



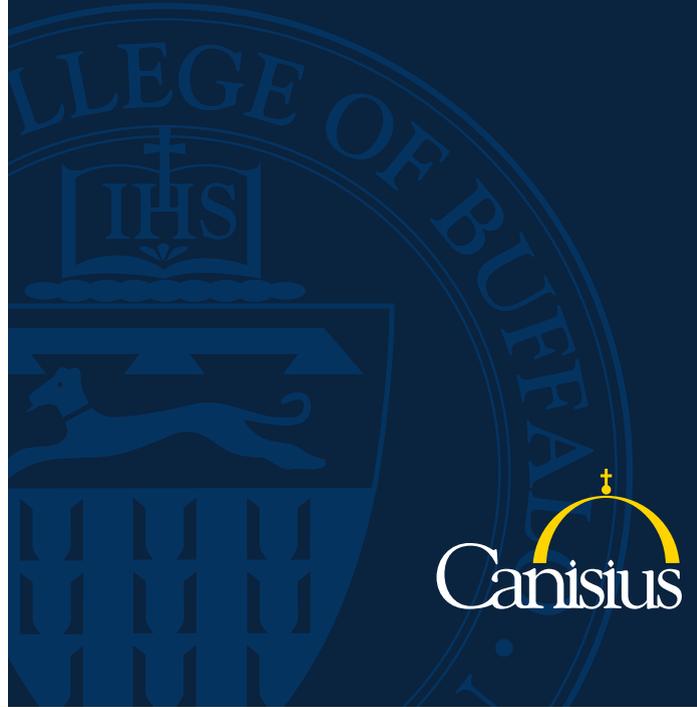
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PUBLIC SAFETY 2021-2022  
**ANNUAL SECURITY  
& FIRE REPORT**

**DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY**  
2021-2022

2020 Annual Security  
& Fire Report





MESSAGE FROM CHIEF KIMBERLY BEATY

## DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

On behalf of the Public Safety Staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2020 Canisius College Annual Security and Fire Report for 2018-2020. This annual report is made public pursuant to the Federal Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act, as well as the Violence Against Women Act and will assist you in understanding Public Safety matters here at Canisius College. The report is made possible through the collaborative work of the Student Affairs Division, the Academic Affairs Division and Creative Services.

**Please Note:** The data reported for 2020 was impacted by the restrictions imposed by Covid-19 as well as recent changes to NYS laws.

The Public Safety Department's mission is to protect the educational environment of Canisius College and is accomplished through law enforcement activities that detect and deter crimes and other incidents that are detrimental to the well-being of our campus and surrounding community. Canisius College was the first private college in New York State to be granted peace officer authority for its Public Safety Department. Our officers are trained and equipped to respond to any serious incident that occurs on campus or in the campus area. Our department has committed to stronger relationships with the student body and surrounding community.

Officers have received a substantial amount of training in leadership, criminal investigations, critical incidents and sexual assault investigations, as well as state mandated training. Understanding the need for human equity, diversity and inclusion, our goal as a police department is to support social justice and police reform to better serve and accommodate the needs of our community. This year, our department will be committed to training through Blue Courage, LLC., a nationally recognized training program dedicated to developing the heart and mind of police officers as leaders and guardians of our community. Technology updates in our dispatch office and to the campus-wide security camera system as well as improved training for new officers have had a positive impact on the safety of the campus community. We share a deep concern for the safety and general well-being of the community that we serve - our students, faculty, staff, visitors and neighbors and are involved in our community through departmental and personal interactions. We support the goals of community policing and the mission of our department is accomplished through recognition of Jesuit values and Christianity.

We are committed to supporting our students in a healthy and safe learning environment. If you have any questions regarding this report or our department programs and policies, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of our Public Safety supervisory staff.

**Chief Kimberly L. Beaty**  
Director, Canisius College Department of Public Safety

# ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT

## THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department of Public Safety, located on the lower level of the Bosch Residence Hall provides around the clock protection and services to the campus community. The department is established to protect and serve the educational environment of Canisius College, defending the environment from the threat of physical harm, property damage and disruptive activity. Departmental objectives include: aiding in the enforcement of federal, state and local laws; preventing crime; educating the community that we serve, regulating noncriminal conduct and preserving peace.

Uniformed Public Safety officers and dispatchers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Officers' primary responsibilities include: patrolling the campus area on foot, on bicycles and in vehicles to provide emergency response, security services and assistance for requests involving the campus community.

Canisius College Public Safety officers are granted peace officer status according to New York Criminal Procedure Law Section 2.10(72), and have full powers of arrest when acting pursuant to their duties. Each officer receives basic law enforcement training which exceeds New York's requirements for peace officers. In addition, each officer receives annual and specialized training related to their position. The department is staffed by a director, patrol supervisors, officers, dispatchers, and support staff, which includes security and secretarial staff.

## SECURITY AWARENESS

As part of the college's educational mission, the Department of Public Safety, along with Student Life and other entities of the college provide opportunities for members of the campus community to learn how to be more aware of the area around them. This is accomplished through programs such as training sessions for Hall Directors, Resident Assistants and Orientation Leaders. Additionally, training is provided during new student orientation and faculty/staff are offered awareness programs such as R.A.I.N. and active shooter training.

## CRIME PREVENTION

As part of the college's educational mission, the Department of Public Safety teaches members of the campus community to reduce their chances of suffering from a violation of their person or property. To accomplish this, the department is staffed by several officers who are trained in crime prevention techniques. These officers conduct meetings, workshops and programs dedicated to the introduction and training of crime prevention methods and strategies. In addition, Canisius Public Safety collaborates with officers from police departments in the surrounding area.

