

ANNUAL CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

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CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE

Topics Included:

Personal Safety at Champlain College
Sexual abuse prevention
Maintaining a drug-free environment



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Jeanne Cleary Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Document 2009

The information in this document is provided to help enhance campus public safety and security at Champlain College.

The Office of Campus Public Safety encourages you to read, understand, and use all the precautions outlined herein, and to use the services made available to you. By working together we can all help keep Champlain College a safe community.

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About Safety at Champlain College

Champlain College is concerned about the welfare and safety of students, staff, faculty and their guests. The College has developed procedures, policies, and programs to help promote a safe and secure learning and working environment.

While no town, large or small, is truly free of all crime, we believe that the implementation of these policies and procedures, combined with the cooperation of the campus community, can make Champlain a safer community.

The Campus Public Safety Department (CPS)

The office of Campus Public Safety is currently located in Durick Hall. The department consists of 11 officers who share the primary objective of providing a safe and secure environment through constant patrols, emergency response, investigations, and neighborhood networking.

Campus Public Safety Officers are on duty 24 hours a day. They are trained public safety professionals who provide coverage for the campus area. All personnel are trained in First Aid, CPR and are equipped with life-saving AED devices and digitally secure two-way radios as well as Nextel radio telephones that provide secure, instant two-way radio communications.

The department has a close working relationship with the Burlington, Winooski and University of Vermont police departments and is in contact with various law enforcement agencies relating to issues affecting the campus and the local Burlington community.

Crime Prevention Efforts

Campus Public Safety has many on-going programs to educate members of the campus community about safety practices. These vary from lectures to one on one contact with students. Programs include:

Safety Presentations: Through-out the year the Director and Asst. Directors of Campus Public Safety visits each dorm to educate residents of various aspects of remaining safe. Topics range from fire safety to sexual assault prevention.

Self Defense Class: In partnership with the Burlington Police department and trained personnel on campus, a self defense course is offered to the campus community free of charge. This class is offered each semester and is attended by members of Public Safety, Burlington Police and Student Life.

Investigations: All reports of incidents are reviewed initially by the Director of Public Safety and/or supervisors. If a report requires follow up, various supervisors assist in additional investigations and report back to the Director and local agencies as needed. Specific incidents are reviewed weekly at a joint meeting of Residential Life and Campus Public Safety to provide ongoing training and development of new protocols and procedures.

Escorts: One program providing 24 hour a day service is the safety escort program. Campus community members can call public safety and be provided a walking escort between points on campus to include vehicle escorts to the local hospital.

Lighting and Grounds Surveys: CPS officers perform walking tours of the campus area daily to review exterior lighting and to identify safety issues that may arise from either weather conditions (snow & ice) or from poorly lighted and overgrown areas.

Fire & Safety Inspections: Each semester, CPS personnel perform a fire and safety inspection in each dorm room at Champlain College. Fire hazards and safety issues are sought out and rectified. Routine fire and safety inspections are conducted nightly in each dormitory building. The goal is to ensure exterior doors are accessible to authorized persons and that exit signs, life safety equipment, and points of egress are clearly marked and available for use.

Building Security

Champlain College is an active member in the local Burlington Community, hosting many activities and programs that are open to the public.

Generally, the campus and its buildings (with the exception of residential halls) are open to the general public during business hours. A series of three lock-up routines are conducted on both administrative and academic buildings each night with the first being conducted in the early evening. Residential halls are locked 24 hours a day with the exception of specific events such as move in and move out days.

Residential Hall Security

Champlain College consists of 23 coed dormitories. Approximately 1017 residential students call Champlain College home during the academic year.

Residents have electronic access to their residence hall using their campus ID card to activate the exterior door. Guests and delivery personnel use telephones located at the front door to contact residents. Students are expected to meet their guests and accept deliveries at the entrance. Throughout the year, Head Residents (HR), Resident Assistants (RA) and CPS staff reminds residents not to admit strangers into the dorm.

Residents locked out of their room when no HR or RA is on duty may contact CPS to gain entry into their room. CPS officers must see a photo ID and verify from a current student roster that the student is assigned to the room in question. If a student is unable to provide a student ID, they are taken to the Student Life or CPS office and their identity is verified through photo records.

Every evening CPS officers check carbon monoxide, methane, hydrogen sulfide, and oxygen levels within each residence hall. Boiler temperature and pressures, life safety equipment, and physical security of exterior doors are verified. Non-stop walking and driving patrols of the residence hall areas are conducted and problems are acted upon immediately.

