POLICE AND SAFETY

Fall 2013

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report
In 2010 there was one report of a simple assault characterized by sexual orientation bias. This occurred in a campus residence. No hate crimes were reported for 2011 or for 2012.

**Note 1:** Public Property is defined as the public streets, sidewalks, other thoroughfares or parking facilities adjacent to college facilities. For this report, incidents have been included which were reported by Easton police to have occurred on public property within the area bounded by campus property.

**Note 2:** The term Non-Campus Building or Property means any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization recognized by the College or any building or property owned or controlled by the College and used in direct support of educational purposes, frequented by students, but not in the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the main campus, as well as off-campus apartments leased by the College.

**Compiling Crime Statistics**
The statistics were compiled by first reviewing reports from the case files of the Stonehill College Police Department and the Community Standards Department. Other College departments and individuals with significant responsibility for student and campus activities were then provided with reporting forms to be submitted to the College Police for compilation. Finally local and state police agencies were asked to provide statistics for applicable incidents on public property and non-campus property. All records were the analyzed to eliminate duplication.

The information in this brochure is provided to you as part of Stonehill College’s commitment to safety and security on campus and complies with the requirements of Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.
Message from the Chief

The purpose of this booklet is to provide the community with essential information about the Stonehill College Campus Police Department and the services that we provide.

Our mission is to contribute to the quality of life at Stonehill College, by fostering a secure environment in which the safety and security of the campus are balanced with the freedom of movement and the needs of the community. We take a great deal of pride in accomplishing this mission. Our officers view each and every interaction we have with a member of our community as a learning opportunity. We feel it is our job to protect the members of our community and also to educate them as to how they can best protect themselves. It is our belief that personal protection is a life-long learning process.

In order to assist us in educating and protecting the community, we ask that everyone do their part by always remaining vigilant whenever they are on campus. Please contact us if something looks out of place or makes you feel uncomfortable. Further, I would ask that you take some time to review this booklet. Pay particular attention to the educational programs and the crime prevention tips that are offered here.

For additional information about the Stonehill Campus Police Department, please review our website at: http://www.stonehill.edu/offices-services/campus-police/ or you may call us at 508-565-5555.

Peter L. Carnes
Chief of Police

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Arrests in Public Property Adjacent to Campus:

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Note: Massachusetts decriminalized marijuana (possession of less than 1 oz.). Less than 1 oz. of marijuana is a civil offense and not reportable for the purposes of drug law violations.

Hate Crimes/ Bias Related Incidents: The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act requires the separate reporting, by category of prejudice, of any crime reported in the classifications above and any other crime involving bodily injury that manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim’s actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability.

Beginning with data for the 2009 calendar year (and earlier years if an institution had already collected it), institutions now must report statistics for four additional categories of crime that are more commonly bias related than the main Clery crimes. These crimes are only required to be reported if they are motivated by bias. These additional categories include: Larceny-theft, Simple assault, Intimidation, and Destruction, damage, or vandalism of property.
Important Telephone Numbers

Stonehill College Campus Police Department
Police – Fire – Medical – Safety Escort
Emergency: (508) 565-5555 (or 911 from any campus telephone)
Business: 508-565-5100

Town of Easton Police Department
Emergency: Dial 9 and then 911 from any campus telephone or 911 on your cellphone.
Business (508) 230-3322

Counseling & Testing and SHARE
(Sexual Harassment/Assault Resources and Education)
(508) 565-1331

A New Day (Formerly Womansplace Crisis Center)
(508) 588-8255 (hotline)

Good Samaritan Medical Center
(508) 427-3000

Brockton Hospital
(508) 941-7000

National Domestic Violence Hotline
(800) 799-SAFE (800-799-7233)

Title IX Coordinators
Call (508) 565-1000

Cindy MacDonald, Associate Director of Athletics x1052
Maryann Perry, Director of Human Resources x1105
Brandon White, Director of Community Standards x1323

Total Reported Criminal Offenses on Non-Campus Property***:

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***Non-Campus Properties: Stonehill College leases an apartment building located at 2416 Lorillard Place Bronx, NY 10458 and an apartment located at 3600 Barham Blvd Los Angeles, CA. A small group of students reside at these properties for internships. We were unable to obtain statistics from the New York Police Department or the Los Angeles Police Department specific to the apartments we rent.

Arrests and Campus Judicial Referrals (Violations of Law)
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The Department of Campus Police and Safety

Campus policing and safety is coordinated by the Stonehill College Police Department. The department is comprised of a Chief, a Lieutenant, a Lieutenant Detective, three Sergeants, ten full time Patrol Officers, and two Community Service Officers. In addition, the department employs Per Diem or Reserve Police Officers, Communications Officers (Police Dispatchers), office support staff, and a full time Gate House Attendant who is stationed in the Gate House, located at the Belmont Street entrance to the College.

Campus Police Officers are commissioned in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 22C § 63 and have law enforcement authority, including the authority to make arrests, in and upon all property owned, occupied, or used by the College. Police Officers are graduates of a police academy conducted or sanctioned by the Massachusetts State Police, the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, or have met other requirements established by the Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police. Community Service Officers serve the college community by securing campus buildings, reporting safety and maintenance problems, and monitoring the campus for suspicious people and activity.

The Campus Police Department is responsible for keeping the peace and enforcing public laws and college policies. Although the Campus Police Department performs a variety of services, its primary function is to protect the lives and property of community members and visitors to the College. Police Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and patrol the campus on foot, on mountain bikes, and in marked police vehicles.

