13

Disciplinary Action – On-Campus Student Housing Facilities

	2023	2024	2025
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	2	2
Drug Law Violations	22	19	17
Liquor Law Violations	18	11	13

Disciplinary Actions – Public Property

	2023	2024	2025
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0

Disciplinary Actions – Non-Campus

	2023	2024	2025
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	0	0	2
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0

Unfounded Crimes

	2023	2024	2025
Unfounded Crimes	0	0	0



Hazing Incidents

	2025
On Campus	0
On-campus student housing	0
Noncampus buildings or property	0
Public property	0

Pursuant to the Stop Campus Hazing Act, institutions were required to begin compiling hazing statistics in calendar year 2025; therefore, hazing statistics are presented for 2025 only.



Annual Fire Safety Report Policy and Procedures

Purpose and Scope

Claflin University prepares an Annual Fire Safety Report for its on-campus student housing facilities in accordance with the Higher Education Act and 34 C.F.R. § 668.49. The report provides fire statistics, describes residence-hall fire protection systems and policies, explains evacuation and reporting procedures, and identifies fire-safety education, drills, and planned improvements. The report may be issued separately or combined with the Annual Security Report and is made available annually by October 1.

Report every fire. Any fire in an on-campus student housing facility must be reported, even if it was small, extinguished quickly, already investigated, or did not activate an alarm. In an emergency, call 911. Also notify the Claflin University Department of Public Safety (CUDPS) at (803) 535-5444.

Covered Student Housing Facilities

The Annual Fire Safety Report applies to every facility that meets the federal definition of an on-campus student housing facility during the reporting year. The University must review its housing inventory annually and add or remove facilities as their use changes. For the 2026–2027 housing cycle, Claflin University’s public Housing and Residential Life page identifies the following active residence halls:

Facility	Housing configuration
Kleist Hall	Suite-style residence hall
High Rise	Community-style residence hall
Student Residential Center South	Suite-style residence hall
Student Residential Center East	Suite-style residence hall
Student Residential Center West	Suite-style residence hall
Student Residential Center North	Suite-style residence hall
Dunton Hall	Community-style residence hall
Corson Hall	Community-style residence hall
Claflin Commons	Two-wing suite-style residence hall
Asbury Hall	Suite-style residence hall
740 Boulevard Street	University-managed single-family residence used for student housing
544 Buckley Street Apartments	Apartment style residence hall
612 Boulevard Street	University-managed single-family residence used for student housing
640 Boulevard Street	University-managed single-family residence used for student housing



Required Annual Report Content

For each applicable reporting year, the Annual Fire Safety Report includes at least:

- fire statistics for each on-campus student housing facility for the three most recent calendar years for which data are available;
- a facility-by-facility description of each fire safety system;
- the number of fire drills conducted in each facility during the previous calendar year;
- policies or rules concerning portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames;
- student-housing evacuation procedures;
- fire-safety education and training policies, including actions students and employees should take in a fire;
- the titles of the persons or organizations to which fires should be reported for statistical inclusion; and
- plans for future fire-safety improvements, when the University determines improvements are necessary.

Fire Safety Systems

The Annual Fire Safety Report must describe the installed systems for each housing facility. A single campus-wide list is not sufficient unless every listed system is present in every facility. The facility inventory should identify, as applicable, automatic sprinkler coverage, fire alarms, manual pull stations, audible and visible notification appliances, smoke or heat detection, fire doors and walls, kitchen hood suppression, monitoring by a supervising station or alarm company, and other detection, warning, smoke-control, or extinguishing systems.

Facilities Management, Housing and Residential Life, and CUDPS should review the system inventory annually and after renovations or changes in occupancy. Inspection, testing, maintenance, impairment, and repair records should be maintained by the responsible department in accordance with applicable codes and University procedures.

