2024 ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT
Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act
Call 911

What is a 911 emergency?
It's any situation that requires an immediate police, fire, or medical response to preserve life or property. These include:
- an assault or immediate danger of assault
- a chemical spill
- someone choking
- a crime in progress
- a drowning
- a fight
- a fire
- a serious injury or illness
- a situation involving weapons

How can I call 911 on campus?
- On 253-, 254-, and 255-prefix Cornell-system phones, lift the receiver, wait for the dial tone, and dial 911. There's no need to press 9 first for an outside line.
- On Cornell Blue Light and other campus emergency phones, just lift the receiver or press the button. These phones all have a direct connection to Cornell Police for emergencies, assistance, or information.
- On other non–Cornell-system phones, lift the receiver, and dial 911.

When should I NOT call 911?
In an emergency, seconds count. Use 911 only for emergencies—misuse of 911 may delay response to a legitimate emergency. And it's against the law.
Don't call 911 to report:
- minor auto accidents
- a crime no longer in progress and not requiring an immediate response to preserve life or property
- disabled vehicles
- a loud party
- missing property
- telephone, cable, or power outages
- or to check on weather, road conditions, or Cornell's operating status

How can I report a missing or endangered person?
Call the Cornell Police at 607.255.1111 (or 5.1111 if on campus) or 911.

How do I reach Cornell Police to report a non emergency on-campus incident?
Call 5.1111 on a Cornell-system phone or 607.255.1111 on a non–Cornell system phone. Or pick up a Blue Light or other campus emergency phone. Use this number for information and general assistance, too.

Calling 911 from a Cellular Phone
If you call 911 on a cellular phone on campus (or anywhere in Tompkins County), your call will be routed to the Tompkins County 911 Center. Describe as clearly as possible the location and nature of the emergency, and the call will be routed to Cornell Police or to another local emergency-response agency.

Check out the Cornell Police website, www.cupolice.cornell.edu, for the latest information about safety and security issues on campus, including recent “daily crime logs” that list police activity.
Greetings!

The Division of Public Safety was created in the spring of 2022 integrating Cornell public safety services and units on the Ithaca campus into a single organization, thus creating a comprehensive approach that prioritizes transparency and empathy in delivery of public safety services, recruitment of community focused employees, and training focused on contemporary issues such as de-escalation, procedural justice, and trauma informed interactions with our community. The division works with the Public Safety Advisory Committee and university leadership, as well as the campus community, in the ongoing public safety effort.

The Division of Public Safety comprises the Cornell University Police Department, Cornell’s Public Safety Communications Center, the Access Control Program, the Clery Act Compliance Office, the Office of Emergency Management, and the student-led Emergency Medical Service. Last year, we welcomed the Community Response Team into the division and this year we welcomed the Public Safety Ambassadors.

Our mission is to promote a safe and secure campus environment through services and education. To achieve this mission, we often engage with our campus community and the public to understand what matters most regarding public safety and response. We are dedicated to strengthening our community partnerships and delivering best in class service.

This is the framework for a holistic, equitable, and sustainable public safety approach on our campus. My job focuses on continuing the principles I have held my entire career to make sure that we have a safe campus and devote the right resources to that safety and feeling of well-being.

Dave Honan
Associate Vice President for Public Safety

Welcome to Cornell University, Class of 2028! As the Chief of the Cornell University Police Department (CUPD), I am committed to fostering an environment of collaboration and inclusiveness within our department, division, and campus community. Our mission is to be prepared, responsive, and engage the community with purpose.

We are actively working with the campus community, listening to its members, and making decisions based on our community’s values, expectations, and concerns. As the police chief responsible for fifty-two sworn officers who serve with professionalism and pride, I am dedicated to supporting community partnerships and promoting student and employee well-being practices.

Guided by the CUPD command staff and the Public Safety Advisory Committee, we will collaborate with community partners to provide resources that enhance the student experience. Our approach to public safety is committed to improving the quality of life by fostering a safe and secure environment while respecting the dignity of all community members.

We would like to invite you to read our Annual Security Report, CampusWatch, to learn more about our efforts and initiatives. Thank you for being a part of our community, and we look forward to serving you.

Anthony Bellamy
Chief, Cornell University Police
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This publication provides an overview of services available to Cornell University students, faculty, and staff. As we go to press, the entries you find here are current and correct. But phone numbers, hours, and even services change. If you have difficulty contacting one of the service providers listed here, please contact the Public Safety Communications Center for current information.
Division of Public Safety

The Division of Public Safety (DPS) was created in the spring of 2022 integrating all Cornell public safety services and units on the Ithaca campus into a single organization. This consolidation creates a comprehensive approach that prioritizes transparency and empathy in recruitment, training, and operations. DPS is led by Associate Vice President David Honan, promoted from his role as Chief of Cornell Police where he served as a 25-year veteran on the force. The Division serves a campus community of approximately 26,000 students and 10,000 faculty and staff. The new Division is led by the following AVP direct reports: Chief Anthony Bellamy who oversees the Cornell Police; Peggy Matta, staff administrator, who oversees university compliance for all Clery Act requirements as well as Access Control/Video Surveillance Program for the university; Mark Conrad, director, who oversees Cornell’s DPS 911 Communications Center, and the Division’s IT and business operations; Dan Maas, associate director, overseeing University Emergency Management and advising the Cornell University EMS, a student-run emergency medical first response agency; Angaleen Trentanelli, director, who leads the Community Response Team (CRT), and Bryant Carpenter, manager, who leads the Public Safety Ambassadors.

David Honan, Associate Vice President

Clery Compliance

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act requires colleges and universities amongst other things to:
- Publish an annual report every year by October 1 containing three years of campus crime statistics and certain campus security policy statements that are disseminated to the campus community and submitted to the U.S. Department of Education
- Disclose crime statistics for the campus, public areas immediately adjacent to or running through the campus, and certain non-campus facilities and remote classrooms
- Provide emergency notifications to the campus community when a significant threat or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health and safety of the Cornell community occurs
- Provide “timely warning” notices of those crimes that have occurred and pose an ongoing “threat to students and employees”
- Disclose in a public crime log any crime that occurred within the patrol jurisdiction of the campus police or the campus security department or on its Clery geography and is reported to the campus police or security department”

The Cornell University Clery Compliance Office is responsible for preparing and distributing the Annual Security Report (Campus Watch). The Cornell Police department is responsible for providing emergency notifications and timely warnings to the Cornell community, and maintaining the daily crime log.

The crime statistics contained in this report are collected from a number of sources and include: (1) crimes reported directly to CUPD, regardless of whether there has been a criminal adjudication of the matter; (2) crimes provided by local municipal police departments with jurisdiction over the campus; and (3) incidents reported to designated Campus Security Authorities (university staff members with significant responsibility for student and campus affairs, including disciplinary matters), regardless of whether the incident has been investigated.

Each member of the university community receives an annual email describing the report and providing the web address for the posted documents. A hard copy of the Annual Security Report is provided upon request. For more information, contact the Cornell Clery Compliance Officer at 607.255.4393, https://www.cupolice.cornell.edu/campus-watch/annual-security-report/.

Annual Fire Safety Report

The Annual Fire Safety Report includes fire statistics for each on-campus student housing facility, including fire protection systems and evacuation drills conducted. The report also includes institutional policies, rules, and guidance documents concerning fire safety, such as procedures for student housing evacuation.

You may obtain a copy of this report by contacting the University Fire Marshal office at 607.255.8200, by emailing ehsufm@cornell.edu or linking to https://chs.cornell.edu/campus-health-safety/fire-and-life-safety/annual-fire-safety-report-logs/cornell-university-annual-fire-safety-report.

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Cornell’s Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) is composed of students, staff, and faculty members who advise the Division of Public Safety on issues of public safety and security, community engagement, and victims’ advocacy. PSAC is an advisory committee on campus security in accordance with Section 129-A of New York State Education Law. The committee makes recommendations to improve campus security policies and procedures and reviews issues that affect the overall safety and wellbeing of Cornell’s diverse community. This past year, the focus of the committee has been on public safety interactions, deployment of the newly established Public Safety Ambassador team, mental health services, victim’s services, and developing methods for gathering community perspectives on policing and alternative methods.

The Committee is co-chaired by Executive Vice President/ CFO Christopher Cowen and Vice President for Student and Campus Life Ryan Lombardi. Appointments to the committee are made annually. Students, faculty, and staff members interested in the PSAC are invited to contact the committee chairs. For more information about the PSAC please visit https://www.cupolice.cornell.edu/campus-safety-security/public-safety-advisory-committee-psac/.

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**Note:** An additional 9 reports were made in 2023 that met the definition of a Clery Act offense, but for which no location was provided or could otherwise be identified: 4 Rape; 1 Fondling; 1 Stalking; 3 Dating Violence. These reports are not included in the 2023 statistics detailed above because they do not fall within a defined Clery Act geographic category.

An additional 24 reports of sexual assault were made in 2023 for which no specific Clery Act offense (rape, fondling, incest, statutory rape) was provided or could otherwise be identified: 3 on-campus unknown type Sexual Assault; 2 residential facility unknown type Sexual Assault; 2 non-campus unknown type Sexual Assault; 17 reports of unknown type Sexual Assault for which no location was provided or could otherwise be identified. These reports are not included in the 2023 statistics detailed above because they do not fall within a defined Clery Act crime category.

Definitions of all reportable offenses and Clery Act geography can be found at [http://www.cupolice.cornell.edu/campus-watch/crime-definitions](http://www.cupolice.cornell.edu/campus-watch/crime-definitions)

For information regarding all reports of prohibited sexual and related misconduct made to the University in 2023 see [https://titleix.cornell.edu/statistics](https://titleix.cornell.edu/statistics)

While reporting directly to the Cornell University Police Department is preferred (607) 255-1111, CSAs may also meet their Clery Act reporting obligations by using the Incident Report Form for non emergency incidents. ([https://cornell.guardianconduct.com/incident-reporting](https://cornell.guardianconduct.com/incident-reporting)). This is the same form used for reporting sexual misconduct and other forms of misconduct to university officials.

For the purposes of Clery Act reporting, institutions must report to the Department of Education and disclose in its annual security report statistics for the three most recent calendar years concerning the number of each of the crimes in the chart above that occurred on or within its Clery geography and that are reported to local police agencies or to a campus security authority.

- **On-campus.** Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution’s educational purposes, including residence halls; and any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the area identified in paragraph (1) of this definition, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes.

- **On-campus subset:** On-campus Student Housing Facilities. Any student housing facility that is owned or controlled by the institution or is located on property that is owned or controlled by the institution and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus is considered an on-campus student housing facility.

- **Public Property.** All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, which is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

- **Noncampus.** 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.
Arrests/Disciplinary Referrals

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Hate Crimes:

2023: One (1) on campus intimidation characterized by race; two (2) residential facility intimidation characterized by ethnicity; five (5) on campus intimidation characterized by ethnicity; one (1) on campus vandalism characterized by ethnicity

2022: One (1) on campus vandalism characterized by race

2021: There were no Clery Act reportable hate crimes

Unfounded Crimes:

2023: One (1) on campus motor vehicle theft.

