

# **Safety & Support at Montana State University**

## **Safe Cats App**

Safe Cats is MSU's campus sponsored safety app that is available for free in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. The app features multiple services including an emergency button to dial 911, safety escorts, anonymous police reporting, action directions for emergencies, and location sharing services.

**406.994.2121** | [https://www.montana.edu/police/safe\\_cats.html](https://www.montana.edu/police/safe_cats.html)

## **CARE Program – Office of Dean of Students**

The CARE program is an anonymous wellness tip line reviewed on a weekly basis by the Dean of Students office. If you are concerned about the welfare of someone affiliated with MSU and this is a non-emergency, we encourage you to complete a CARE Referral. Sometimes people cannot or will not ask for support, so informing us of your concern may be a critical factor in getting them the support they need. The CARE Referral provides a simple way for members of the university community to express concern about a person by submitting an online form and connecting them to resources. Once a CARE Referral is made, it is reviewed and appropriate action is taken, if necessary.

**406.994.2826** | [deanofstudents@montana.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@montana.edu) | <https://www.montana.edu/deanofstudents/care/>

## **Student Code of Conduct – Office of Dean of Students**

The purpose of the Student Code of Conduct is to establish community standards and procedures necessary to maintain and protect an environment conducive to learning and in keeping with the educational objectives of the University. The expectations identified in MSU's policy represent a reasonable regulation of student conduct to help facilitate these standards. The Student Code of Conduct and any conduct related questions may be answered through the MSU Dean of Students Office.

**406.994.2826** | [deanofstudents@montana.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@montana.edu) | <https://www.montana.edu/knowyourcode/index.html>

## **Safety in the Dorms: University Student Housing (USH)**

Montana State University is committed to providing a safe living environment for all residents. University Student Housing has taken many proactive steps to ensure every student feels safe and secure. These measures include 24/7 locked residence hall only accessible by cat card, fire sprinklers and smoke/fire detection systems in all halls, trained residence advisors (RAs) assigned to each floor and consistent front desk attendants. For more information about residence hall community standards please refer to the MSU student code of conduct.

**406.994.2661** | [Housing@montana.edu](mailto:Housing@montana.edu) | <https://www.montana.edu/housing/halls/handbook.html>

## **Montana State University Police Department (UPD)**

The mission of the Montana State University Police Department is to provide MSU students, faculty, staff, and visitors a safe and secure environment for living and learning. UPD continuously strives to build and cultivate relationships, foster ongoing education, and provide a visible and welcoming presence for our community. In addition to crime reduction services, officers also offer services such as weapon storage and safety escorts.

**406.994.2121** | Chief of Police – [mstanley@montana.edu](mailto:mstanley@montana.edu) | <http://www.montana.edu/wwwmsupd/>

## **MSU Alert**

All students, faculty, and staff are automatically enrolled into MSU Alert. MSU Alert notifies the MSU community of emergency notifications, timely warnings, and public safety advisories. These notifications can be sent in the form of an email, an automated phone call, and a text message. Parents and family members are also eligible to register for MSU Alert.

**406.994.2121** | <https://www.montana.edu/msualert/>

## **Counseling & Psychological Services (CPS)**

CPS has many free and confidential services available to assist you during your time at MSU. These include short-term individual counseling, group counseling, brief couples counseling, consultation, self-help resources, crisis intervention, assistance with community referrals, seminars & presentations on mental health topics.

**406.994.4531** | <https://www.montana.edu/counseling/>

## **Voice Center**

The Montana State University VOICE Center is a free and confidential advocacy, counseling & support center for members of the MSU community who have been impacted by interpersonal violence. The VOICE Center is committed to the belief that all people have the right to live free from violence and the fear of violence. The VOICE Center has a 24-hour confidential support line, walk-in hours throughout the week, support resources, and training opportunities for students to better understand how to support one another when faced with these challenging issues.

**406.994.7069** | [msuvoice@gmail.com](mailto:msuvoice@gmail.com) | <https://www.montana.edu/voice>

## **Office of Institutional Equity & Title IX coordinator (OIE)**

Here at Montana State we believe every student has the right to obtain an education. The Office of Institutional Equity leads investigations into complaints of discrimination, harassment and sexual violence by promptly organizing an impartial and administrative review and, if necessary, recommends equitable resolutions for complaints. It also serves as the designated office responsible for coordinating the University's compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 including oversight of complaints of sex discrimination and sexual violence and identifying and addressing any patterns or systemic problems that arise during the review of such complaints. Educational programs and presentations concerning discrimination, harassment, sexual violence, affirmative action, diversity, inclusion and respectful workplace conduct are also available for campus organizations.

**406.994.2042** | [Oie@montana.edu](mailto:Oie@montana.edu) | <http://www.montana.edu/equity>

## **Annual Security Reports**

The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Montana State University; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. The report also includes institutional policies on campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters.

**406.994.2030** | Chief Compliance Officer – [justin.arndt@montana.edu](mailto:justin.arndt@montana.edu) | <https://www.montana.edu/clery/reports/index.html>