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HSU CRIME & CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

2025

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2025 HSU Campus Crime and Fire Safety Report

In accordance and compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act, and the Higher Education Opportunity Act, the HSU Police Department Annual Campus Crime and Fire Safety Report is distributed to all students and employees, made available to all prospective students and employees, and also listed for public view via the HSU Police Department web page each year.

The Report includes crime statistics and other information for each of the three most recent calendar years. These crime statistics include certain categories of crimes, required disclosure under The Act, which occurred on the campus, in campus buildings, non-campus buildings, and on other properties owned or controlled by HSU. These crimes include those which were reported to HSU and certain other university officials, as well as those which were reported to local law enforcement authorities such as the City of Abilene Police Department.

The HSU Chief of Police is responsible for preparing this report.

The Report also includes current information about HSU Police Department policies, campus crime statistics, crime prevention information, crime reporting procedures, and contact information. The report also includes information related to HSU policies regarding sexual assault offenses, missing student notification procedures, liquor law and drug violations, hate crimes, and emergency response and evacuation procedures.

The Report is distributed annually to all students, employees and all potential students and employees of HSU. Copies of the report are made available during normal business hours upon request to the HSU Police Department. This report and information is provided pursuant to the disclosure requirements of the Campus Crime and Awareness and Security Act of 1990, and the Drug Free Schools Act of 1989, and the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.

The entire 2025 Campus Crime and Fire Safety Report for Hardin-Simmons University can be viewed through the web site of the US Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, [Campus Safety and Security \(ed.gov\)](https://www.ed.gov/campus-safety). Free copies are available upon request at the HSU Police Department.

Annual Report of Three-Year Crime Statistics

Data sources include the HSU Police Department. This information is subject to modification or update at any time. Statistics consist of all categories and sub-sets of crimes required for reporting under the Clery Act.

Offense	On-Campus					
	Residential Property			Facilities		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses-Nonforcible	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	1	1	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	1	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0

Offense	Non-Campus		
	2023	2024	2025
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses-Forcible	0	0	0
Sex Offenses-Nonforcible	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
Hate Crimes	0	0	0

Offense	2023	2024	2025
Sexual Assault	3	2	0
Aggravated Assault	1	1	0
Assault	3	2	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	9	3	2
Thefts	12	10	20
Motor Vehicle Thefts	1	1	0
Burglary	0	0	1
Hate Crimes	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	1	0
Civil Disturbance	1	0	3
Stalking	0	0	0
Harassment	2	1	0
Public Lewdness	1	0	1
Criminal Mischief	1	2	5
Criminal Trespass	12	14	7
Domestic Disturbance	1	2	0
Terroristic Threat	1	0	1

Arrests	2023	2024	2025
Liquor Violations	0	0	1
Public Intoxication	0	1	1
Drug Violations	5	9	6
Weapons Violations	0	0	0
Warrants	4	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0
Criminal Trespass	1	1	1
Theft	2	1	0

Disciplinary Actions	2023	2024	2025
Liquor Violations	6	23	8
Drug Violations	10	7	6
Weapons Violations	1	4	0
Sexual Assault	1	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	0	2
Terroristic Threat	0	0	1

Crime Alert (Timely Warning) Policy

The circumstances in which a Crime Alert will be generated include, but are not limited to, the receipt of a good faith report to the University Police Department of a crime reportable under the Clery Act that poses a serious or continuing threat to the campus community.

The Chief of Police, or Assistant Chief, is responsible for determining if a Crime Alert {Timely Warning} will be issued.

The determination will be made on a case-by-case basis after due consideration of all available facts of the crime, such as the nature of the crime and whether or not a continuing danger to the campus community exists.

The University Police Department is responsible for the issuance of Crime Alerts. Anyone with information warranting a Crime Alert should report the circumstances immediately to the University Police Department, by phone (325-670-1911) or in person at the University Police Department {Comper Hall- intersection of Ambler and Hickory}.

Crime Alerts will be issued through the university e-mail and/or texting system to students, faculty, and staff. Crime Alerts will contain sufficient information about the nature of an identified threat to assist members of the campus community in taking appropriate action to protect themselves or their property.

The Crime Alert will generally include:

- A readily understandable description of the type of crime or occurrence.
- The general location, date, and time of the offense.
- A physical description of the suspect{s} or composite picture.
- A possible connection to other incidents.
- Date and time the alert was issued.
- Suggested measures which members of the university community can take to help protect themselves.

It is important to note that in some cases Law enforcement may need to withhold some facts if releasing the information would compromise an ongoing investigation or the identity of the victim.