2022: One (1) on campus motor vehicle theft.

2021: There were no unfounded crimes.
The Cornell University Police Department, under the leadership of Chief Anthony Bellamy, is an internationally accredited organization that operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, from its headquarters in Barton Hall. To contact the department for general information and assistance, call 607.255.1111, use a Blue Light or other campus emergency telephone, or the RAVE Guardian app. In an emergency, call 911 or use a Blue Light or other campus emergency phone.

As the law enforcement agency for the Cornell University community, the mission of Cornell Police is service; to protect lives and property, maintain order, prevent crimes, receive and investigate reports of crimes, and provide other law-enforcement services—the same duties as those of other law-enforcement agencies. In addition, the department is responsive to the special needs of the large and diverse Cornell community—a community that comprises people who come from across the United States and the world to study and work at Cornell.

The Cornell Police (CUPD) is commissioned by New York State with the authority and responsibility to enforce all applicable local, state, and federal laws. Officers have the authority and duty to conduct criminal investigations, arrest violators, and suppress campus crime. CUPD officers are duly sworn peace officers—as set forth in Section 2.20 of the New York State Criminal Procedure Law and as authorized by New York State Education Law, Sections 5708 and 5709—authorized to carry firearms, and provided the same authority as municipal police officers to use police powers of arrest.

CUPD has authority within grounds or premises owned or controlled by Cornell University, including any public highway that crosses or adjoins such property, and shares jurisdiction with local agencies in adjacent areas. In addition, the CUPD may also respond to off-campus addresses that house affiliated programs such as fraternities and sororities. The Cornell Police have a Memorandum of Understanding for ministerial services with the Ithaca Police Department and the Tompkins County Sheriff’s Office. Local police typically provide information to CUPD regarding Cornell affiliates, including students, who come to their attention in areas adjacent to campus where CUPD does not have jurisdiction. Such information may include students in need of campus support and services and reports of criminal activity by students engaged at off-campus locations of student organizations officially recognized by the institution, including student organizations with off-campus housing facilities.

The department has 55 members, 52 of them sworn officers who patrol campus on foot, in vehicles, on bicycles, and with explosive-detection K-9s.

The CUPD staff reflect a broad spectrum of backgrounds and interests. Cornell Police officers and civilian staff are selected for their expertise, dedication, sensitivity, communication skills, and high respect for the special public trust bestowed on law-enforcement officials. Sworn officers complete the 629-hour Municipal Police Training Council, or MPTC, the certified Basic Course for Police Officers training, and then are assigned to a 17-week field training officer to learn about the Cornell environment. Continual education and training throughout an officer’s career are essential, allowing officers to keep current with technical and social changes that effect and mold the campus, our society, and the law-enforcement profession.

In 2024, the department continues ongoing efforts to identify, recruit, and hire excellent, diverse, sworn, and non-sworn employees.

Accreditation
Adherence to the highest standards of professionalism and excellence is vital to the success of campus public safety departments in fulfilling their mission to protect students, faculty, staff, and the millions of yearly visitors to colleges and universities. The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) represents campus public safety leaders at more than 1,200 institutions of higher education and offers IACLEA Accreditation to colleges and university law enforcement, security, and public safety departments. IACLEA Accreditation constitutes recognition that a department conforms to the highest professional standards for campus law enforcement and protective services using “best practices” and appropriate criteria for the effective and efficient operations of a campus public safety agency. IACLEA urges all campus public safety departments to attain IACLEA Accreditation as a means to assure the public, parents, and the university community that your campus public safety agency adheres to the highest professional standards.

In 2021, the IACLEA Accreditation Commission released nine standards, six new and three modified, that align with Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Safe Communities. These standards, developed by and for campus public safety professionals, reflect best practices that every campus police and public safety agency should aspire to meet for the benefit of their campus community and agency officers alike. The standards ensure that law enforcement agencies continue striving to provide transparent, safe, and accountable delivery of services to communities. This delivery will enhance community confidence in law enforcement and facilitate the identification and correction of internal issues before they result in injury to members of the public or law enforcement officers. These standards are part of the Cornell University Police’s current accreditation cycle.

The Cornell University Police Department was accredited in 2010, and has earned consecutive re-accreditation status in July 2013, May 2017, and June 2021 respectively.
Agencies who choose to be accredited are evaluated comprehensively every four years, needing to provide proof that they abide by their written policies. This involves annual documentation of the 227 standards that the IACLEA commission puts forth. The Cornell Police department will apply for reaccreditation again in April of 2025.

Professional Development and Training
Training and education of Cornell Police personnel is essential and necessary to keep current with technical and social trends and challenges. The department has over 25 certified police instructors (currently 30 instructors) to provide training that often exceeds federal and state law enforcement minimum standards while frequently engaging in community wide events. Cornell Police Officers train in areas of de-escalation, diversity, cultural competency, CPR, first aid, as well as many other areas that allow them to provide vital services to the local community. A few examples of these community-oriented events are child safety seat fitting stations, car safety events, impaired driving prevention programs, personal safety programs, mental health trainings, as well as domestic violence prevention events in conjunction with other local organizations throughout Cornell. These events allow our officers to get to know new members of the community as well as help us to maintain our current relationship with its long-term residents.

Professional development is generally broken down into five areas: formal training, specialized training, departmental in-service/roll call training, Cornell University training, and Federal and State mandated training. Formal training initiatives within the past year included all skills within the law enforcement discipline and were underscored by multiple initiatives in comprehensive active killer training, cultural and diversity training, ethics, defensive tactics, de-escalation tactics, as well as a focus on the hosted Department of Criminal Justice Services sponsored Legal Updates Course, Defensive Tactics Update Course, and Perspectives on Police Reform.

The Training Team has continued to focus on fulfilling all the training needs within the department such as firearms, officer safety training, sexual harassment training, de-escalation training, reality-based training, and the overall professional development needs of all employees. The Training Team has continued to utilize the PowerDMS Document Management and Training Software to help document the training efforts of our new employees, track training timelines, schedules, and to develop online trainings for many of our annual and biennial sessions. The LEXIPOL KMS program is used to track all our policies, documentation, and forms. CUPD is also still utilizing the LEFTA Systems FTO Software Program to help with the training of new employees. In the past year, the Cornell University Police shifted its focus on training to better meet the needs of our officers and our community. The department did this by emphasizing the importance of diversity and inclusion education and Student Mental Health-related trainings.

This year’s training initiatives focused on de-escalation tactics, student mental health awareness, diversity and inclusion initiatives, unconscious bias, ethics, cultural awareness, sexual harassment prevention, and driver safety. In-service training efforts included the continued partnership with Cornell Health, Cornell Environmental Health and Safety, Community Response Team (CRT), the CRI-TAC group as well as a continued partnership with other departments and colleagues on and off campus. These joint efforts offer us the chance to share knowledge of the challenges facing our department as well as other law enforcement entities. During the final months of the fiscal year, members received extensive training on diversity in the workplace, cultural acceptance, community outreach, as well as additional trainings on community support and health and safety.

Event Security and Planning
Sergeant Michael Scott is the Special Projects and Events Sergeant who assists with the planning, resource coordination, and logistics of event safety/security that take place on campus. He represents CUPD on the University Events Team (UET) board which is made up of campus stakeholders from multiple University departments. Sergeant Scott works with the Cornell community during the event planning and approval process helping planners with evaluating any safety and security concerns.

If you are planning an event on campus:
- Register your event at https://scheduling.cornell.edu.
- Access event resources at https://scheduling.cornell.edu/university-events
- Contact Sergeant Scott at (607) 255-7304 or by email at cupolice_events@cornell.edu with questions surrounding safety and security of events.

Patrol Unit
The Patrol Unit provides exemplary community-focused law enforcement services to Cornell students, faculty, staff, and visitors, using vehicle, foot, and bicycle patrol. As a pioneer in community centered engagements, officers continually partner with members of our community to build relationships, trust, and solve problems. Managed by Deputy Chief Eric Stickel, and Lieutenants Joseph Czanzo, Scott Grantz, and Brandon Frisbie, the Patrol Unit also provides specialized services such as explosive-detection K-9s, honor guard, directed crime suppression patrols, crime prevention and safety programs, and traffic enforcement details.

The Patrol Unit provides law enforcement services for special events and collaborates with partners within Campus Life and Student Organizations. The section has continuously been involved in the Ithaca/Tompkins community-oriented events throughout the years to include the annual BEAR Walk, Torch Run and Polar Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics, the Annual Cops, Kids and Toys Initiative, United Way, and “No Shave November” to help raise cancer awareness. The Patrol Unit further has several members working collaborative with university partners on teams which supports student health and safety targeted for student success.
Cornell Police Bike Patrol
The Cornell Police Bike Patrol is a common and welcome sight on the university campus, providing community contact, cycling education, and general and special patrol services. The bike patrol is available all hours of the day or night, in most weather conditions, and is effective at parades, sporting events, and other special occasions.

Cornell Police Bike Patrol officers use specially equipped mountain bikes to provide police services to the Cornell community. All members are trained and certified by the state of New York in the safe, proper, and effective use of police mountain bikes for patrol purposes. Several Cornell Police Bike Patrol members also have served as instructors for this training, providing instruction for law-enforcement officers across the state.

These bike patrol officers respond to calls for service and medical emergencies, provide traffic control, and enforce Cornell’s Student Code of Conduct in addition to New York State laws. The bike unit can patrol walkways and courtyards that are inaccessible to vehicle traffic and can quickly respond in areas congested with vehicle or pedestrian traffic. The bike patrol is particularly well suited to enforce rules and regulations covering bicycle and pedestrian safety; however, increasing the public’s awareness of the importance of safety and considerately sharing the road is one of the unit’s most important responsibilities.

Major Investigations
The Major Investigations Unit is managed by Lieutenant Daniel Murphy and is staffed by a sergeant and four investigators. The Major Investigations Unit’s primary responsibilities are investigating criminal activity, conducting follow-up investigations, collecting and managing evidence, and providing protection for visiting dignitaries. The Major Investigations Unit also conducts administrative investigations, pre-employment background investigations for positions within the Division of Public Safety, and assists in conducting assessments for potential threats to the university.

The Major Investigations Unit maintains close working relationships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and participates in the regional Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Missing Person Procedures
The Cornell Police must be notified immediately if a student is reported missing. To file a missing person report, call the Cornell Police at 607.255.1111 (or 6.1111 if on campus) or 911. Cornell University provides members of the campus community with the opportunity to contribute confidential emergency contact information to be used if they are officially reported as missing. This confidential contact information is accessible only to authorized campus officials and will not be disclosed, except to law enforcement personnel, in furtherance of a missing person investigation. (To register confidential emergency contact information see page 15 of this report, “Sign Up for Emergency Notification Systems.”)

If the Cornell Police determine that a student for whom a missing person report has been filed has been missing for more than 24 hours, then within the next 24 hours the department will:

- Notify the individual who has been identified by the student to be contacted in such circumstances
- Notify a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old.

