

Safety, Security and Health Issues at Penn State Behrend

This information is being provided to you in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, the College and University Security Information Act and the Drug Free Schools and Campuses Act. In addition to providing you with some useful information concerning safety, security and health issues, it also describes some of the programs that Penn State has developed to provide a safe and supportive learning environment.

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, is a four-year teaching and research university located in suburban Erie in northwestern Pennsylvania. The campus is home to nearly 1,650 full-time undergraduate students who live in the College's residences. The remainder of the 4,000 Penn State Behrend students reside in the surrounding region. The College employs more than 550 faculty and staff members to support its activities.

Public Safety Resources

The Office of Police and Safety Services at Penn State Behrend includes a manager of Police & Safety, five full-time police service officers who supervise various patrol shifts, and two full-time property protection guards who provide service twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. In addition, the office employs student auxiliary officers to provide parking enforcement and security services as well as vehicle and crowd control at special events. The manager and police service officers must satisfy requirements of the training course that is mandatory for municipal police officers in Pennsylvania. All officers are given required in-service training to maintain their certification. A number of officers have attained or are seeking post-secondary education or specialized training in law enforcement.

The Office of Police and Safety Services maintains an excellent working relationship with the Pennsylvania State Police and the nearby municipal police departments. Due to constraints on personnel and resources, it is the college's policy to request assistance from the Pennsylvania State Police in all major felony incidents. The office also may draw upon the resources of the Pennsylvania State Police and nearby police departments for mutual aid in an emergency. The department's mobile unit contains a radio that is in direct contact with the East County Communications Center, which coordinates fire, ambulance, and police response. Victims of crime are strongly encouraged to report the incident to the Office of Police and Safety, the local police department, or the Office of Student Affairs.

Any person who is the victim of a sexual assault on the campus is encouraged to notify the Office of Police and Safety Services, the Health and Wellness Center on campus, or the emergency room of a local hospital as soon as possible. Services including a medical exam are available free of charge. It is very important that any evidence that may pertain to the assault, such as body fluids, be preserved for collection by authorities.

A variety of support services also are available to the victim of this or any crime through the offices of Student Affairs, Residence Life, and Police and Safety Services. Victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes will be assisted in changing academic or living situations if this is desired and reasonably available. Specific information on rape, acquaintance rape, and other sexual offenses is made available through public education programs conducted by Police and Safety

Services and Residence Life throughout the year.

At Penn State Behrend, offices are open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and academic buildings are generally open from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. These facilities are intended for use by students, employees, and guests of the University. Access to an individual classroom is limited to those enrolled in the program. Access to residence halls is limited to residents and their invited guests as noted in posted signs in the living areas.

To make it easy for students, employees, and guests to report criminal or other unusual incidents, the campus emergency number for police, fire, and ambulance is posted on telephones in offices and residence hall rooms.

The Law and University Policies

The use, possession, and distribution on University property of beverages containing alcohol must comply with Pennsylvania law and with the University's policies and rules. Misconduct that may result in disciplinary action and penalties, including separation from the University, includes:

- the purchase, consumption, possession, or transportation of beverage alcohol by anyone under the age of 21
- the furnishing of beverage alcohol to anyone under the age of 21
- the possession of beverage alcohol in residence hall rooms, except by residents and guests 21 years of age or older in a room assigned to those 21 years of age or older
- the purchase, service, possession, or use of beverage alcohol by any registered undergraduate student organization on the premises of the college

The purchase, consumption, and possession of beverage alcohol is permitted by those who are 21 years of age or older in facilities licensed by the state, by adult graduate students and their organizations when no monetary charge is made for admission to the function and the function is not open to the public, and by people 21 years of age or older when permission is acquired under policy.

Penn State does not condone the medically unsupervised use, possession, sale, manufacture, or distribution of drugs that are illegal, that may involve medical or psychological hazards to an individual, or that may lead to interference with the rights or

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Resources at Behrend

ON CAMPUS FOR STUDENTS

Victim/Witness Services

Hotline
(814) 455-9515

Hospitality House for Women

(814) 454-8161

Erie County Rape Crisis Center

Hotline
(814) 455-9414

Penn State Erie Health and Wellness Center

(814) 898-6217

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

(800) 848-MADD

Erie County Children and Youth Services

(814) 451-6600

Erie Senior Citizen Information and Referral Service Greater Erie Community Action Committee (G.E.C.A.C.)