Annual in-service refresher training is provided to all officers, and officers are frequently assigned to attend in-depth training in a wide variety of specialized topics such as crime prevention, community policing, sexual assault investigations, bias motivated crimes, alcohol/drug trainings, “Response to Active Shooter”, and many other subjects.

The Department maintains a close working relationship with the Easton Police Department and exchanges information relative to criminal
activity. Stonehill College does not have any written agreements (including written agreements for the investigation of criminal incidents) with the Easton Police or the State Police. The Lieutenant Detective oversees investigations of criminal incidents which occur on campus, and at times may work in conjunction with the Easton Police or the State Police.

Stonehill College does not own or control property off campus which is used by student organizations. Stonehill College does lease off-campus housing (apartments) in Los Angeles, CA and Bronx, NY. The police departments in these cities are contacted annually to gather crime statistics for the purpose of this report.

**Reporting Crimes and Emergencies**

Members of the community are encouraged to accurately and promptly report crimes, emergencies, and other suspicious activity to the Stonehill College Police Department (SCPD). All reports of crime are taken seriously. Police Dispatchers are available 24 hours a day to answer your calls. In response to a call, SCPD will either dispatch an officer or ask the victim to report to SCPD to file an incident report. SCPD officers may make an arrest when deemed appropriate. All SCPD incident reports are forwarded to the Dean of Students Office for review and referral to the Office of Community Standards for potential action. SCPD investigators will investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate.

The Campus Police Department is located on the first floor in the Old Student Union building and may be reached for emergencies by dialing 911 or x 5555 from any campus telephone or (508) 565-5555 from any cell phone or off-campus telephone. The Campus Police business number is 508-565-5100. Free on-campus telephones are located in the lobbies or public areas of all campus buildings. Well marked “Blue Light” emergency telephones are located throughout the campus and may be used to report crime, suspicious activity, or to request a safety escort.

Students and employees are asked to report criminal offenses to the Stonehill College Police Department. In addition to investigating and offering assistance to any victims, Campus Police needs to know for the purpose of making timely warning reports to the community and for the annual statistical disclosure.

**Liquor Law Violations**: The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation or liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition).

**Weapon Law Violations**: The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons: carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly: furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

***Crime definitions are from the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook***

**Crime Statistics**

**Reported Criminal Offenses**
(On-Campus, within Residence Halls, and on Adjacent Public Property)

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B. **Forcible Sodomy** - Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

C. **Sexual Assault With An Object** - The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

D. **Forcible Fondling** - The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or, not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

**Sex Offenses-Nonforcible:** Unlawful, nonforcible sexual intercourse:

A. **Incest** - Nonforcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

B. **Statutory Rape** - Nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

**Drug, Alcohol, and Weapon Violations of Law**

**Drug Abuse Violations:** Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: Opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); synthetic narcotics

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**Campus Safety Authority Information**

Who is a Campus Security Authority according to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act?

Campus Security Authorities are defined as:

- Campus Police, Security, and others identified by the College as persons or departments on campus to whom crimes should be reported.
- Officials with significant responsibility for student and campus activities including:
  1. student housing and student centers/activities
  2. officials responsible for student discipline and judicial proceedings
  3. coaches of sports teams & advisors to officially recognized student organizations

The following are not campus security authorities: a single teaching faculty member who is not also an advisor to a student group; a physician in the campus health center, a counselor in a counseling center whose only responsibility is to provide care to students; campus clergy working in their religious capacity and their support staff.

**Access to Facilities**

Students, faculty, and staff members at Stonehill College have access to academic, recreational, and administrative facilities Monday-Friday during normal business hour, and during designated hours in the evening and on weekends.

Access to residence halls is restricted to students and their guests. Resident students are issued an identification access card and a key to their residence hall room; the access card unlocks the residence hall main door and the key unlocks the door to the student’s room. Guests are permitted into a student residence hall only when accompanied by a student host. Guests must remain with their student host at all times.

Exterior doors to residence halls are locked 24 hours a day and intrusion alarms are installed on exterior doors that are not used as a primary...
entry/exit door. Access to residence halls by college employees is on an as needed basis and is governed by strict access control procedures.

On Friday and Saturday nights during the academic year, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 4 a.m., a roadblock is set up at the gatehouse to control access to the campus. Students are expected to pre-register their weekend guests via an automated computerized “Guest Registration” system no later than 5pm each Friday. Guests should be prepared to show a valid form of ID with a photograph. Stonehill employees and students coming on to campus should be prepared to present their current Stonehill College ID card to the Gate House officer.

**Maintenance and Security of Campus Facilities**

Stonehill College maintains a strong commitment to campus safety. Trees, bushes and other vegetation on campus are trimmed on a regular basis. During patrols, Police Officers and Community Service Officers report lighting and other deficiencies to the Facilities Management Department. Members of the community are also encouraged to report deficiencies to Campus Police at 508-565-5100 or Facilities Management at 508-565-1380.

Officers routinely patrol parking lots, roadways, walkways, and other public areas in marked police cruisers, on foot, and on mountain bikes. Community Service Officers and Police Officers lock the exterior doors of campus buildings each night. Door and lock deficiencies are immediately reported to Facilities Management for repair.