The college's crime prevention program is based on the dual concepts of eliminating or minimizing criminal opportunities whenever possible and encouraging all members of the campus community to take an active role in providing a safe, secure campus.

The following is a partial listing of the college's crime prevention programs and security measures:

### SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

Shuttle Service provided by We Care Transportation is available during the Spring and Fall semesters. The hours are Monday - Friday 6:30 AM to 10:30 PM and Saturday - Sunday 12:00 PM-10:00 PM. Public Safety will also provide transportation services on an "as needed" basis, after daily shuttle service ends for students and staff who request it.

### CRIME PREVENTION PRESENTATIONS

Annual crime prevention and Public Safety presentations are made to campus groups such as freshmen, transfer students and parents at orientation, commuter students, international students, student athletes, student government, resident students, specific campus departments, recognized student organizations and staff groups.

### RESIDENCE HALLS

Crime prevention presentations, accompanied by brochures, other printed material and videos are made available several times each semester to students residing on campus.

### PRINTED CRIME PREVENTION MATERIALS

Printed crime prevention brochures and information related to personal and property security are distributed at crime prevention presentations and are available at various locations around campus.

### ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

All residential facilities, computer labs and campus buildings are equipped with electronic access control devices. Access to these locations is only provided to students and staff members who possess a properly coded Canisius College identification card.

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONES

Interior and exterior emergency telephones linked directly to the Department of Public Safety are located throughout the campus. Each of these telephones is answered by a Public Safety dispatcher.

### ELECTRONIC ALARM SYSTEMS

A state-of-the-art intrusion and panic alarm system registers emergency situations with the Public Safety Office. Most college-owned buildings on the campus area are monitored through this system.

### CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

Exterior entrances of the dormitory-style residences and other areas of the campus are equipped with closed-circuit television cameras. These cameras, along with access alarms, help to deter unauthorized entry into the facility.

## REPORTING INCIDENTS

Public Safety strongly recommends that all crimes and emergency situations that occur on campus or in the campus area be reported to Public Safety at once. Canisius College initiates, supports, and encourages the investigation of crimes and incidents reported to Public Safety that have occurred on campus or in the campus area.

In addition, members of the college community may choose to report criminal activity to a Campus Security Authority or local law enforcement.

### Reporting Crimes to Public Safety

To report crime incidents, call the Department of Public Safety at (716) 888-2330, or visit the Public Safety Office in the lower level of Bosch Residence Hall. Dispatchers are on duty 24 hours a day to take calls and dispatch Public Safety Officers to investigate.

In addition, a number of well-marked exterior blue-light telephones are located throughout the campus. Emergency phones are also located at the entrances to all dormitories. These can be used to report a criminal incident, fire or any other type of emergency.

To report crimes and incidents off-campus, please contact the law enforcement agency serving that area.

### Reporting Crimes to Campus Security Authorities

While the college encourages members of the community to immediately report all crimes and other emergencies directly to Public Safety, it also recognizes that a person may prefer to file a report with other individuals or college offices. The Clery Act recognizes certain college officials and offices as "Campus Security Authorities" (CSA) and members of the college community may report any crime or emergency occurring on campus or at a college-sanctioned event to these individuals.

At Canisius, the following individuals have been designated as CSA's:

- Vice Presidents
- The Title IX Coordinator
- Deans, Department Chairs, Directors and Athletic Coaches
- Any employee in a supervisory or management role
- Any faculty member responsible for supervising any activities or programs that include direct contact with students outside of classroom (including faculty advisors to recognized student organizations)
- Public Safety personnel
- Any staff member whose primary job description includes providing academic advice to students
- Student Affairs staff

Each of these individuals are required and trained to report incidents of a Clery crime occurring on campus or at a college sanctioned event to Public Safety or the Title IX Coordinator for inclusion in the college's Annual Security and Fire Report.

### Reporting to Local Law Enforcement

Members of the college community may also report any crime occurring on campus or at a college-sanctioned event or activity to the Buffalo Police Department, which can be reached by dialing 911 in an emergency.

## Reporting to Professional Counselors

Canisius College students and employees who are victims of a crime may choose to discuss the incident with professionals who are mandated by law to protect the confidentiality of a disclosure. On campus, these professionals include the counselors at the Counseling Center Ext. 2620.

## INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

When a crime is reported to Public Safety, an officer will initiate a preliminary investigation. The complainant will be interviewed by the officer so basic information about the incident can be obtained. If it is determined that a crime has occurred, the officer will complete an incident report which outlines the incident and includes such information as the complainant's name and address, suspect information, witness information and other information pertinent to the investigation. If the case is not brought to a conclusion following a preliminary investigation, the incident report is forwarded to a Public Safety investigator for a follow-up investigation. In the event that a reported crime is a violent felony offense, the Buffalo Police Department will be notified pursuant to a formal agreement between both agencies.

Canisius College will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, the results of any investigation and/or due process hearing conducted by the college against a student or employee who is the alleged perpetrator of the crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of the crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense, the college will provide the results of the disciplinary hearing to the victim's next of kin, if so requested.

