



Campus Safety Plan 2023

California State University, Northridge

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California State University, Northridge prepares this report in compliance with California State Education Code, Chapter 15.5, of the Donahoe Higher Education Act, Section 67380.

California State University, Northridge (also known as CSUN) is a public university located in the Northridge neighborhood of Los Angeles, California, in the San Fernando Valley. The 356-acre campus is home to 36,123 (Fall 2022) students, including 2,944 residents, as well as 4,101 faculty, staff and administrators. CSUN remains committed to the safety of our campus community, educational and professional goals of its students, as well as its extensive service to the community.

AVAILABILITY, LOCATION, AND METHODS TO SUMMON LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

The CSUN Department of Police Services employs seventeen (17) highly-trained, full-time, sworn police officers, five (5) 911 Public Safety Answering Point Dispatchers, six (6) Community Service Officers, twenty (20) part-time Matador Patrol student employees, and an active support staff for the 24-hour protection of the CSUN campus community. The Department is located on the CSUN campus at 9222 Darby Avenue on the southeast corner of Darby Avenue and Prairie Street.

California State University peace officers have state-wide police authority and jurisdiction per Penal Code 830.2[c] and Education Code 89560, and are vested with law enforcement powers and responsibilities, identical to the local police or sheriff departments in your home community.

The Department of Police Services maintains close working relationships with all local, county, state and federal public safety agencies through partnerships and mutual aid agreements. Memorandums of agreement (MOA) for law enforcement assistance have been established with the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles Unified School District Police Department, and the University of California Police Department.

To Report a Crime, Suspicious Circumstances, or an Emergency

- Call the CSUN police at 818-677-2111. In the event of an emergency, dial 9-1-1 or use a campus blue light emergency phone, or text to 9-1-1
- Give your name, telephone number, and location.
- Give clear and accurate information.
- Be prepared to supply suspect and vehicle description, and direction of travel.
- DON'T HANG UP! Follow the instructions of the dispatcher.
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An [On-line Reporting Option](http://www.csun.edu/police/file-report-online) is available for the following non-emergency crimes/incidents. Contact by a police investigator will be made on the next business day following submittal of the report. (<http://www.csun.edu/police/file-report-online>)

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| • Harassing Phone Calls | • Lost Property |
| • Non-Injury Hit and Run Traffic Collisions | • Identity Theft |
| • Unlawful Smoking and Tobacco Use | • Theft |
| • Vehicle Tampering | • Vehicle Burglary |
| • Vandalism | • Bullying & Harassing Behavior |

Telephone Contact for Administrative and/or Non-Emergency Related Services:

- CSUN Department of Police Services (818) 677-2111
- The Department of Police Services provides numerous safety services to include, but not limited to: vehicle unlocks, jump-starts, amber light parking lot patrols, room unlocks, victim/witness services, restraining order assistance, safety escort program, and personal safety plans.

In-Person Contact:

- CSUN Department of Police Services is located at 9222 Darby Avenue on the southeast corner of Darby Avenue and Prairie Street.

SPECIAL SAFEGUARDS FOR FACILITIES OR ACTIVITIES**Security of and Access to Campus Facilities**

All campus facilities are key-accessed, and most are open daily for scheduled campus community use. Facilities within the University Park Residential Life Complex are controlled via key-card access with a secure gated security program operating from 7:00pm to 2:30am seven days a week. Campus key control and distribution are functions of the Physical Plant lock shop, while key access control for the residential complex rests with the Residential Life administrative office. To provide for the security of campus facilities, the University Police enforces Educational Code 89031 & Residential Life housing policies. Campus facility access may be revoked per Penal Code 626.

Security Considerations Used in Maintenance of Campus Facilities

The Department of Physical Plant Management is responsible for security of all campus facilities. Personnel perform daily building lock-up and monitor all maintenance issues in campus lighting, door locks and general environmental safety in conjunction with the Department of Police Services. An annual inspection and survey of campus indoor/outdoor lighting, shrubbery and walkways is conducted, with the Department of Police Services providing security surveys upon request or when a need is observed. The University participates in Crime Prevention through Environmental Design concepts for planning and improvements on campus.

Campus CCTV System

The campus has a closed circuit television (CCTV) system to further enhance the safety and security in public areas of the campus. This technology can alert to potential criminal activity and also deter potential offenders who recognize the elevated risk of apprehension from such a system in that the information they provide is extremely valuable in capturing criminal activity and helping identify suspects.