Video cameras record activity at both entrances to the campus. Additional video cameras are located on campus to record activity at specific locations. These cameras may be monitored by Dispatchers in the Campus Police Station.

**Crime Prevention and Security Awareness Programs**

The Stonehill College Police Department believes that it’s better to act early to prevent a crime, rather than react to a crime after it has occurred. Stonehill College conducts various crime prevention and security awareness programs designed to inform students and employees about campus security procedures. Ultimately, we are all responsible for our own safety and security and the safety and security of those around us. Members of the Stonehill College community are encouraged to

**Crime Definitions**

**Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter:** The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

**Negligent Manslaughter:** The killing of another person through gross negligence.

**Robbery:** 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.

**Aggravated Assault:** An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife or other weapon is used which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if the crime were successfully completed.

**Burglary:** The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes: unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or a felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

**Motor Vehicle Theft:** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (All cases in which automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access, even though the vehicles are later abandoned - including joy riding).

**Arson:** The willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property of another kind.

**Sex offenses definitions from the National Incident-Based Reporting System Edition of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program:**

**Sex Offenses-Forcible:** Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.
ensure safety. Students are required to evacuate their building when the fire alarm is activated - even if they know the cause of the alarm is burned food. Campus Police will allow re-entry once the area has been checked and determined to be safe.

Policy for Reporting the Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

The Stonehill College Police Department prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. This report can also be located on our website at www.stonehill.edu. This report is prepared in cooperation with Student Affairs, Residence Life, Community Standards, and Facilities Management. Each department provides updated information on their policies, procedures, and educational programs to comply with the Clery Act.

Campus crime, arrest and referral statistics include those reported to the Campus Police, Campus Security Authorities, and outside law enforcement agencies.

Campus Counselors inform their clients of the procedures to report crime to Campus Police on a voluntary or confidential basis, should they feel it is in the best interest of the client.

Each year, an email notification is made to all enrolled students and college employees. The email notifies the community that the report is available and provides a direct link to the report. Any person may obtain a paper copy of the report at the Campus Police Department located at the Old Student Union or by calling (508) 565-5100. In addition, paper copies are available to prospective employees at the Human Resources Department and to all prospective students at the Admissions department.

participate in the crime prevention programs that are available to them. The following is a list of crime prevention programs that are offered throughout the year to the community.

Rape Awareness, Education and Prevention – Each year first year students are mandated to attend a sexual assault program. The College also implements additional training on sexual assault through the SHARE Committee. SHARE stands for Sexual Harassment/Assault Resources and Education. The committee includes representatives from Campus Police. Additional information about SHARE can be found at http://www.stonehill.edu/offices-services/health-wellness/share-sexual-harassment-assaul/

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) is a program that offers realistic self-defense options for women. The RAD System is a comprehensive self-defense course, which promotes awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and risk avoidance, and progresses to the basics of physical hands-on self-defense training. RAD is not a Martial Arts program. RAD offers simple physical techniques that are easy to learn, retain, and employ under stressful circumstances. Several Campus Police Officers are certified R.A.D. Instructors.

Bystander Intervention Program: “Bystander” training is a 2-hour training that provides students with an understanding of the culture of sexual assault on college campuses and provides participants with tools and techniques they can use to help prevent this and other negative behaviors on our campus.
Printed Crime Prevention Materials – Pamphlets, brochures, and other materials designed to inform students and employees about the prevention of crimes are made available throughout the campus at various locations, including the Campus Police Station. These materials provide information on residence hall safety & security; bicycle and motor vehicle safety; crime prevention and awareness; sexual assault and drug/alcohol awareness.

Safety Escorts - This service provides a “safety” escort upon request for persons walking across campus. Escorts may be provided by a Police Officer or a Community Service Officer in a vehicle, on foot, or on a mountain bike.

New Student and New Employee Orientations – Campus Police participates in orientation sessions for new employees, new students, and the training of new Resident Assistants (RA’s). Information about the Police Department is provided, as well as safety tips, and all participants are encouraged to promptly report crimes, emergencies, or suspicious people/activity to the Campus Police Department.

Residence Hall Security - Campus Police works closely with the Residence Life Department to promote safety in the residence halls through training and education of staff and residents.

Emergency “Blue Light” Telephones – Emergency telephones are located throughout the campus. Pressing a button will activate an emergency call to the Campus Police Dispatch Center.

The Campus Police and Residence Life departments work together to conduct one fire drill each semester in all residence halls. During the fire drills, residence rooms are checked to ensure that all students have evacuated the building.

When the fire alarm is activated in a campus building or residence hall, all occupants are required to exit the building via the nearest exit. Evacuation routes are posted in each building. Occupants are required to exit the building in a safe, orderly manner and to assemble a safe distance from the building.

Fires in On-Campus Residential Facilities: Campus Police Officers respond to all fire alarms which ring into the College's automatic alarm system or by persons who report the presence of smoke or fire. Officers investigate to determine the cause of the alarm. In the case of an actual fire, an incident report is generated and a detailed record of the fire is maintained. A record of all fires in on-campus residence hall facilities is included in the campus fire log maintained by and located at the Campus Police Department. The crime and fire logs are available for public viewing during normal business hours.

Anyone observing a fire in a residence hall should immediately activate the fire alarm by operating the nearest manual pull station if the fire alarm is not already sounding. Pull stations are typically located near doors leading to stairways and exits. Witnesses can also contact the Campus Police Department at 508-565-5555 but should not delay in exiting the building. Upon hearing a fire alarm all occupants should evacuate the building immediately by using the stairs, not the elevator. Staff members who discover evidence of a past fire, which was extinguished, are required to report their observations to the Campus Police Department. Such reports also result in an investigation, a written police report, and documentation in the public log.