(814) 459-4581

Alcoholics Anonymous

1611 Peach Street
Erie, Pennsylvania
(814) 452-2675

Al-Anon

1611 Peach Street
Erie, Pennsylvania
(814) 454-4730

Pennsylvania Substance Abuse Information Center

(814) 459-0245

ON CAMPUS FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

Refer to Employee Assistance Program on front page.

For a complete listing of local drug and alcohol agencies and services, check the Guide to Human Services in the blue pages of your local telephone directory under "Alcohol and Drug Abuse" or "Drugs and Drug Abuse."

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privileges of others. When such activity occurs on campus, the college will initiate appropriate measures, which may include disciplinary action.

A variety of services is available in most communities to assist people with alcohol and other drug problems. These services range from crisis intervention, self-help programs and individual counseling services to in-patient residential programs. Often, alcohol and other drug services are listed in the human services section of the local telephone directory. The white pages usually provide local phone numbers for Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, and other self-help programs.

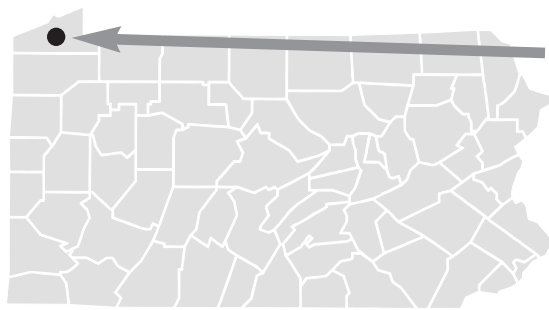
The use, possession, or carrying of firearms, hand billies, dirk knives or other dangerous knives, explosives, or other dangerous weapons while on University-owned or controlled property, or at University-sponsored or supervised activities is forbidden. The only exception is for authorized law enforcement officers or other persons specifically authorized by the University.

To provide for the safety of members of the University community and its property, Penn State has set minimum standards for conduct for members of the community and for those seeking admission to the community. These University standards of conduct do not replace or relieve persons from complying with the requirements of civil or criminal laws. Unlawful behavior may result in criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action. All student disciplinary action at Penn State Behrend is handled by the associate director of Student Affairs. Persons accused of any violation of state law, including sexual offenses, and University regulations are entitled to a University hearing. At proceedings that involve sexual offenses, the accused and accuser are equally entitled to have others present for support and advice. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the accused and accuser are informed of the outcome and sanctions. Possible sanctions for any offense, including sexual offenses, are probation, suspension, or expulsion.

A pre-admission review is required when facts suggest an applicant's behavior as a student may endanger the health and safety of the University community members and visitors, or adversely affect the educational mission of the University. Many employees of the University have their backgrounds checked for criminal convictions prior to employment; the employment application specifically asks potential employees if they ever have been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation. Conviction of a serious crime is grounds for immediate discharge of a Penn State employee.

Campus Facilities

Penn State Behrend facilities are well-maintained, and their security is given consistent attention in the interest of students, staff, and faculty. The Office of Police and Safety Services routinely records security information and forwards it to the appropriate administrative unit for review and any correction. People have access to buildings for study, work, and teaching activities, but not for unrelated functions. Therefore, only those who have a demonstrated need are issued keys to a building.



The Behrend campus of Penn State is located in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Landscaping and outdoor lighting on campus are designed with security in mind. Sidewalks are designed to provide well-traveled, lighted routes from parking areas to buildings, and from building to building. Groundskeepers trim shrubs adjacent to sidewalks, walkways, and buildings entrances to provide well-lighted routes to buildings. All walkways are inspected at least twice per year to ensure adequate lighting. Burned-out lights are replaced promptly.

As needs are identified, new sidewalks are installed. New street lights and pedestrian walkway lights are added as new parking areas and walkways are developed, or as roadways are changed and playing fields relocated.

