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### Important Numbers

**Emergencies**

Dial **911**

Emergency Line Information (Recordings used by Facilities/HR for updates)
802.443.2500

Emergency Notification Line Recordings. This number will show up on your cell phone when an emergency notification message is sent.
802.388.0409

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault State Wide Emergency number
800.489.RAPE

**Public Safety and local law enforcement**

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802.443.5361

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**SafeSpace toll free**

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Message from the Director of Public Safety

This Annual Security Report contains information on security programs, procedures, and safety practices for Middlebury College, in Middlebury, Vermont (hereinafter referred to as “Middlebury” or “the College”). This Annual Security Report also collects and reports the annual statistics of certain crimes committed at the non-campus buildings and properties owned or controlled by Middlebury that are used in direct support of or in relation to Middlebury’s educational purposes, are frequently used by students, and are not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the Middlebury campus.

This information has been compiled and released in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (the “Clery Act”) and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, and is produced by the Department of Public Safety with the support of Middlebury’s communications office. Electronic copies of the Annual Security Report are distributed via email to all students, faculty, and staff at Middlebury. Printed copies are available and are provided upon request at the Middlebury Department of Public Safety. All faculty, staff, and students play important roles in crime prevention. By following safety policies and reporting suspicious or criminal activity to the appropriate authorities in a timely manner, community members can help reduce crime and increase safety.

If you have questions or suggestions about this Annual Security Report or regarding safety and security at Middlebury, please contact me at (802) 443-5201 or eburchard@middlebury.edu.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Burchard

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Director of Public Safety/Associate Dean of the College
125 South Main Street
Middlebury College
**Middlebury College Department of Public Safety, Middlebury, Vermont**

The Department of Public Safety (“DPS”) provides uniformed security officers on campus, along with telecommunications staff who are available by phone, at all times of the day and night. Department members regularly patrol campus on foot and in cruisers, and they respond to emergencies. Public Safety reports to the vice president for student affairs/dean of the College. Public Safety officers do not act in the capacity of sworn law enforcement and don’t have the power to make arrests but work closely with local law-enforcement agencies. Public Safety officers have the authority to stop individuals on campus and to request identification. They also can issue parking tickets and notices against trespass. The Department of Public Safety’s Access and Parking Services has scheduled hours. There is a phone in the vestibule that can be used to contact the telecommunicator and officer when the office is closed. For the current schedule of office hours, visit the Public Safety website at [www.middlebury.edu/offices/health/publicsafety](http://www.middlebury.edu/offices/health/publicsafety).

The department’s staff includes the director of Public Safety, the associate director of Public Safety, a part-time associate director, a part-time administrator assisting with patrol supervision and special projects, a telecommunications manager and technical support specialist, three full-time sergeants, a part-time investigator, an administrative assistant, 12 full-time patrol officers, a telecommunications staff (with six full-time, two part-time, and one on-call employee), a staff of art museum monitors (with one lead monitor, three part-time monitors, and three spares), seasonal Midd Rides drivers, and an on-call special-events staff.

Public Safety maintains three fully equipped vehicles, which the officers use (in addition to patrolling on foot and bike) to patrol the College’s main campus buildings and grounds. Officers carry radios and are certified in CPR, first aid, and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use. They attend workshops and training seminars relevant to campus security and safety. Additionally, many in Public Safety have extensive prior experiences in law enforcement, safety, security work, and emergency medical and fire response.

Often, Public Safety officers are the first responders to assist with fire, medical emergencies, and criminal activity. The department works with the Middlebury Police Department, the Vermont State Police, the state’s attorney of Addison County, Addison County Sheriff’s Office, the Vermont Department of Liquor Control, the Middlebury Fire Department, the Middlebury Regional Emergency Medical Services, and Porter Hospital.

The telecommunications center uses a computerized alarm-processing system to receive fire and intrusion alarms. (A few small residential houses have fire-alarm systems that only sound locally. Please check the Fire Systems List at the end of this report.) If there is fire, smoke, or the smell of gas on campus, Public Safety will notify the Middlebury Fire Department and provide access to facilities, occupancy information, and crowd control.

The College has an enhanced 911 system, which allows for emergency calls from the campus phone system to be sent directly to the statewide 911 dispatching service. Public Safety learns of the College phone call’s location but does not hear the conversation. An officer is then dispatched to the location and receives updated information from the responding agency.

If someone calls from a cell phone, or from somewhere out of the area, the responding agency will notify DPS for assistance. Details regarding how to use the 911 system appear in the “Emergency Phones” section of this handbook.

