

Harding University Northwest Arkansas Professional Center (NWAPC)

Annual Security Report 2008

Harding University Northwest Arkansas Professional Center is dedicated to providing non-traditional, professional education for working adults. It is conveniently located in an upscale business area of Bentonville, Arkansas. The campus environment is significantly different from that of a traditional, undergraduate campus and is exclusively non-residential.

Harding University is committed to providing a safe, congenial and secure environment for our students, faculty, staff and guests. With the support of all members of our campus community, there is a continuing effort to keep the campus safe and secure. Because a truly safe campus can only be achieved through the cooperation of all students, faculty and staff, we hope that you will join our effort to ensure that this endeavor is effective.

Security

Harding University NWAPC does not maintain a security department or security personnel on duty at any time.

Reporting crimes, fires, or any type of emergency

Students and visitors should immediately report criminal activity or any type of emergency on campus to their professor or other staff member. They will then contact the appropriate emergency services agency via 911. They will also contact the Director of NWAPC, David Skelton, in regards to any campus emergency at (479) 271-9643- Office or (479) 409-8680- Cell. If Mr. Skelton cannot be reached, members of the NWAPC community are encouraged to contact Susan Conley at (479) 271-9659- Office.

Harding University NWAPC encourages the accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes on campus

Students, faculty and staff are all encouraged to promptly report all crimes that occur on campus immediately to the Director of NWAPC, David Skelton and/or appropriate police agencies. Students, faculty and staff are made aware of this need through this Web site and through an initial orientation performed at the beginning of each course.

Access to educational buildings

Harding University NWAPC's building is open during scheduled hours, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. However, these hours may vary depending on University needs. The main doors of the building are locked automatically via a card access control system and the remaining doors are checked and secured by faculty and staff members.

Security Considerations Used in the Maintenance of Campus Facilities

The Director of NWAPC works in coordination with the facilities manager of the building complex to ensure that safety remains a priority in the regular maintenance of the facility. Faculty and staff regularly report defective lights, door locks, broken windows, etc. to facility management personnel.

Programs for Security Procedures and Practices, Crime Prevention, Drug and Alcohol Education, Sexual Assault Prevention, etc...

The NWAPC is dedicated to non-traditional, non-residential students. Faculty give a brief safety awareness presentation at the beginning of each course designed to provide each student with a basic awareness of health and safety issues that relate to them and how to report various types of emergencies and crimes.

Faculty and Staff Programs: Faculty are made aware of safety procedures and practices through training conducted semi-annually at Harding University's main campus in Searcy, AR. Staff members are made aware of safety procedures through regular meetings with the Director of NWAPC.

Counseling Center: Anyone desiring counseling or information regarding drugs, alcohol, sexual assault, etc... may contact the Counseling Center located on the Harding University main campus in Searcy, AR during regular business hours.

Off-Campus Student Organizations

Harding University NWAPC has no recognized on or off-campus organizations.

Drug and Alcohol Use Policy

Anyone suspected of possessing, selling or using alcohol or illegal drugs is reported to the Director of NWAPC. If the Director determines that alcohol or illegal drug use in fact took place, that student will face disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school.

In addition to University disciplinary action the Federal Government has also imposed the following actions:

A student who has been convicted of any offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance shall not be eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under this title (1998 Higher Education Amendments of 1998) during the period beginning on the date of such conviction and ending after the interval specified in the following table:

If convicted of an offense involving:

The possession of a controlled substance

Ineligibility period is:

First offense.....1 year

Second offense.....2 years

Third offense.....Indefinite

The sale of a controlled substance

Ineligibility period is:

First offense.....2 years

Second offense.....Indefinite

Enforcement of State and Local Underage Drinking and Drug Laws

Any student suspected of underage drinking or the possession, use or sale of illegal drugs will be turned over to the Director of NWAPC for disposition. If the Director makes the determination that the student was in fact involved in any of the above listed activities, the Director will dispose of the case either through the University judicial process or by turning the case over to local law enforcement officials for prosecution. In either event, the violation will be included in the annual security report if the violation occurred on campus.

Timely Reports to the Campus Community Concerning Reports of Crimes

All students, faculty and staff are instructed to immediately report any criminal activity that occurs on campus to their professor and to the Director of NWAPC. After reviewing the facts concerning the reported crime, the Director will make a determination whether or not the crime is considered to be a threat to other students and employees. If the Director determines that the crime does present a threat to other students or employees, a warning will be distributed to the campus community by word of mouth through professors, e-mail, in-class announcements or any other means that the Director feels would be effective. If the threat is considered to be an immediate threat, warnings will be given by telephone or in person to students and employees in areas that would likely be at risk.

