



## **Campus Security Policies**

The information contained in this disclosure document is provided by Athens State University in compliance with The Campus Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Title II of Public Law 101-542). Inquiries regarding the information contained herein should be directed to Campus Security at 256-777-1776 and/or Jerry Bradford, Director of Physical Plant at 256-233-8278.

### **A. REPORTING CRIMINAL ACTIONS OR OTHER EMERGENCIES**

1. It is the policy of Athens State University that any criminal act; act or threat of violence; injury; destruction of University or personal property; traffic accident; or other situation which occurs on the main campus of, any branch campus of, or any other site operated by Athens State University, and which may constitute an emergency, a danger to the health, safety, or property of any person, or a threat to the public order be reported immediately to Campus Security, 256-777-1776. Athens State University security officers are on duty 24 hours a day.
2. All witnesses to any situation which fits into any of the above-described categories shall make themselves available to make written statements and otherwise assist University officials and law enforcement officers in the investigation of the situation. It shall be an offense subject to appropriate disciplinary action for any Athens State University employee or student to file a false report or knowingly make a false statement about, or interfere with the investigation of any situation of nature described in paragraph A.1. above.
3. It shall be the duty of the University, upon its designated official or officials being made aware of any situation of a nature described in paragraph A.1., above, to immediately take all reasonable action to prevent or minimize any harm or threat of harm to the employees, students, and visitors of Athens State University. Furthermore it shall be the duty of said official(s) to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency in the event of an act of a criminal nature, or of any other nature (for example, a traffic accident) which would ordinarily involve law enforcement officials. Additionally, it shall be the duty of said official(s) to contact the appropriate fire department, emergency medical agency, or other authority or agency which is due to be notified of the respective incident.

## **B. SECURITY OF, AND ACCESS TO, CAMPUS FACILITIES**

Athens State University is "security conscious", and the safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors is assigned a high priority. The following is a description of conditions relating to access to and security of its facilities.

Athens State University's main campus contains approximately thirty-five (35) acres and is located near the business district of Athens, Alabama. The campus is accessible from three sides by public streets. The campus is lighted at night. Athens State University uniformed security officers carry firearms and walkie-talkies and patrol the campus on foot. Security officers turn in a written report on their shift on any safety or security problems encountered. Additional security is added by the Athens Police Department who make random patrols of the campus and vicinity. The Athens Police Department provide "backup" for security.

Campus buildings are locked after night classes by campus security and opened prior to classes by our maintenance personnel. Buildings remain locked on weekends and holidays unless classes or other events are scheduled.

Redstone Arsenal classes are offered on the military complex. These facilities come under the control of the Military Police and patrolled by them. In addition, Athens State University has one part-time security officer responsible for security of the buildings. Security for off-campus classes at other Universities are provided by the appropriate University.

## **C. CAMPUS LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

It is the policy of Athens State University that all persons who enter and utilize its facilities must comply with all federal, state, and local ordinances. Students, faculty and staff are also required to comply to the rules and regulations set forth in the Athens State University Catalog and Handbook and otherwise established by the State Board of Education. Violations reported or otherwise detected will be completely investigated and submitted to proper authorities for prosecution, or other deportation.

## **D. CAMPUS PROGRAMS ON SECURITY AND SAFETY**

Athens State University communicates with students, faculty and staff in a variety of methods to enhance security and safety. The Director of Counseling will provide programs on campus security and safety. Security officers provide visibility and patrol on foot and by vehicle. Security officers maintain a regular check on fire extinguishers and other safety devices. Security also provides assistance to anyone on campus with vehicle problems.

To enhance the protection of lives and property during major emergency situations such as fire, severe weather/tornado or other crises, a campus safety manual has been developed and distributed to all faculty, staff and students. Copies are available for student information in the library. For details consult their manual. Details for tornado or other sheltering emergencies are posted on campus bulletin boards.

A policy has been adopted to establish Athens State University as a Drug Free Work Place. Details concerning drug abuse prevention are provided by the office of the Dean of Students.

#### **E. CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES**

To supplement these established efforts, Athens State University promotes security and safety awareness by conducting programs against drug abuse with knowledgeable speakers. Space for crime and drug abuse prevention displays are at all available activities and career day programs. Videos and written materials concerning these subjects are also available.

#### **F. CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS**

Statistics relating to incidents occurring on the main campus of, any branch of, or any other site operated by Athens State University for academic years 2001-2004 are included in this brochure.