The Public Safety telecommunications staff manages the emergency line—802.443.5911—along with calls from emergency call boxes in parking lots and at the entrances to large residence halls. They also manage the business line: 802.443.5133.

**Mission**

Public Safety’s mission is to support Middlebury’s educational goals by delivering services that enhance and protect the college community. Public Safety ensures an environment conducive to learning by enforcing
Middlebury policies, laws, and ordinances, and protecting property and persons. The department welcomes any questions or concerns you might have, whether by email, by phone, or in person.

**Agreements with Law Enforcement**

Public Safety has a cooperative agreement, not a memorandum of understanding, with the Middlebury Police Department (“MPD”) in the areas of patrol operations, criminal investigation, service of warrants, parking enforcement, and events security. Public Safety immediately reports serious crimes and missing persons to the Middlebury police, and provides the department with reports of crimes on campus in accordance with Middlebury policies. This is the only cooperative agreement or memorandum of understanding to which Middlebury is a party at any of its campuses.

Public Safety informs and encourages victims and witnesses to report criminal acts and suspicious behaviors to the Middlebury Police. When the police must arrest people on campus, Public Safety offers its assistance and cooperation.

The Middlebury Police Department also works closely with Public Safety when notifications must be made to inform and protect the campus community. MPD may provide Public Safety officers with training in local-ordinance education and enforcement, traffic safety and enforcement, special equipment use, and other areas of mutual interest or responsibility.

The Middlebury College Department of Public Safety has a working relationship with the local barracks of the Vermont State Police, the Addison County Sheriff’s Department and the Vermont Department of Liquor Control, but there are no memoranda of understanding with these agencies.

**Reporting Procedures**

An emergency is any immediate threat to life and/or property that requires immediate response from police, fire, or emergency medical services. Examples include crimes in progress, fire, or a serious injury or illness.

When you need an immediate response at any of the Middlebury programs in the United States, dial **911**.

**Reporting an Emergency**

- Dial 911.
- Stay on the line with the dispatcher.
- Provide the address, the location, and a description of the emergency.
- Provide the phone number at your location or the cell phone number.
- Describe the incident thoroughly so the dispatcher can send you the appropriate resources.
- If you accidently misdial, do not hang up. Stay on the line and tell the dispatcher you misdialed. Hanging up may cause emergency personnel to respond and investigate to ensure there is not an emergency.

**Accurate and Prompt Reporting**

We encourage community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests to report all crimes and public safety–related incidents to the Department of Public Safety or other designated security department or official and local law enforcement accurately and in a timely manner. This should also be done when a victim elects to, or is unable to, make such a report.

If sexual assault (including rape, fondling, incest, and statutory rape), domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or other crimes occur, staff on the scene, including Public Safety, will offer the victim services and options for filing a report. All crimes should be reported to the Department of Public Safety or other designated department or official to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid us in providing timely warning notices to the community as appropriate.
Non-campus Buildings or Property
If a Middlebury student, staff member, or faculty member becomes aware of a crime or emergency or needs to make a request for related assistance connected with a non-campus location (that is, any building or property owned or controlled by Middlebury that is used in direct support of Middlebury’s educational purposes and which is frequently used by students, but which is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area as one of Middlebury’s campuses), they are encouraged to contact the police (dial 911). Other contacts are the on-site director or designee or the security or Public Safety officials responsible for the building or location.

Examples of non-campus buildings or property are those that meet the definition of “non-campus” as described above, such as the Snow Bowl and spaces used for the MiddCORE program at Sierra Nevada College, the FoodWorks program at George Washington University, Schools Abroad programs, courses or events at the College’s Washington, D.C., suite, certain hotels or other accommodations that are repeatedly used by sports teams or other Middlebury students, and property used for summer study courses. Individuals are encouraged to report crimes to Middlebury departments or officials responsible for security-related issues or administration, and to local police agencies as appropriate and/or required by applicable law.

Middlebury College Campus, Middlebury, Vermont
Emergencies: 911
Ambulance, Police, or Fire Department: 911
Middlebury Police: 802 388.3191
Public Safety Emergency Line: 802.443.5911
Public Safety Business Line: 802.443.5133

For catastrophic emergencies, including medical, fire, smoke, crime, or the carbon monoxide alarm, first call 911 and then the Department of Public Safety.

Reports can also be made in person at the Department of Public Safety, 125 South Main Street, Middlebury, VT. Any student or faculty or staff member who has information about a Clery Act crime is requested to report the crime to the Director of Public Safety, the Title IX Coordinator/Compliance Officer, or the Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the Clery Act crime statistics and so we can determine whether or not a timely warning is needed (See Timely Warning, below).