## MISSING RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

Any and all reports of missing residential students will be directed to the Department of Public Safety. (716-888-2330)

The Director of Public Safety/designee will contact the Senior Associate Dean of Students/designee. The Senior Associate Dean of Students will assemble the appropriate members of the Threat Assessment Team. An investigation will be initiated to determine the validity and credibility of the missing person report. The Threat Assessment Team will gather essential information about the student from the person making the report and any other relevant persons. The information to be obtained includes, but is not limited to, personal description, clothing last worn, locations where student may be, persons or witnesses who may have information, vehicle description, information of the physical and mental well-being of the student, up-to-date photograph, cell phone number, address, class schedule, etc. The appropriate member of the Threat Assessment Team will notify individual(s) identified as the missing person's emergency contact(s).

Notification of the Buffalo Police will be the responsibility of the Department of Public Safety after steps to locate the missing person are unsuccessful.

The Threat Assessment Team shall initiate a list of actions that they deem to be appropriate and in the best interest of the student.

The Senior Associate Dean of Students or designee will coordinate notification of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Public Relations.

## TIMELY REPORTING

Crimes that occur on campus or in the campus area, which are reported to Public Safety, are documented through an incident report. Public Safety routinely receives, solicits and documents pertinent campus related crime information from other law enforcement agencies. In addition, campus offices such as Student Life, Student Affairs, Business & Finance, and the President's Office provide statistical information regarding criminal offenses. Collectively the information is tabulated and included in the campus crime statistic section of the Annual Security Report. When Public Safety receives information about a serious criminal incident, such as those which appear in the crime statistics section, the incident is evaluated for its impact in the community.

Canisius College will issue a Timely Warning Notice in the event it receives notice of an alleged Clery Act crime (identified below) occurring on campus, on public property within or immediately adjacent to the college's campus, or in or on non-campus buildings or property controlled by the college, where the college determines, in its judgment, that the allegations present a serious or continuing threat to the Canisius College community.

Whether to issue a Timely Warning Notice is determined on a case-by-case basis for Clery Act reportable crimes which are: arson, criminal homicide, burglary, robbery, sex offenses, aggravated assault, motor vehicle theft, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and hate crimes, as defined by the Clery Act.

Timely Warning Notices may also be issued for other crimes as determined necessary by Public Safety. An Emergency Notification will be issued when a significant emergency or dangerous situation poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees who are on campus. The college will document and retain the justification for determining whether to issue a Timely Warning Notice or an Emergency Notification for a seven-year period.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE EVACUATION

The appropriate response by the college to a specific emergency will depend on the relevant facts and circumstances. Emergency situations may consist of police, fire, medical, and environmental emergencies. Because of their fluid nature and the variety of possibilities associated with each type of emergency, it is difficult to define specific procedures for dealing with each emergency. When notified about an emergency, the Department of Public Safety will immediately respond to investigate. The primary goal of the initial response and investigation is to determine the nature of the emergency and take appropriate actions to safeguard human life, contain the emergency, and assist in determining emergency notification methods. Specific actions could consist of facilitating evacuations, building lockdowns, and a variety of general or tactical responses. Depending on the nature of the emergency,

other public emergency response agencies may be called to assist. Evacuation drills are coordinated jointly by the offices of Public Safety, Academic Affairs and Facilities Management and are held in conjunction with fire drills. Annually four fire drills are conducted in each residence facility and two in each academic and support building. The purpose of the evacuation drill is to evaluate the general evacuation process in each building and to identify and remedy deficiencies that arise as a result of the drill. In the days prior to the drills all members of the campus community are sent an email notification informing them about evacuation procedures and the upcoming drills. All members of the campus community are required to comply with evacuation policies and violations are noted and may be referred for follow up. The Canisius College Crisis Response Plan (CRP) is tested once per year during a disaster scenario tabletop exercise involving each official and/or department having a role or responsibility in the CRP.

### CANISIUS ALERT SYSTEM

The Canisius Alert System is an emergency notification system that enables college officials to quickly notify the campus community in the event of a significant emergency. The notices can be automatically sent to the cellular telephones and residential telephones, e-mail accounts, and other communication devices that have been pre-selected by those members of the campus community who have registered to receive the emergency alerts. The system is tested twice annually.

### CANISIUS EMERGENCY PUBLIC ALERTING SYSTEM

The Canisius Emergency Public Alerting System is a speaker system located inside buildings throughout the campus that enables certain college officials to broadcast real time or pre-recorded emergency voice announcements in the event of a significant developing emergency situation on campus or in the general campus area. Depending on the emergency the announcements can be sent to individual buildings, groups of buildings, or as a general announcement to all campus buildings. The system is tested tactically on an annual basis. The sound capability of the system is tested daily.

### CANISIUS COLLEGE WEBSITE

The Canisius College website is used as a primary communication vehicle for the quick notification of emergency, college closings or class cancellations. Information for the website can be uploaded from remote locations to facilitate the quick dissemination of information. In the event of a campus crisis, a Campus Alert Homepage has been prepared to announce and chronicle events and provide support information to various audiences. If the college website is disabled because of a campus emergency, the college has made arrangements with a remote web service provider to publish an emergency homepage in order to maintain our web communication.

## POLICE COMMUNICATION

To assist in monitoring, reporting, and investigation of significant criminal incidents that have occurred on campus or in close proximity to the campus, the Buffalo Police Department and Canisius College Department of Public Safety have entered into a formal memorandum of understanding to report violent felonies and missing resident students to the other agency. In addition, Public Safety maintains a close working relationship with other local, state and federal enforcement agencies. Information and reports about significant incidents are routinely exchanged and joint investigations are often conducted.

## ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

During regular business hours, Monday-Friday, most campus buildings are accessible to students, employees, alumni and visitors having legitimate business with the college. Arrangements for after-hours use of college facilities must be made with the specific department sanctioning the event requiring after-hours access. Public Safety does not allow unrestricted or unauthorized after-hours access without prior written notification from an appropriate college official. All residential facilities require swipe access 24/7.

## FACILITIES SECURITY

Public Safety officers routinely document and report physical safety and security hazards to Facilities Management when discovered by the officer or reported to Public Safety by another member of the campus community. This reporting procedure serves to expedite repair of environmental security deficiencies involving lighting, doors, windows and environmental security such as shrubbery. In addition, a number of Public Safety staff members serve on college committees that provide input into security considerations for new, renovated or existing campus facilities.

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE EDUCATION

All members of the Canisius College community are entitled to and responsible for maintaining an environment of civility that is free from disparagement, intimidation, harassment and violence of any kind, including sexual violence. All new undergraduate Canisius College students for 2021-2022 are required to complete an on-line sexual violence prevention training program through Everfi titled, "Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates". The course will be implemented for continuing undergraduate and graduate students at the start of the Spring 2022 semester. The "Sexual Assault Prevention for Student Athletes" Everfi course was required for all returning student athletes at the start of the Fall 2021 semester. In addition, the Title IX Coordinator gives a presentation on sexual violence prevention for all new students during New Student Orientation. The Title IX Coordinator gives sexual violence prevention and consent presentations to all student-athletes, athletic staff, residence life staff, student leaders, student clubs and student organizations. The Sexual Violence Prevention Team at Canisius has created sexual violence prevention materials and presentations which are widely distributed to students. All first year and transfer students participate in a bystander intervention program, "Step-Up Griffs", during New Student Orientation. Other students participate in the bystander intervention program through presentations to clubs and organizations. All faculty and staff are required to complete the online New York State Sexual Harassment Prevention training each academic year. Newly hired faculty and staff are required to complete this same online training as part of their onboarding process at Canisius College.

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE INCLUDES:

**Sexual Assault** can be defined as any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs by force or without consent of the recipient of the unwanted sexual activity. Falling under the definition of sexual assault is sexual activity such as forced sexual intercourse, sodomy, child molestation, incest, fondling, and attempted rape. It includes sexual acts against people who are unable to consent either due to age or lack of capacity.

**Domestic Violence** can be defined as a pattern of abusive behavior that is used by an intimate partner to gain or maintain power and control over the other intimate partner. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone.

**Dating Violence** is defined as violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: the length of the relationship; the type of relationship; the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

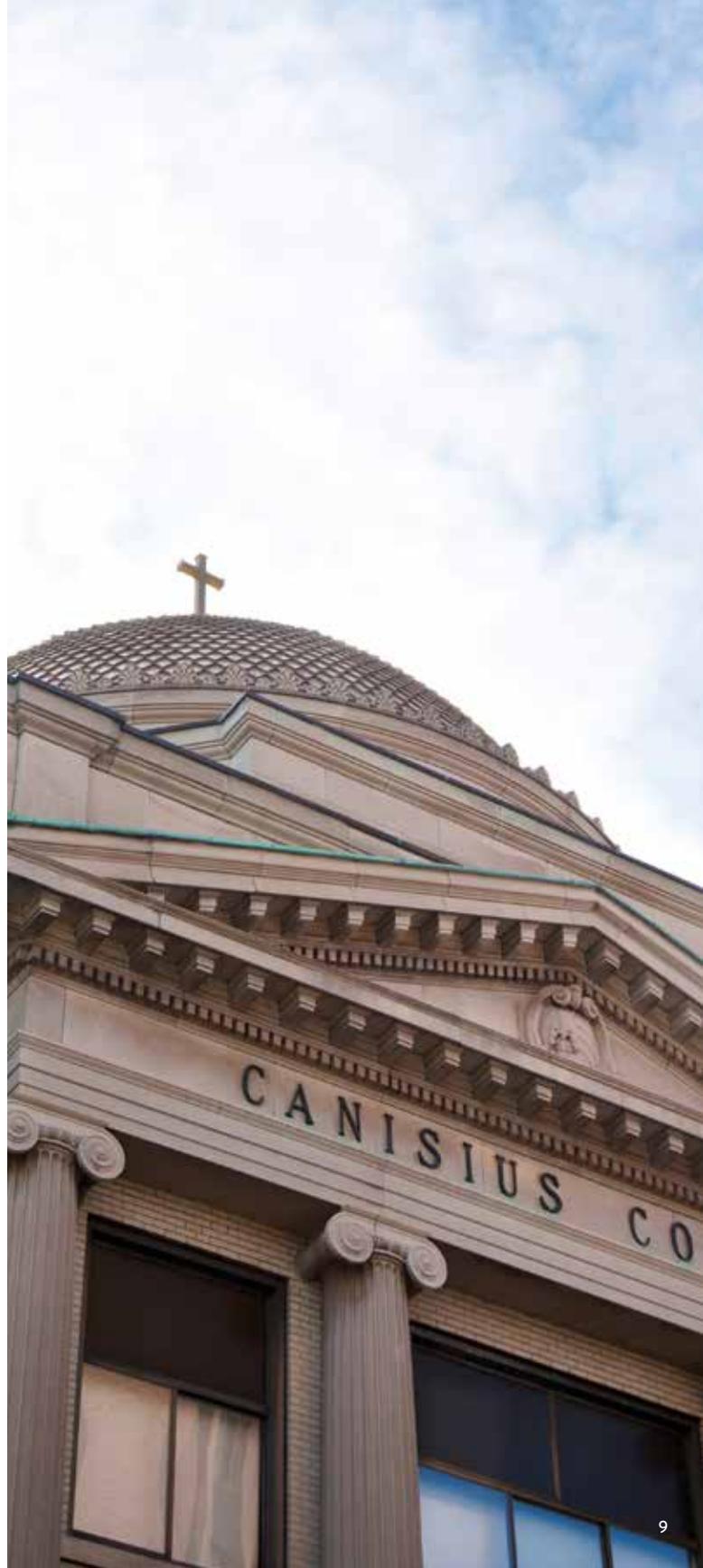
**Stalking** can be defined as a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