Fire Prevention Rules in University Housing

Residents, guests, and employees must comply with the Residential Life Handbook, housing agreement, posted instructions, and the following minimum precautions:

- Smoking and vaping are prohibited where designated by University policy. Open flames, including candles, incense, and similar devices, are prohibited in student housing unless specifically authorized for an approved University activity with required safeguards.
- Cooking is permitted only in approved locations and with appliances authorized by Housing and Residential Life. Cooking may not occur in bedrooms, hallways, computer labs, restrooms, or other areas not designated for that purpose.
- Prohibited or unauthorized appliances include devices with exposed heating elements or high fire risk, such as hot plates, deep fryers, portable space heaters, toaster ovens, electric fry pans, broiler ovens, and similar equipment, unless expressly approved for a designated area.
- Electrical outlets, extension devices, and power strips may not be overloaded. Only approved, undamaged equipment may be used, and appliances must not be left operating unattended.



- Fire doors, exits, corridors, stairwells, alarms, detectors, sprinklers, pull stations, extinguishers, and other life-safety equipment must not be blocked, covered, disabled, damaged, or misused.
- Tampering with fire-safety equipment, failing to evacuate, or intentionally causing a false alarm may result in disciplinary action and criminal penalties.

When a Fire Alarm Sounds

- Treat every alarm as an emergency unless authorized officials announced a test in advance. Evacuate immediately, even if someone suggests the alarm is false.
- Leave belongings behind. Use the nearest safe exit and stairs. Do not use an elevator unless directed by firefighters or emergency personnel.
- Close doors behind you without locking them. If smoke is present, stay low and move toward the nearest safe exit.
- Proceed to the designated assembly area, keep emergency access routes clear, and remain available for accountability and instructions.
- Do not re-enter until the fire department, CUDPS, or the incident commander gives permission.

If You Discover Fire or Smoke

- Warn anyone in immediate danger and, if it is safe to do so, help the person move away from the hazard.
- Activate the building fire alarm using the nearest manual pull station as you leave.
- Evacuate by the nearest safe exit and close doors behind you. Never use an elevator during a fire evacuation unless emergency personnel direct you to do so.
- From a safe location, call 911 and CUDPS at (803) 535-5444. Give the building name, exact location, nature of the fire, and any known information about trapped or injured persons.
- Use a portable fire extinguisher only after the alarm has been activated and emergency services notified, only if the fire is small and contained, only if you are trained, and only when you have a clear exit behind you. If there is any doubt, evacuate.

If You Cannot Evacuate

- Move to a room or area of refuge that provides the best available protection. Close the door and seal gaps with available material if smoke is entering.
- Call 911 and provide your building, floor, room, and condition. Notify CUDPS if possible.
- Signal your location from a window if it can be done safely. Open a window only when necessary and only if doing so will not draw smoke or fire into the room.
- Stay low if smoke is present and await rescue. Do not open a hot door. Before opening a closed door, use the back of your hand to check it and the surrounding area for heat.

Fire Drills Education and Training

Claflin University conducts supervised fire-evacuation drills in each on-campus student housing facility. The Annual Fire Safety Report states the actual number of drills conducted in each facility during the previous calendar year. University practice is to conduct residence-hall drills each semester; completed drill records, rather than planned frequency, control the annual disclosure. Students receive fire-safety and evacuation information through orientation, housing materials, posted routes, drills, and residence-hall programming. Employees with emergency, housing,



laboratory, facilities, or supervisory responsibilities receive role-appropriate training. Training addresses alarm activation, evacuation, assembly and accountability, emergency reporting, assistance for persons who may need help, extinguisher limitations, and prohibition against re-entry until authorized.

Laboratory and Hazardous Materials Incidents

Fire or hazardous material incidents in laboratories require immediate evacuation and specialized response:

- Activate the alarm, warn occupants, leave by the nearest safe route, close doors, and call 911 and CUDPS from a safe location.
- Shut down equipment, compressed gases, ventilation, or other systems only when trained, authorized, and able to do so without delaying evacuation or entering danger.
- Do not touch, smell, walk through, or attempt to clean an unknown, toxic, reactive, flammable, or significant spill. Move away from the source, isolate the area if possible, and provide responders with the substance name and safety data information when known.
- Spill containment and cleanup may be performed only by trained and properly equipped personnel acting within the University's laboratory-safety and hazardous-material procedures.
- Faculty and laboratory supervisors must provide task-specific instruction, identify emergency equipment and exits, maintain chemical information, and ensure that students understand applicable procedures before beginning work.