HSU Police Department Authority and Jurisdiction

Hardin-Simmons University is authorized by Texas law to operate a campus police department. The HSU Police Department (HSUPD) staff consists of six full-time police officers and various office and clerical personnel. HSUPD is staffed and operates twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week, and 365 days per year.

All HSUPD Police Officers have completed State of Texas approved law enforcement academies and are fully certified and licensed as Texas Peace Officers by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Officers are commissioned as HSU Police Officers under the authority of Texas Education Code, Section 51.212, and are recognized as Texas peace officers under Article 2.12 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

Pursuant to these statutes, HSUPD Officers have full police powers and authority to respond on or off campus to police-related calls and other emergencies to investigate reported crimes, arrest offenders, and enforce traffic laws. HSUPD's primary jurisdiction includes all properties owned and/or controlled by HSU.

HSUPD maintains a close working relationship with the City of Abilene Police Department, the local office of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the local field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Abilene Christian University Police Department. HSUPD meets monthly with APD and area law enforcement authorities in formal "Comp Stat" meetings to discuss crimes, incidents, and trends that may jointly affect the City of Abilene as well as the HSU campus and properties.

HSU specifically classifies all HSU Police Officers as university officials with authority to enforce certain university regulations and policies related to student conduct issues, parking regulations, and other university policy matters. When HSUPD Officers handle cases related to matters of university policy, these cases are referred to the Vice President of Student Life or the Assistant Dean for Student Conduct and Community Standards.

When HSUPD officers handle students in matters that constitute violations of local, state, or federal laws, the involved students are subject to arrest or citation as authorized by applicable laws. Criminal cases involving students will also be referred to the Vice President of Student Life or the Assistant Dean for Student Conduct and Community Standards for possible imposition of university sanctions and/or discipline.

HSU Police Department Location and Contact Information

The HSU Police Department is located in Compere Hall on the HSU campus. The street address is 2202 Hickory, Abilene, Texas 79698. The HSU PD can be reached by telephone 24/7 by calling 325-670-1911 and to report a crime or other emergencies. Calls made to this number are answered by HSU PD personnel.

Police, Fire or Medical emergencies may also be reported to the City of Abilene 911 Call Center by dialing "911". Dialing "911" routes callers to the City of Abilene 911 Call Center where the call is assessed by EMS, fire department, and other emergency personnel that are dispatched. The 911 Call Center will immediately dispatch Abilene Police officers. All 911 calls originating from campus phones are reported to HSU PD by the 911 Call Center for immediate response.

Victims of off campus crimes or incidents may report the offense to the Abilene Police Department at 325-673-8331 or in an emergency dial 911. Students who are victims of off campus crimes or incidents may also contact HSU PD for assistance.

In some instances, students and employees report victim or non-emergency criminal information to HSU personnel other than an HSU PD officer. While HSU PD strongly encourages the reporting of all criminal activity or offenses directly to HSU PD, certain campus personnel are specifically authorized and mandated to accept victim and non-emergency information from students and employees. These employees include the Assistant Dean for Student Conduct and Community Standards and the Vice President of Student Life. These campus officials are aware of their responsibility to share crime information with HSU PD. These campus officials are aware of their responsibility to address an individual's reporting party's needs to ensure the overall safety and security of the campus community. Designated pastoral counseling roles and those who serve as professional counselors are exempted (by confidentiality caveats) from reporting their clients' crime information to HSU PD.

Confidential Reporting Procedures

Victims of crime who do not wish to pursue their matters through either the criminal justice system or the university's judicial system, are still encouraged to file confidential reports with the HSU PD. With a victim's permission, the Chief of Police or his designee can file a report detailing the incident while protecting the party's identity. The filing of confidential reports accomplishes two purposes: 1) addresses the anonymous victim's future safety, and 2) by being informed about the incident, the HSU PD can more accurately quantify crimes and determine patterns of activities. Crimes reported confidentially are included in HSU's Annual Crime and Safety Report.

Missing Persons Reporting Procedures

The following policies/procedures regarding Missing Persons/Missing Students are being provided in accordance with 2008 Amendments to the Higher Education Opportunity Act. If a student at Hardin Simmons University is determined to be missing for more than 24 hours, and that student is either under the age of 18 or has opted to have his/her "person to notify in an emergency informed if the student is missing, then within 24 hours, the following procedures are to be followed.