This technology provides value before, during, and after criminal activity. The general knowledge within the campus community of the existence of the CCTV system serves to deter some from engaging in criminal or illicit behavior. Because of random monitoring and alerting features, the system often provides a means for law enforcement to intervene in ongoing criminal activity. Lastly, the recording of video feed is often found to provide critical forensic information aiding criminal investigations.

Emergency Blue Light Call Stations

A 9-1-1 24-hour, button activated, emergency telephone system will put you in contact with a police dispatcher for any emergency need. There are 116 call stations located throughout the CSUN campus, including residential housing. Four of the stations are yellow in color, these are TTY call boxes designed for the deaf and hard of hearing community. They are equipped with a small keyboard that enables the caller to type messages directly to University Police Dispatch. The police dispatcher can send a message to the caller by either typing or using a computer to choose pre-selected emergency responses. (The campus [Emergency Blue Light Phones Map](http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/bluelights.pdf) can be viewed on-line at <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/bluelights.pdf> or on CSUN's mobile app.)

Crime Prevention Programs

Crime Prevention Programs on topics to include, but not limited to, personal safety, sexual violence awareness and prevention, theft prevention, and workplace violence prevention are sponsored by various campus organizations throughout the year. For additional information regarding programming on campus, see the campus [Annual Clery Security Report](http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/clery-report.pdf) located on-line at <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/clery-report.pdf>.

Special Event Safety Planning

Preparation for large events on campus involve the creation of Incident Action Plans according to the Standardized Emergency Management System and in collaboration with mutual aid agencies and contracted safety personnel.

ACTIONS TAKEN IN THE PRECEDING 18 MONTHS TO INCREASE SAFETY

- Installation of 2 and upgrade of 1 CCTV cameras with the 360-degree high definition technology.
- The campus continued the upgrade conversion of the standard Omni Locking system to a new campus standard using the Sargent Assa Abloy electronic door locking system. This enhancement of the campus door access system allows for a more rapid response in "re-keying" should a person's code be compromised or keycard lost. 25 additional locks were converted. To date 300 of the 600 locks have been upgraded.
- During the last 18 months the campus initiated an upgrade of building exterior locks using the Sargent Assa Abloy electronic door locking system. Cypress Hall (as a demonstration and proof-of-concept) was completed.
- Phase 1 - Installation of a P25 compliant public safety radio communication system to provide for the effective interoperable communication capabilities required in responding to and mitigating a critical incident requiring the assistance of many first responding agencies (e.g., police, fire, rescue ambulance services, federal/state agencies, etc.).
- Continued implementation of the Active Shooter Survival Escape Response Training program (ASSERT) offered to the campus community.
- Police Officers ongoing and updated training in Active Shooter Response.
- Phase 2 - Installation of gunshot detection technology to the campus core to further strengthen the police and fire rescue response to an active shooter incident.
- Installation of remote controlled door access system in Valera Hall.

CHANGES IN SAFETY PRECAUTIONS EXPECTED TO BE MADE DURING THE NEXT 24 MONTHS

- Continued expansion of the campus analytic CCTV system and enhance a selected number of current cameras to new 360-degree high definition technology.
- Due to supply-chain availability issues, current planning is to upgrade 50 Omni door access locks per year to the new campus standard locking system (i.e., Sargent Assa Abloy) allowing for a more rapid response in “re-keying” should a person’s code be compromised or keycard lost. More will be upgraded if the availability of the locks increases. Additionally 10 buildings are planned to be upgraded with the electronic locks on the exterior doors.
- Phase 2 – Complete installation of a P25 compliant public safety radio antenna system at a designated remote site. The antenna will enhance the effective interoperable communication capabilities required in responding to and mitigating a critical incident requiring assistance of many first-responding agencies (e.g., police, fire, rescue ambulance services, federal/state agencies, etc.).
- Upgrades to panic alarms in various campus buildings.

RECORDS OF ON-CAMPUS CRIME

California Education Code 67380(a)(1)(A)

California State University campuses are required by California Education Code 67380(a)(1)(A) to compile records of all occurrences reported to campus police, campus security personnel, or campus safety authorities of, and arrests for, crimes that are committed on campus and that involve violence, hate violence, theft, destruction of property, illegal drugs, or alcohol intoxication, and to make this information available within two business days if requested by students, prospective students, employees, or the media. If you wish to request crime information, please contact: Erika Breazile at erika.breazile@csun.edu.