SIU is committed to fostering an environment in which all members of our campus community are safe, secure, and free from sexual misconduct of any form, including but not limited to, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. These standards apply to all regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity of any of the individuals involved.

REPORT incidents to the Department of Public Safety, the Title IX Coordinator, and/or Student Rights and Responsibilities. All University employees are obligated to report sexual misconduct of which they become aware, unless they have a legally recognized confidentiality privilege such as physicians and counselors. Although the University strongly encourages all members of its community to report violations of this policy to law enforcement, it is the victim’s choice whether or not to make such a report.

RESOURCES are available to victims of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and/or stalking through the Department of Public Safety, University Health Center, Psychological and Counseling Center, or any SIU Campus Security Authority. Victims should consider seeking medical attention and/or law enforcement assistance as soon as possible.

PREVENT attacks at night by using the Brightway Path, the Night Safety Transit or the Safe Walk App. Take a self defense class and learn ways to defend yourself. Always know real names, addresses, and phone numbers of who you are dating. Tell a trusted friend or family member when and where you are going on a date so someone knows your location. If you feel unsafe at any time — trust your gut and leave! For more information or ways to get involved, click the logo below.
The Saluki Watch Dawg

Safety, Awareness, Facts and Education

The S.A.F.E website was created as a resource for students, faculty, staff and visitors that contains information about campus resources, crime reporting, crime prevention, and safety. The SIU Campus Crime Report, Clery and Violence Against Women Act reporting is also available on this website. Additional information is available on the university reporting structure for incidents related to sexual violence, domestic and dating violence, stalking and sexual harassment.

2021 Campus Community Survey

The Department of Public Safety is committed to an open and honest dialogue about the things that affect college students, and specifically the issues we face at Southern Illinois University.

The Department of Public Safety has conducted a Campus Community Survey in the past to identify and confront these issues. In accordance with our mission and core values of building a better community, we are asking for your help with this year’s Campus Community Survey. Please take a few minutes and click on the link below to complete the survey. We will use these responses to provide a better police response and we appreciate your contribution to this endeavor.

2021 Campus Community Survey

Newsletter ideas or topics

If you have a topic or idea you would like us to consider for a future newsletter, please email the idea to Sgt. Allan Willmore at allanw@dps.siu.edu. Questions submitted may be featured in future newsletters. The person submitting the question will not be identified.
SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS: TORNADOS

Watches and Warnings

• A severe weather watch means that conditions are right for severe weather to occur during the watch period.
• A severe weather warning means severe weather is imminent. Seek shelter right now.

You are outside with no shelter

• Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt, and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.
• Take cover in a stationary vehicle. Put the seat belt on and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat, or other cushion if possible.
• Lie in an area noticeably lower than the level of the roadway and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat, or other cushion if possible.
• Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.

You are in a structure (e.g. residence, small building, school, or high-rise building)

• Go to a pre-designated area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of a small interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.
• In a high-rise building, go to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible.
• Put on sturdy shoes.
• Do not open windows.

To receive alerts via text message or at a non-siu.edu email address, you must make sure your information is in the system.

View Student Instructions  
View Employee Instructions

Picture and information from https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes
Managing Stress Associated with the COVID-19 Outbreak

The COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak has the potential to increase stress and anxiety, both because of the fear of catching the virus and also because of uncertainty about how the outbreak will affect us socially and economically. There are practical steps you can take to improve your wellbeing.

Dealing with stress reactions caused by the COVID-19 virus outbreak can improve your health, quality of life, and wellbeing. The following evidence-informed principles have been shown to be related to better outcomes in many adverse situations. There are key actions within each element that might be especially helpful for those affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. It's not necessary to have all elements in place but implementing some of the following suggestions may help you deal with the stress caused by the COVID-19 virus.

Reduce anxiety with healthy actions that make you feel safer. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other experts suggest the following good hygiene habits to limit the risk of infection:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Properly dispose of used tissues.
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, arm, or elbow if you don't have a tissue.
- Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing.
- Stay at home if you are sick.
- Avoid contact with those who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect objects or surfaces that may have come into contact with germs.
- Make plans for what will happen if someone in the home becomes ill or if quarantine or shelter-in-place measures are ordered.
- Read more about prevention on the CDC website.

Information from National Center for PTSD