- Notify appropriate local law enforcement officials with an EJustice message or other similar measure, in cases where the student is over 18 and has not identified a person to be contacted.

Lost and Found
Location: Ground Floor Barton Hall
(walkup window in main hallway)
Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Phone: 607.255.7197
Email: lostandfound@cornell.edu

Lose your cell phone, keys, or watch? Find someone else’s? Turn in found items 24/7 at Barton Hall. Almost all campus buildings have one or more lost-and-found locations—check them out, too.

If you do lose property, you can fill out a lost-and-found-property card, available at the Barton Hall office. If you lose your airpods, you can send an email to Lost and Found with the serial number that can be found by looking at your bluetooth settings for the device. Items valued at less than $50 are held for three months, then given to charity, recycled, or discarded. More expensive unclaimed items are held for a longer period and then go to auction.

Weapons Prohibition on Campus
A campus is no place for a weapon. It is a crime in New York State to possess a rifle, a shotgun, a BB gun, an air gun, a spring gun, or other firearm in or on the buildings or grounds of any school, college, or university, even if you have a valid New York State firearm permit.

This prohibition includes possessing a firearm while dropping off or picking up someone on the campus or while just driving through the campus. It is also a crime to possess nunchakus, daggers, switchblades, locking butterfly knives, stun guns, and any other instruments deemed unlawful by section 265.01-A of the New York State Penal Law.

Similarly, it is a violation of Cornell’s Student Code of Conduct to possess, carry, or use firearms—including ammunition or explosives—or other dangerous weapons, instruments, or
substances in or on university premises (except in the case of law-enforcement officers or as specifically authorized by the chief of Cornell Police).

In order to bring a firearm or other weapon onto campus for any reason, permission first must be obtained from the Chief of the Cornell Police or his/her designee, and, upon arrival on campus, the person must immediately deposit the weapon at Cornell Police headquarters, G2 Barton Hall, for safekeeping. When the weapon is signed out, it must immediately be taken off campus, and must immediately be deposited again with Cornell Police if it is brought back onto campus.

Alcohol and Drugs on Campus
Cornell University will assist members of the university community in understanding the risks associated with consuming alcohol and the need to prevent the harm that results from its misuse and abuse. The university’s policy on Alcohol and Other Drugs includes general guidelines regarding alcohol and other drugs, procedures for holding events at which alcohol is served, information about harm, including health risks, that can result from drinking or drug use, a description of the applicable legal sanctions under state law for the unlawful possession or distribution of drugs and alcohol, and a list of campus resources, including counseling.

Cornell Health offers a wide variety of prevention, education, and referrals for treatment and support that are sensitive to the challenges university students face regarding alcohol and other drug use. Cornell Health provides services for students who want to learn more about their own use of alcohol and other drugs, reduce or eliminate use, or are worried about a friend or family member’s use or dependency. To learn more, visit health.cornell.edu [search “AOD problem”].

Any member of the Cornell community who is planning a university event with alcohol needs to be familiar with the requirements of the policy, available at https://www.dfa.cornell.edu/policy/policies/alcohol-and-other-drugs-students-staff-faculty-and-visitor. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, use, and/or sale of controlled substances or other illegal drugs is prohibited.

The university is committed to upholding local, state, and federal law; requiring proper management of events where alcoholic beverages will be served; minimizing the misuse of alcoholic beverages; maintaining a drug-free workplace; and providing education about the risks associated with the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs. In addition, the Cornell Student Code of Conduct sets forth procedures and sanctions for violations of the policy on Alcohol or Drug-Related Behavior. Possible sanctions range from an oral warning to dismissal. The code is available at https://scl.cornell.edu/studentconduct.

Community Engagement
Community Engagement, under leadership of Sergeant Justin Haines, coordinates all the Cornell Police safety, security, and community outreach programs. It is staffed with two full-time Community Engagement officers, Beverly Van Cleef and Jodi Condzella. The Community Engagement team is engaged in many service initiatives to promote safety throughout the Cornell community.

The outreach programs are for both students and staff. The programs include safety and security forums about subjects such as response to active shooter threat awareness, recognizing workplace violence, personal safety and planning, alcohol awareness, CUPD meet and greet events, CUPD overview presentations which allow for students and staff to learn more about the University Police department and its members, and much more.

In addition, this specialized team is involved in the environmental design of new and renovated facilities on campus to ensure the continuity of function, security, and safety for the facility users. They also custom tailor safety plans for individual departments/locations at the university.

The blue light system that is part of the overall safety of our community at the University is also monitored by this group as they are responsible for the system and to make sure the system is compliant with campus policy regarding alarm system installation, training, and scheduled testing.

Campus Safety and Community Engagement Programs
Cornell Police offers these crime-prevention and public-safety outreach programs and services to any Cornell group or organization:

• **Personal Security** is directed at preventing crimes of violence. It includes developing a safety plan to keep individuals safe, a demonstration of personal alarms, and a discussion of illegal self-defense weapons.

• **Child Safety-seats** is a program that provides guidance regarding proper safety-seat installation for the campus community.

• **Sexual Assault Awareness** focuses on the law regarding sexual assaults; what is consent; how to change social norms; bystander intervention; the many options a victim/survivor has; and what resources are available on and off campus.

• **Winter Driving Techniques** focuses on handling your car on snow and ice, preparing yourself and your vehicle for inclement weather, and navigating Ithaca’s hills and other difficult areas.

• **Alcohol Awareness** reviews the physical effects of alcohol and laws related to driving while intoxicated and alcohol-related crimes. Fatal Vision™ goggles simulate the effects of alcohol on participants.

• **Cash Handling** is designed for retail personnel and focuses
on managing cash, identifying counterfeit currency, and handling robbery, bad checks, credit-card fraud, and more.

- **Violence in the Workplace** focuses on types of violence, how to identify potentially violent behavior, how to prevent and de-escalate threatening behaviors, and how to react to one.

- **Identity Theft** focuses on what identity theft is, how to avoid it, what to do if you become an identity-theft victim, and whom you need to report it to.

- **Stay Safe 360 degrees** is a program that covers protecting your possessions and identity, and preventing student assaults, controlling behavior, and stalking; it also reviews everyday safety on campus, common sense defense, and safe travel.

- **Response to Active Threat** teaches strategies for dealing with an active shooter on campus, before and after police arrive on the scene.

- **CUPD Overview** provides information about the Cornell Police: duties and capabilities, various units, and partnerships that prevent and reduce crime on campus.

- **CUPD K9 Meet and Greets and Demonstrations** is a program that allows individuals to meet the K9s that keep our University safe and learn more about their jobs at CUPD.

- **Certified Self-Defense Course** is a program that teaches realistic self-defense techniques to keep individuals safe.

To inquire about any of these programs or services, contact CUPD Community Engagement at CUPD_engagement@cornell.edu.

### Blue Light and Emergency Phones

There are currently over 1,000 Blue Light and emergency phones on the Cornell campus. For direct connection to Cornell Police, lift the receiver or press the button. Lost? Having car problems? Want to report a suspicious incident or a medical emergency? Need any other kind of assistance or information immediately? That is what these phones are for. As soon as the connection is activated, the location of the phone is displayed on the Cornell Public Safety 911 screen. If a caller does not or cannot speak, an officer is immediately dispatched to the phone site.

**Note:** If calling to report an emergency on a phone at the entrance to a residence hall, push the “on” button and then press 911.

### Virtual Escort (Guardians)

Blue Light Escorts have gone virtual. Connect to your Guardians through the Rave Guardian App for a virtual escort day or night. If you are unsure how to use the app or would like additional training, please contact cupid_engagement@cornell.edu.

**Set a Safety Timer:** If someone feels unsafe, a timer can be set within the Rave Guardian app which allows their current location to be tracked for an amount of time. In the event that the timer is not deactivated within the chosen time period, the user is contacted or the DPS Communications Center will be immediately alerted.

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**Lights On!**

Cornell Police is committed to making the campus a safe place. A big part of this effort is outside lighting, and we can use your help.

To report a light that is out, please call 607.255.1111. Give the exact location of the light and, if it is a pole light, the number on the pole.

To report an area on campus with insufficient lighting, notify the Cornell Police Community Engagement at CUPD_engagement@cornell.edu.

### Operation ID

**Location:** G2 Barton Hall

**Phone:** 607.255.7404 or 607.255.7305

Engraving your property means that it will more likely find its way back to you, should it be lost or stolen. Through the Operation ID program, Cornell Police and other law-enforcement agencies can return recovered personal property. You’ll be assigned a lifetime personal-identification number, which you then engrave—using equipment loaned to you by Cornell Police—on valuable possessions.

The Operation ID program is recognized throughout the United States and Canada, so any marked item recovered within those boundaries can be traced to its owner. Your participation in this program continues indefinitely, and you can engrave your ID number on possessions you acquire after you leave Cornell.

Anything worth keeping is worth engraving. Clothing and other non engraveable items can be labeled with an invisible marker. Marking your property can also be a deterrent.

Cornell considers Operation ID so worthwhile that university departments are required to engrave their property.

The Cornell Police Community Engagement Unit, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, can assist with registering you in the Operation ID program, lend you an engraving tool, and answer questions you have regarding Operation ID or other crime prevention–related matters. The program is open to all Cornell community members at no charge.

For more information, see University Policy 2.1, Operation ID, at https://policy.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/policy/vol2_1.pdf.

### ID for Keys: the Key-Tag Program

A key-tag program is available to any member of the Cornell community at no cost. Currently, more than 185,000 people are registered in the program, and once you join, your tag is good forever.

To get a key tag (your first, or a replacement), fill out a key-tag ID card at Cornell Police headquarters and attach to your key ring the tag.
you are issued. If your keys are lost or stolen, they will be returned to the Cornell Police if the finder places them in U.S. or campus mail. When Cornell Police receive your keys, they will be returned to Lost and Found. Lost and Found will use the contact information provided at the time of registration in an attempt to return your keys to you.

**Gorge Safety**

Cascadilla and Fall Creek Gorges frame the Cornell campus on the south and north—distinguishing the campus’s natural beauty, while providing unique opportunities to study geology and the ecology of remarkably different habitats within and around the gorges. Trails were built for all to explore and enjoy the stunning gorge landscapes safely when trails are open.

Along with their beauty, the gorges bring potential danger. The forces that shaped these unique landscapes are still at work. Rocks continue to fall from cliff sides, and stream currents are strong, although they often don’t appear to be. Through the misuse of our gorges, many people have been injured or killed, but most of these incidents could have been avoided.

While tempting on hot days, swimming in the gorges is extremely dangerous, and a serious threat of drowning exists. Entering into restricted areas of the gorge or violating posted rules and regulations may result in a referral to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (OSCCS) or arrest. Swimming in the gorges is also prohibited by Chapter 250 of the City of Ithaca code, Peace and Good Order, which states: “No person shall bathe in, swim in, or for purposes of swimming and/or bathing enter any of the waters within the City of Ithaca except in the waters officially designated as swimming or bathing areas.”