- Notify the following personnel of the student's missing status: HSU Chief of Police, the Assistant Dean for Student Conduct and Community Standards and Provost.
- The Assistant Dean for Student Conduct and Community Standards or designated person will then notify the student's "person to notify in an emergency" of the student's missing status.
- If the "person to notify in an emergency" is not the custodial parent or legal guardian of the student, then the Assistant Dean for Student Conduct and Community Standards or designated person will notify the parent or guardian.

Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

If you smell smoke or other unusual odors suggesting a possible fire, immediately call the HSU Police Department at (325) 670-1911 or call 911. Not all campus buildings are equipped with fire alarm systems.

If you discover an actual fire situation, you should:

- Alert other building occupants by immediately sounding the building fire alarm. To do this pull a wall-mounted fire alarm pull station.
- Dial 911 and provide the location of the fire.
- Evacuate the building.
- DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS. Most stairways are protected from smoke and are the safest way out of the building.

If needed, fire extinguishers are located in all public corridors approximately every 75 feet.

Never assume a fire alarm is false. If you hear a fire alarm sounding, exit the building immediately. Do not reenter the building until told it is safe to do so by either the police or Fire department.

False Alarm Or Report

It is a violation of Texas penal Code 42.06 to make a false alarm or report to an institution of higher education. Student(s) accused of this crime may face charges up to a state jail felony and will be referred through the student judicial process. A full description of the code and subsequent penalty is provided below. Please help keep our campus safe and report any suspicious activities to the University Police Department, Director of Residence Life, Or your Residence Director.

- a. A person commits an offense if he knowingly initiates, communicates, or circulates a report of a present, past, or future bombing, fire, offense, or other emergency that he knows is false or baseless and that would ordinarily:
 1. Cause action by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies
 2. Place a person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or
 3. Prevent or interrupt the occupation of a building, room, place of assembly, place to which the Public has access, or aircraft, automobile, or other mode of conveyance.
- b. An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor unless the false report is of an emergency involving a public or secondary school, public communications, public transportation, public water, gas, or power supply or other public service, in which event the offense is a state jail felony.

Electrical Appliances

The Residence Director reserves the right to confiscate any electrical appliance not permissible in the residence hall. Approved appliances include, but are not limited to, coffee pots, air-popcorn poppers, hair dryers, and irons.

NOT permitted electrical appliances include, but are not limited to, microwave ovens, deep fat fryers, open skillets, toaster/convection ovens, hot plates, George Foreman type grills, candles, etc.

Students may rent a refrigerator from the university when available. The student may not place a refrigerator in a closet at any time. The university reserves the right to search a refrigerator at any time. A student may bring his or her own refrigerators to school if they meet these requirements:

- Refrigerator no more than 4.0 cubic feet
- Must meet Underwriter's Laboratory safety standards
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Fire Prevention and Reporting Regulations

Ordinary precautions to prevent fires in residence halls should be observed. See that electrical appliances are turned off when not in use. If smoke is detected, report it at once. Open flames of any kind are prohibited. This includes candles and incense. Students should acquaint themselves with all exits in case of fire or disaster. Any questionable or irregular conduct should be reported immediately to the residence hall director, campus police, or someone in authority.

Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act and Sex Offender Registration

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000 amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act. This Act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where they may obtain law enforcement information, provided by the State, concerning registered sex offenders. The Act also mandates that sex offenders who are required to register in the State to also notify each institution of higher education in the State where the offender is employed, enrolled, or carries on a vocation.

Additionally, Texas law requires convicted sex offenders to register with the local municipal or county law enforcement agency that holds primary jurisdiction for the area in which the offender lives. Local agencies then submit this information to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Crimes Records Division, Austin Texas.

In accordance with provisions of the Act and those of Jeanne Clery Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the HSU Police Department provides the following internet link to the Texas Department of Public Safety Sex Offender Registry:

<https://publicsite.dps.texas.gov/DpsWebsite/index.aspx>

Victim Rights-State of Texas

A victim of crime is defined by Chapter 56 of the Code of Criminal Conduct Procedure, as {1} someone who is the victim of sexual assault, kidnapping, or aggravated robbery or who has suffered bodily injury or death because of the criminal conduct of another, {2} the close relative {spouse, parent, adult brother or sister, or child} of a deceased victim or {3} the guardian of a victim. The law also applies to victims of juvenile crime, including victims who suffer property loss. The law requires that victims:

- Receive adequate protection from harm and threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts. Have their safety considered by the magistrate when setting bail.
- Receive information, on request, of relevant court proceeding, including appellate proceedings, of cancellations and rescheduling prior to the event, and appellate court decisions after the decisions are entered but before they are made public.
- Be informed, when requested, by a peace officer about the defendant's right to bail and criminal investigation procedures, and from the prosecutor's office about general procedures in the criminal justice system, including plea agreements, restitution, appeals and parole.
- Provide pertinent information concerning the impact of the crime to the probation department prior to sentencing.
- Information about the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and payment for medical examination for a victim of sexual assault, and, on request, referral to social service agencies that provide additional assistance.
- Information, on request, about parole procedures; notification of parole proceedings and of the inmate's release; and the opportunity to participate in the parole process by submitting written information to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for inclusion in the defendant's file for consideration by the Board prior to parole.
- A separate or secure waiting area at all public court proceedings.
- Prompt return of any property that is no longer needed as evidence.
- Have the prosecutor notify, upon request, an employer that the need for the victim's testimony may involve the victim's absence from work.
- On request, counseling and testing regarding AIDS and HIV infection and testing for victims of sexual assault. Request victim-offender mediation coordinated by the Victim Services Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- Be informed of the use and purpose of a victim impact statement, to complete a victim impact statement and to have the statement considered before sentencing and acceptance of a plea bargain and before an inmate is release on parole.
- A victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a deceased victim may be present at all public court proceedings, with the consent of the presiding judge.
- A judge, attorney for the state, peace officer, or law enforcement agency is not liable for a failure or inability to provide a service enumerated herein.
- Victims should also know that they can have a victim advocate accompany them during the sexual assault exam if an advocate is available at the time of the examination.

Daily Crime Log

Calls for assistance are kept on a daily crime log located at the HSUPD. The logs are available to the public. A copy can be obtained by contacting the HSU Chief of Police.

Fire Safety Log

	Anderson Hall	Ferguson Hall	Behrens Hall	Lange Hall	University Apts	Off Campus Housing
Fire Alarms	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Smoke Detectors	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fire Extinguishers	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Evacuation Plans	YES	YES	YES	YES	EXT DOOR	NO
Number of Drills	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Number of Fires	0	0	0	0	0	0

HSU Residence Halls and Apartments	Addresses	Number of Fires and Year	Cause of Fire	Number of treatments at a medical facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire
Anderson Hall	1366 Ambler Ave.	0	0	0	0
Behrens Hall	2417 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Blanche Lange Hall	2409 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Ferguson Hall	2350 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Prichard Hall	2240 Simmons St.	0	0	0	0
University Place Apts.	2510 Pine St.	0	0	0	0

Off Campus Housing	Addresses	Number of Fires and Year	Cause of Fire	Number of treatments at a medical facility	Number of Deaths Related to a fire
HSU Home Address	1718 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1726 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1733 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1734 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1742 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1750 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1758 Anderson	0	0	0	0

Off Campus Housing	Addresses	Number of Fires and Year	Cause of Fire	Number of treatments at a medical facility	Number of Deaths Related to a fire
HSU Home Address	1766 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1774Anderson	0	0	0	0

HSU Home Address	1802 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1804 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1809 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1810 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1812 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1817 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1818 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1825 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1826 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1833 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1834 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1841 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1842 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1849 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1850 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1856 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1857 Anderson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2502 Caldwell	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2509 Caldwell	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2510 Caldwell	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2518 Caldwell	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2526 Caldwell	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2534 Caldwell	0	0	0	0

Off Campus Housing	Addresses	Number of Fires and Year	Cause of Fire	Number of treatments at a medical facility	Number of Deaths Related to a fire
HSU Home Address	2542 Caldwell	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2518 Cedar	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2473 Clinton	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2826 Grape	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2828 Grape	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2601Hickory	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2613 Hickory	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2633 Hickory	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1317 Lowden	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1617 Sandefer	0	0	0	0

HSU Home Address	1641 Sandefer	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	3110 Simmons	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	2474 Swenson	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1625 University	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1633 University	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1641 University	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1925 University	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1810 Vogel	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1818 Vogel	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1834 Vogel	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1842 Vogel	0	0	0	0
HSU Home Address	1850 Vogel	0	0	0	0