Fire Statistics

For each on-campus student housing facility and each of the three most recent calendar years for which data are available, the University reports:

- the number of fires and the cause of each fire;
- the number of people who received fire-related injuries that resulted in treatment at a medical facility, including an on-campus health center;
- the number of fire-related deaths; and
- the value of property damage caused by each fire, including damage to the structure and contents from fire, smoke, water, and overhaul.

A fire is any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner. Causes may be classified as intentional, unintentional, or undetermined and may include cooking, smoking materials, open flames, electrical hazards, heating equipment, hazardous products, machinery or industrial equipment, natural causes, or other causes. The University submits required fire statistics annually to the U.S. Department of Education.

Fire Log

CUDPS maintains a written, easily understood fire log for every reported fire occurring in an on-campus student housing facility. The log:

- records each fire by the date it was reported and includes the nature, date, time, and general location of the fire;
- is updated within two business days after the University receives the information;
- is available for public inspection for the most recent 60-day period during normal business hours; and



- makes entries older than 60 days available within two business days after a request for public inspection.

The annual report to the campus community on fires recorded in the log is satisfied through publication of the Annual Fire Safety Report.

Reporting Responsibilities and Future Improvements

Students and employees should report every housing-facility fire to CUDPS for response, fire-log entry, and evaluation for inclusion in annual statistics. Fires may also be reported to Housing and Residential Life or Facilities Management, whose personnel must promptly forward the information to CUDPS. The report should identify the facility, location, date and time, known cause, injuries, and damage without delaying emergency notification.

The University evaluates drill results, alarm activations, inspections, reported fires, code findings, system impairments, and facility changes to determine whether fire-safety improvements are necessary. The Annual Fire Safety Report describes any planned improvements determined necessary for each affected facility. If no improvements are planned, the report should state that no future improvements were identified for that reporting cycle.

Emergency Contacts

- **Emergency:** Call 911.
- **Claflin University Department of Public Safety:** (803) 535-5444.
- **Housing and Residential Life:** (803) 535-5330 or housing@claflin.edu.



Fire Statistics in Residential Halls

Statistics and Related Information Regarding Fires in Residential Facilities for 2025						
Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Building	Fire Number	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries Requiring Treatment	Number of Deaths	Value of Property Damage
Kleist Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Corson Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dunton Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asbury Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRC South	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRC East	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRC West	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRC North	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
High-Rise Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Buckley Street	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
740 Boulevard	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
612 Boulevard	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
640 Boulevard	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Claflin Commons	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Statistics and Related Information Regarding Fires in Residential Facilities for 2024						
Residential Facilities	Total Fires in Each Building	Fire Number	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries Requiring Treatment	Number of Deaths	Value of Property Damage
Kleist Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Corson Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dunton Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asbury Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRC South	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRC East	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRC West	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



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SRC North	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
High-Rise Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Buckley Street	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
740 Boulevard	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
612 Boulevard	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
640 Boulevard	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Claflin Commons	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Dunton Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asbury Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRC South	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRC East	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRC West	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SRC North	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
High-Rise Hall	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Buckley Street	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
740 Boulevard	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
612 Boulevard	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
640 Boulevard	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Claflin Commons	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Fire Alarm Monitoring and Fire Safety Equipment

Fire Alarm Monitoring and Extinguishers

Claflin University reports that fire alarm systems in its on-campus student housing facilities transmit alarm signals to a central monitoring or reporting point for response and notification. Portable fire extinguishers are installed in residential facilities in locations and quantities required by applicable fire and life-safety codes. Fire alarms, detectors, sprinklers, extinguishers, pull stations, notification appliances, fire doors, and related equipment are inspected, tested, and maintained under University procedures and applicable requirements.

Residents and employees should immediately report damaged, missing, obstructed, or malfunctioning fire-safety equipment to Housing and Residential Life, Facilities Management, or the Claflin University Department of Public Safety (CUDPS). A reported impairment must be evaluated promptly, and interim protective measures must be implemented when necessary.