During the three-year reporting period covered by this report no actual fires occurred in a residence hall. About 90% of Stonehill College students live on-campus. The residences have kitchen areas and as a result, each year there are a number of incidents when students over cook food on the stove or in the microwave. Smoke from over cooked food items may activate the local smoke detector, which will reset once the smoke dissipates. Campus Police respond to all fire alarm activations to
and other such appliances are allowed only if they have an automatic shut off. Students must have proof of automatic shut off.

Multiple outlet extension cords of any kind are prohibited. If you need an outlet strip you must purchase a UL approved unit with a circuit breaker. All string lights must be hung properly, safely, and ensure intact cord insulation.

**Inspections**

Periodically, Residence Life Staff will inspect all student rooms on campus to make sure they are safe for student occupants. Individual students may be fined $25.00 - $50.00 for each Fire Safety Code Violation. The students will have, at most, twenty-four hours to correct the violation(s) after which time, failure to correct the violation may lead to loss of residency. In order to insure integrity of the inspections, students do not have to be notified or present.

Further, the Easton Fire/Rescue Department, Stonehill Facilities and Maintenance Department, the Town of Easton Building Inspector and Stonehill Campus Police may also conduct unannounced inspections of student rooms.

Student compliance with these Fire and Safety Regulations is necessary to insure the safety of all campus residents.

To view the complete fire safety policy, please go to: [http://www.stonehill.edu/files/resources/fire_safety.pdf](http://www.stonehill.edu/files/resources/fire_safety.pdf)

**Crime Prevention Tables** – Throughout the year, Campus Police participate in educational resource fairs. Officers host a resource table, distribute educational materials, and answer questions.

**Security and Fire Alarms Systems** – Fire alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and card access door alarms ring into the Campus Police Dispatch Center. In addition, some offices also are equipped with intrusion or panic alarms that ring into the Dispatch Center. Planned fire drills are implemented each semester.

**Timely Warning Policy**

To aid in the prevention of similar crimes or serious incidents, the Stonehill College Campus Police Department, in conjunction with Student Affairs and Media Relations, issues campus crime alerts in a timely manner to notify community members about selected crimes in and around the community. Crime Alerts will be distributed for the following Unified Crime Reporting Program (UCR)/National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) classifications: arson, criminal homicide, and robbery.
Cases of aggravated assault and sex offenses are considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on the facts of the case and the information known by SCPD. For example, if an assault occurs between two students who have a disagreement, there may be no on-going threat to other Stonehill College community members and a crime alert would not be distributed. Some cases involving sexual assault are reported long after the incident occurred; thus, it would not be possible to distribute a “timely” warning notice to the community in those cases. Sex offenses will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on when and where the incident occurred, when it was reported, and the amount of information known by the SCPD. The Stonehill College Police Chief or his designee reviews all reports to determine if there is an on-going threat to the community and if the distribution of a crime alert is warranted. Crime Alerts may also be issued for other crime classifications, as deemed necessary.

Community members who have information about a crime or other serious incident should report the incident to the Stonehill College Campus Police Department so that a campus crime alert can be issued, if warranted. These warnings will be distributed if the incident is reported either to the SCPD directly or indirectly through a campus security authority or the local police.

The SCPD will issue a crime alert via a community announcement on MyHill and by sending it out to the community via campus email. Crime alerts may also appear as a notice posted in campus buildings when deemed necessary.

The decision to issue a crime alert shall be decided on a case by case basis in light of all the facts surrounding a crime, including factors such as the nature of the crime, the continuing danger to the campus community, and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts.

On-campus residence halls are also equipped with fire-rated smoke/fire doors designed to impede the spread of smoke and fire. Regular inspections are conducted by Campus Police, Residential Life and Facilities staff who report fire hazards in residence halls and facilitate prompt resolution.

Upon receipt of a fire alarm, Campus Police Officers are immediately dispatched, and if needed, the Easton Fire Department is notified.

On-campus housing consists of a variety of configurations, including traditional dormitory-style buildings, modular housing units, village style buildings and newly-constructed apartment style and suite style facilities. Each facility is equipped with the fire and life safety systems required by the building codes. Fire safety equipment is reviewed regularly to identify locations where enhancements such as additional sprinkler and smoke detection systems beyond those required by building codes are appropriate and plans for such enhancements are integrated into the College's annual facilities maintenance project plan.

Policies and Rules for Electrical Appliances, Smoking and Open Flames:
Smoking and open flames are not permitted inside any campus building. Prohibited items include: candles, flammable liquids, flame lamps, and incense. Violators will be fined and subject to disciplinary action.

The use of electric blankets, hot plates, “George Foreman” type grills, toasters, toaster ovens, broilers, popcorn poppers, air conditioners, space heaters, and microwaves/micro fridges in student rooms and in common areas is prohibited, except as provided by the College. Refrigerators larger than 4.5 cubic feet in student rooms are not allowed.

All types of halogen lamps are prohibited. Attaching or hanging items made of combustible material from the ceiling is prohibited. Gas grills of any type are not permitted on College grounds. Students are encouraged to utilize the charcoal grills located in their residence area or behind the Roche Dining Commons. The accumulation of debris, dirty laundry, cans and bottles is prohibited. Exterior decorations on residence halls and in residence areas are prohibited, unless provided by the College.