## CONSENTING TO SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Affirmative consent is a knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create clear permission regarding willingness to engage in the sexual activity. Silence or lack of resistance, in and of itself, does not demonstrate consent. The definition of consent does not vary based upon a participant's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. While not required by state or federal law, Canisius strongly recommends that students ask for and receive verbal consent before engaging in sexual activity. In addition,

- a. Consent to any sexual act or prior consensual sexual activity between or with any party does not necessarily constitute consent to any other sexual act.
- b. Consent is required regardless of whether the person initiating the act is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.
- c. Consent may be initially given but withdrawn at any time.
- d. Consent cannot be given when a person is incapacitated, which occurs when an individual lacks the ability to knowingly choose to participate in sexual activity. Incapacitation may be caused by the lack of consciousness or being asleep, being involuntarily restrained, or if an individual otherwise cannot consent. Depending on the degree of intoxication, someone who is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicants may be incapacitated and therefore unable to consent.
- e. Consent cannot be given when it is the result of any coercion, intimidation, force, or threat of harm.

When consent is withdrawn or can no longer be given, sexual activity must stop.



## A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT SHOULD:

### 1. GET TO A SAFE PLACE AND CALL A TRUSTED FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER.

### 2. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.

It is extremely important that the victim seeks immediate medical evaluation following a sexual assault. The best place for this evaluation is a hospital emergency room. In addition to treating any injuries, evaluating and treating for possible exposure to sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy, the emergency room staff is expertly trained to collect valuable medical evidence. This evidence may be used in the event that the victim wishes to have the perpetrator prosecuted at a later time. Without this evidence, it is very difficult to get a conviction.

Remember, do not drink, bathe, douche, brush teeth, change clothes or comb hair. It is only natural to want to do these things but doing so may destroy evidence. If changing clothes is necessary, all clothing worn during the assault should be placed in a paper bag and taken to the hospital. The victim may wish to have a friend or family member accompany her/him to the hospital or if the victim wishes, someone from the college can accompany him/her.

### 3. SEEK SUPPORT.

Regardless of whether the assault is reported, it is often helpful to seek counseling for the traumatic experience. The Canisius College Counseling Center (716)888-2620 or Crisis Services (716)834-3131 can provide confidential support.

### 4. DOCUMENT THE INCIDENT.

A victim should write down every detail about the incident including: who, what, when, where and how.

- If the police are to be involved and criminal charges are filed, this information is crucial.

### 5. DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED.

The decision of whether or not to report the incident lies with the victim. The victim can choose to make a report to local law enforcement or Canisius College or both.

If the victim wishes to report the incident to local law enforcement, the Buffalo Police Department (911) or the New York State Police Hotline 1-866-SAFENYS should be contacted.

If the alleged perpetrator is a member of the Canisius College community and the victim would like to have the incident investigated and adjudicated by Canisius College officials, the victim should contact the Title IX Coordinator, Debbie Owens, (716)888- 3781, owens30@canisius.edu. The Title IX Coordinator will assign a Title IX investigator to investigate the incident and proceed with Community Standards procedures.

Whether the victim chooses the external or internal process, a college representative will be available to assist throughout the process and provide transportation to off campus sites.

## STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS – SEXUAL VIOLENCE

All students have the right to:

1. Make a report to local law enforcement and/or state police;
2. Have disclosures of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault treated seriously;
3. Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or violation and participate in the judicial or conduct process and/or criminal justice process free from pressure by the institution;
4. Participate in a process that is fair, impartial, and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
5. Be treated with dignity and to receive from the institution courteous, fair, and respectful health care and counseling services, where available;
6. Be free from any suggestion that the reporting individual is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes or violations;
7. Describe the incident to as few institution representatives as practicable and not be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident;
8. Be protected from retaliation by the institution, any student, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of the institution;
9. Access to at least one level of appeal of a determination;
10. Be accompanied by an advisor of choice who may assist and advise a reporting individual, accused, or respondent throughout the judicial or conduct process including during all meetings and hearings related to such process; and
11. Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice, or judicial or conduct process of the institution.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Academic and living arrangements may be made to accommodate the victim's needs. For example, if the victim and the accused are in the same class or residence hall, arrangements may be made to separate the two.

### REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION

The campus community can obtain up-to-date law enforcement agency information provided by the state of New York concerning registered sex offenders from the New York State Sex Offender Registry website at: [www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/SomsSUBDirectory/search\\_index.jsp](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/SomsSUBDirectory/search_index.jsp)

### MORE INFORMATION

The complete policy statement on sexual assault and information on preventing sexual assault is available in the following offices: Student Life, Student Affairs, Public Safety, Student Health and Counseling Center.