Please visit gorgesafety.cornell.edu to find out about the trails, regulations, and current conditions.

**Public Safety Communications Center**

The Cornell Division of Public Safety operates its own 911 center staffed by three telecommunications supervisors, ten full-time telecommunications officers, and two system administrators. The Communications Center operates 24 hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year. The telecommunications officers receive Basic and Advanced public safety dispatch training certifications from the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials. The Center uses Spillman Technologies for records management and statistical gathering. In addition, the Center is responsible for the maintenance and emergency operation of the university’s emergency notification systems, including voice and short message service (SMS, or text) messaging, email, and sirens. In response to requests in 2020 from the University’s Public Safety Advisory Committee, the center expanded their dispatching operations to incorporate calls for service for the Community Response Team along with Emergency Medical Services, Fire & Hazmat-related emergency calls, requests for law enforcement assistance, and many other non-emergency/service-related and after hours call for assistance.

In 2023, the Communications Center demonstrated its efficiency and capacity by handling approximately 16,350 calls for service and 41,623 calls into and out of the 911 center. Beyond phone calls, the Center receives all fire and maintenance signals for the campus. It also serves as a back-up center for Tompkins County 911, further showcasing its reliability and preparedness for campus and local communities.

**Technical Systems and Business Operations**

The Technical Systems and Business Operations unit, led by Director Mark Conrad, plays a crucial role in the Division of Public Safety. It is responsible for financial oversight, budget and planning, and information technology needs of the Division. The unit ensures system maintenance and interoperability of Cornell Police systems including the Spillman data management system and the Body and Car Camera program, and the University’s emergency communications systems (Rave and Guardian) used by the various departments within the Division.

The unit is responsible operationally for approximately eighty computers division-wide and twelve Mobile Data Terminals, and the Public Safety Radio system, ensuring all reporting, interoperability, and compliance needs are met for federal, state, and local partners.

**Reporting Incidents and Crimes to CUPD**

All students, employees and other members of the campus community, whether the victim or a witness, are encouraged to promptly report crime. If a crime occurs on or around campus, report it immediately to the Cornell Police.

- For emergencies, call 911
- For non-emergencies, call 607.255.1111 or use the RAVE Guardian app (see page 16 for more information)

In addition, members of the campus community should report criminal offenses to the Cornell Police for the purposes of disclosure in the Annual Security Report (see page 6-7) and for possible issuance of a timely warning (see page 15 for more details).

If you’re the victim of a crime on campus, report it to Cornell Police as soon as possible.

If you are victimized elsewhere in Tompkins County, contact a local law-enforcement agency or Cornell Police for referral to the appropriate agency (see inside front cover for list of local law enforcement agencies). On campus, if you believe you’re in imminent danger for any reason, call 911 or use the nearest Blue Light or other campus emergency phone to reach Cornell Police immediately. The location of that Blue Light phone will simultaneously be displayed on the Cornell Public Safety 911 screen; help will immediately be sent to that location, whether or not you are able to communicate with the dispatcher. Cornell Police officers will also help victims obtain appropriate treatment and support services.

Many times, valuable evidence is destroyed because victims do not initially think they will pursue criminal action, but wish to do so at a later time. The Cornell Police encourage victims of any type of assault to take immediate steps to ensure their safety and preserve valuable evidence by:

- Getting to a safe place as soon as possible
- Seeking medical assistance
- Not bathing, douching, or changing clothes
- Contacting the Cornell Police, whatever your initial decision is regarding prosecuting the crime
If you are a witness to a crime, an accident, a fire, or suspicious or threatening circumstances on or off campus—or perhaps you are the victim—it is either:

- An emergency requiring immediate police, fire, medical, or other response to preserve life or property or
- Not currently an emergency but an incident that requires attention

Seconds can seem like hours. Knowing what to expect when making your report may help make the experience less stressful and more effective.

If reporting an emergency:
- Act quickly but calmly.
- Get to a safe place, if possible.
- Call 911 on any phone on the Cornell campus. You can also use a Blue Light or other campus emergency phone. (If you use a cell phone to dial 911, your call will be answered by the Tompkins County 911 Center and transferred to Cornell Police. If you are on campus, it may be quicker to dial 607.255.1111.)

If reporting a non-emergency:
- Do not call 911.
- Use the non-emergency number of the appropriate agency. (See the inside front cover of this report for a complete list.)

In either an emergency or a non-emergency, your first contact will most likely be a dispatcher. The dispatcher will need to obtain as much vital information from you as possible and relay it appropriately. Often, he or she will do so by radio. Remember, the questions are necessary, but you are not expected to know the answers to everything asked. Things that seem obvious or unimportant to you can be less apparent or more important to the dispatcher and to the responding agency. Expect to be asked for some or all of the following details:

- **Caller Identity and Location**
  - Your name and any other identifying information requested
  - Telephone number and location you are calling from (if you called 911 on a Cornell phone or are using a Blue Light or other campus emergency phone, this will be automatically shown on the Cornell Public Safety 911 Screen)

- **Nature of Incident**
  - Fire: type and size of fire
  - Medical: type of illness or injury and specific cause, if you know it
  - Police: the crime or danger, and descriptions of suspects, vehicles if any are involved, and the direction of their travel
  - Chemical: chemicals involved, quantity, hazards, and injuries

- **Location of Incident**
  - Building name
  - Room or apartment number
  - Street address
  - Landmarks near location if outdoors

Stay on the line. Answer all questions. Let the dispatcher hang up first. If disconnected, call back immediately.

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**Emergency Notification**

Pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the Cornell University Police Department provides notification to the university community in the form of Timely Warnings and Emergency Mass Notifications when a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurs involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees, including significant criminal incidents, that represent a continuing public safety threat.

Decisions to disseminate a communication will be decided on a case-by-case basis, based on known facts surrounding the crime and the continuing danger to the campus community. The purpose of the notification is to aid in the prevention of similar crimes by alerting the community about the incident and providing information on actions people can take to diminish their chances of being victimized.

**Timely Warnings**

In the event that a situation arises, which, in the judgment of the Chief of Cornell Police or his/her designee, constitutes a serious or continuing threat to students and employees of the institution, a campus-wide “timely warning” will be issued. The warning will be sent as a Crime Alert email. It will also be posted to the campus community on the Cornell Police website, www.cupolice.cornell.edu/crime-alerts/.

These Crime Alerts contain a brief description of the incident; the date, time, location of the incident; and precautions to take; however, they will not provide details as found in a press release or news article. The amount and type of information presented in the warning will vary depending on the circumstances of the crime. Warnings will be issued unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgement of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

Significant criminal incidents that might elicit a timely warning include all Clery reportable crimes, or other criminal acts that pose a serious or continuing threat to the campus community. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Cornell Police, by phone (607.255.1111), in person at the Public Safety Communications Center (G2 Barton Hall), or by using the RAVE Guardian App.

A comprehensive test of the system is conducted once a semester (unless the system has been used for a specific university purpose prior to testing). An analysis is completed immediately after the test. Any gaps requiring action are identified and remedied immediately. Additional testing may be required after fixes are completed.
Emergency Mass Notifications

In the event that a situation arises that, in the judgment of the Chief of Cornell Police or his/her designee, constitutes a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees on campus, an Emergency Mass Notification, or EMN, is written and distributed, without delay, to campus. At Cornell, EMN messages are sent as a CornellALERT. The Chief of Cornell Police or his/her designee typically confirms significant emergencies or dangerous situations with Cornell Police personnel and in partnership with relevant university departments (including but not limited to Emergency Management, Cornell Health, Environment Health & Safety, Campus Facilities), and/or local law enforcement and public health agencies. An emergency mass notification would not be distributed only if it could compromise efforts to contain the emergency.

Notification will always be sent via email to the campus community to receive notification, typically all university students and staff. In addition, notifications may be sent via Voice and SMS (text) messaging to community members who have opted into the university voice and SMS (text) messaging systems (See the following section to find out how to sign up for notifications). Sirens/public address messages may also be activated to the four towers on campus.

All messages will contain a brief description of the incident and precautions to take. Following the immediate notification from any of these systems, the campus community is advised to go to a safe location and monitor emergency.cornell.edu for additional information and instructions.

Comprehensive tests are conducted once a semester for the voice/text messaging and siren/PA systems, and an analysis is completed immediately after the test. Any gaps requiring action are identified and remedied as soon as possible. Additional testing may be required after fixes are completed. The campus community and surrounding municipalities are notified in advance of the tests. After the test, results are posted at www cops.cornell.edu/campus-safety-security/emergency-mass-notification/. In addition, the siren/PA systems are tested once a month through a “silent test”. Documentation of the usage and tests are retained by the Clery Compliance Administrator.

The 2023 spring and fall semester tests were successful for siren/PA systems, voice, and text messaging. For immediate notification, from any of these systems, the campus community is directed to go to https://emergency.cornell.edu for further updates and information.

Sign Up for University Notification Systems (CornellALERTS)

Every Cornell community member should be enrolled to receive emergency messages and designate emergency contacts.

https://emergency.cornell.edu/alert/

How to Receive CornellALERT Messages

- Students, Employees, and Affiliates can enter or edit their contact information on the Emergency Notification Personal Contact Preferences web page. https://emergency.munications.cornell.edu/
- Cornell community members can also receive CornellALERT messages by installing the Rave Guardian app on their phones and activating it for the Cornell Ithaca Campus. Only those with an active NETID can register for the App.
- Visitors to Cornell’s Ithaca campus can sign up to receive CornellALERT text notifications by texting “CornellVisitor” to 226787. You can stop receiving messages at any time by texting “STOP” to 226787. On August 1st of each year there will be a system-generated “STOP” at which point you will need to re-enroll if you wish to continue receiving CornellALERT messages.

RAVE Guardian App

Rave Guardian App is part of the University’s emergency mass notification services. This app, free to the campus community, can enhance user’s personal safety both on and off campus by turning any smartphone into a personal safety device. In addition, they will also receive Emergency Alerts on the app. With Guardian, users can create a profile of information about themselves in order to assist emergency responders in locating and assisting them. When needed, a user can request one or more of their contacts to “virtually” walk with them on or off campus. It’s like having an emergency blue light system and a trusted friend with you at all times. The app allows the Public Safety Communications Center to communicate directly through text and voice. If the panic call button is activated and location services are turned on for the app, it will provide the Public Safety Communications Center with streaming location information on screen. A user can add any additional information and a picture of themselves if desired. The Rave Guardian App can be downloaded in the Apple or Google Play stores by searching for “Rave Guardian”. You can also learn more at www.raveguardian.com.

How does the Rave Guardian App work?

- Use your Cornell email and your cell phone number to sign in: Users can add their name, campus address, medical notes and other pertinent information for campus safety in case of emergency.
- Easy Emergency Communication: In an emergency, a one button call to campus safety officials will display the users profile and current location.
• **Set a Safety Timer:** In the event a student feels unsafe, they can set a timer with their current location, indicating where they are going and when they should arrive. In the event they do not make it there and deactivate the timer, friends, family or campus safety will be immediately alerted.