Confidential Reporting
Campus “pastoral counselors” and campus-based “professional counselors,” when acting as such, are not considered campus security authorities and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, counselors are encouraged to explain to a victim that the counselor could inform Public Safety of the crime solely for statistical purposes, keeping the victim’s name anonymous. If the victim agrees, the counselor would complete a Campus Security Authority form and leave all identifying information blank. Counselors are defined as follows:

1. Pastoral counselor: An employee of an institution who is associated with a religious order or denomination, who is recognized by that religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and who is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor.

2. Professional counselor: An employee of an institution whose official responsibilities include providing mental health counseling to members of the institution’s community and who is functioning within the scope of the counselor’s license or certification.

Anonymous Reporting
Anonymous reports regarding the Middlebury, Vermont, campus can be made to the Addison County (Vermont)
Crime Stoppers at the number below. Voluntary, confidential reporting of crimes for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics may be made to the Department of Public Safety at 802.443.5133.

- Addison County Crime Stoppers
  - 1.800.432.5436

Campus Security Authority (CSA)
A Campus Security Authority (CSA) is someone to whom you can report a crime and includes the following groups of individuals and organizations associated with an institution:

- A campus police department or a campus security department of an institution.
- Any individual or individuals who have responsibility for campus security but who do not constitute a campus police department or a campus security department (e.g., an individual who is responsible for monitoring the entrance into institutional property).
- An individual or organization specified in an institution’s statement of campus security policy as an individual or organization to which students and employees should report criminal offenses.
- An official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including but not limited to student housing, student discipline, athletics, and campus judicial proceedings.

The following are Campus Security Authorities for Middlebury College: Public Safety staff, vice president for student affairs and dean of the College, dean of students, Commons heads, Commons deans, Commons coordinators, Commons residential advisors, Community assistants, Resident assistants, judicial affairs officers, human relations officers, Title IX coordinator, director of outdoor programs, student activities program and events manager, associate dean of students for student activities and orientation, assistant director of student organizations and orientation, associate dean of students for residential and student life, director of health and wellness, director of the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity and the Anderson Freeman Resource Center, associate director of the Anderson Freeman Resource Center, director of community engagement, assistant director of community engagement, Posse mentors, organic farm educator, global food studies coordinator, MiddCORE director, any faculty or staff who travel with students on programs to foreign or domestic locations, the director of athletics, coaches, field house monitors, the environmental health and safety coordinator, and advisors to student groups or organizations.

Clergy Act Crimes that Have to be Reported by the CSA and Included in the Annual Security Report
CSAs are responsible for reporting allegations of Clergy Act crimes that are reported to them in their capacity as CSAs. CSAs are required to report such crimes to the director of Public Safety, the Title IX coordinator, or the Department of Public Safety so that the crime report can be included in annual crime statistics, and in order to make a timely warning determination (see Timely Warning, below). Crimes that fall within the scope of the Clergy Act include the following:

- Murder and non-negligent manslaughter
- Manslaughter by negligence
- Sexual assault/sex offenses (rape, fondling, incest, and statutory rape)
- Robbery
- Aggravated assault
- Burglary
- Motor vehicle theft
- Arson
- Liquor law violation
- Drug law violation
- Weapon law violation
- Hate crimes: any of the serious crimes above and larceny-theft, destruction/damage/vandalism of property, intimidation (threats of injury or violence), or simple assault, if there is evidence that the victim
Definitions of these crimes can be found in the Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting or in this Annual Security Report’s crime statistics section.

CSAs should also report arrests and referrals for campus disciplinary action for liquor law violations, drug law violations, and weapons law violations (e.g., possession, carrying, etc.).

**Timely Warning**
The Department of Public Safety, or other site-specific designee at a non-campus building, will issue timely warnings regarding reported crimes that are reported to Middlebury by CSAs, local law enforcement, or others and that are considered by Middlebury to represent a serious and ongoing threat to students and/or employees. Public Safety or designees will not distribute warnings that could compromise criminal investigations.

Criminal incidents that might prompt a timely warning include the Clery crimes: aggravated assault, arson, burglary, manslaughter by negligence, motor vehicle theft, murder/non-negligent manslaughter, robbery, rape, fondling, incest, statutory rape, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and hate crimes, as defined in the Crime Statistics section.