### PRIVATE REPORTING OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

If a bystander of an act of sexual violence (sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking) on campus or in the campus area would like to report the incident while keeping the identity of the victim private, the Title IX Coordinator should be contacted at (716)888- 3781.

If a Campus Security Authority wishes to report an incident of sexual violence, the Title IX Coordinator should be contacted. The Title IX Coordinator will take steps to keep the victim's identity private. If the Title IX Coordinator determines that the circumstances of the crime pose a danger to the campus community, she will communicate with Public Safety or local police.

## CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

If the victim or bystander of an act of sexual violence wishes to receive confidential support from Canisius College staff, the Canisius College Counseling Center should be contacted at (716) 888-2620 during regular business hours. Outside of regular business hours a victim or bystander can call Public Safety (716) 888-2330 to request a response from the Counselor on-call. The victim or bystander can give Public Safety a contact number without revealing any additional information and Public Safety will contact the Counselor on-call and the counselor will call the contact number given. If a victim or bystander of an act of sexual violence wishes to receive confidential support from someone outside Canisius College, Crisis Services may be contacted 24/7 at (716) 834-3131.

## ORDERS OF PROTECTION

The College acknowledges the validity of, and will take appropriate legal and internal judicial action in regard to, all Orders of Protection, "no contact orders" and restraining orders that are issued by a criminal, civil or tribal court or by the college.

## OTHER INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS

The policies that Canisius College abides by when investigating reported incidents, including the protection of victims and their identity, as well as possible actions the college may exercise when dealing with the accused, are found in more depth at [www.canisius.edu/title-ix-coordinator](http://www.canisius.edu/title-ix-coordinator)

## RESIDENCE FACILITIES

The Canisius College residence community presently houses nearly 1,200 students in varied accommodations, ranging from a two-person traditional style room to fully furnished apartments and townhouses. Services and programs intended to enhance the quality of life and to assure the security and safety of the resident student body are important to the Office of Student Life. All residence halls are equipped with a state-of-the-art swipe card access system. General access is available only to residents of those buildings. Guests may call residents to gain access. All facilities are served by hall directors and resident assistants. At least one professional staff member is on duty at all times, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The varied types of housing available, the policies and procedures for housing assignments, building and roommate selection, and guest access are described more thoroughly by accessing [canisius.edu/student-experience](http://canisius.edu/student-experience). Security and safety policies and procedures, especially regarding locking individual rooms, building entrances and related precautions are discussed with residents in crime prevention seminars, routine floor meetings and in printed materials posted and distributed by the staff. During holidays and other periods in the academic year when classes are not in session, some or all of the residence facilities are closed. Those few students authorized to live on campus during that time are registered with the Office of Student Life and Department of Public Safety due to decreased staffing levels.

## DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY

The College complies with and enforces federal, state and local laws and college regulations that regulate the possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances. The following represents the drug and alcohol policies of Canisius College.

On the College's premises or at college-sponsored activities, the following are prohibited:

- Distribution, possession or use of any illegal drug or controlled substance or drug paraphernalia;
- Providing alcoholic beverages to individuals under 21 years of age or possession of alcoholic beverages by individuals under 21 years of age;
- Illegal possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage, public intoxication and driving while intoxicated.

The Counseling Center and Student Health Center provide assessment and assistance to students. Educational programs addressing alcohol and drug-related issues are co-sponsored by the offices of Student Life, the Department of Public Safety, the Counseling Center, the Student Health Center and several recognized student organizations. For more information regarding drug and alcohol policies and programs consult the Canisius College Drug and Alcohol Policy in the [Student Handbook](#).

Additionally, a copy of President Hurley's letter to the Canisius community regarding substance abuse and how to obtain help can be found at [canisius.edu/sites/default/files/%2A/16-17\\_drug-free\\_schools\\_and\\_communities\\_act.pdf](http://canisius.edu/sites/default/files/%2A/16-17_drug-free_schools_and_communities_act.pdf)

## WEAPONS POSSESSION

The unauthorized possession, use or sale of firearms, airsoft guns, airguns, paintball guns, ammunition, fireworks, explosives or any lethal weapon or dangerous instrument, is strictly forbidden on campus and subject to college discipline as well as criminal charges. Approval for possession and use of firearms is limited to specific situations such as Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) supervised activities, Canisius Public Safety officers engaged in their official duties and commissioned law enforcement officers engaged in their official duties. All other possession or use of a weapon must be authorized in writing by the Canisius College Director of Public Safety.

## LETHAL WEAPONS & DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

are defined as firearms, airsoft guns, air guns, paintball guns, ammunition, fireworks, explosives, or thing which, in the manner it is used, is intended to be used or threatened to be used, is known to be capable of producing death or serious bodily injury. Examples of lethal weapons and dangerous instruments include but are not limited to: firearms of any description, paintball, carbon dioxide and spring propelled guns, swords, dirks, knives, brass knuckles, blackjacks, bow and arrows or crossbows or other devices designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind, stun guns, stun batons, tasers or other electronic or electric weapons, fireworks, bombs, and other explosive devices that may be implemented for the infliction of serious bodily injury, and any other instrument deemed to be a weapon. This list is not intended to describe all possible weapons; final determination is at the discretion of the college.