• **Text with Cornell Police:** See something, say something. The app allows users to anonymously chat about many kinds of activities with campus police, including photos and location.

• **Access other important phone numbers:** Access many helpful phone numbers on campus and beyond for services available to the campus community.

• **Access additional Resources:** List of many helpful web-based resources for the campus community.

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### Standards of Ethical Conduct and Hotline

Cornell’s academic distinction rests on the foundation of our academic ethics: a foundation that is only as strong as our shared understanding of what constitutes ethical conduct. Our formal Standards of Ethical Conduct policy exists to ensure that every member of our community understands the ethical standards expected of them at Cornell.

Cornell’s confidential ethical conduct and compliance hotline is always available for reporting your concerns, by telephone and online. Both the telephone line (1-866-293-3077) and the website, hotline.cornell.edu, are administered by EthicsPoint, a company independent of Cornell. Anyone can use the system, and it can be used to share concerns involving any of Cornell’s campuses and programs, in the United States and abroad. Concerns can be shared anonymously, and retaliation against persons who have made good faith reports of ethical or other standards violations is absolutely prohibited under Cornell policy and many applicable laws.

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### Community Response Team

The Community Response Team is a person-centered, trauma-informed mobile crisis care program serving persons in crisis on Cornell’s Ithaca campus. CRT is led by a licensed clinician with a team of coordinators who represent a variety of diverse backgrounds focusing on human services and crisis management. CRT’s objective is to provide a rapid in-person response to non-violent 911 crisis calls, thereby reducing the need for law enforcement involvement and decreasing the number of unnecessary mental health hospital transports. The team employs individualized approaches to de-escalate community members in crisis, stabilize the situation, and provide access to necessary resources. CRT plays a key role as the supportive interface linking persons in crisis, the Division of Public Safety, and wraparound services across Cornell and the Ithaca area.

When a situation occurs that requires a CRT response, CRT will be deployed via the Public Safety Communications Center. CRT can assist with a wide range of situations, from stressors related to academics to mental and behavioral health crises and is able to provide services to any individual on Cornell owned property including students, employees, and those unaffiliated with the university. CRT will provide in-person assessment and support at the time of a crisis and connect individuals with appropriate community or campus-based resources. CRT will also provide advocacy support to Cornell community members, for example, providing a supportive presence when a crime victim meets with Cornell police to provide a statement.

CRT routinely intersects with a number of pre-existing, well-established crisis response agencies on Cornell University’s campus. These agencies include the Cornell University Police Department (CUPD), Environment Health and Safety (EHS), Public Safety Ambassadors (PSA), and Cornell University Emergency Medical Services (CUEMS). CRT has also built relationships with campus partners including but not limited to Student and Campus Life, Housing and Residential Life, and Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS). The Office of the Dean of Students and its units, including Student Support and Advocacy Services, work closely with the Community Response Team as an alternative way to support the safety and well-being of Cornell students. The Community Response Team also works closely with the Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) to provide crisis support to employees.

CRT will be engaging in community outreach with such programs as Josie’s Journey Comfort Dogs, across the Cornell community to increase awareness of our presence and availability on campus, build connections, and discuss the services CRT provides. CRT will also be present during high intensity community events to provide support and crisis services as needed.

The Community Response Team is located in Appel Commons, Room 103; community members can connect with the team during business hours by visiting the office space, calling the CRT main line at 607-253-2100 for emailing team at commresponseteam@cornell.edu. In the event of a crisis or emergency that requires an immediate response, individuals must call 911 or the Public Safety Communications Center at 607-255-1111.
Public Safety Ambassadors

Starting this fall, students will see an additional unit within the Division of Public Safety, the Public Safety Ambassadors. Aligning with recommendations from the University Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), the Public Safety Ambassadors will provide an alternative approach to public safety, especially in instances when an armed police officer may not be necessary, or the nature of a call is not criminal.

Public Safety Ambassadors are comprised of a team of friendly, community-oriented, unarmed, non-sworn, civilian, security professionals. They do not possess any powers to make arrests, or enforce local, state, and federal laws. However, team members are classified as Campus Security Authorities and are required to report all crimes to the Cornell University Police Department (CUPD). Public Safety Ambassadors may make recommendations to the Office of Student Conduct, for student conduct violations.

Public Safety Ambassadors are required to complete mandatory New York State Security Guard Training. In addition to state and university mandated training, Public Safety Ambassadors will be trained in several other topics such as: first aid and CPR; effective communication; emergency response procedures; community relations; report writing; and event screening, security, and safety.

Public Safety Ambassadors will collaborate with the community to keep Cornell a safe and healthy campus to learn and live on. They will provide safety, security, and customer service across the Ithaca campus. The team is designed to collaborate with several units within the Division of Public Safety, such as the Cornell University Police Department (CUPD), the Community Response Team (CRT), and Cornell EMS (CUEMS). They will also collaborate with other university partners outside of the Division such as Environment Health & Safety (EH&S), Student & Campus Life (SCL), and other colleges or schools within the Cornell community.

Some of the duties of Public Safety Ambassadors include: community assistance; walking or vehicle patrols to observe for safety or security concerns; blue lights checks; safety escorts; door unlocks; parking assistance; building or property checks; non-criminal referrals to the Office of Student Conduct; traffic control; event security; and supporting the lost and found program. Public Safety Ambassadors may also provide support under a co-responder model to other units within the Division of Public Safety for emergencies or incidents.

Public Safety Ambassadors can be contacted through the Public Safety Communications Center at 607-255-1111. You may also contact the Manager of the Public Safety Ambassadors, Bryant Carpenter at (607)255-8362, or by email at bjc324@cornell.edu.

Access Control and Building Security

Everyone acting on behalf of Cornell University must take responsibility for faculty, staff, and student safety, as well as the security of university physical spaces and the assets contained therein. An essential element of security is maintaining adequate control to ensure that university assets are accessed only by those authorized to do so. This necessitates the tracking of university key systems and access control devices, the locations they access, and the individuals to whom they are issued, as well as the use of alarm monitoring and video surveillance for security purposes.

The Division of Public Safety Access Control Program (ACP) is responsible for administration of access control systems, video surveillance systems, and the physical key management program. The program team oversees the installation and implementation of systems for keys, key cards, network video surveillance, and integrated intrusion security systems. ACP provides guidance in regard to policy and procedure adherence and interpretation, consultation and project management assistance in installations, renovations, and new construction on campus; ongoing maintenance and system administration of the computer systems and equipment that support these security systems, and 24/7/365 customer service support.

Within each college or major administrative unit, responsibility for the management of proper access control rests with unit heads, who must each designate two (primary and alternate) access control coordinators (ACC) and/or key control coordinators (KCC) for all functional work areas, as well as Network Video Surveillance System Operators (NVSSO). This responsibility may be delegated to a specific entity within a unit.

Issuance of access devices should be systematic, need-based, and in accordance with university policy and procedures. Unit KCCs and ACCs must determine the need for access device issuance, based on job functions, research needs, and class requirements. Issuance of access devices should be kept as infrequent as possible, with consideration given to hours of work, workspace, alternatives, frequency, urgency, and sensitivity. Access devices should be retrieved, and card access revoked after such a time that an individual has no valid need for access to a university space. KCCs and ACCs perform audits each semester to ensure that access granted is still warranted and should remain in place.

Individuals are prohibited from unauthorized possession or duplication of access devices to university facilities or vehicles; from disabling or circumventing access devices; and from making changes to access without following the procedures set forth in university policy and procedures. Interference or obstruction of video surveillance systems is prohibited. All installations must be installed in accordance with policy and procedures.

Residence Halls

Exterior entrances to residence halls are locked at all times. Temporary exceptions are only permitted to accommodate authorized events, such as August check-in and May closing. A residential programs staff member must authorize all exceptions. Purposely violating the security policies by propping open any secured or locked doors or modifying a latch may result in disciplinary action.
Emergency Management

Cornell University’s emergency management program is based on the four phases of emergency management: prevention-mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Cornell University maintains a variety of emergency response programs and capabilities designed to support the campus community during times of crisis. Emergency management program information can be found at https://emergency.cornell.edu/.

The University seeks to prevent, diminish, or mitigate hazards through a process of hazard identification and risk assessment. Campus representatives and community partners work together to identify hazards and risks and develop strategies to increase campus resiliency. Cornell implements a variety of prevention and mitigation programs, such as the Crime Prevention Program, Fire and Life Safety Program, University Events Team, Occupational Safety Program, Research Safety, Mental Health Support, Community Response Team, Wellness Programs, and Cornell Health Services.

Planning, training, and exercising are essential elements of emergency preparedness and provide response personnel with the tools to produce the best possible outcome during an emergency. University preparedness activities include response operations based on Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) principles and concepts. Training in these principles helps ensure a coordinated response to emergencies consistent with local, state, and national practices. Cornell collaborates with community partners to establish mutual aid agreements to formalize interdisciplinary and interagency relationships. Preparedness exercises, such as drills and tabletop discussions, are used to validate our plans and procedures and identify areas to improve our readiness.

First responders from the Division of Public Safety and the department of Environment Health and Safety are always available to respond to emergencies on the Ithaca campus. Management of campus incidents begins with first responders and elevates to include others from the University and local community as additional resources are directed to an incident. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is used as the framework for responding to and managing incidents caused by both anticipated and unexpected hazards. The EOP defines and organizes the capabilities and functional services Cornell uses to prepare for, respond to, and recover from campus incidents.

Cornell University further mitigates the impact of emergencies through continuity of operations planning that allows for the continuation of essential services regardless of the type of disruption. Continuity of operations planning supports university objectives for the recovery from disruptive incidents and is critical to maintaining research, teaching, and essential services during emergencies.

Be Prepared for Emergencies

Familiarity with emergency plans and procedures is critical to taking effective and appropriate actions during emergencies. It is everyone’s responsibility to help keep our community safe and to be ready for emergencies before they occur.

Emergency preparedness training can provide the skills to properly react to emergency situations to protect yourself and assist others until responders arrive. Training opportunities at Cornell include both in-person and web-based offerings and are provided at no cost to Cornell community members. Preparedness training includes First Aid, CPR/AED, Personal Security, Active Threat Response, Winter Driving, Identify Theft, Violence in the Workplace, and Sexual Assault Awareness. In addition, emergency preparedness videos are available at https://www.cornell.edu/video/emergency-preparedness-at-cornell.

The Cornell Emergency Action Guide (EAG) provides information on actions the campus community should take in emergency situations. The Ithaca campus guide is available at http://emergency.cornell.edu/. At non-Ithaca campuses, contact your campus safety or security department for your local emergency action guide.

For situations that require immediate police, fire, or medical response to preserve life or property, the Cornell community can report Ithaca-campus emergencies by calling 911 from an on-campus telephone or 607.255.1111 from a cellular or off-campus telephone. Individuals can also use any outdoor Blue Light phone situated throughout campus or the Rave Guardian app to report a campus emergency.