Coffee makers, curling irons, clothes irons, hair straighteners, hot pots,
If being followed, head toward a well-lit occupied area and call police.
- When possible, park in an area that will be well lit.
- When approaching your car have your keys out in advance.
- Lock your car. Lock valuables in the trunk, or hide them from view.
- Don’t get in your car until you have looked inside.
- Before driving your car, lock your doors and put on your seatbelt.
- Trust your instincts. If it doesn’t feel right, it probably isn’t.

Fire Safety in On-Campus Residence Halls
Stonehill College administers an aggressive program of regular inspection, testing and maintenance of College premises, especially residence facilities, to ensure compliance with applicable fire and life safety codes and standards, conducting regular egress drills and providing a variety of educational and training programs for students, faculty and staff.

In 2012 the campus fire alarm system was upgraded by the Facilities Management Department. They incorporated the fire alarm monitoring system to the wireless system used to monitor carbon monoxide. They added wireless panels throughout campus which signal back to the central monitoring system at the Campus Police Dispatch Center.

Fire alarm and suppression systems:
All on-campus residence halls are equipped with both automatic and manually operated fire alarm notification devices and sprinkler systems which meet and in many cases exceed state and local building and fire safety codes. The fire alarm systems in all on-campus residence facilities consist of horns and strobe lights alerting residents to an alarm and are also remotely monitored by the College’s campus-wide alarm monitoring system at the Campus Police Operations Center. All fire alarm systems contain emergency batteries to ensure operation during a power outage, and most facilities also have emergency generators designed to automatically activate whenever there is a power outage. These back-up batteries and generators will operate life safety systems, including fire safety equipment and emergency exit lighting.

Emergency Notification Systems and Procedures
Stonehill College has an Emergency Management Plan which is intended to provide a standard document of broad guidelines, procedures, and organizational structure so that key individuals who must make and communicate decisions during an emergency can do so efficiently and effectively.

The emergency procedures are designed to provide a safe and secure environment during and after an emergency situation. Since an emergency may be sudden and without warning, the procedures are designed to be flexible in order to accommodate contingencies of various types and magnitudes.

Defining and Categorizing Emergency Incidents - An “Emergency Incident” is a situation or condition, which significantly disrupts or potentially disrupts the educational mission, residential or student life, and/or administrative function of a significant portion of the Stonehill College community.

Levels of Emergency Severity: - Because each “Emergency Incident” situation will be unique, it is imperative that the situation is evaluated to determine a severity level based on the following criteria: LOW – situation is manageable within the department or division, or in coordination with Campus Police (if necessary); ELEVATED – the situation has larger impact on campus life and may require media/communication; and CRITICAL – the situation has a major impact on campus life or college reputation, or requires outside resources beyond the College’s capacity.

Determining an Emergency Incident: When a First Responder determines that an emergency situation may exist, the first responder must notify his/her supervisor and Campus Police immediately. Campus Police will respond and assist the supervisor in assessing the situation and severity level and determine if notifying the Chief of Police and/or a college official/president is warranted.

In situations that immediately threaten life or property, the Easton Fire/Rescue Department and Easton Police Department will be contacted.
Notification and Response Procedures: If the Chief of Police and/or the appropriate Division Head have confirmed that an emergency incident is at the Elevated level, the Division Head will inform the General Counsel and Media Relations. If the incident is confirmed to be at the Critical level, the Division Head will inform the College President and all other Division Heads of the situation and any action steps being taken.

If the Chief of Police and/or the appropriate Division Head have confirmed that an emergency incident is at the Critical level, the Chief of Police will contact the Emergency Management Team members for response and notify them of the command center location. This group or their designee will have the responsibility for determining the segments(s) of the community to receive the notification and for preparing and disseminating emergency messages and updates.

In the event of a serious incident which poses an immediate threat to members of the Stonehill College community, the college has various systems in place for communicating information quickly to the community. Police officers will respond to reports of threats. Upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on campus and involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of the campus community, some or all of these methods of communication may be activated. The methods that may be used include: activating “Blackboard Connect”, an emergency notification system which can deliver a message via text messaging, email, and/or telephone voice messaging; posting a targeted announcement on the MyHill portal; sending notification to the community via the Stonehill College email system; use of a handheld or building public address (PA) system, and messages posted on the homepage of the Stonehill College website. Updates will be posted on the front page of the College’s website or will be distributed using one or more of the systems described above.

Emergency notifications are made to Stonehill College community members. If an emergency may affect the larger Easton community, the Easton Police Department would be notified to alert Easton community members. Neighbors of Stonehill College and parents of students can view information and updates on the Stonehill College webpage as information becomes available.

Crime Prevention Tips

Residence Hall and Building Security
- Keep your room/office door locked every time you are away. A thief with a target in mind needs only SECONDS to accomplish his/her task.
- Don’t leave belongings unattended in the library, cafeteria, or in cubbies or lockers without locks.
- Keep valuables secured out of sight. Laptop computers, pocketbooks and cameras belong in a locked drawer, not under the desk or on a shelf.
- Not all people at the College are students or guests. Some people come to a college campus to commit personal and property crimes.
- Do not prop doors open.
- Do not allow strangers to follow you into the building.

