

Campus Safety

The safety of our students is a top priority at HSU. It's why we support education and outreach programs, actively train for emergencies, and have University Police officers patrol regularly. Studies have clearly shown that students perform better academically when they feel safe at school.

University Police

The University Police Department works closely with local law enforcement to protect the safety of students, staff, and faculty. Officers patrol campus 24 hours a day and can be assisted by other law enforcement agencies within minutes. University Police can be reached at any time through the 24-hour dispatch office, via the Rave Guardian smartphone app, or from more than 60 on-campus "Blue Light" phone boxes that connect directly to dispatch.

University Police also offer a campus escort service for students who are feeling unsafe. An officer can walk, bike, or drive a student between any two points on campus, any time of day.



Personal Safety

We urge students to look out for their personal safety in a variety of ways. Here are a few suggestions, which you can remind them about:

- Be aware of your surroundings—keep an eye out for suspicious activity and don't get distracted by technology.
- Walk with people you know, especially after dark.
- Keep your room doors locked when you're away to protect your personal belongings and never prop open outer residence hall doors.
- Be aware of strangers in your residence hall.
- If you see something, say something—report any suspicious or unusual activity to Housing staff or University Police.
- Make decisions so that alcohol and other drugs will not compromise your judgment or your safety.

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Top Tips

Register student cell phone numbers for text updates in case of emergency.

In emergencies, find info at humboldt.edu, 707-826-INFO, and KHSU.org.

Remind your student to learn evacuation routes and rally points.

Memorize what to do in the event of an earthquake: Drop, Cover, and Hold On.

Sign up for the Rave Guardian app.

Remind your student to be aware of their surroundings and keep residence hall doors locked.

Encourage your student to communicate their boundaries and listen to others when they communicate their boundaries.

Talk to your student about not letting alcohol or other drugs compromise their judgment or safety.

- Clearly communicate your boundaries in relationships. And listen to people when they are communicating their intentions—unless they are saying “yes,” assume they are saying “no.”
- Keep your distance from wild animals and report them to University Police or Housing staff immediately.

Emergencies

In case of an emergency, families and students can seek information the following ways:

- Visit the HSU homepage at humboldt.edu or emergency page at humboldt.edu/emergency.
- Tune in to KHSU at 90.5 FM, or KHSU.org.
- Call 707-826-INFO (4636).
- Watch for emergency text messages (make sure your student signs up on myHumboldt).

Please do NOT call the University Police Department for information in the event of an emergency—the dispatch office will be taking urgent calls.

HSU staff—not just University Police—trains regularly for emergencies. Large earthquake and fire drills are performed every year, and other trainings for a variety of situations take place regularly.

Communications are an important part of campus-wide safety in the event of an emergency. Students can sign up for our automatic text alert service that sends messages about emergency events. They can do this in their MyHumboldt account settings online.

We also offer the Rave Guardian app, available for Apple and Android smartphones, which allows students to stay in constant contact with a list of trusted contacts and make immediate contact with University Police, including sending anonymous tips. We encourage all students to download the app. More information can be found at humboldt.edu/police/rave-guardian-app.

HSU has an audible alert, visual strobe system designed to reach every part of campus in the case of an active emergency. And we encourage students to know evacuation routes and campus rally points for their residence halls, classrooms, and other buildings.

Check-It

Several years ago, the U.S. Department of Justice estimated that 1 in 5 women are sexually assaulted at college. Many of those go unreported, according to other reports. In 2014, HSU students launched Check-It, an education and bystander intervention program aimed at preventing sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Through education and outreach, the program aims to create a culture of consent and a community where students look out for one another. It has been recognized by a number of organizations and honored at a White House event.

Bias and Discrimination

HSU has made efforts over the years to address racial bias and to overcome systemic racism in the campus and off-campus communities. HSU continues to work with community partners on efforts like Equity

Alliance of the North Coast, a broad effort of education and training in Humboldt County. And on campus we have created multiple Cultural Centers for Academic Excellence to support students of color during their time at HSU, “place-based learning communities” for new students across multiple disciplines, and the Retention through Academic Mentoring Program for students who are the first in their families to attend college. Our commitment is to continually improve the safety and sense of security for our campus and community.

North Coast Risks

Residents of the North Coast contend with a specific set of safety issues, and new students should familiarize themselves with them. The most significant is earthquakes. HSU participates in ongoing earthquake training, and materials about earthquake safety are available in a variety of places.

The first thing to do if an earthquake happens is to Drop, Cover, and Hold On. The HSU campus is well out of the tsunami zone, but if students are in low-lying areas in the event of a large quake, they should immediately head to higher ground.

Students should also know about water safety and road safety, and what to do in case of wild animal encounters, severe storms, and outages.

Students can apply to join our Campus Emergency Response Team, a volunteer crew that responds to campus emergencies to assist first responders. Team members undergo regular trainings and exercises.

Resources

University Police: **911** for emergencies; for non-emergencies police.humboldt.edu or **707-826-5555**

Emergency Conditions Website: humboldt.edu/emergency

Campus Information Line: **707-826-INFO (4636)**

Public Radio Station: **KHSU 90.5 FM**, listen online at KHSU.org

Emergency Management: risksafety.humboldt.edu

Resident Safety Guide: housing.humboldt.edu/resident-resources/safety

Rave Guardian App: raveguardian.com or humboldt.edu/police/rave-guardian-app.

Clery Report: Per federal law, HSU produces a crime statistics report every year. You can view those reports at police.humboldt.edu.