HSU Buildings	Addresses	Number of Fires	Cause of Fire	Number of treatments at a medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire
Abilene Hall	2418 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
ABM building	2602 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Arts and Sciences Annex	1325 Vogel Ave.	0	0	0	0
Athletic Training Building	1149 Ambler Ave.	0	0	0	0
Beazley White Horse Center	2802 Grape St.	0	0	0	0
Behrens Chapel	2409 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Caldwell Hall	2418 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Central Plant	2402 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Connally Missions Center	2342 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Cowboy Band Hall	2441 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Cowden-Paxton Hall	1317 Vogel Ave.	0	0	0	0
Crowe Fieldhouse	2750 Grape St.	0	0	0	0
Compere Hall	2202 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Ellis Engagement Center	2211 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Frost Center for Visual Arts	2341 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Fletcher Fitness Center	2410 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Holland Building	2442 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Holland Hall- PT on Vine	1325 Pine St.	0	0	0	0
Houston Lantrip Center	917 Lineberry Blvd.	0	0	0	0
Hunter- Powell Hitting Facility	2574 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0

Intramural Building	1225 N. 26 th . St.	0	0	0	0
Jake Sandefer Field House	2534 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
John Hunter Field	2542 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Johnson Building	2301 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Lee Hemphill Music Complex	2426 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Logsdon School of Theology	2219 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Mabee Athletic Complex	2401 Simmons Ave.	0	0	0	0
Mabee Hall – Physician Asst.	2434 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Maintenance Building	2802 Grape St.	0	0	0	0
Moody Center	2317 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Newman Richardson Science Center	2433 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Olsen House	1204 Vogel St.	0	0	0	0
Richardson Library	2341 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Sandefer Memorial Building	2333 Hickory St.	0	0	0	0
Shelton Stadium	2473 Simmons Ave.	0	0	0	0
Skiles Social Sciences Building	1002 Lineberry Blvd.	0	0	0	0
Streich Tennis Court	1526 Vogel Ave.	0	0	0	0
Soccer/ Track Fieldhouse	2750 Grape St.	0	0	0	0
Van Ellis Theatre	2410 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0
Woodward-Dellis Recital Hall	2434 Cedar St.	0	0	0	0

Safety Services

Escorts

University Police Officers will provide after-hours escorts for students, faculty, staff and visitors to any campus building, campus parking areas or residential halls. Emergency escorts may be provided to off campus housing and the Grape Street Athletic Complex.

Campus Safety Telephones

The HSU Police Department has six direct dial safety telephones on campus. These telephones are in service 24 hours a day and are designed to enhance the safety and security of the HSU community. However, personal safety is an individual responsibility and preplanning, and common sense are the best defenses. The telephones are in well-lit areas. To activate the telephones, push the button and hold it for two full seconds, then talk directly into the box.

Location of Safety Telephones

Complete operating instructions are posted at each site. Locations of the phones are:

- Northwest Side of Simmons Parking Lot
- Northeast Corner of Dyess Welcome Center and Ferguson Residence Hall
- Southwest Corner of Maintenance Annex
- Inside Physical Therapy Building on the Northside
- Behrens Residence Hall and Lange Residence Hall Parking Lot

Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)

Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) are strategically located throughout the campus:

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| • University Police vehicles (2) | • Sandefer Field House |
| • Moody Center 1 st floor | • Mabee Hall - Physician Assistant |
| • Mabee Complex 1 st floor lobby | • Anderson Residence Hall 1 st floor |
| • Abilene Hall 1 st floor | • Behrens Residence Hall 1 st floor lobby |
| • Sports Complex Grape Street | • Behrens Chapel |
| • Skiles 2 nd floor | • Sandefer Memorial 1 st floor |
| • Streich Tennis Center | • Logsdon School of Theology |
| • Johnson Building 1 st floor lobby | • Woodward Dellis Recital Hall |
| • Fletcher Fitness Center 1 st floor | • Richardson Library 1 st floor |
| • Fletcher Fitness Center 2 nd floor | • The Brand Swimming Pool |
| • Holland Hall on Pine (PT) | • Athletic Training Center (Ambler) |
| • Newman- Richardson main floor | • Houston Lantrip Center |
| • Prichard Hall 1 st floor lobby | • Jake Sandefer Fieldhouse |

Key Storage

Spare vehicle keys will be stored in a secure area located at the campus police office. It is strongly recommended that students, faculty, and staff provide the police office with a duplicate vehicle key. All keys are returned upon request. Keys will be kept for one school year. If you want your spare key kept longer, contact the HSU Police Department.

Student Policies

Hardin-Simmons University affirms that all members of our community are created in the image of God and therefore should be treated with dignity and respect. We do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of any status or condition protected by applicable federal or state law. Further, we respect the inherent worth of each member of the community and do not engage in any forms of harassment. We follow the profound truth found in the Golden Rule, "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12). Hardin-Simmons University values open dialogue and the exchange of ideas in a manner that is consistent with the University's mission for the purposes of education. We are blessed to live in a country that values free and open speech; however, some speech is nonetheless inconsistent with the Golden Rule, and students are encouraged to live by this higher standard rooted in our Christian faith and heritage.