OFFENSE	CAMPUS			CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL FACILITY*			PUBLIC PROPERTY			NON-CAMPUS**		
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Burglary	2	2	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>VAWA</b>	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
+ Domestic Violence	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
+ Dating Violence	0	4	3	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
+ Stalking	2	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ARRESTS</b>	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Related Violation	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Liquor Law Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS</b>	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Related Violation	14	30	14	14	29	13	0	0	1	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violation	27	41	43	25	38	39	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HATE CRIMES</b>	* Crimes reported in the residential facility column are also included in the on-campus category.						+ Categories: Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking were categories added to the 2019 Annual Report under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).					
There were no reported hate crimes for the years 2018, 2019 or 2020							** Non-campus interpretation by the Department of Education for 2020. Report includes locations where students spent two or more nights during 2020. To be reportable, these incidents need only to have occurred at an address during the time Canisius was 'under contract' for a part of that location.					

## LOCATION DEFINITIONS

**ON CAMPUS:** Building or property owned or controlled by the institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution and used in direct support of the educational purposes (such as academic buildings, parking areas and residential property).

**CAMPUS RESIDENTIAL FACILITY:** Building owned or controlled by the institution and used as a residential facility for students on campus.

A map outlining the Public Safety Patrol area can be viewed in the Public Safety Office.

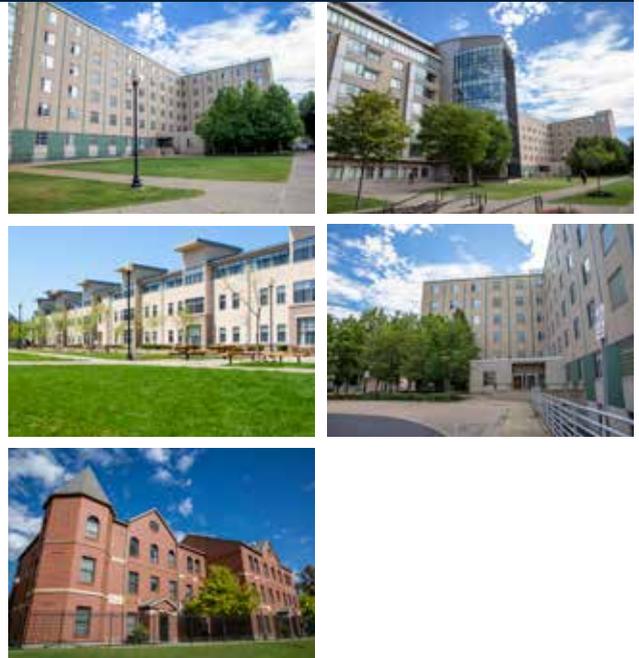
**PUBLIC PROPERTY:** Public property that is near or adjacent to a facility owned or controlled by the institution, such as sidewalks, streets and public parking facilities.

**NON-CAMPUS BUILDING OR PROPERTY:** Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

# STUDENT HOUSING FIRE STATISTICS

2018-2020

CANISIUS COLLEGE					
	BOSCH RESIDENCE HALL	DELANVAN TOWN HOUSES	DUGAN HALL	FRISCH RESIDENCE HALL	VILLAGE
TOTAL FIRES IN EACH BUILDING	0	1	0	0	0
FIRE NUMBER	0	1	1	0	0
DATE	N/A	9/5/20 12/8/20	2/26/18	3/14/20	N/A
TIME	N/A	21:50 18:40	20:44	21:44	N/A
CAUSE OF FIRE	N/A	UNT	UNT	UNT	N/A
NUMBER OF INJURIES REQUIRING TREATMENT AT A MEDICAL FACILITY	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
NUMBER OF DEATHS RELATED TO A FIRE	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE	N/A	\$0-99	\$0-99	\$0-99	N/A
CASE NUMBER	N/A	20-012745 20-017704	18-003449	20-004566	N/A



UNT : UNINTENTIONAL    INT : INTENTIONAL

# STUDENT HOUSING FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS

2018-2020

CANISIUS COLLEGE					
	BOSCH RESIDENCE HALL	DELANVAN TOWN HOUSES	DUGAN HALL	FRISCH RESIDENCE HALL	VILLAGE
FIRE ALARM MONITORING DONE ON SITE (BY CCPS)	X	X	X	X	X
PARTIAL 1 SPRINKLER SYSTEM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FULL 2 SPRINKLER SYSTEM	X	X	X	X	NONE
SMOKE DETECTION	X	X	X	X	X
FIRE EXTINGUISHER DEVICES	X	X	X	X	X
EVACUATION ON PLANS/PLACARDS	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
NUMBER OF EVACUATION (FIRE) DRILLS EACH ACADEMIC YEAR	4	4	4	4	4



1: Partial Sprinkler System is defined as having sprinklers in the common areas only.  
 2: Full Sprinkler System is defined as having sprinklers in both the common areas and individual rooms.

# ANNUAL FIRE REPORT

## RESTRICTED STUDENT HOUSING APPLIANCES & ITEMS

College fire, safety and sanitation regulations prohibit the use of all dangerous appliances in student rooms. The following are expressly forbidden:

- Open coil heaters
- Air conditioners
- Satellite dishes
- Halogen lamps
- Woks
- Immersion coils
- Deep-fat fryers
- Rotisseries
- Hot plates
- Stoves
- Frying appliance
- Any type of open flame devices
- Any type of exposed burner

Any student causing a fire in or about college housing facilities is subject to restitution and disciplinary action, to include but not limited to suspension from housing or expulsion from the college.

