

Security Department

St. Scholastica employs a contract security service that provides well-trained, professional security officers. The security officers provide 24-hour surveillance of the campus buildings and grounds. They make routine patrols on foot and by vehicle of the campus grounds, parking lots and buildings, including the residence hall and apartment buildings. They serve as a prevention body as well as an enforcement body and provide this service to the entire St. Scholastica community. While security officers are not authorized to make arrests or carry firearms, they do enforce state laws, local ordinances and College policies. The security officers rely upon the Duluth Police Department to respond to any serious incidents that may occur on campus. The officers are equipped with radio telephones, enabling them to respond quickly to any call for assistance on campus. All officers are trained in emergency first aid and CPR.

Reporting of Crimes or Emergencies

Members of the St. Scholastica community are urged to notify the Security Department immediately of any criminal activity or other emergency that they may observe on campus. There are emergency telephones located near the entrances of parking lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 6A, 13, 15, 16, 17 and in the back area of parking lot 1. These telephones are connected directly to the Security Department and should be used to report any emergency, suspicious activity or to request an on-campus escort. Free on-campus telephones also are located in strategic locations on campus, such as the entry halls of each residence facility, all apartments and residence hall rooms, and in public areas of all academic buildings. The Security Department's emergency phone number, 6175, is labeled on all of these telephones.

Duluth, Minnesota Sex Offender Registry

Access to sex offender information in Duluth, MN, is provided to the public as the result of the Jacob Wetterling Registration Act, which was passed by the United States Congress, and Megan's Law, which requires states to release relevant information about registered offenders to protect the public.

<http://www.sexcriminals.com/registration-notification/us/minnesota/duluth/>

<http://www.megans-law.net/Minnesota-Megans-Law.asp>

<http://www.doc.state.mn.us/>

Access to Campus Facilities

Somers Hall, which is a coeducational residence facility, is equipped with deadbolt locks and locking windows in all rooms. All entrances are controlled by an automated card access system. After hours, visitors must enter through the main entrance and register at the information desk. All exits are alarmed and monitored by the campus operator, who is located at the information desk. If a door gets propped open, it is electronically reported to the operator, who is on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The apartment buildings Pine, Maple, Willow, Birch, Cedar Hall, Kerst Hall and Scanlon Hall are secured buildings and are locked 24 hours a day. Visitor access is achieved by calling the host from the telephone in each main entrance. Each of the 12 Grove apartments has a private exit door leading to the outside. These apartments also are equipped with deadbolt locks and locking windows.

Security Awareness and Crime

It is the goal of The College of St. Scholastica to take a preventive rather than reactive approach to reducing crimes. The primary approach to accomplishing this goal is the College's crime prevention program. This program is based upon the dual concepts of eliminating or minimizing criminal opportunities, and encouraging students, faculty and staff to be responsible for their own security and the security of others. The following is a list of crime prevention programs and projects employed by The College of St. Scholastica.

- **Escort Program:** Security officers provide on-campus escorts to students, faculty, staff and guests. Call extension 6175 or use the direct call emergency telephones.
- **New Student Orientation:** A crime prevention and security awareness presentation, accompanied by brochures and other printed material, is given to new students and their families.
- **Residence Hall and Apartment Security:** Crime awareness and prevention presentations are made to students living on campus.
- **Emergency Telephones:** Emergency phones are strategically located in campus parking lots.
- **Operation Identification:** The engraving of driver's license numbers or other owner-recognized numbers on items of value is strongly promoted in student residence facilities.
- **Inspections:** Inspections of exterior lighting and exterior doors and grounds are conducted by the Security Department on a regular basis. Work orders are generated to address any deficiencies noted.
- **Sexual Assault Awareness, Education and Prevention:** In cooperation with the College's Rape Awareness Task Force, rape awareness education and prevention presentations are made each year to the campus community.
- **Campus Crime Reporting Hotline:** This is a confidential reporting process that allows the campus community to report any criminal activity. Call extension 4357.
- **Security Alerts:** Notice is given to the campus community of any criminal activities on campus that might affect the safety of others. This is done by posting printed notices throughout the campus using the weekly student newspaper (the *Cable*), the weekly employee newsletter (the *Inside Times*) and through campus e-mail announcements.
- **Controlled Access:** Access to Somers Hall, Somers Suites, Cedar Hall, Kerst Hall and Scanlon Hall is controlled by an automated card access system.
- **Saints Alert – (Rapid Emergency Notification System):** The College of St. Scholastica has implemented a rapid emergency notification system. The service allows crisis response administrators to send emergency messages to St. Scholastica student, faculty and staff members' cell phones, home phones, work phones, e-mail accounts, voice mails and PDAs in just minutes.

The College is using closed circuit television (CCTV) to monitor the entrances to our student housing facilities and public use areas in our educational facilities in order to deter crime and to assist the College in providing for the security and safety of individuals and property of the College community.

Crime Statistics

The College of St. Scholastica believes that an informed citizen is better able to take steps to avoid being a crime victim. The following statistics of incidents reported to Campus Security are provided for your information in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990. If you have any questions, contact the Security Department at (218) 723-6175.