Report Suspicious People, Activities, and Vehicles
- There are people who roam the campus buildings looking for unlocked doors, etc. They usually will make up a fictitious name to gain access to a building or room. Report this to Stonehill College Police immediately and try to gain a description of the person such as clothing, height, weight, color, age, and other markings.
- If you see a person hanging around a vehicle, near a closed building after hours, near a walking path or other place that seems suspicious, call Campus Police.
- If you see a vehicle driving around a campus lot, stopped behind a building, or parked in the woods, call Campus Police.

Personal Safety
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Walk or jog with a friend, not alone.
- Avoid dark isolated areas.
- Use the safety escort service.
- Know your limit on alcohol and do not accept drinks from others.
- Tell a friend where you are going and when you will return.
- Carry a personal alarm or noise maker. Yell if you need help.
- Carry a cell phone if possible.
- Know where the “blue light” emergency phones are located.
The use/possession of alcohol paraphernalia including, but not limited to ice luge, funnel, beer taps, etc., are in violation of this policy and subject to sanction(s).

Driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol is a violation of both law and of college policy.

**Drug Policy**

The use, possession, sale or distribution of narcotic or illegal drugs, such as hallucinogens, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, LSD, etc. is strictly prohibited. The unauthorized use or possession of drugs prescribed for medical purposes is also strictly prohibited. Marijuana, in any amount, is prohibited and use or possession is a violation of college policy regardless if it falls under a civil violation.

The use, possession of drug paraphernalia is not permitted and is in violation of this policy and subject to sanction(s).

Students found to be responsible for drug policy violations will be required to participate in a drug use assessment program with the Coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Education. The Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, or her designee, may also initiate other sanctions.

In addition to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions which may include suspension or separation from the College, students and employees may face prosecution and imprisonment under Federal and Massachusetts laws for criminal offenses.

Stonehill College works to provide a drug-free workplace for all College employees and students. The departments of Health Services, Counseling Center, and Human Resources provide resources for treatment and referral for students and employees with substance abuse problems. For more information on drug and alcohol policies, please refer to the student Hill Book or the employee handbook.

The notification will be delivered without delay, taking into account the safety of the community, determining the content of the notification, and initiating the notification system, unless issuing the notification will, in the judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

It is the goal of the crisis communication plan to establish guidelines for dealing with a variety of situations, and to ensure that campus officials and communicators are familiar with those procedures and their roles in the event of a crisis. The plan is designed to be used in conjunction with the normal decision-making hierarchy of the College and does not supplant that decision-making process. It is designed to be used in conjunction with operational crisis response plans managed through other departments on campus.

The College’s Crisis Management Team plans, publicizes and conducts a test of the emergency response plans and notification system annually and maintains a record documenting each test including a description of the exercise, the date, time and whether it was announced or unannounced.

**Procedures for Missing Students Residing on Campus**

If a member of the College community has reason to believe that a student who resides in on-campus housing is missing, the Stonehill College Police Department should be contacted immediately at 508-565-5555. If the student cannot be quickly located, an incident report will be generated and an investigation will be initiated in order to attempt to locate the missing student. The Stonehill College Police Department maintains a detailed and specific protocol for conducting missing person investigations, which can be made available upon request.

If the Stonehill College Police Department determines that a student is missing and has been missing for more than 24 hours, the Easton Police Department, the police department of the community where the missing student maintains a home of record, and the person designated as the student’s “missing person” emergency contact will be notified no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to have been missing. If the missing student is under the age of 21, a missing person notice will be posted on the national crime investigation center database. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual,
Stonehill College will notify the student's parent or legal guardian immediately after the Stonehill College Police Department has determined that the student has been missing for more than 24 hours.

When annually registering names of emergency contacts during the online registration process through the myHill portal, students will have the option to confidentially identify an individual to be contacted in the event the student is determined to be missing for more than 24 hours. If the student has identified such an individual, Stonehill will notify that person no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to have been missing for 24 hours. Missing person contact information is kept confidential and only accessible to authorized campus officials and law enforcement. It will not be disclosed outside of a missing person investigation.

**Crime Reporting**

Stonehill College notifies the campus community about crime and crime-related problems via the following:

**Annual Security and Fire Safety Report** – The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is published by October 1st of each year. It’s made available to the entire community and to any individual or organization requesting a copy. The report contains safety and security-related policy statements and certain crime statistics for the last three calendar years.

**Daily Crime Log** - A chronological record of all crimes reported to the College Police, as well as the names of all persons arrested, is maintained at the College Police Station and is available for viewing during regular college business hours.

**Student Newspaper** – At times The Summit publishes selected incidents from the Public Log.

**Campus Crime Alerts** – Timely warning notices alert the Stonehill College community that a serious crime occurred on campus which poses a serious or continuing threat to members of the College community. Crime alerts may be distributed by some or all of the following methods: (a) via the campus email system, (b) posted on the myHILL community announcements portal, (c) through notices posted in conspicuous places on campus.

Students interested in learning more about health risks associated with use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol are encouraged to inquire at Health Services, the College Counseling Center, or the Student Affairs Office. Students wishing to explore counseling assistance may do so at the Counseling Center. All counseling contacts are confidential.

**Alcohol Policy**

Stonehill Students are responsible for any alcohol or drugs found in their rooms or car, or possessed by themselves, their guests or visitors.