Links to Campus Policies: [HSU-Title-IX-Policy-10-14-22.pdf \(hsutx.edu\)](https://hsutx.edu/2025-2026.HSU-Student-handbook.pdf)
[2025-2026.HSU-Student-handbook.pdf](https://hsutx.edu/2025-2026.HSU-Student-handbook.pdf)

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs

Philosophy

HSU seeks to foster an alcohol, tobacco, and drug-free environment in which to work, live, learn, and grow. As a Christian University, we approach alcohol, tobacco, and drug use with a combination of compassion, encouragement, directness, and concerned firmness. We follow the 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 message that we were all bought with a price; therefore, we should honor God with our bodies. An aspect of this caring approach is the consistent enforcement of the regulations regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs contained within this policy. The purpose of this policy is to ensure a safe environment that is consistent with the mission of the University and its goal to foster a substance-free environment.

We do not come at the policies with a spirit of judgment as we want students to be in a safe environment where they can learn about the personal and social consequences associated with the effects of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Educational programs are offered on an ongoing basis and are coordinated through the Student Life. Prevention strategies also include efforts to change inappropriate community norms regarding alcohol and other drug use and to alter environmental factors that support inappropriate use.

The University partners with the community and parents/guardians of students to help prevent abuse. Once you graduate from HSU we hope that your time here offers a balanced and educated approach to make your own decisions about alcohol, tobacco, and drugs after university life.

Regulations and Sanctions Regarding Alcohol and Other Drugs

Students are responsible for conforming their behavior to Federal, State, and local law, and to the University's Policy on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs. When violations of law or policy come to the attention of university officials, students may be referred for criminal prosecution and University sanctions may be imposed. Harm to persons or damage to either private or University property arising from the actions of intoxicated individuals on the premises of the University will be the full and sole responsibility of such individuals.

- The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or possession of empty containers is prohibited on university property or at any University-sponsored event or activity, regardless of the student's age.
- On campus, it is a violation to be in the presence of alcohol, alcohol containers, controlled substances, or drug-related paraphernalia.
- Off campus, it is a violation to drink underage. It is also a violation to misrepresent one's age for the purposes of purchasing or consuming alcohol. This includes the manufacture, sale, distribution, promotion, possession, or attempt to obtain false identification (on or off campus). Possessing a fake ID may result in university probation on the first offense.
- Drunkenness, on or off campus, is not consistent with the moral standards of the University and may result, minimally, in university probation on the first offense and suspension on the second offense. Drunkenness is defined as offensive, disruptive,

destructive, hazardous, and/or vulgar conduct during or following the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

- Operating a motor vehicle, on or off campus, while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance is a serious threat to oneself and the community and may result in immediate suspension, expulsion, or dismissal. Anyone who injures another person as a result of driving under the influence may be permanently dismissed.
- The attempt to obtain, use, possess, distribute, or sell, any potentially harmful or illegal drug (e.g., prescription drugs, marijuana, cocaine) or drug-related paraphernalia (including hookahs) is strictly prohibited. Anyone involved in the sale or distribution of drugs on or off campus may be dismissed immediately.
- The possession or presence of any amount of a controlled substance is prohibited on or off campus. This includes but is not limited to the presence of marijuana smoke or odor, small "roaches," or residue found in baggies, pipes, or other paraphernalia. The possession or presence of marijuana or other controlled substances may result, minimally, in suspension.
- Possession or use of any herb or drug used for hallucination or intoxication. This includes any relatively new drugs such as K2, Salvia, and other synthetic marijuana or drug variants even if not yet banned by law yet.
- Promoting the consumption of drugs or alcoholic beverages may not be undertaken within the confines of university properties or through university-sponsored or approved publications or events.
- Any student (regardless of age) or student organization found supplying or in possession of alcohol at university-sponsored off-campus events will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Any student leader who promotes or supplies alcohol or other controlled substances may be immediately suspended, expelled, or dismissed from the University. Examples of promoting alcohol/controlled substances include advertising parties either verbally or with flyers and inviting or driving underage students to parties where alcohol is present.
- Hosting or in any way assisting or promoting a gathering (on or off campus) that includes underage drinking or drunkenness, or drug use may result in suspension or dismissal. Those living at the location where the party is held may be held responsible as hosts regardless of who provides the alcohol.
- Any student who encourages another to consume alcoholic beverages or any substance as a means to induce that individual to engage in behavior that would otherwise be against that person's will is subject to dismissal.
- Any student who sexually assaults or attempts to sexually assault another person who is intoxicated is subject to immediate dismissal.