Living Accommodations

Penn State Behrend has a variety of living accommodations available, including traditional residence halls, apartment buildings, and suite residences. There are nearly 1,650 room assignments available to the undergraduate students who reside on campus.

Residence Halls

At Penn State Behrend, there are three residence halls with 618 room assignments available to undergraduate students. All residence halls are locked 24 hours a day and entry is controlled by a card access system. Both women's and men's areas have a security door that remains locked twenty four hours a day. All rooms in these buildings are equipped with dead-bolt locks, and all windows in the living areas can be locked.

Three suite-style residence halls house 195 undergraduate students in units of four rooms, accommodating two students each, and they have two bathrooms on each corridor. These buildings have central lobbies with locked corridors leading to the bedrooms. Each bedroom is secured by a deadbolt lock. Guests can gain entrance to the vestibule where they can call the residents they are visiting. The residents can then come to the vestibule to provide access to their guests through an interior entrance, which is equipped with an electronic card-access control system and remains locked to non-residents at all times.

Apartment Buildings

The Penn State Behrend apartment buildings house thirty-two students each, totaling 288 upper-class students. Each individual apartment has two bedrooms, occupied by two students each, a bathroom, kitchen, and living room area. Each

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1,650 undergraduate students live in residence halls and apartments.

2200+ undergraduate and graduate students reside off campus.

550+ faculty and staff are employed at the Behrend Campus

exterior door and individual bedroom door is equipped with dead-bolt locks, which can be secured twenty-four hours a day. Laundry rooms in the basements of Packett and Yarnell Halls are locked at all times. Access can be gained to those areas by residents' apartment keys. During low-occupancy periods, such as holidays and breaks, apartment residents are allowed to remain on campus even though a minimum of student services are available. They are informed by letter of emergency procedures in effect during these periods.

Almy Hall

Almy Hall houses 132 students, many of whom are in the Honors and Scholars programs, as well as a limited number of other students who desire such a living arrangement.

The five story, lodge-style building is organized around single-sex suites of four students, each having two bedrooms and a shared common room with adjoining bath/dressing areas. Each wing of sixteen students has its own study lounge. A large meeting area and lounge serves as the social and intellectual focus of the residence, and a gathering place for special programming and events. Additional meeting and group study rooms and a small computer work room are available.

Almy Hall is monitored by card access, which provides a high level of security.

Ohio Hall

Ohio Hall houses 263 students, who must have at least third-semester standing at the college. The five story, lodge-style building is organized around single-sex suites of four students, each having two bedrooms and a shared bath/dressing area. Ohio Hall also offers approximately sixty single rooms, which include single-sex suites of four students, each having four bedrooms and a shared bath/dressing area. The east wings house approximately twenty-four students, and the west wings house approximately thirty-seven students. Both wings have at least one study lounge. Additional meeting and group study rooms and a cardiovascular exercise room also are available.

Ohio Hall is monitored by card access, which provides a high level of security.

Senat Hall

Senat Hall houses approximately 150 students and was designed and built to house freshman interest groups.

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Freshman interest groups house students in clusters that have the same major with roommates having at least two classes scheduled together. Each area has study and lounge space for the students to utilize for group or class projects.

The exterior doors of Senat Hall are controlled by a card access system.

Each residential area is supervised by a live-in professional staff member and is additionally staffed by undergraduate student resident assistants. All levels of staff are trained in their responsibilities. The Office of Police and Safety periodically provides additional training for staff members on safety and security measures.

At the beginning of each semester, resident assistants discuss policies and procedures, including safety and security, with students living on campus. All resident students have access to *Policies and Rules*, *Guide to Residence Living and Terms*, *Conditions*, and *Regulations of the Housing Contract*, which describe various housing and security regulations and their enforcement. In addition, programs sponsored by residence hall staff throughout the year include "Personal Safety Tips," "Date and Acquaintance Rape," and "Operation ID." These programs are presented or co-sponsored by the Office of Police and Safety Services.