Residential Fire Safety Systems

The University reports that its residential facilities are protected by addressable fire alarm systems and automatic sprinkler systems. An addressable fire alarm identifies the initiating device or a specific alarm location, such as a room, suite, smoke detector, manual pull station, or sprinkler water-flow device. This information assists responding personnel in locating and evaluating an alarm.

The Annual Fire Safety Report must describe the installed fire-safety system for each on-campus student housing facility. The facility-specific disclosure should identify the type and extent of sprinkler protection; fire-alarm and detection equipment; audible and visible notification devices; manual pull stations; alarm monitoring; kitchen hood or other suppression systems; and any other fire-control or smoke-control features. System information must be reviewed whenever a facility is renovated, its occupancy changes, or equipment is added, removed, or replaced.

Fire Drills

Claflin University conducts one supervised fire-evacuation drill per semester in each on-campus student housing facility, for a planned total of two drills per facility during a calendar year. The Annual Fire Safety Report discloses the actual number of drills completed in each facility during the previous calendar year. If a planned drill is postponed, cancelled, or not completed, the report must state the number actually conducted rather than the planned number.

As an additional institutional safety practice, the University conducts fire drills in other campus buildings at least annually. These nonresidential drills support emergency preparedness but are not included in the federal residence-hall drill disclosure unless the building qualifies as an on-campus student housing facility.

Reported Fires in 2025

Based on University records provided for this report, no fires were reported in Claflin University on-campus student housing facilities during calendar year 2025. Accordingly, the 2025 facility fire statistics report zero fires, zero fire-related injuries requiring treatment at a medical facility, zero fire-related deaths, and no fire-related property damage.



This statement applies to the federal Annual Fire Safety Report and should not be expanded to unrelated off-campus property unless that property met the federal definition of an on-campus student housing facility during 2025. The University must retain supporting records and ensure that the facility-by-facility statistical tables are consistent with the fire log and the annual submission to the U.S. Department of Education.

Misuse of Fire Alarms and Safety Equipment

No person may:

- make or cause a false fire alarm or knowingly submit a false emergency report;
- tamper with, disable, damage, remove, cover, obstruct, or misuse a fire alarm, detector, sprinkler, extinguisher, hose, pull station, notification device, fire door, exit sign, emergency light, or other life-safety equipment;
- block an exit, corridor, stairwell, fire door, extinguisher, alarm device, sprinkler head, or access route required for emergency response; or
- interfere with an evacuation, drill, inspection, testing, maintenance, or emergency response.

Violations may result in University disciplinary action, restitution for damage or response costs, removal from University housing, and referral to law enforcement when applicable. Suspected tampering or misuse should be reported immediately to CUDPS at (803) 535-5444.

Plans for Future Fire Safety Improvements

As of the date of this report, the University has not identified planned capital improvements to the residential fire-detection and occupant-notification systems. This statement does not suspend routine inspection, testing, preventive maintenance, repair, replacement of failed or obsolete components, or corrective work required by a fire official, code inspection, system impairment, building renovation, or change in occupancy.

The University evaluates fire incidents, alarm activations, drill results, inspection findings, system impairments, and facility changes each year. If the University determines that an improvement is necessary, the applicable Annual Fire Safety Report will describe the planned work and the affected facility.



Fire Safety Systems in Residential Facilities

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Facility	Fire Alarm Monitoring Done Off-Site (by Vendor)	Sprinkler System	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguisher Devices	Evacuation Plans & Placards	Number of Fire Drills Conducted in 2025
Kleist Hall	X	X	X	X	X	1
Corson Hall	X	X	X	X	X	1
Dunton Hall	X	X	X	X	X	1
Asbury Hall	X	X	X	X	X	1
SRC South	X	X	X	X	X	1
SRC East	X	X	X	X	X	1
SRC North	X	X	X	X	X	1
SRC West	X	X	X	X	X	1
High-Rise Hall	X	X	X	X	X	1
Buckley Street	X	No	X	X	X	1
740 Boulevard	X	No	X	X	X	1
640 Boulevard	X	No	X	X	X	1
612 Boulevard	X	No	X	X	X	1
Clafin Commons	X	X	X	X	X	1