	2006	2007	2008
Homicide:			
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	1
Aggravated assault	2	0	2
Burglary	4	1	6
Motor vehicle theft	2	0	1
Sex offenses:			
Forcible	0	1	1
Non-forcible	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0

The following are arrest statistics for three offense categories for 2008 and the preceding two years.

	2006	2007	2008
Liquor law violations	0	8	6
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Weapons possessions	0	0	0

The following are referrals for campus disciplinary action for three offense categories for 2008 and the preceding two years.

	2006	2007	2008
Liquor law violations	388	129	164
Drug abuse violations	4	5	3
Weapons possessions	0	0	0

The above crime statistics are for the College campus, off-campus remote classrooms and for the unobstructed public areas immediately adjacent to the campus.

Maintenance and Security of Campus Facilities

The College of St. Scholastica maintains a strong commitment to campus safety and security. Campus lighting is upgraded and expanded as our campus grows. The security officers monitor all campus lighting during the evening hours and report any that are not functioning. These are promptly repaired. Any safety and security-related problems, such as malfunctioning locks, exit doors or windows are promptly repaired. The Facilities Services Department is responsible for pruning of trees and shrubs to minimize dark areas.

Please Note

The statistics in this brochure are provided in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act (CACSA) of 1990. Please be aware that these offenses are only those that the law requires colleges to report. Sadly, no community is immune to crime and that is also true of our campus. Incidents such as petty theft and vehicle break-ins do occur on campus. Even though CACSA 1990 does not require reporting these “less serious” crimes, the College administration believes that it is important to do so to ensure that everyone takes proper precautions to prevent such occurrences.

The College believes it is important that members of our campus community view this data realistically and remain vigilant to the possibility of criminal activity on campus. We ask that everyone make use of the security awareness and crime prevention programs mentioned in this brochure and report suspicious persons or activities to the Security Department. If you become the victim of crime on campus, please report this as soon as possible to security. Not only may the criminal be apprehended, but your report might also save someone else from being victimized.

About The College of St. Scholastica

The College of St. Scholastica is a private, independent college in northeastern Minnesota. During the 2008-2009 academic years, St. Scholastica had a total of 3,304 undergraduate and graduate students. Nearly 1,062 of these students lived in student residence facilities on campus. The College is served by 640 full-time and part-time employees, including faculty, administrative staff and hourly staff. In addition to the College, the St. Scholastica campus is home to about 120 Benedictine Sisters; Westwood, an 80-apartment independent and assisted housing complex for persons age 55 and older; and the Benedictine Health Center, a long-term healthcare facility with 120 residents and 200 employees.



The College of St. Scholastica does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, status regarding public assistance or local commission status in its policies, practices or procedures.

Drug and Alcohol Policies

Philosophy: The goal of The College of St. Scholastica is to create an environment in which both the responsible use and nonuse of alcoholic beverages is respected, and in which the line existing between responsible drinking and abuse is recognized. Within the Benedictine tradition of hospitality, the College seeks to foster a healthy, respectful environment. The College respects and supports those who choose a lifestyle free of chemicals and offers support to those in recovery through support groups on campus, as well as through ongoing programs.

Statement of Alcohol Use: The use of alcoholic beverages is a right that the State of Minnesota extends to those persons who are 21 years of age or older. As an independent educational institution, the College extends the same right as a privilege to members of the community who are of legal drinking age. The College asserts that inappropriate behavior is not excused by consumption of alcoholic beverages and will hold individuals accountable for actions performed under the influence of alcohol. This includes actions both on and off campus that violate the rights or property of the members of the St. Scholastica community. Those individuals who abuse the privilege of responsible drinking will be helped to understand the necessity of responsible behavior with regard to alcohol use. The College is committed to providing resources, counseling, education and other opportunities to enhance this understanding. On-campus counseling and information regarding alcohol or other drug concerns are available through the Student Center for Health and Well-Being and the Human Resources Office.

For more specific information about the College’s alcohol policy, violations, and sanctions for violations of the alcohol policy, see the Student Handbook.

Statement on Drugs Other Than Alcohol: The College of St. Scholastica does not condone the illegal use, possession, sale, manufacture or distribution of drugs or actions involving drugs, which may involve medical or psychological hazards to individuals, or actions involving drugs that may lead to interference with the rights and privileges of others.

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Statement

The College of St. Scholastica is committed to the creation and maintenance of an environment for students, faculty and staff that is fair, humane, responsible and suited to a religiously oriented institution. The College of St. Scholastica will not tolerate any form of sexual harassment or violence directed against any member of the College community and will take action to provide remedies when such harassment or violence is discovered. It is the policy of the College to abide by the federal and state laws that prohibit sexual harassment, intimidation and coercion. For more specific information about the College’s sexual assault policy, see the Student Handbook.



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This information is provided to you as part of The College of St. Scholastica’s commitment to safety and security on campus and is in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990.