The Cornell Fire Safety Plan provides building evacuation instructions and directional maps and is posted in campus facilities as required by the Fire Code of New York State. When an evacuation alarm or order for evacuation occurs, always assume it is an actual incident and act accordingly. Follow the building evacuation plan and other appropriate emergency procedures. Building evacuation drills are conducted utilizing the timing and frequency specified in the Fire Code of New York State.

Cornell University uses an emergency mass notification system, CornellALERT, to inform the campus community of an imminent safety threat or change in operations. Cornell may send email, text, voice, and Rave Guardian messages for natural incidents such as a tornado or other dangerous weather, unnatural events such as an active threat, or if the university changes operating status due to an emergency or weather event. All messages will contain a brief description of the incident and precautions to take. Information on how to receive CornellALERT messages is available at https://emergency.cornell.edu/alert/. During a crisis, visit https://emergency.cornell.edu for updates and additional information.
IT Security

Your NetID and password are a target for criminals trying to gain access to your personal information and university resources. Multifactor authentication provides extra protection for your Cornell accounts, but your vigilance is still needed to monitor and report authentication prompts you have not initiated.

Online attackers often impersonate trusted individuals to trick people into revealing their passwords, releasing other sensitive information, or infecting their devices. Be on the lookout for fake research opportunities or job offers. Also keep in mind that common scams attempt to trick you into sending money or buying gift cards.

Protect Your NetID and Password

Watch out for scams and take steps to protect your identity. See how at: it.cornell.edu/id-theft

Resources from Cornell’s IT Security Office can help you tell the difference between real Cornell communications and scams that imitate them. it.cornell.edu/confirm

See the Phish Bowl for examples of fake emails that have been sent to students and other members of the Cornell community. If you get one, never click on links in it. it.cornell.edu/phish-bowl

The Verified Communications page contains authentic messages from a legitimate university source. verified.cornell.edu (Cornell NetID login required)

Protect Your Personal Devices

Keep your software and devices updated with the latest security patches and make sure your devices and data are backed up. Safeguard your personal phone, tablet, and computer by following four simple steps: use a current OS, install anti-virus software and accept security updates, encrypt the device, and enable remote wipe for lost or stolen devices. it.cornell.edu/device-security

Get Help for IT Security Problems

If you suspect your NetID password has been stolen:
1. Change your password immediately at netid.cornell.edu. (If you cannot change your password, contact the IT Service Desk at it.cornell.edu/support.)
2. Report the incident immediately to itsecurity@cornell.edu.

If you have fallen for a scam that has incurred any financial loss:
1. Contact the Cornell University Police Department to file an initial report.
2. Report the incident immediately to itsecurity@cornell.edu.

Learn More about IT Security

Find more IT Security tips and information at: itsecurity.cornell.edu and it.cornell.edu/students
Sexual Violence

Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

Cornell University is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning, living, and working environment for students, faculty, and staff. Under its Policy 6.4 and the applicable procedures, Cornell prohibits Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking and provides means to address reports of these forms of prohibited conduct. The Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX (OIE/TIX) is responsible for Policy 6.4 and the Title IX Coordinator within that office leads the effort to address reports of Sexual Assault, Dating and Domestic Violence, and Stalking and ensures compliance with awareness and prevention requirements.

In an ongoing effort to prevent Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking, the university provides awareness and prevention education for the Cornell community and follows a specific set of procedures (available at titleix.cornell.edu/procedures) when an incident of Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking is reported to the University.

Cornell’s Educational Programs and Campaigns to Promote Awareness of Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

Definitions. Cornell prohibits Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking as they are defined under the Clery Act. Of note, these terms are not used in the New York State Penal Code. In the New York State Penal Code, “sexual offenses,” “family offenses,” and “stalking” are all crimes, and are defined in further detail, below.

Under New York State penal code, sexual offenses (including rape and sexual abuse) are crimes. Lack of consent to a sex act can result from (a) forcible compulsion, (b) incapacity to consent, (c) no express or implied acquiescence, where the offense charged is sexual abuse or forcible touching, or (d) clear expression of non-consent, where the offense charged is rape. NYS law states that a person is incapable of consent when he or she is (a) under the age of 17, (b) mentally disabled, (c) mentally incapacitated, (d) physically helpless, or (e) committed to the care of the state.

New York State does not specifically define domestic violence or dating violence. However, in New York, “family offenses” are certain violations of the penal code, including but not limited to harassment, sexual abuse, stalking, and menacing, committed by a family member or intimate partner that have created a substantial risk of physical or emotional harm to a person or a person’s child.

Under New York State penal code, stalking is an intentional course of conduct, directed at a specific person, that causes fear for their health, safety or property, or the health, safety or property of their family or acquaintances; harm to the mental or emotional health of that person; or fear that their employment, business or career is threatened.

1Policy 6.4 covers additional forms of prohibited conduct, as well (bias, discrimination, harassment, and sexual and related misconduct).

For more information, contact Cornell Police on the Ithaca campus at (607.255.1111) or Cornell Tech Safety & Security on the New York City campus at (646.971.3611). The New York State Penal Code can be found at: public.leginfo.state.ny.us.

Education and Prevention. Cornell provides comprehensive educational programs and campaigns that are culturally relevant, inclusive of diverse communities and identities, sustainable, responsive to community needs, and informed by research. Primary prevention and awareness programs for incoming students and new employees include a statement that the University will not tolerate Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking, and defines those terms and affirmative consent in reference to sexual activity; a description of safe and positive options for bystander intervention; and information on risk reduction.

In Fall 2023, incoming first year and transfer students were required to complete the online program OIETIX 200: Undergraduate Student Responsibility. Incoming graduate and professional students were required to complete OIETIX 100: Graduate and Professional Student Responsibility. Both programs provided information about the University’s policies and resources related to Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (among other related topics). These programs were designed to increase awareness of these crimes. They also outlined options for bystander intervention and information on risk reduction. Ongoing student programming includes interactive seminars and presentations held throughout the year.

Cornell requires all new employees to complete the online program HR 300: Employee Responsibility – Sexual and Related Misconduct upon hire. This program educates employees about Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking prevention and response. Additionally, employees are required each year to complete an annual “refresher” course called HR 301: Employee Responsibility – Sexual and Related Misconduct. Cornell also offers in-person programs and written materials for faculty and staff. These programs address prevention and awareness of Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (as well as other forms of related misconduct), emphasizing importance of refraining from prohibited conduct and how to report such conduct to the university.

Numerous additional educational programs and campaigns are conducted by Residential Programs, Cornell Health, Cornell Police, the Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX, Human Resources, and other university units/departments throughout the academic year. Some examples include: the Community and Respect (“CORE”) Residential Advisors program, which conducts ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns on moral and ethical awareness, including consent, bystander intervention, holding peers accountable to their actions, and multicultural competence; peer education programs, such as Consent Ed and One Love, that promote the value of being a caring community, educate students about risk reduction and positive options for bystander intervention, and primarily reach students in Greek life, athletic teams and residence halls; annual training for all student-athletes covering sexual violence topics and resources at Cornell; programming sponsored by the identity-based resource centers related to consent, healthy relationships; required training for all registered student organization officers to raise awareness about Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking and provide resources; training for residential staff on how to respond to a report of sexual violence; peer-led interactive trainings for students on topics including building healthier relationships, sex and values, and mental health; and Intervene, an online video that provides exposure to a variety of scenarios—sexual assault, sexual harassment, intimate
partner abuse, hazing, an alcohol emergency, emotional distress, and bias to show how students can make a difference.

The University maintains a comprehensive website “SHARE-Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Education,” share.cornell.edu, which provides resources and updated information for faculty, staff, students, visitors, and the local community.

Procedures Victims Should Follow if They Experience Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

Victims of Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking are encouraged to seek health care services as needed at local hospitals and Cornell Health on the Ithaca campus. Victims can benefit from being examined for physical injury and/or sexually transmitted infection and may confidentially discuss the risk of pregnancy with a healthcare provider.

If an individual on the Ithaca campus requires medical care after an assault, Cornell Health staff or the Cornell Police can arrange transportation to Cornell Health or Cayuga Medical Center. Confidential consultations through Cornell Health are available 24 hours a day to provide information to survivors of sexual assault at Cornell. If an individual on the Cornell Tech NYC Campus requires medical care after an assault has occurred, the Cornell Tech Safety & Security Department can arrange to have transportation to the nearest city hospital via NYC emergency medical services.

If an individual is considering criminal action related to an assault, they are advised to seek medical care at a hospital as soon as possible. Bathing, showering, douching, or even changing clothes is not advised, as it may lead to inadvertently removing evidence. The kind of evidence that supports a legal case should be collected within 96 hours of an assault. Through the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program, a registered nurse can conduct a special examination to collect evidence simultaneously with administering medical care.

If all crimes (not just those involving physical assault), complainants are advised to keep evidence such as emails, texts, voicemails, letters, notes, etc. They are advised to photograph anything that the accused damages and any injuries they cause. Victims are also encouraged to ask witnesses to document what they see. Every piece of information could help in notifying local law enforcement or may confidentially discuss the risk of pregnancy with a healthcare provider.

Reporting to Law Enforcement. Victims of Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking, have the right to make a report to Cornell University Police, local law enforcement, and/or state police or choose not to report; to report the incident to Cornell; to be protected by Cornell from retaliation for reporting an incident; and to receive assistance and resources from Cornell. A report is an account or description of a specific incident. An individual may make a report without filing a criminal complaint.

Reports to law enforcement can be made via Blue Light phone, in person, or in writing. A reporter should tell the Cornell Police on the Ithaca campus or Cornell Tech Safety Security on the New York City campus if they are unsafe or have any injuries. Victims may request transportation to medical and/or psychological care. The Cornell Police on the Ithaca campus or Cornell Tech Safety Security on the Tech campus can help in notifying local law enforcement or pursuing a criminal complaint or other legal action, such as an order of protection.

In New York State, Family Courts, criminal courts, and Supreme Courts can all issue orders of protection. The University will comply with, and Cornell Police and Cornell Tech Safety & Security will enforce an order of protection, or similar lawful order issued by a criminal, civil, or tribal court.

Reporting to Cornell Administration (Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX). Reports to the University can be made by contacting the University Title IX Coordinator at:

- Phone: 607.255.2242
- Email: titleix@cornell.edu

An individual may choose whether to file a formal Policy 6.4 complaint through the Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX and/or a criminal complaint through the criminal justice system. The Title IX Coordinator can assist a victim with notifying law enforcement authorities and filing a complaint under Policy 6.4.

Once a report is made to the Title IX Coordinator, the victim (if identified) will receive a written explanation of their options for counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid and other services for victims both at Cornell and within the community. They will also receive a written notification of supportive measures available to them, including changes to academic, living, transportation, work situations, and other protective measures. These services are available regardless of whether a victim also reports to law enforcement.