Tobacco

- HSU has joined over 900 other colleges who are completely tobacco-free. This policy extends to all university property including parking lots, fields, apartments, and houses and extends to all related with HSU and our visitors.
- Tobacco free includes smokeless tobacco, chew, snuff, vaporized, or other forms of tobacco use.
- E-cigarettes and smoking in or close to any buildings is already currently in effect and tobacco-free on all university property will take effect formally on January 1, 2015. As we prepare for the 1/1/15 policy change, we encourage all people on campus property to stop using tobacco and will have tobacco cessation programs available for all.
- After the tobacco-free date of 1/1/15, if you encounter someone who is using tobacco, we ask that you inform them that the use of tobacco products is not allowed anywhere on campus. If you continue to encounter a problem with a tobacco user on campus and have tried to talk it out, please report the matter to the Campus Police located in the basement, office number 803 in the Moody Student Center.
- Violations of tobacco policy are subject to community service with a theme of tobacco education. This may include volunteering with survivors of tobacco related cancer or helping beautify areas of campus or Abilene where the environment has been affected by the chemicals found within tobacco products.

Immunity for Good Samaritans

HSU encourages students to offer assistance to other students in need, both on- and off-campus. The welfare of students in our community is of paramount importance. Sometimes students are hesitant to offer assistance to other students for fear that they themselves may be charged with policy violations (for example, a student who has been drinking underage might hesitate to get help from Campus Police or an RA for someone who may be suffering from alcohol poisoning or might be hesitant to provide important information about a sexual assault incident). Students who seek assistance for a student in need will receive immunity from policy violations related to the incident. This immunity from disciplinary action applies to both the "Good Samaritan" and the student needing assistance.

Immunity for Victims

Sometimes, victims of physical assault or sexual misconduct (sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking) are hesitant to report to university officials because they fear that they themselves may be charged with policy violations, such as visitation, underage drinking, or sexual activity at the time of the incident. To encourage reporting, HSU offers victims immunity from policy violations related to physical assault or sexual misconduct.

Health Risks

The use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs can cause a number of problematic changes in behavior and physiology. Alcohol, especially in high doses or combined with medications or other drugs, can lead to violent behaviors including acquaintance rape, vandalism, fights, incidents of drinking and driving, injury, and other medical emergencies. If you discover someone who is excessively intoxicated, unconscious or in need of emergency assistance, please call 911 immediately. Doing so may save someone's life.

Moderate to high doses of alcohol may cause marked impairments in higher mental functions, severely altering a person's ability to learn and recall information. Research has shown that using alcohol or other drugs negatively affects academic performance.

The risk of having an automobile accident increases after consuming even relatively small quantities of alcohol. Low doses may significantly impair judgment, coordination, abstract mental functioning, and the ability to complete complex tasks. Repeated use of alcohol and other drugs can lead to physical and/or emotional dependence. Alcohol or substance dependence occurs when a person continues their use despite recurrent social, interpersonal, and/or legal consequences.

There is strong evidence based on medical research that alcohol and other drug abuse contributes significantly to heart disease and cancer as well as permanent damage of vital organs such as the brain and liver. There is clear evidence of serious negative effects on babies due to the use of illicit drugs and alcohol by the mother during pregnancy.

The use of Cannabis (Marijuana, Hashish) may impair or reduce short-term memory and comprehension, alter sense of time, and reduce coordination and energy level. Its effect can last for more than 4-6 hours after being used. Contrary to popular belief, marijuana is both physically and emotionally addictive. Hallucinogens (LSD, Ecstasy, and PCP) cause hallucinations. The user may experience panic, confusion, suspicion, anxiety, and loss of control. Delayed effects can occur, including ongoing loss of concentration and memory. Frequent use can cause permanent loss of some mental functions.

Cocaine and Crack are highly addictive drugs. The immediate effects of cocaine include dilated pupils, elevated blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate, and body temperature, followed by depression. Crack can cause delirium, hallucinations, blurred vision, severe chest pain, muscle spasms, and even death. These drugs cause a temporary feeling of power, impairing judgment and decision making.