### ALLOWED FOR CAUTIOUS & LIMITED USE ARE:

- Hot pots
- Toaster-type closed ovens and crock-pots
- Electric skillets and fry pans may be used only in the kitchen area
- Microwaves
- Electric blankets
- Radios
- TVs
- DVD players
- Stereos
- Hair dryers
- Curlers, or curling irons
- Coffee makers
- Popcorn poppers

NOTE: Any appliance used must bear UL LISTED certification

### CHRISTMAS TREES/FLAMMABLE DECORATIONS

Christmas trees are not allowed in the residence halls. Only small live plants are allowed in student rooms. During the Christmas season and throughout the year, only fire resistant decorations are allowed. Flammable decorations are not permitted in the residence halls. In addition, decorative electric lights of any kind are not permitted in residence halls.

### CANDLES/INCENSE

Because of fire safety concerns in college owned housing, Canisius College has banned the use of all types of candles and incense. If these items are found during inspections, the Office of Student Life reserves the right to cut wicks off candles or confiscate and return the items to students at a later date.

### REFRIGERATORS & OTHER ALLOWABLE APPLIANCES

Refrigerators must be compact, (4.5 cubic feet or less and outside dimensions no larger than 25" x 25" x 25", unless approved by the Office of Student Life), rating of 3 amps per hour or less and be in safe electrical condition. For proper ventilation and sanitation, refrigerators should be placed on a stand. Placing them in closets does not allow for proper ventilation. Personal refrigerators must be inspected by the Student Life staff.

### LIGHTS

Rope lights, string lights, and holiday lights are prohibited in college housing.

### EXTENSION CORDS

Extension cords are prohibited in all college housing. However, power strips may be used.

### USE OF PERMITTED APPLIANCES/INSPECTIONS

Even those appliances permitted in student rooms demand the user to exercise reasonable precautions. It is important to unplug appliances when they are not in use since even items with thermostatic controls may prove defective. All appliances must be used in a manner prescribed by their manufacturers. Use of a noncombustible pad of adequate size is required underneath the appliances to protect the room furnishings and to prevent fires. Damage or injury resulting from the use of any appliance not provided by the Office of Student Life shall be the responsibility of the user and/or owner. NOTE: Any appliance used is required to bear UL Listing Certification.

### FIRE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Fire safety inspections are conducted by a NYS Fire Inspector, Facilities Management, and Student Life staff. Student Life staff will request the correction of any safety violations. A resident's failure to remove dangerous or prohibited items when requested to do so by Student Life may lead to confiscation of the item or the student's removal from housing.

### SMOKING POLICY

Canisius College is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is prohibited in all indoor and outdoor areas on campus.

## FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION & TRAINING

### STUDENT HOUSING

Student Life staff are trained annually on fire extinguisher use, smoke/fire detection systems, and important procedures in the event of an actual fire. In addition, Student Life staff addresses fire safety issues with resident students annually at floor meetings. When a student is identified as accidentally setting off a residential fire system, Student Life staff addresses fire safety issues during a follow up meeting with the student. Student Life also provides a media campaign in the residence facility common areas which promote fire safety.

### STAFF & FACULTY

Information about fire drill procedures are distributed campus-wide in conjunction with each fire drill. Additionally the Office of Accessibility Support Services provides on-line evacuation procedures and guidelines pertinent to evacuating persons with special needs.



## STUDENT HOUSING & CAMPUS FIRE EVACUATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

All fire alarms should be considered fire alerts and the building of occurrence, regardless of its type, must be evacuated immediately.

It is the policy of Canisius College that any known or suspected fire or activated fire alarm must be immediately reported to Public Safety at (716)888-2330.

In case of fire, you should activate the alarm in your area and evacuate the building immediately. If you are in a residence facility, if practical, knock on room doors along your evacuation route to notify residents of the fire evacuation. Do not attempt to extinguish the fire. Whether it's an actual fire or a false alarm, the building must be evacuated immediately. The following procedures should be followed:

- Wear or carry clothing suitable for the weather.
- Close and lock your room or office door.
- Do not stop to gather valuables.
- Leave the building via the stairway. (DO NOT USE ELEVATORS). Do so in an orderly and expedient manner.
- Do not obstruct passageways for firefighters or other emergency responders.
- Remain outside and at least fifty (50) feet away from the building until the signal to return is given or you are directed to another building or area. Anyone remaining in the building during an evacuation is subject to disciplinary action

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Based on guidelines established by the NYS Office of Fire Prevention, Public Safety will notify the Buffalo Fire Department in the event of an activated fire alarm or reported fire or suspected fire. Students or employees should not contact the Buffalo Fire Department unless they are unable to contact the Public Safety Department. Dial 911 for the Buffalo Fire Department.

All resident students must immediately evacuate their residence facility upon activation of a fire alarm by following the aforementioned procedures. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary sanctions, not limited to but could include removal from the residence halls, residence/college probation, and completion of fire education workshop.

Upon an emergency evacuation of a residence hall, students must never re-enter the building without the direction of the Public Safety supervisor, in conjunction with Student Life officials and/or the Buffalo Fire Department. Do not under any circumstance re-enter the building based on rumor or silenced alarm. Wait for the direction of personnel in charge.

Keep in mind that if the Buffalo Fire Department has been summoned to the scene of an activated fire alarm or suspected fire, they are the officials in control of the situation.

## FUTURE FIRE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Campus fire safety systems are routinely inspected and tested. Results are documented and deficiencies are addressed promptly. Improvements are planned and submitted through the annual capital request process.