Protecting Confidentiality

Privacy and Confidentiality. All Cornell offices and employees, including the Title IX Coordinator, will maintain an individual’s privacy to the greatest extent possible. The information provided to a nonconfidential resource will be relayed only as necessary for the Title IX Coordinator to address the report. Protective measures and accommodations will be kept confidential, except to the extent the need to be disclosed in order to be implemented. If an individual does not wish to report to the University, but does wish to seek assistance and advice, they should consider speaking with a confidential resource (descriptions and contact information listed in “Resources for Victims” below).

The University strongly supports a complainant’s decision to notify the accused that a report has been made. When a complainant decides not to pursue resolution through the University, that decision will be honored unless doing so would not adequately mitigate the risk of harm to the complainant or other members of the University.
In all cases – whether the complainant opts to pursue resolution through a University process or the University initiates its own investigation – parties and witnesses in an investigation are to be protected from unreasonable disclosure of their involvement in processes, and of any information they reveal during their participation.

The university encourages participants not to reveal any information they learn during the process, other than for the purpose of consulting with advisors and attorneys, and incidental to seeking support and advice from family, clergy, health professionals, and others playing a similar role. If a participant is eighteen (18) years or older, the university will not contact parents or other family members. Friends, faculty, coaches, supervisors, co-workers, etc. are not contacted either, unless they are witnesses or necessary to implement supportive measures or resolution. Parties may choose whether to disclose or discuss with others the outcome of a formal complaint. The University will complete publicly available recordkeeping, including Clery Act reporting and disclosures, without inclusion of personally identifying information about the victim.

**Resources for Victims**

Cornell provides counseling and other support services for students, faculty, and staff who are victims of Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. For confidential support, community members may seek assistance from:

- **Cornell Health** (medical and mental health providers, students only): 607.255.5155
- **The Cornell Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP)** (mental health providers, faculty and staff only): 607.255.2673
- **The Cornell Victim Advocacy Program**: 607.255.1212, victimadvocate@cornell.edu
- **The professional staff of the Cornell Gender Equity Resource Center**: 607.255.0015, GenEq@cornell.edu
- **The professional staff of the Cornell LGBT Resource Center**: 607.254.4987, libtrc@cornell.edu
- **The Cornell University Ombudsman**: 607.255.4321, ombudsman@cornell.edu
- **The Advocacy Center of Tompkins County 24/7 hotline**: 607.277.5000, info@actompkins.org

Conversations with the University’s confidential resources are kept strictly confidential and, except in rare circumstances, will not be shared without explicit permission. Cornell Health, FSAP, and CURW will not share with the University’s Title IX Coordinator or any other University officials any information disclosed to them in the course of providing medical and/or mental health services or pastoral counseling. Generally, these conversations are also legally privileged in the event of court proceedings. The director of the Office of Spirituality and Meaning Making and pastoral counselors of the Cornell United Religious Work Chaplains, the Cornell Victim Advocates, the professional staff of the WRC and LGBT Resource Center, the Community Response Team and the Ombuds will not convey any personally identifiable information to the University Title IX Coordinator or any other University officials; however, they may share with the University’s Title IX Coordinator de-identified statistical or other information regarding prohibited conduct under Policy 6.4. The Advocacy Center is independent of Cornell and has no duty to consult with the University.

For confidential support resources other than those listed above, call the New York State Domestic and Sexual Violence hotline 1.800.942.6906.

**Institutional Disciplinary Action in Cases of Reported Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking**

Cornell prohibits students and employees from engaging in Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, and Stalking. Where the accused is a student or employee, the procedures for resolution, which include definitions of these forms of prohibited conduct, are available at titleix.cornell.edu.

**Adjudication of a Complaint under Policy 6.4**

Under Policy 6.4, the University Title IX Coordinator is responsible for accepting, processing, determining jurisdiction, and overseeing the investigation of formal complaints. If a complainant requests, and if the matter falls within University jurisdiction, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly initiate a formal complaint process under Policy 6.4.

The University’s response to Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking, will be prompt, fair, and impartial from the initial response to a report to final resolution. It will be conducted in a manner that is transparent, equitable, and consistent with the University’s policies. The University will keep both parties informed of the complaint’s status, as appropriate, including providing simultaneous notification, in writing, of the result of a disciplinary proceeding, the procedure for appeal, any change in the outcome, and when the outcome becomes final. Appropriately trained individuals—who receive annual training on Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking, and how to conduct such proceedings in a way that protects the safety of both parties and promotes accountability, and who do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against the complainant or the respondent—will conduct Dating and Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking proceedings.

**Supportive Measures.** The University offers a range of resources, support services, and measures to protect the safety and well-being of the complainant, the respondent, and the community and to promote an accessible educational environment. After receiving a report or pending resolution of a formal complaint, the university may put in place appropriate and reasonably available supportive measures, which are non-disciplinary and non-punitive. Supportive measures include assistance in changes to academic, living, transportation and working situations, no-contact orders, security escorts, facilitated agreements to delete consensually-obtained nude or sensitive images, or restrictive orders. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating supportive measures.

**Temporary Suspension.** Once a formal complaint has been filed, a temporary suspension may be issued in extraordinary circumstances, where immediate action is necessary to protect the complainant, or any other individual and supportive measures are deemed insufficient to protect the complainant or University community.

**Procedure for Resolution of Formal Complaint for Sexual Assault, Dating and Domestic Violence, or Stalking**

A formal complaint against a student or employee Dating and
Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking may be filed under Policy 6.4. The formal complaint procedure is administered by the Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX; it is comprised of an investigation, hearing, and appeal.

During the investigation, an appropriately trained investigator will gather information from the parties and other individuals who have relevant information, and gather relevant available evidentiary materials, including physical evidence, documents, communications between the parties, and other electronic records and media as appropriate. The parties will be interviewed separately and will not appear in the same room during the investigation. The parties will have the opportunity to review and comment on the information gathered by the investigator prior to the investigator finalizing the investigative report and record. Both parties will receive a copy of the investigative report and record simultaneously. OIETIX aims to complete an investigation within ninety (90) business days of the date the accused is notified of the formal complaint.

The parties may submit written opening statements and witness requests prior to the hearing. Both parties have an opportunity to testify and request witnesses. The parties will not appear in the same room during the hearing and may never directly address each other during the hearing. The Hearing Panel will issue a written decision as expeditiously as possible upon completion of deliberations.

Findings of responsibility and determinations regarding sanctions and remedies are made through a hearing process conducted by a three-member Hearing Panel and a non-voting Hearing Chair. The standard of evidence under Policy 6.4 is a preponderance of the evidence (i.e., it is more likely than not that the respondent engaged in the prohibited conduct).

Disciplinary sanctions in matters may include measures similar in kind to supportive measures, appropriate educational steps (such as alcohol or drug education, reflection papers, counseling, or directed study), restrictions or loss of specified privileges at the University for a specified period of time, oral warnings, written reprimands, disciplinary probation for a stated period, demotion (employees), removal from administrative or other position held in addition to primary position (employees), salary reduction or other monetary penalty (employees), suspension from the University for a stated period not to exceed three (3) years (students), and termination of employment (employees).

The complainant and the respondent are both permitted to appeal the Hearing Panel’s findings on responsibility and determinations regarding sanctions and remedies. All appeals will be heard by a three-member Appeal Panel. The Appeal Panel will establish a reasonable schedule for issuing a written decision, typically no later than thirty (30) business days. This decision is final and not subject to further appeal.

Victim’s Rights and Notifications

The University will upon written request disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence (as that term is defined in Section 16 of Title 18, United States Code), or a non-forcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by such institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for the purposes of this paragraph.

Victim Advocacy Program

Phone: 607.255.1212.
Email: victimadvocate@cornell.edu
Hours: M-F, 9am-5pm

The Victim Advocacy Program provides assistance to members of the Cornell community who are victims of harmful, threatening, or violent incidents.

Advocates support individuals who have experienced: Sexual assault or rape; violent or potentially violent relationships; stalking; harassment; physical or emotional/mental assault; bias-related incidents; hazing; other types of victimization.

Victim Advocates provide a wide range of services, depending on the needs and concerns of the individual. Victim Advocates offer non-judgmental listening, support, the opportunity to understand options to make an informed decision, and time to consider how to move forward and heal. The Victim Advocacy service is confidential and free, and designed to help each individual pursue the course of action they feel is best for them.

To schedule an appointment with a Victim Advocate, you may call 607-255-1212 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm or email victimadvocate@cornell.edu. While this is not a crisis service, messages are returned promptly, and appointments are scheduled as soon as possible.

Sexual Offender Notice

The state of New York requires sex offenders to register with the police in the jurisdiction in which they reside. The state makes this information available at www.criminaljustice.ny.gov.

Reporting Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents

A hate crime is defined by New York State Penal Law Section 485 as any designated criminal offense or attempted criminal offense in which the perpetrator intentionally selects the person against whom the offense is committed or intended to be committed in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, gender identity or expression, religion, religious practice, age, disability, or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct.

A bias incident—as defined by Cornell policy 6.4: Prohibited Bias, Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual and Related Misconduct—is an action that one could reasonably and prudently conclude is motivated, in whole or in part, by the alleged offender’s bias against and actual or perceived aspect of diversity including, but not limited to membership in an Equal Education and Employment (EEO) protected class (e.g. disability, race, sex, gender identity).

Identifying and Reporting Bias Activity

Cornell has established the Reporting Bias System in order to provide an avenue for the community to report such activity. Cornell utilizes its Reporting Bias System to track and address—on a case-by-case basis—bias incidents in which the involved persons are known, unknown,
or may not be readily identifiable. To facilitate the assessment of bias incidents and the appropriate follow-up, reported incidents allegedly committed by Cornell faculty, staff or unknown individuals are routed to the Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX (OIE/TIX) and incidents allegedly committed by Cornell students are routed to the Bias Assessment & Review Team (BART)—the coordinating hub of a network of existing bias liaisons from across the university. Complaints of bias may be referred to another appropriate university office—such as the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards—or OIE/TIX or BART may work collaboratively with campus partners to determine the best method of intervention to address bias complaints.

Anyone who directly witnesses, experiences, finds evidence of, or hears of bias activity on the Cornell campus—or in an area that impacts the Cornell community—should immediately report the incident online at cornell.guardianconduct.com. Stated clearly, anyone can report a bias incident. If the bias activity constitutes a bias crime, as defined by federal, state, and local laws, the report will be shared with Cornell Police.

Information about the university’s Reporting Bias System is available online at diversity.cornell.edu. You can also contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX which is open from 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 500 Day Hall or call 607.255.2242 or email equity@cornell.edu. An annual report related to the Reporting Bias System is published at diversity.cornell.edu.

Student Code and Procedures

Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (OSCCS)
Location: 120 Day Hall
Phone: 607.255.4680
Website: scl.cornell.edu/studentconduct

Student conduct matters are resolved by the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (OSCCS). The Student Code of Conduct (Code) contains conduct expectations and standards, and the Student Code of Conduct (Procedures) articulates an educational conduct process that identifies opportunities for students to grow from mistakes through restorative justice practices, and sanctions that are inclusive of and advance Cornell’s educational goals.