Crime Reporting and Emergency Response

Any student, faculty member, employee or guest can directly report suspected criminal activities and other emergencies by calling Public Safety at 802-865-6465. Additionally, persons can dial from campus phones: X6465 for regular business, or X3333 for emergencies.

When CPS receives a report, personnel are dispatched as promptly as possible to evaluate the situation and to contact the proper local authority or campus staff as needed. In a

police, fire, or medical emergency, public safety will notify the needed agency, respond to and stay on scene until the additional responding agency has cleared.

The Director of Campus Public Safety maintains an excellent working relationship with the local police. The Director as well as the commander of the police division in which the campus is located, routinely communicate, sharing information regarding criminal activity on and off campus.

Timely Warning

If circumstances warrant, special printed security alerts and advisories are prepared by the Director of Campus Public Safety and the Residential Life office. They are then distributed to each building on campus by a CPS officer. In addition, these are also sent via e-mail to each member of the campus community, student, staff and faculty member.

If warranted, a special campus alert system (MIR3) located at <https://cu.mir3.com> is available to Champlain students, faculty and staff to warn affiliates about present dangers occurring on or near campus. Affiliates are encouraged to register themselves to receive timely warnings from the MIR3 campus alert system. Instruction can be found by visiting our portal at <https://my.champlain.edu/portal/main.html>.

In keeping with federal requirements, a daily crime log is maintained on the College website and is available for review at <https://my.champlain.edu/public/security/>

Anyone with knowledge of a crime or possible crime should contact Public Safety at 802-865-6465. Your information will be held in confidence and will only be released to other investigating authorities as needed.

Statistics

Federal Law requires colleges and universities to publish reports containing campus crime statistics. Amendments made to the Cleary Act in 2008 altered the law's reporting requirements, expanding the list of reportable offenses and creating new reporting categories. All statistics in this Annual Campus Public Safety Report reflect the expanded scope of the 2008 amendments.

Emergency and Crime Reporting Procedures on Campus

The Office of Campus Public Safety is the central emergency reporting center for the college. In case of an emergency, community members should use the following numbers and procedures:

For all Police, Fire, or Medical Emergencies dial 911 –

CPS officers will be automatically dispatched to your location. Police and Fire departments are located less than one mile from Champlain College.

Champlain College Public Safety
Emergencies dial (x3333 from campus phone)
Non-Emergencies dial 802-865-6465

Burlington Police Department
Emergencies Dial 911
Non-Emergencies Dial 802-658-2704

Burlington Fire Department
Emergencies Dial 911
Non-Emergencies Dial 802-864-5311

Winooski Police Department (Spinner Place Residents)
Emergencies Police & Fire Dial 911
Non-Emergencies Dial 802-655-0221

Champlain College Blue Light Telephone
Emergency: Press the red button and speak into the callbox

Each residence hall, excluding Spinner Place and 215 S. Prospect, has an exterior phone that reaches security by dialing 3333 or 6465. Additionally, there are 9 Blue Light Phones around campus that can be used to report emergencies or criminal incidents.

All campus telephones can be used to reach emergency services by dialing 911.

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Champlain College prohibits the unlawful possession, use, distribution, manufacturing, or dispensing of illicit drugs and alcohol by its faculty, staff, and students on College property or in connection with any College activities. College policies relating to the use, sale and possession of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances comply with federal, state and local laws and ordinances. Alcoholic beverages are only permitted at special non-student functions or when authorized by a specific College official. At no time are students allowed to possess or consume alcohol on campus. Illicit drugs are not permitted on campus or at any off-campus program. Students are expected to know and comply with Champlain College's regulations as well as federal, state and local laws relating to the use, possession, service and distribution of alcohol and other drugs.

Help with substance abuse issues is available to any staff, faculty or student member of the College community through health services and the campus counselors.

Weapons

All weapons are prohibited on the Champlain College campus. “Weapon” should be understood to include, but not be limited to: firearms, paintball guns, BB guns, air soft guns, slingshots, bows, arrows, swords, spears, various kinds of knives other than cooking utensils and pocket knives, and various kinds of martial arts devices capable of being used as weapons.

Personal Responsibility

The involvement of students, faculty and staff in the campus safety program is vital to its success.

Students, faculty and staff should assume responsibility for their own personal safety and the security of their personal belongings by taking simple, common-sense precautions. Room doors should be locked at night and whenever the room is unoccupied. Valuable items such as computers, stereos and cameras should be marked with engraving instruments provided by the Public Safety Office.