Massachusetts General Law forbids the possession, sale, serving, or procurement of the alcohol to any person(s) under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age. The law also forbids falsifying age and identification cards. Stonehill College supports the law and expects all students, faculty, administrators, and staff to abide by it. Violations of the law may result in arrest, protective custody, and/or referral to the Department of Community Standards (students) or Human Resources Department (employees) for further action.

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages in public areas (regardless of age), except at approved functions is a violation of town ordinance for the Town of Easton and is prohibited by the College.

All students who violate the alcohol policy on campus property, or at off-campus sponsored events, will be held accountable for their behavior. A student found to be responsible, and/or in possession of a common source including, but not limited to; a full/empty keg, pony keg, beer ball, punch bowl, gelatin shots, while on Stonehill College grounds, except at approved functions is in violation of this policy and subject to sanction(s).
How SHARE can help. SHARE advocates are trained faculty and staff members who have volunteered to serve as advocates for victims of sexual assault.

A SHARE advocate can provide:

- Assistance with emergency rape crisis treatment and emergency medical services including accompanying the victim/survivor to the hospital, police, etc., as requested.
- Assistance, guidance and support throughout the College judicial process and/or criminal justice process, should the victim choose to pursue this course of action.
- Assistance in referrals around academic concerns such as missed classes and assignments, changing class sections, etc.
- Assistance in obtaining alternative living arrangements.
- Assistance in contacting community resources such as rape crisis center support group.
- General support and assistance as needed.

If you prefer off-campus counseling, call A New Day (formerly Womansplace Crisis Center). A New Day is located in Brockton, MA. The hotline number is 508-588-8255 and their website is http://healthimperatives.org/anewday/new-day

Alcohol and Drug Policies

Stonehill College is a grantee covered under the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989. The College provides a drug and alcohol awareness program and students are expected to know about the dangers of drug abuse, the policies affecting drug and alcohol abuse, and resources for available drug counseling within the College. Furthermore, students are expected to know the state and federal laws for unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol. Stonehill College Police enforces federal and state laws, local ordinances and College policies regarding the illegal use, possession, and sale of alcohol and drugs.

Members of the Stonehill community who use illicit drugs create a risk of serious danger to the health and safety of not only of themselves, but to other members of the community. The College takes reasonable steps locations throughout the campus, or (d) through the Blackboard Connect notification system.

Filing a Gender-Based Misconduct Report

Stonehill College is committed to providing a learning and working environment that is free from gender-based discrimination or harassment, which includes sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, gender-based harassment, stalking, and dating/domestic violence. These acts are prohibited by law and can therefore be addressed by law enforcement.

Consistent with its commitment to addressing gender-based discrimination and harassment, the College complies with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendment of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities. Gender-based misconduct, as defined in the document, constitutes forms of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX. The Gender-Based Misconduct Policy applies regardless of the complainant’s or respondent’s race, gender, disability, age, marital status, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, or other personal characteristics.

Stonehill College provides support services to students who choose to seek criminal or civil prosecution as well as disciplinary action under Stonehill College’s Discipline System.

Several options for reporting are available:

A person who believes he/she was the victim of another’s gender-based misconduct is encouraged to report the incident. Several options for reporting are available:

1. **File a Report with the College**: Students can report gender-based misconduct to a College official, such as officials within Student Affairs or Campus Police, a Title IX Coordinator, Resident Assistants, or Residence Directors. A Title IX Investigator will investigate the allegation and submit a report containing factual findings, a determination of responsibility and a recommendation regarding any disciplinary action that may be appropriate. Students may also request that Campus Police attend interviews with the individual who may be the victim of
2. gender-based misconduct, the accused, and witnesses in the event that the person who may be the victim chooses to initiate a criminal investigation. A criminal investigation would occur concurrently with the Title IX investigation, but is separate and distinct from the Title IX investigation. The results of a criminal investigation may be passed on to the local District Attorney.

3. **File a Report with the Easton Police Department:** Students can contact the Easton Police Department at 508-230-3322 or by dialing 911 from a cell phone. Campus Police will be notified if dialing 911 from a campus phone. Campus Police will assist in notifying the local police if the student chooses.

4. **File an Anonymous Report:** Students who wish to anonymously inform the College of a gender-based misconduct may file an incident report on-line through the Community Standards web page. The information provided to the College in this manner will only be used for Clery Act data collection and will be kept confidential. Anonymous reports cannot be used to initiate a formal student discipline process.

5. **Take No Action:** Students have the right not to file a report, yet they are highly encouraged to seek medical attention and counseling. Students who wish to file a report at a later date may contact a Title IX Coordinator. However, please note that a delay in reporting could weaken evidence used to determine whether a student is found responsible for gender-based misconduct, including a sexual assault.

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**The Investigation and Disciplinary Process for Gender-Based Misconduct**

Pursuant to Title IX, campus officials must take appropriate actions to ensure that investigations of gender-based misconduct complaints are normally completed within 60 days of receiving a complaint.

Formal rules of process, procedure, or rules of evidence such as those applied in criminal or civil courts are not used in Title IX investigations. Reports of gender-based misconduct will be referred to one of the College’s Title IX Investigators, who will investigate the allegation. Upon review of the complaint, the Title IX Investigator may recommend to the Director of Community Standards that interim restrictions be put on the accused.

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**If you are Sexually Assaulted or Raped**

Get to a safe place. – Report the crime to Campus Police or the appropriate local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the assault occurred.