Amphetamines (Crystal, Speed, Crank, and Meth) are highly addictive stimulants, which can cause one to "rush" around and appear stimulated. Amphetamines can cause rapid or irregular heartbeat, loss of coordination, collapse, and even death. Continued stimulant abuse can lead to mood swings, irritability, depression, sleeplessness, and even altered personality and paranoia. Heroin causes the body to have diminished pain reactions and is highly addictive both physically

and emotionally. It can cause disinterest in relationships, personal productivity, and workplace safety. The use of heroin can result in coma and death.

Commonly used intravenously, heroin use is associated with a wide range of physical health problems (i.e., AIDS, hepatitis).

Prescription drugs (i.e., anti-depressants, pain suppressants, stimulants, and tranquilizers} are safe only if taken as prescribed under the supervision of a licensed physician. If abused, they can lead to sluggishness or hyperactivity, impaired reflexes, liver and kidney damage, addiction, and nervous system damage.

Parental Notification

HSU recognizes the special relationship with the parents and families of its students. Even after students leave home for college, parents often play a central role in their character development, so HSU works in partnership with parents in helping students make the transition to responsible adulthood. The University also recognizes that students have specific privacy rights.

FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that controls the confidentiality of, and access to, student education records. FERPA law permits educational institutions to notify parents if a student commits a disciplinary violation involving alcohol or a controlled substance. The purpose of HSU's parental notification policy is to promote the holistic development of students and to foster an alcohol and drug-free campus community. Notification begins with:

- A. The first time a student is charged with violating the University policy under one of following circumstances:
 - Caused harm to oneself or another while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs or was transported to a medical facility and treated because of alcohol or other drug use was unruly, disruptive, or destructive while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
 - Operated a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
 - Was arrested or taken into custody by law enforcement officers while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs or is charged with violating a federal, state, or local law related to alcohol or other drug use.
 - Because of previous violations (not related to alcohol or other drugs), the current alcohol or other drug violation might result in the student being placed on suspension or a more severe sanction.
 - Hosted or in any way assisted or promoted a gathering that included underage drinking or drunkenness.
- B. The first time a student is charged with violating the University policy regarding the attempt to obtain or the use, possession, sale, or distribution of any narcotic or other controlled substance not lawfully prescribed by a health care provider.

- C. The second time a student is charged with violating the University policy regarding:
- The consumption, possession, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages.
 - Being in the presence of alcohol, alcohol containers, controlled substances, or drug related paraphernalia on university property.

A parent or guardian may be notified by the Assistant Dean for Student Conduct if it has been determined that a violation has occurred. Before notifying the parents or guardians, every effort will be made to inform the student and attempt to have the student make the first contact. This is consistent with the general philosophy that supports students developing independence and personal accountability. However, in some situation's consultation with the student or first contact by the student may not be possible or appropriate and in such cases the University is not required to alert the student when it has notified his/her parent or legal guardian. In other situations, after consulting with the student, the Assistant Dean for Student Conduct may determine that notifying the parents/guardians may be harmful to the student and in such cases the University is not obligated to make notification. This policy does not preclude the University's contacting parents or guardians for other policy violations that may endanger the health and well-being of a student or other individuals in the community.

Anonymous Reporting with STOPit

Send an anonymous report or tip to the HSU Police Department. The anonymous reporting avenue via the HSU Title IX webpage: www.hsutx.edu/title-ix/ then click on Anonymous Reporting with STOPit. Then follow the instructions. You may also call 325-670-1911.

Outreach Programs

Treatment, Re-Entry, or Rehabilitation Programs

The following agencies offer counseling and treatment in the area of substance abuse. The Assistant Dean for Student Conduct may refer students to choose from one of these agencies or the family physician or medical provider for alcohol treatment as part of disciplinary sanctions before re- entry to HSU is allowed. HSU does not inspect or certify these programs but encourages students and family members to do their own research and find the one that best works for them.

- Abilene Regional Council Center on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, 104 Pine Street, Suite 212, Abilene, TX 79601, (325) 673-2242
- University Psychology Center, Hardin-Simmons University, Cowden-Paxton Building, HSU Box 16115, Abilene, TX 79698, (325) 670-1531
- First Baptist Church of Abilene, 1333 North 2nd, Abilene, TX 79601, (325) 672-9999
- Shades of Hope Treatment Center, Buffalo Gap, TX 79508, (325) 572-3843
- Pastoral Care & Counseling, 751 Hickory, Abilene, TX 79601, (325) 672-5683
- Serenity House of Abilene, 1546 North 2nd, Abilene, TX 79601, (325) 673-6489
- West Texas Rehab Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605, (325) 793-3400