The Code and Procedures establish Cornell’s expectations applicable to all students and student organizations. These expectations apply to Cornell’s Ithaca and Geneva campuses, Cornell Tech, on the property of a University-recognized or registered residential organization such as a fraternity or sorority, and any other
property used for educational purposes. The Code will apply regardless
of the location of the conduct when:

1. The behavior occurs in the context of a University program or
activity; or

2. Poses a threat to the University’s educational mission or the
health or safety of individuals (whether affiliated with the
University or not), or the University community.

The Code also applies to conduct that involves the use of University
computing and network resources from a remote location, and to
online behavior.

Potential violations of the Code are reported to OSCCS. The
OSCCS receives and ensures proper investigation and resolution
of alleged violations of the Code, or of any other regulation as the
University President or Board of Trustees may direct.

The Code prohibits conduct, including, but not limited to: alcohol/
drug-related behavior; disorderly conduct; fire safety; harassment;
hazing; misrepresentation; property damage; obstruction; theft;
unauthorized entry; and weapons. Complainants in the process are
empowered to make choices about the resolution method used for their
complaint, including restorative and educational options. Respondents
are encouraged to share their perspective regarding the resolution
method to create opportunities for personal growth and ways to
address community impact. Both Complainants and Respondents may
bring an advisor and/or a support person to every step of the conduct
process. All community members are encouraged to participate
actively in a fair and clear conduct process that aims to help students
make better decisions and acknowledge any community harm caused
by behavior.

Under the Code, cases may be resolved with no action, through
various alternate dispute resolution options, or through a formal
investigation where an outcome is determined by a panel of students,
faculty, and staff. The possible sanctions include a broad range
of options and are often agreed to by the involved parties. These
sanctions include but are not limited to: oral warning, written
reprimand, reflections, topic-specific education, restitution,
conduct probation, suspension, or dismissal.

To review the Student Code of Conduct and Procedures, go to:
https://scl.cornell.edu/studentconduct.

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**Essential Services for Students and Staff**

**Cornell Health**

Location: 110 Ho Plaza  
Phone: 607.255.5155 (24/7)  
Fax: 607.255.0269  
Website: health.cornell.edu

Cornell Health, located on Ho Plaza, provides confidential,
convenient, and high-quality medical and mental health services
as well as leadership and advocacy—all in support of a health
promoting campus.

Students can access Cornell Health for medical and mental health
care, as well as for self-care resources and referrals. Select services
are also available to other Cornell community members, including
visiting students and partners and spouses of students. (See website
for details: health.cornell.edu/get-care/who-we-serve)

Students seeking information, appointments, referrals, and other
assistance during business hours, can call 607.255.5155. Students
experiencing an urgent health concern when the facility is closed,
can consult by phone with an on-call health-care provider for
advice and, if necessary, referral to local urgent or emergency health
services (health.cornell.edu/get-core/emergencies-after-hours-care).

Visit health.cornell.edu for additional information about services,
staff, hours, directions, eligibility, and access, as well as a wide range
of health topics and resources.

**Mental Health at Cornell Website**

Cornell strives to cultivate a caring environment in which every
member of our diverse community can thrive. It’s important that
everyone be able to reach out to others in time of need and can work
collaboratively in service of a healthy campus climate. The Mental
Health at Cornell website (mentalhealth.cornell.edu) is available
for all Cornell community members and lists a range of programs
and resources designed to support individual and community well-
being.

**Counseling and Support for Students**

Cornell offers a variety of counseling and support programs and
services for students. These include:

- Clinical mental health services (e.g. individual and group coun-
seling, self-care workshops, drop-in consultation, and referral)
  provided by Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff,
in person, and by telehealth.
  Phone: 607.255.5155

- Non-clinical guidance and support for students facing challenging
  life events is provided by Student Support and Advocacy Services
  which aims to facilitate access to holistic support services, and
  campus and local resources. Phone: 607.245.8598; studentsupport@cornell.edu

- Spiritual support and pastoral guidance provided by the Office of
  Spirituality and Meaning-Making and Cornell United Religious
  Work (CURW). Phone: 607.255.4214
• Victim Advocacy provides confidential support for members of the Cornell community who are survivors of harmful, threatening, or violent incidents. Phone: 607.255.1212

For a more extensive list of mental health resources available on campus and in the community, visit mentalhealth.cornell.edu.

Concerns About a Student

Crisis Management
In the event of a student crisis, call the Public Communications Center, 607.255.1111, at any time, day or night, to initiate connection with emergency or other supportive university resources (e.g. emergency response, ambulance, Community Response Team, police.) Learn more from the Division of Safety: publicsafety.cornell.edu. If you have non-urgent concerns about a student, contact Student Support and Advocacy Services in the Office of the Dean of Students. You can call the office at 607.254.8598, drop in during business hours at 200 Willard Straight Hall, or refer a student online via the Student of Concern Form (cornell.guardianconduct.com/incident-reporting). Staff from Student Support and Advocacy Services can:

- Coordinate the flow of information while conducting confidentiality and privacy in sensitive personal matters
- Arrange for support services provided to the student and others affected by the crisis
- Consult with, advises, and facilitates communication among individuals and units providing direct supports
- Provide direct service to those affected by the crises, such as personal support, information, and referrals (the crisis manager is often a primary contact for parents)
- Monitor the process and provides the follow-up services, as needed

Learn more about Student Support and Advocacy Services: scl.cornell.edu/student-support.

Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP)
Phone: 607.255.2673
312 College Ave., Suite A
Website: fsap.cornell.edu

The Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) offers free and confidential guidance and support for Cornell benefits-eligible employees (faculty, staff, postdocs, visiting scholars, and retirees) and their partners in person, by phone, or via telehealth.

FSAP staff members provide brief counseling, support, resources, and referral on such topics as personal life challenges, work-related concerns, family or relationship issues, alcohol and drug use, adjusting to change or loss, conflict resolution, and mental health matters. They also are available for consultation with people, sometimes managers, who have concerns about others. Additionally, FSAP counselors provide support in the wake of a crisis. After hours, FSAP partners with Cornell Health’s on-call service, staffed by health care professionals who can provide confidential consultation about urgent health concerns and offer advice about other after-hours resources.

Visit fsap.cornell.edu for detailed information about services, staff, hours, directions, eligibility, and access.

Transportation and Delivery Services
Location: 116 Maple Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850-4901
Hours: Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Phone: 607.255.4600, Fax: 607.255.0257
Email: transportation@cornell.edu
Website: https://fts.cornell.edu/departments/transportation-delivery-services

Cornell’s Transportation and Delivery Services is the campus resource for information about parking (including accessibility parking accommodations), transit, department vehicles and other alternative mobility and travel options. The office oversees parking permit issuance, parking enforcement, event and visitor parking, Fleet Services, Campus-to-Campus, mail and courier services, student paratransit and alternative transportation programs.

In the Community: Enforcement, Treatment, Counseling, and Referral
Many local agencies provide law-enforcement, treatment, counseling, or referral services, as well as training and educational materials and programs. The agencies and offices listed in this report help prevent and prosecute criminal offenses—including sexual offenses—and provide support and treatment to victims.

Emergencies
Call 911 on any phone in Tompkins County at any time to reach the county-wide emergency-response system for situations that require immediate police, fire, or medical response to preserve life or property.
Medical Treatment and Care
- Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca
  101 Dates Drive (off Route 96 north)
  emergency room: 607.274.4411, information: 607.274.4011
- Cornell Health
  607.255.5155
- Tompkins County Fire and Ambulance
  607.273.8000

Counseling, Education, and Referral

Cornell University
- Cornell Interactive Theatre Ensemble
  607.254.8851
- Cornell Police Crime Prevention Unit
  G2 Barton Hall
  607.255.7404, 607.255.7305
- Cornell United Religious Work
  118 Anabel Taylor Hall
  607.255.4214
- Counseling and Psychological Services
  Cornell Health
  607.255.5155
- Dean of Students (Office of the)
  207 Willard Straight Hall
  607.255.1115
- Faculty and Staff Assistance Program
  607.255.2673 (255.COPE)
  24 hours per day, 7 days per week
- LBGT Resource Center
  626 Thurston Ave., Third Floor
  607.254.4987
- Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards
  120 Day Hall
  607.255.4680
- Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX (Title IX Coordinator)
  500 Day Hall
  607.255.2242
- Ombudsman (Office of the University)
  118 Stimson Hall
  607.255.4321
- Organizational Development for Faculty and Staff
  607.254.6400
- SHARE (Sexual Harassment & Assault-Response & Education)
  share.cornell.edu
- Skorton Center for Health Initiatives—Sexual Violence Prevention
  Cornell Health, 607.255.4782
- Victim Advocacy Program
  Cornell Health, 607.255.1212
- Inclusion & Belonging
  607.255.3976
- Workforce Policy and Labor Relations
  607.254.7232 or 607.255.4652

Tompkins County
- Advocacy Center (Domestic Violence, Youth Sexual Abuse, and Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse)
  607.277.3203; 24-hour hotline: 607.277.5000
- Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca
  607.274.4011
- Child Abuse and Maltreatment Register (New York State)
  800.342.3720
- Family and Children’s Services
  607.273.7494
- Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County
  607.272.9331
- Mental Health Services Clinic
  201 East Green Street
  607.274.6200
- Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes
  620 West Seneca Street,
  appointments: 607.273.1513; education: 607.216.0021
- Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service
  607.272.1616, 1-800-273-TALK, ithacacrisis.org
- Tompkins County Stop DWI
  607.257-1345, ext. 4411
Cornell Police
(117 Statler Drive, G2 Barton Hall; map locator DS)
Cornell Police website: www.cupolice.cornell.edu
For emergency assistance: Call 911 or use a Blue Light or other campus emergency phone
For non-emergency assistance or general information: Call 607.255.1111 (5.1111 within the Cornell phone system) or use a Blue Light or other campus emergency phone.
Lost and Found: 607.255.7197
Community Engagement: 607.255.7305 or 607.255.7404

Cornell Health
(Ho Plaza; map locator BS)
Cornell Health: health.cornell.edu
Call 607.255.5155 for information or appointments. (24/7)
24-hour phone consultation with a health-care provider: 607.255.5155
Emergency assistance: 911 any time, day or night

Transportation and Delivery Services
(116 Maple Avenue; map locator E7)
Campus Parking: www.parking.cornell.edu
Office hours: Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
607.255.4600 (parking and transportation information)
Campus Watch

Campus Watch is published annually by the Division of Public Safety Clery Compliance Office, in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and other state and federal crime-reporting laws, and as a public service.

Address comments and questions regarding those laws and Cornell’s compliance with them to:

Anthony Bellamy, Chief of Cornell Police
117 Statler Drive, G2 Barton Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-1701
phone 607.255.8945; fax: 607.255.5916; email: cu_police@cornell.edu

Peggy Matta, Clery Compliance Officer
Division of Public Safety
353 Pine Tree Road, Ithaca, NY 14850
phone 607.255.4393; email: mem25@cornell.edu

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