It is important to promptly report any suspicious persons, activities or unusual incidents in residence halls or other campus buildings to the Public Safety Office.

Sexual Abuse

Students are prohibited from engaging in sexual abuse of any kind. Sexual abuse includes but is not limited to:

- Conduct of a sexual nature which reasonably would be expected to have the effect of threatening or intimidating the person at whom such conduct is directed;
- Intentional physical contact with an intimate part of the body of another person without that person’s consent;
- Sexual intercourse when such contact is achieved through physical force, coercion, threat, or in situation in which the victim is unable to give consent because of physical or mental incapacitation or by reason of drug or alcohol consumption, sleep or unconsciousness.

If It Happens to You

If you need emergency assistance, call one of the emergency numbers listed on the last page of this publication. You also have the option of notifying other law enforcement authorities. If it is possible that a criminal complaint may be filed, the timely collection and preservation of evidence may be necessary to help prove criminal sexual assault.

Bathing or changing clothes may destroy important physical evidence. Please contact one of the numbers listed on the last page of this publication for more information on how to preserve evidence. Additionally, you may contact Public Safety to assist you in notification of the proper authorities and campus resources.

If you are a student and would like to file a complaint with the College, contact the Director of Residential Life. Residential Life can inform you of the relevant disciplinary procedures and how these procedures might apply in particular circumstances. They will also tell you that the accuser and the accused in a sexual abuse case have the same opportunities to have others present during a disciplinary hearing, and that both are informed of outcome. A full range of disciplinary sanctions may be imposed in sexual abuse cases, up to and including suspension and permanent separation from the College.

If you are an employee you should know that sexual assault includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome physical contact of a sexual nature. Reports of alleged sexual assault will be investigated thoroughly and corrective action will be taken, up to and including termination of employment where circumstances warrant. Additionally, cases may be turned over to local law enforcement for criminal investigation.

Behavioral Facts

You need to know:

- If you have sex or attempt sex without the person's consent, you are committing a crime – even if you have had sex with the person before.
- It is NEVER OK to force, coerce or manipulate any kind of sexual behavior on another person. If the person indicates they are not interested, do not proceed.
- Say “No” when you mean no, Say “yes” when you mean yes. Stay in touch with your feelings to know the difference.
- Do not make assumptions. Don't assume that the way a person dresses or acts are an invitation for sexual advances. A person may welcome some forms of sexual contact and be opposed to others.
- Do not assume that one form of sexual contact necessarily opens the door to any other sexual contact.
- A “yes” from an individual who is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs may not necessarily mean “consent”
- Being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is not an excuse for abusive behavior. This includes sexual abuse.
- Trust your feelings. If you feel you are being pressured into unwanted sexual activity – you are right.
- Even if you have been sexually involved with someone in the past, you still have the right to say no.

Registered Sex Offender Information

Law enforcement information regarding registered sex offenders in this area may be obtained by calling the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704. Information on Vermont sex offenders can also be accessed on the web at: <http://www.vt.gov>

How to Help a Friend Who Has Been Sexually Abused

- Believe your friend. Many people who have been sexually abused fear that no one will believe them, or that their experience will be trivialized.
- Let your friend be in control of the situation, i.e., deciding who is informed of the incident and what resources she/he wants to contact. Trust and control over your friend's life has been disturbed. She/he needs to regain control and needs to be able to trust you. Respect confidentiality.
- Reassure your friend that she/he is not to blame. Let your friend know you care. This may be the first time your friend has talked about the abuse.
- Inform your friend about the resources listed in this brochure.
- Get help for yourself. You may feel the need to talk with someone about your own feelings and concerns.

REMEMBER: Questions like *“Why didn't you scream?”* or *“Why were you seeing him/her?”* seem blaming in nature and are not helpful. You might say *“It is difficult to scream when you are frightened.”* People may do things that seem risky, *but no one asks to be sexually abused.*

Medical and Community Resources

Champlain College Health Services, located at 203 South Willard Street, provides comprehensive confidential medical services for students who have experienced sexual abuse. Call (802) 860-2711 for a consultation or to schedule an appointment.

Fletcher Allen Medical Center Emergency Department is located just minutes from campus and is the only level one trauma center in Vermont. The center is staffed with competent, highly trained professionals to assist people who have experienced sexual abuse.

Women's Rape Crisis Center in Burlington is a community service agency dedicated to serving victims of sexual violence and their families (802) 863-1236.

