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SIU Police

618-453-3771

Parking Division

618-453-5369

Counseling Center

618-453-5371

Wellness Center

618-536-4441

Student Health Services

618-453-3311

Night Safety Transit

618-453-2212

Carbondale Resources

Carbondale Police

618-457-3200

Women's Center

618-529-2324

Memorial Hospital

618-549-0721

Accreditation for DPS

The SIU Department of Public Safety (DPS) strived towards accreditation to show their dedication to our campus community. Being accredited shows the level of professionalism and determination our employees utilize to provide the best public safety to our community.

What does accreditation mean? Accreditation is a significant accomplishment for our department. Being accredited shows that our department is comprehensive and thorough in compliance with law enforcement standards across the state.

What did the process look like? In August 2015, the Department of Public Safety began the process of becoming accredited. In 2018, we received our first accreditation. We renewed that commitment in 2022. In January 2026, two assessors from the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) visited the SIU Department of Public Safety for an on-site assessment. The assessors spent two days evaluating policies, procedures, reviewing files that were prepared by the Accreditation manager, conducting interviews with employees, command staff, and examining all aspects of agency operations. In January 2026, we received formal notification that our department had been recommended for ILEAP accreditation a third time. The department is celebrating 8 years of accreditation with ILEAP and 1 Year with IACLEA.

Services Provided[Crime Prevention & Programs](#)[Report Suspicious Activity](#)[Campus Emergency](#)[Response Guide](#)[Night Safety Transit](#)[Campus Map](#)[Parking Map](#)[Daily Crime Log](#)[FOIA Request Form](#)[SIU Campus Crime Report](#)[Safety Awareness Facts and Education](#)**February Calendar****Men's Basketball vs. Murray State**
February 6th @ 7:00 P.M.**Men's Basketball vs. Evansville**
February 12th @ 7:00 P.M.**Men's Basketball vs. Bradley**
February 15th @ 1:00 P.M.**Women's Basketball vs. Illinois State**
February 13th @ 6:00 P.M.**Women's Basketball vs. Bradley**
February 15th @ 4:00 P.M.**Women's Basketball vs. Drake**
February 28th @ 2:00 P.M..

PERSONAL SAFETY

There is no one sure way to prevent violence against a person because every situation is different. However, there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of being targeted. Risk awareness, reduction, recognition, and avoidance strategies can be implemented into your everyday life.

The following strategies are not demands from the police, but they should be thought of as considerations. Evaluate and apply each strategy to your own life and situation with specific circumstances.

Be Aware

Do not ignore the fear of crime, instead, face it with courage. Too many believe crime will not happen to them, causing a person to not be mentally alert to their surroundings and prepared to react. When you go somewhere, have a route planned. Walk with confidence, head up and look around for suspicious people on your route. Do not wear headphones on/in both ears, as you cannot hear what's around you. Develop a plan of action if something happens to change your original plans, happens to you, or you need help.

Reduction Strategies

Keep your room/house doors locked, including bathroom doors in suite style accommodations. Get to know your roommate(s) and any guests in your room. Do not allow anyone into the building you do not know. Do not loan your keys to anyone. If your keys are lost, report the lost keys immediately for replacements.

Try to park in a well-lit area whenever possible. Remember where your car is parked so you can get there without delay. Visually check your vehicle and the area around it before getting in. Once inside the car, lock the doors, turn your car on and leave. Keep your valuables out of sight!

If you meet someone and would like to see them again, get their phone number – this puts you in control. Always get the name of the person you are dating. Nicknames do not identify a person. Consider meeting at a public location and drive yourself to that location. Make sure a friend knows where you are going and who you are meeting.

Recognition

Using the strategies above, identify areas that you need to improve. Recognizing areas of improvement will make you think about personal safety in all situations. Recognize a problem, find a solution, and learn to avoid possible dangerous situations.

Avoidance

Your overall awareness will increase reaction time; however, placing obstacles between you and a dangerous situation will allow you to plan for alternate routes or call for help. Obstacles can be anything physical in the environment, friends, beliefs, the police, or anything that puts something between you and potential harm.

The ONLY confrontation you are GUARANTEED to survive EVERY TIME is the one you are never involved in.



Additional Resources

[Office of Equity and Compliance](#)

618-453-4807

[Dean of Students](#)

618-453-2461

[Student Rights and Responsibilities](#)

618-536-2338

[Saluki Cares](#)

618-536-2338

[Salukis on Your Side](#)

618-453-3311

[Veteran Services](#)

618-453-1335

[The Clinical Center](#)

618-453-2361

Meet An Officer!

Officer Cooper



WHAT IS STALKING?

Stalking is a pattern of behavior that makes you feel afraid, nervous, harassed, or in danger. It is when someone repeatedly contacts you, follows you, sends you things, talks to you when you don't want them to, or threatens you. Stalking behaviors can include:

Knowing your schedule.

Showing up at places you go.

Sending mail, e-mail, and pictures.

Calling or texting repeatedly.

Contacting or posting about you on social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

Writing letters.

Damaging your property.

Creating a website about you.

Sending unwanted gifts or cards.

Stealing things that belong to you.

Any other actions to contact, harass, track, or frighten you.

Each year in the United States, more than 7.5 million people experience stalking, with individuals ages 18-24 facing the highest rates.

If you think you are being stalked, contact local law enforcement, any Campus Security Authority, SIU employee, or the Office of Equity and Compliance. For more information about stalking, click the link to the [Stalking Resource Center](#).

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PRESENTATIONS

DPS offers several educational crime prevention programs and safety services to the campus and surrounding communities. The crime prevention program is comprised of officers who provide public relations programming by request. Available programs include:

- ◆ Alcohol and drug education and awareness
- ◆ Basic crime prevention including theft awareness
- ◆ Sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking awareness
- ◆ Setting boundaries and consent
- ◆ Violence Prevention

To schedule an event, contact Corporal Shawn Tuthill at 453-3771 or ShawnT@dps.siu.edu



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Please "like" our [Southern Illinois University-Carbondale](#) Department Facebook page. You can also follow us on Twitter at [SIUC Police](#).

We provide information regarding local events, safety tips and press releases for major incidents. You can also send us your questions through private messages and tips on any recent crimes that have taken place.

[Facebook.com/siuc.dps](#)

[twitter.com/SIUC_Police](#)

[Instagram.com/siu_carbondale_dps](#)

Mental Health: Depression and Resources Available



For young adults, college can offer self-discovery, lifelong friendships, and a better understanding of the world. At the same time, this transition can bring significant social, academic, and emotional pressure. Many students today report increased loneliness, stress, and feeling

overwhelmed as they navigate academic expectations, financial strain, social comparison, and uncertainty about the future. These challenges can negatively affect both mental health and academic performance.

Recent data from the Center for Collegiate Mental Health shows anxiety, depression, and relationship concerns remain the most commonly reported issues among students. Students cope in many different ways, many experience difficulty managing stress, maintaining balance, and seeking support when challenges arise. Barriers such as stigma, limited time, or uncertainty about available resources may prevent some students from accessing care until concerns become more severe.

Counseling and Psychological Services counselors are available to help students with mental health concerns or coach students who are dealing with anxiety surrounding academic pressure. CAPS staff will be available by phone at **618-453-5371** from **8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday**. Treatment and coaching options have been expanded to accommodate students remotely and now include telehealth appointments, skills coaching or referrals to other providers in your area. All students are advised to call CAPS at 618-453-5371 to determine the treatment options that would best meet their needs.