Policy / Procedure for Sexual Assaults

Sexual assault for the purpose of this procedure is defined as rape, acquaintance rape, or other various sex offenses. A student who is a victim of a sexual assault should do the following:

1. In the event of a rape, whether from an acquaintance or a stranger, the student should contact the Assistant Director of NWAPC, Susan Conley, or the Director, David Skelton. The student should not bathe or change clothes so as not to destroy any potential evidence.
2. Campus officials will, upon request, assist the student with contacting local authorities. The incident may be reported to law enforcement personnel with the student retaining the option of pressing charges immediately, at a later date, or not at all. The filing of criminal or civil charges against the alleged offender will not preclude disciplinary action on the part of the University, if the alleged offender is also a student.
3. Students who have experienced sexual assault may feel the need for personal counseling. Counseling services are available by licensed professional counselors. University officials may assist in arranging off-campus counseling service when preferred. Cost of counseling services is the responsibility of the student.

The Victim May:

1. Based on safety or emotional concerns, request a change in academic situation. Such requests will be met within reason. Changes may include the transfer to another class.
2. Have someone of their own choosing to accompany them to the disciplinary hearing. This may include a counselor or friend for moral support, but not parents, guardians or legal representation. It may also include witnesses where applicable. Arrangements can be made to keep the victim separated from the accused. To whatever extent possible, the victim's name will be kept confidential.

The Accused:

Shall be given a hearing where all the evidence is considered. Should the accused be found to have engaged in the sexual assault, they will be suspended from the school immediately. University disciplinary action will be taken regardless of whether legal charges are being pursued. (See the student handbook for more information on disciplinary procedures.)

Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act

Information provided by the State of Arkansas concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained via the following local law enforcement agencies:

Bentonville Police Department
908 S.E. 14th Street
Bentonville, AR 72712
Phone: (479) 271-3170

Benton County Sheriff's Department
1300 S.W. 14th Street
Bentonville, AR 72712
Phone: (479) 273-5532

Information can also be obtained from the Arkansas Crime Information Center at:

<http://www.acic.org/soff/index.php>

Campus Crime Log

Only institutions that maintain a campus security or law enforcement department are required to maintain a daily crime log. The NWAPC does not maintain a campus security department; therefore, it is not required at this time for NWAPC to maintain a daily crime log.

Campus Crime Statistics

The Federal Government requires institutions of higher education to compile and report statistics concerning certain types of crime every year. Statistics must be compiled and reported for the following categories:

Campus Crimes: Crimes that occur in or on any property or building that is owned or controlled by the university within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the university and is used in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the university's educational purposes including residence halls. Campus also includes property within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the university that is owned by the university but controlled by others, but is used by students and supports institutional purposes. (Food or retail vendors are examples.)

Non-campus Crimes: Crimes that occur in or on any property or building (other than branch campuses) owned or controlled by the university that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the university's educational purposes, is used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the university.

Public Property Crimes: Crimes that occur on public property that is within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution, such as sidewalks, streets and thoroughfares, parking facilities, etc... and is adjacent to a facility owned or controlled by the institution if the facility is used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to the institution's educational purposes.

Crimes of Prejudice: Crimes that fall within the categories required to be reported in which the victim is intentionally selected because of the actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability of the victim.

STATISTICS 2005* 2006 2007 2008

Murder

Campus	0	0	0	0
(In Residence Halls)	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0
Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Manslaughter

Campus	0	0	0	0
(In Residence Halls)	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0
Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Sex Offenses

Forcible

Campus	0	0	0	0
(In Residence Halls)	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0
Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Non-Forcible

Campus	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0
Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Robbery

Campus	0	0	0	0
(In Residence Halls)	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0
Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Aggravated Assault

Campus	0	0	0	0
(In Residence Halls)	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0
Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Burglary

Campus	0	0	0	0
(In Residence Halls)	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0
Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Motor Vehicle Theft

Campus	0	0	0	0
(In Residence Halls)	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0
Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Arson

Campus	0	0	0	0
(In Residence Halls)	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0
Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Liquor Law

Campus	0	0	0	0
(In Residence Halls)	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0

Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Drug Law

Campus	0	0	0	0
(In Residence Halls)	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0
Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Weapons Law

Campus	0	0	0	0
(In Residence Halls)	0	0	0	0
Non-campus	0	0	0	0
Public	0	0	0	0
Prejudice	0	0	0	0

Note: *The Northwest Arkansas Professional Center did not open until the fall of 2005.

Everyday Safety Tips

Harding University encourages everyone on campus to be responsible for their own security. Remembering the following simple instructions may help protect yourself and your property:

1. Lock your car.
2. Do not leave valuables unattended in public areas.
3. Do not leave valuables in plain sight in vehicles, even if locked.
4. When leaving the building after dark, be sure to walk in groups.
5. Be aware of your surroundings at all times, paying close attention for anything that seems “out of place” or suspicious.

The purpose of this report is to make members and potential members of the Harding community aware of what we at Harding are doing to make our community one of the safest places available to work, learn, and visit. We truly believe that a safe environment stems largely from the Christian environment that all of us work so hard to maintain. We hope that this information is helpful and informative, but most of all we hope that this information prompts each member of our community to do their part to help insure that Harding remains a safe place for those dedicated students, faculty and staff to continue the work of preparing Christian young people to have a positive impact on our world.