Maintaining a Drug-Free Environment Introduction

Champlain College recognizes that substance abuse at the College poses a threat to the health, safety and general well-being of all members of the College community. The effects are not only felt by the individual abuser, but by everyone associated with him or her.

Accordingly, the College is committed to providing a learning and work environment free of the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol. This includes the proliferation of policies and the provision of educational and treatment programs which meet federal and state regulations as well as the needs of the College and its faculty, staff and students.

To reaffirm this commitment and to comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Amendments of 1989 and the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the Department of Human Resources is providing you with the information that follows.

Intended for all faculty, staff, and students, it describes College policies with respect to substance abuse and the disciplinary sanctions which will be imposed on students and employees who violate these policies; federal and state laws pertaining to the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol; the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol; and descriptions of how and where to seek assistance in dealing with a drug and/or alcohol problem.

Students, faculty and employees are accountable for the consequences of their own decisions to use or distribute illicit drugs or to serve or consume alcohol. They are also responsible for knowing and complying with applicable College policies and federal, state and local laws relating to drugs and alcohol.

College Policy on Alcohol and Illicit Drugs

Champlain College prohibits the unlawful possession, use, distribution, manufacturing or dispensing of illicit drugs or alcohol by its faculty, staff, and students on College property, as part of the performance of College duties, or as part of Champlain College activities. The College will take disciplinary action against violators, consistent with federal, state and local laws.

Drug-Free Workplace Policy

Under the regulations of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, any individual who is a Champlain College employee, including students working under a federal grant or contract, must notify their supervisor of a workplace-related criminal drug conviction within 5 days of the conviction. In addition, the College will take action within 30 days of

the notice of conviction, take appropriate disciplinary action and the employee must participate in an approved drug abuse or substance rehabilitation program.

Student Alcohol and Drug Policies

The Student Alcohol and Drug Policies, which are printed in the undergraduate Student Handbook, apply to all students, graduate and undergraduate.

College Disciplinary Sanctions

The College will impose disciplinary sanctions on students, faculty, and employees who violate the above-stated policies. Depending on the circumstances, these sanctions may range from a minimum of satisfactory participation in a rehabilitation program to a maximum of separation or termination from the College. Although the College does not act as a law enforcement agency, it will not protect individuals who have violated the law. Further, the College will cooperate to every feasible extent with law enforcement officials if an on-campus investigation is necessary.

Federal, State, and Local Laws

Various federal, state and local laws prohibit the illegal use, possession, manufacture, sale, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol.

Illicit Drugs

Vermont and federal law prohibit the possession and distribution of controlled substances. Common examples of controlled substances as defined by law are marijuana, cocaine, crack, heroin and LSD.

Criminal sanctions for violation of these laws range from fines to imprisonment. The severity of the penalty depends upon factors such as the nature and amount of the controlled substance and may be compounded for repeat offenses.

Federal law now makes students convicted of the possession or distribution of controlled substances ineligible for any federally sponsored loan, grant or work-assistance program. The period of ineligibility varies according to the type of offense and the number of prior offenses, as do the requirements for reinstatement. Students with concerns regarding the scope and effect of this law should consult their financial aid officer.

More information about local, state and federal laws concerning illicit drugs may be obtained at the Office of the General Counsel.

Alcohol

In the state of Vermont, possession of liquor or alcoholic beverages by a person under 21 years of age is a violation of law and punishable by fine. State law also establishes penalties of fines and/or imprisonment for persons who falsely represent their age for the purpose of obtaining alcoholic beverages for themselves or others under the age of 21, and for persons who sell or provide such beverages to minors. Serious penalties may also be imposed for alcohol related traffic offenses.

Where to Get Help

There are a number of agencies that can provide confidential information and consultation regarding drug and alcohol issues. Contact the College Drug/Alcohol Counselor for further information.

Faculty and Staff

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about a drug- or alcohol-related problem, the Faculty/Employee Assistance Program offers several services to help. Some of the services include education and training in alcohol and other drug-related problems for employees and supervisors, an alcohol film discussion series, groups for people whose lives are or have been affected by alcohol, and people surviving chemical and co-dependency.

The Faculty/Employee Assistance Program also works closely with both public and private community agencies that provide medical and rehabilitative services to people in need of assistance with alcohol or drug dependency.

Students

While there is a popular myth that all college students binge drink, the actual national survey statistics show that most college students choose to drink moderately.

There are nonetheless some students who drink in high quantities and/or drink frequently. If you are concerned about your (or someone else's) relationship with alcohol and other drugs there are a variety of resources available on campus through Health Services. A continuum of alcohol and other drug related services and programs including prevention, education, intervention and treatment are available to all students.