Selected Crime Statistics

Crime statistics are reported to the Pennsylvania State Police for annual publication in *Crime in Pennsylvania*, the uniform crime report for the Commonwealth. These statistics also are available in the U.S. Justice Department publication *Crime in the United States*, which is available in most public libraries and from most law enforcement agencies in the United States. Crime statistics also are available by writing to University Police, The Pennsylvania State University, 30 Eisenhower Parking Deck, University Park, PA 16802-2116 or can be accessed on the internet at <http://www.psu.edu/dept/police>. Click on Crime Statistics.

The following annual security report provides crime statistics for selected crimes that have been reported to local police agencies or to campus security authorities. The statistics reported here generally reflect the number of criminal incidents reported to the various authorities. The statistics reported on liquor laws, drug laws and weapons offenses represent the number of people arrested or referred to campus judicial authorities for respective violations and not the number of offenses documented. Prior to 1999, referrals to judicial authorities were collected on an academic year basis. This report complies with 20 U.S. Code Section 1092 (f).

These policies and procedures are subject to change at any time. Revised August 2007.
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Offenses 2004/2005/2006	On Campus	Public Property	Residence Halls
Murder/ Manslaughter	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Negligent Manslaughter	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Sex Offenses			
Forcible	0/0/1	0/0/0	0/0/1
Non-forcible	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Assault	0/0/2	0/0/0	0/0/0
Burglary	8/5/8	0/0/0	8/4/5
Robbery	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Motor Vehicle			
Theft	0/0/1	0/0/0	0/0/0
Arson	0/3/1	0/0/0	0/1/1
Hate Crimes by Category			
Race	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Gender	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Religion	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Ethnicity	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Disability	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Sexual			
Orientation	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Arrests			
Liquor Laws	8/15/15	0/0/0	4/10/9
Drug Laws	1/1/4	0/0/0	1/1/4
Weapons	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0
Referrals			
Liquor Laws	135/155/170	0/0/0	135/155/169
Drug Laws	0/4/7	0/0/0	0/4/7
Weapons	0/0/0	0/0/0	0/0/0

Fire Safety

Penn State takes Fire Safety very seriously and continues to enhance its programs to the University community through education, engineering and enforcement. Educational programs are presented throughout the year to faculty, staff and students so they are aware of the rules and safe practices. These programs which are available at all campus locations include identification and prevention of fire hazards, actual building evacuation drills, specific occupant response to fire emergencies and hands-on use of fire extinguishers.

Fire drills are conducted monthly in all Penn State residence halls during the school year. These drills allow occupants to become familiar with and practice their evacuation skills.

Penn State has been a leader in ensuring the safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors who live and work in University operated residences. Automatic Sprinkler Systems and fire alarm systems are recognized engineered building features that help to provide for a fire safe living environment. All University operated residence halls and apartments are provided with smoke detectors and building fire alarm systems to provide early detection and warning of a possible fire emergency.

Automatic sprinkler systems and upgraded fire alarm systems are installed in most University residence halls and apartments. Systems have been installed at all Commonwealth Educational System Campus locations.

The University has adopted and developed numerous safety policies and guidelines to help promote a safe living and work environment at all

University locations. These policies, guidelines and other fire safety information can be accessed on the internet at <http://www.ehs.psu.edu>.

Emergency Planning and Procedures

The University has developed plans to address emergencies that could impact operations. These include plans for power outages, inclement weather, acts of terrorism or aggression, and infectious diseases through coordination with local agencies and organizations. As an ongoing process, these plans are updated to address necessary provisions for students, faculty and staff.

Community Education

Penn State Behrend provides many different educational programs through their peer educators, Student Affairs, and the Health and Wellness Center. Most of the programs are free and open to all.

Criteria for a Timely Warning:

A timely warning shall be made to the campus community whenever the following criteria are met: 1) a crime is committed; 2) the perpetrator has not been apprehended; and 3) there is a substantial risk to the physical safety of other members of the campus community because of this crime. Such crimes include, but are not limited to: 1) Clery reportable crimes; or 2) any crime involving serious bodily injury or the threat of serious bodily injury. In addition, whenever there is a pattern of crime against persons or property, timely warnings will be issued if such warning would aid citizens in protecting themselves. At Penn State Behrend campus, the Manager of Police Services shall make the determination that a timely warning is required.