The following definitions are consistent with those used by the U.S. Department of Justice in the Uniform Crime Reports published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The classification by the University of any criminal offense which occurs on campus shall be based on its designation by the investigating law enforcement agency, as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body.

## Definitions of Unlawful and/or Criminal Offenses

- a. **Murder** (including non-negligent manslaughter) is the willful killing of one human being by another. This does not include deaths caused by negligence, suicide, accident or justifiable homicides.
- b. **Rape** is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; however, statutory rape and other sex offenses are excluded from this classification.
- c. **Robbery** is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.
- d. **Aggravated Assault** is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Attempts to injure or kill are included in this category.
- e. **Burglary** is defined as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. The use of force to give entry is not required to classify an offense as a burglary, so long as the entry was unlawful.
- f. **Motor Vehicle Theft** is defined as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. This offense includes the stealing of automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motorscooters, snowmobiles, etc. It does not include the taking for temporary use by a person having lawful access to the respective vehicle.
- g. **Arrest** is the lawful detention by a person with arrest powers of a person who there is probable cause to believe violated one of the offenses covered in this brochure.
- h. **A Liquor Law Violation** is an act or omission committed in violation of an ordinance or statute designed to control the possession, sale, distribution, or usage of an alcoholic beverage(s).
- i. **A Drug Abuse Violation** is an act or omission committed in violation of an ordinance or statute designed to control the possession, sale, distribution, or usage of an alcoholic beverage(s).
- j. **Weapons Possession** shall be the illegal possession or control of an item designed as a "weapon" by ordinance, statute, or case law.

It is the policy of Athens State University that during the month of January the information contained in this document shall be distributed to each student and employee of Athens State University.

It is further the policy of Athens State University that during May of 1991 and every other May thereafter, a committee assigned by the President of Athens State University shall review its Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program and shall:

1. determine the effectiveness of its program and report to the President any revisions needed by the program to make it more effective; and
2. ensure that the standards of conducts described herein are fairly and consistently enforced; and
3. submit a written report to the President stating the findings and recommendations of the Committee.

The President shall implement, effective the ensuring September, such of the Committee's recommended revisions as he/she shall deem appropriate and reasonable.

## **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF**

Athens State University is a public educational institution of the State of Alabama and, as such, shall not permit on its premises, or at any activity which it sponsors, the possession, use, or distribution of any alcoholic beverage or any illicit drug by any student or employee. Athens State University shall, within the scope of applicable federal and state due process requirements, take such administrative or disciplinary actions as appropriate. For a student, the disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to, suspension, or expulsion. For an employee, such administrative or disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to, reprimand, suspension, or termination of employment, or requirement that the employee participate in and/or successfully complete an appropriate rehabilitation program. Any visitor engaging in any act prohibited by this policy shall be called upon to immediately desist from such behavior.

If any employee, student, or visitor shall engage in any behavior prohibited by this policy which is also a violation of federal, state, or local law or ordinance, that employee, student, or visitor shall be subject to referral to law enforcement officials for arrest and prosecution.

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**Crime Statistics for Academic Years 2001-2004**  
(September 1, 2001 through and including August 31, 2004).

a. **Murder**

0 Number of incidents classified as murder

b. **Rape**

0 Number of forcible rapes

0 Number of attempted rapes or assaults to rape

c. **Robbery**

0 Number of robberies involving the use of a weapon

0 Number of robberies involving force or threat but no weapon

d. **Aggravated Assault**

0 Number of attempted murders

0 Number of other aggravated assaults

e. **Burglary**

0 Number of burglaries of occupied dwelling places

0 Number of burglaries of unoccupied dwelling places

f. **Motor Vehicle Theft**

0 Number of automobile thefts

0 Number of other motor vehicle thefts

g. **Liquor Law Violations**

0 Number of arrests for illegal possession of alcoholic beverages

0 Number of arrests for illegal sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages

0 Number of arrests for public intoxication

h. **Drug Abuse Violations**

0 Number of arrests for illegal possession of an illicit drug or controlled substance

0 Number of arrests for sale or distribution of drugs or controlled substance

0 Number of arrests for possession, sale, or distribution of drug paraphernalia

i. **Weapons Violations**

0 Number of arrests for illegal possession or control of a firearm

0 Number of arrests for illegal possession or control of explosives

0 Number of arrests for possession or control of weapons other than firearms or explosives