Get medical attention. – Brockton Hospital is experienced and prepared to help sexual assault survivors. Medical attention should be sought as soon as possible because you could be injured internally, as well as externally, by an attack. A prompt medical exam will test for pregnancy, HIV, and other sexually transmitted diseases. A medical examination can secure valuable physical evidence that will be important and can be used later if you wish to have the assailant prosecuted. Campus Police are available 24 hours a day and can assist you in getting immediate medical attention.

Do not drink, bathe, douche, brush your teeth, change your clothing, or comb your hair. It’s only natural to want to do these things, but you may be destroying evidence you will need if you decide to prosecute at a later date. To preserve evidence such as clothing or bedding, place in a paper (not plastic) bag. We recommend having a Police Officer collect any evidence.

**RESOURCES**

Call SHARE. (508) 565-1331. SHARE (Sexual Harassment/Assault Resource Educators) advocates are trained faculty and staff members that are available 24 hours a day to provide support and help you understand your options regarding medical attention, legal implications, and college judicial actions. Students can access SHARE Advisors by calling the Counseling Center during business hours (8:30am-4:30pm). Campus Police and Residence Life Staff can access SHARE advocates after business hours. It is important to note that SHARE Advisors are private, not “confidential” resources, must make a formal report of sexual misconduct if one has not already been completed.

Seek Counseling. - Counseling is a very important step in helping someone who has been sexually assaulted re-gain control of his or her life. Professional counseling services is confidential and is available locally, both on and off campus.
Victims of sexual assaults are not required to file formal criminal charges, even if they report the incident to the Campus Police. A Campus Police investigator, specially trained in dealing with victims of sexual assault, will present the victim with a full range of options and services available so the victim can choose the most appropriate course of action. Among the options available to a student victim of sexual assault are such things as on-campus or off-campus counseling and mental health services, relocation to a different residence facility (if the victim resides in college housing), and changes in the victim’s academic class schedule if the victim wishes, and if such changes are reasonably available.

Stonehill College will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for purposes of this paragraph.

**Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act**

In keeping with the federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, the Campus Police Department will maintain any records provided by the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board of registered sex offenders who have indicated that they are employed or enrolled at Stonehill College. Any member of the college community who wishes to review these records should contact the Chief of Police during normal business hours. For further information concerning the crimes for which convicted offenders must register, or regarding additional access to records of registered sex offenders, contact the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board by telephone at 978.740.6400 or via the internet at [http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/sorb/](http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/sorb/).

For more information about the College’s sexual assault awareness programs and resources visit the SHARE website at:

Privacy and Confidentiality

Students have the right under federal law (Title IX) to expect that reports of sexual misconduct will be taken seriously by Stonehill College. Under federal law, if a student makes a formal report about an act of gender-based misconduct to a College official (e.g. officials within Student Affairs, a Title IX Coordinator, Resident Assistants, Resident Directors, Campus Police, and certain other staff members with supervisory responsibilities), or when deemed necessary to protect the interests of the College community, the College has an obligation to have the complaint investigated by the Title IX Coordinator. To the extent possible, the College will protect the privacy of all parties to a complaint of gender-based misconduct.

An individual who is the victim of gender-based misconduct can speak confidentially with certain persons in legally protected roles, such as counselors at the Counseling Center, campus ministers, and/or staff in Health Services. These offices may pass along non-personally identifiable statistical information to Campus Police for statistical purposes.

When an incident of gender-based misconduct on campus is reported to a College official and the perpetrator is deemed to be an on-going risk to members of the College community, the Chief of Police or designee will issue a timely warning to the campus. While the College will provide enough information to safeguard the campus community, a student’s name or other personally identifying information will not be disclosed.

Confidentiality with respect to a person accused of having violated the gender-based misconduct policy is governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), also known as the Buckley Amendment. FERPA provides that personally identifiable information maintained in the educational records of an institution shall not be disclosed, except as otherwise specified by law.

Education and Prevention

The College is committed to providing on-going education and support programs aimed at the eradication of sexual assault. In addition, the College will evaluate on an ongoing basis, all policies and procedures related to sexual misconduct.

Sexual Assault Awareness Programs and Policy

Stonehill College educates the student community about sexual assaults and sexual misconduct through mandatory freshman orientation sessions each year. The SHARE (Sexual Harassment/Assault Resources and Education) Program offers sexual assault education and information programs to students at various times throughout the year and also upon request. The Campus Police present awareness programs and provides services dealing with domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault to students and employees.

Crime Prevention Programs and Presentations – A variety of programs occur throughout the year which include but are not limited to: sexual assault presentations to all incoming freshmen; the RAD self-defense course, which offers sexual violence awareness and prevention strategies; Take Back the Night Week which involves a week of events aimed at sexual assault awareness. Various programs and presentations throughout the year sponsored by the Student Affairs Division, the Health and Wellness Department, and student organizations such as the Silent Witness Initiative and Men Against Violence.

Nearly all of the sexual assaults reported to the Campus Police are committed by acquaintances. Victims of sexual assault are urged to report the incident to Campus Police as soon as possible, regardless of where the offense took place, whether or not the offender is known to the victim. College officials who are informed of a sexual assault in their official capacity as College employees will encourage the victim to make a report to the Campus Police or other off-campus law enforcement authorities. Campus Police work closely with the victim to ensure that the appropriate medical care and counseling is made available and will assist the victim in notifying the appropriate off-campus law enforcement authorities if applicable.