Prevention and Educational Programs: Prevention programs include the comprehensive strategies implemented by the Alcohol and Other Drug Education Office to promote a safer and healthier campus environment. The Coordinator of that office contacts a variety of Champlain student organizations, staff and faculty to participate in on-going prevention programs.

For educational programs, the Coordinator of alcohol and other drug education office provides group-specific workshops, presentations and interactive sessions for student organizations, undergraduate groups, College departments, faculty and College staff.

Students who violate alcohol or other drug policies, or who are experiencing difficulties with these substances, are encouraged to attend the educational workshops offered through the Alcohol and Other Drug Education Office. Staff, students, and faculty can refer someone or students can contact the Alcohol and Other Drug Education office.

Health Risks

Serious health and personal risks are associated with the use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol. They include temporary or permanent physical or mental impairment, injury or death. Consequences may include temporary or permanent loss of educational opportunities

Alcohol Effects

Alcohol consumption causes a number of marked changes in behavior. Even in low doses alcohol impairs the judgment and coordination required to drive a car safely. Low to moderate doses of alcohol also increase the incidence of a variety of aggressive acts, including relationship and sexual abuse. Moderate to high doses of alcohol cause marked impairments in higher mental functions, severely altering a person's ability to learn and remember information. Very high doses cause respiratory depression and death. If combined with other depressants of the central nervous system, much lower doses of alcohol will produce the effects just described.

Alcohol poisoning, like any other drug overdose, can occur after drinking large amounts of alcohol in short periods of time. Additionally, people who are inexperienced with alcohol use - or people who are sensitive to alcohol - can become acutely intoxicated and experience serious effects of alcohol poisoning. The signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning can include: unconsciousness or semi-consciousness; slow respiration or respiratory difficulties; bluish skin (lips are bluish or bluish skin underneath fingernails); increased or decreased pulse (or no pulse); vomiting or continuous vomiting while semiconscious or unconscious; convulsions; strong odor of intoxicants. If a student shows these signs it is an immediate emergency. These signs are not exhaustive, and in any emergency situation it is best to call for help when you are unsure. Contact an ambulance or Security at 865-6465 to help with an alcohol-related accident, injury or overdose.

Women who drink alcohol during pregnancy may give birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome. These infants have irreversible physical abnormalities and mental retardation.

It is important to note that legal and illegal drugs can speed up the effects of alcohol and have an unpredictable outcome.

Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics

Offense	Year	On Campus Property	Residential Facilities	Off Campus Property	Adjacent Public Property
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	1	1	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses, Non-forcible	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2006	5	5	0	0
	2007	15	7	2	0
	2008	12	9	1	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0
Arson	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	1	0
Liquor Law Arrests	2006	26	26	0	0
	2007	9	19	1	0
	2008	3	3	0	2
Liquor Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	2006	317	317	0	0
	2007	76	76	51	0
	2008	187	185	44	1
Drug Law Arrests	2006	1	1	0	0
	2007	1	1	3	0
	2008	0	0	0	0
Drug law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	2006	60	60	0	0
	2007	38	58	17	0
	2008	62	61	16	2
Illegal Weapon Possession Arrests	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0

Illegal Weapons Possession Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0
Hate Crimes	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0

Contact	Phone #
Emergency – Fire/Police/Ambulance	911
Burlington Police Dept.	802-658-2700
Burlington Fire Dept.	802-864-5311
Sexual Assault/Violence	
Women Helping Battered Women	802-658-1996
Women’s Rape & Crisis Center	802-863-1236
Sexual Harassment/Discrimination	
Angela Batista (Office of Diversity & Inclusion)	802-860-2784
Vermont Attorney General	802-828-3171
Mental Health	
Howard Mental Health	802-658-0400
Fletcher Allen Crisis Center	802-863-2400
Family Planning/Health	
Planned Parenthood of Northern New England	802-863-6326
Champlain College Health	802-860-2711
Champlain College Counseling Resources – Mental Health/Sexual Assault/Students with Disabilities	
Carol Moran Brown	802-865-6426
Janine Allo	802-865-5484
Drug & Alcohol Education	
Mary Beth Vassar	802-651-5959
Drug & Alcohol	
Champlain Drug & Alcohol	802-862-5243
Alcohol Crisis	911
Champlain College Public Safety	
Main Line	802-865-6465
Director of Campus Public Safety – Rich Long	802-860-2755
Residential Life	
Ashley Mikell	802-865-6428