Timely warnings in relation to off-campus crimes, a warning shall be issued as stated in the above circumstances if the crime occurred in a non-University owned property but is a location which is used and frequented by the University student population. Such warnings shall be determined by the Manager of Police Services.

Sexual Assault Information

In an effort to better understand the impact of sexual assault on Penn State students, the University's Coalition to Address Sexual and Relationship Violence has developed a system to collect information from service providers about the victims they serve. The information is collected from students who seek assistance for sexual assault in order to estimate the frequency of sexual assault, the general nature of the incidents and the services provided to victims. Except for those incidents that were reported to law enforcement officials, no investigation of these incidents is conducted. These incidents are not categorized based on legal criminal definitions because detailed information about the incident is not solicited from victims. The information is collected regardless of whether the incident occurred on or off campus.

Year	Total	Assailant known to victim	Known alcohol/drugs involved
2004	0	—	—
2005	3	—	—
2006	7	—	—

For Your Safety . . . Crimes Reported to Police

CAMPUS: BEHREND	2004			2005			2006		
	ON CAMPUS			ON CAMPUS			ON CAMPUS		
PART I OFFENSES	ACTUAL OFFENSES	*CRIME RATE	ARREST DATA	ACTUAL OFFENSES	*CRIME RATE	ARREST DATA	ACTUAL OFFENSES	*CRIME RATE	ARREST DATA
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE									
A. Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter									
B. Manslaughter by Negligence									
FORCIBLE RAPE							1	24	
A. Rape by Force									
B. Assault to Rape - Attempts									
ROBBERY									
A. Firearm									
B. Knife or Cutting Instrument									
C. Other Dangerous Weapon									
D. Strong Arm (Hands, Feet, Etc.)									
ASSAULT							2	49	1
A. Firearm									
B. Knife or Cutting Instrument									
C. Other Dangerous Weapon									
D. Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.									
BURGLARY									
A. Forcible Entry	1	26		1	26		3	73	1
B. Unlawful Entry - No Force	7	180		4	104		4	97	
C. Attempted Forcible Entry									
LARCENY - THEFT (Except Motor Veh.)	31	797	2	31	808	2	36	873	2
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT									
A. Autos									
B. Trucks and Buses							1	24	
C. Other Vehicles									
ARSON				3	78	1	1	24	
TOTAL PART I OFFENSES	39	1003	2	39	1017	3	48	1164	4
PART II OFFENSES									
Assaults - Non Aggravated	1	26	1	6	156	3	4	97	
Forgery and Counterfeiting									
Fraud	2	51		3	78	1	2	49	2
Embezzlement									
Stolen Prop., Rec., Possess., etc.									
Vandalism	27	695		23	600	1	35	849	1
Weapons, Carrying, Possess., etc.							1	24	
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice									
Sex Offenses (Exc. Prostitution & Rape)				1	26		1	24	
Drug Abuse Violations									
S Opium-Cocaine									
A Marijuana							1	24	1
L Synthetic									
E Other							1	24	1
P Opium-Cocaine									
O Marijuana	1	26	1	2	52	1	2	49	1
S Synthetic									
S Other				1	26		1	24	1
Gambling									
Book Making									
Numbers, etc.									
Offenses Against Family & Children									
Driving Under the Influence									
Liquor Laws	8	206	8	13	339	15	13	315	15
Drunkenness	1	26	1				1	24	1
Disorderly Conduct	13	334	9	10	261	3	12	291	5
Vagrancy									
All Other Offenses (Exc. Traffic)				1	26	1	8	194	
TOTAL PART II OFFENSES	53	1363	20	60	1564	25	82	1989	28
TOTAL	92	2367	22	99	2581	28	130	3153	32

*RATE: Per 100,000 population. Population is calculated using full time equivalent students, faculty and staff.

(")" indicates the number of incidents, if any, that are classified as hate crimes by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act (28 U.S.C. 534).

Footnote: These statistics comply with the Pennsylvania Campus Security Act (PA Title 24 Section 2502-1 to -5) enacted May 1988.