Whether to issue a timely warning will be determined on a case-by-case basis in light of all the facts surrounding the reported crime. The determination will be made by the Public Safety director, the vice president for student affairs and dean of the College, the vice president of human resources and chief risk officer, and the Title IX coordinator, or their designees, and the on-site designee when applicable. In an extreme emergency, the notification process will be implemented at the sole direction of the Public Safety director or her designee. The following criteria will determine whether timely warnings will be issued:

- The nature of the crime
- The continuing danger to the campus community
- The possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts

The warning will include information that would promote safety and aid in the prevention of similar crimes. Middlebury will withhold as confidential the names and other identifying information of victims.

The warning will be issued via email and will be posted on the Public Safety website. Depending on the circumstances of the crime or threat, the Public Safety Department may post the notices in the residence hall(s) or academic building(s) and may issue the timely warning by text message. Middlebury may also issue warnings to the campus community when other situations pose safety concerns (see this handbook’s Emergency Response section, below), or otherwise as deemed appropriate.

In its annual letter to local law enforcement agencies, Middlebury requests that local law enforcement inform the institution on an immediate basis of crimes that may require timely warnings.

**Daily Crime Log**
The Middlebury College Department of Public Safety maintains a Daily Crime Log of all criminal incidents and alleged criminal incidents reported to have occurred on the Middlebury College campus, on the adjacent public property, and in the Department of Public Safety’s patrol jurisdiction. The Daily Crime Log will contain any reports from a Campus Security Authority and local law enforcement. Reports of crime at non-campus buildings or
properties, as defined by the Clery geography, will be included in the Middlebury crime log. Public Safety publishes the crime log entry, an addition to an entry, or a change in the disposition of the complaint within 2 business days of receipt of the crime report and maintains a printed copy at the office, 125 South Main St., Middlebury, Vermont. This log identifies the nature of the crime, the general location of the crime, the date and time the crime occurred, the date the crime was reported to Public Safety, and the disposition of the complaint, if known. Middlebury is not required to update the disposition of a crime log entry if the disposition changes 60 days after the entry was made in the log.

Exceptions to the crime log entry procedure described above may be made if such disclosure is prohibited by law or would jeopardize the confidentiality of the victim. In addition, Middlebury may temporarily withhold information if there is clear and convincing evidence that the release of information would jeopardize an ongoing investigation, jeopardize the safety of an individual, cause a suspect to flee or evade detection, or result in the destruction of evidence.

The log is available on our Public Safety web page at [www.middlebury.edu/offices/health/publicsafety](http://www.middlebury.edu/offices/health/publicsafety).

**Emergency Phones**

Phones are located in buildings and parking lots around campus. Large residence halls are equipped with a card-access system and have phones at the main entrances. Each of these phones has a red emergency button that automatically places a call to Public Safety and a black button that you can use, in conjunction with the keypad, to dial on-campus phone numbers. Some of the large residence halls also have red emergency phones in their hallways. When you lift the receiver of a red emergency phone, a call is automatically placed to the DPS telecommunications center.

All buildings, including the small, residential student houses, have campus phones in their main hallways, lounges, and classrooms. In the event of an emergency, from an emergency phone on campus dial 911 for the police, or 5911 for Public Safety. The phones can also be used for nonemergency intercampus calls if you dial the college extension. Student dorm rooms do not have phones. If you are using a personal cell phone, please program it with Middlebury College emergency phone numbers. Also, familiarize yourself with the phone locations in the residence halls and other buildings.

Several of the larger parking lots also have emergency phones. These phones are on black pedestals and have blue globes on top of them. At night these blue lights are illuminated. These phones have no receiver, but work via a keypad and speaker system. For emergencies, press the red button and you’ll be connected to Public Safety. These phones also have a black button that you can use, in conjunction with the keypad, to dial on-campus extensions.

**Operating the Phones**

Push the black button for a dial tone and then, using the keypad, dial your number. You can contact Public Safety by dialing 5911 or the college switchboard operator by dialing 0. You can also use these phones to make nonemergency calls. For instance, if you wish to contact Midd Rides, call RIDE (x7433) for an escort back to a residence hall. To end the call or stop the dial tone, push the black button once more.

Emergency phones are located in the following parking lots:

- C Lot (FIC)
- D Lot (Atwater Halls A and B)
- E Lot (Johnson)
- Q Lot (Mahaney Center for the Arts)
- R Lot (Ridgeline)
- T Lot (Field House/Kenyon)
- The Track Lot (at the corner of Porter Field Road and South Street)
- The Kirk Center Parking Lot
- K Lot (Robert A. Jones)
There are also emergency phones on the walkway near Bicentennial Hall and Freeman International Center, on the walkway between 20 Old Chapel Road and the Axinn Center, and near Twilight Hall.

**Emergency Response**

This section describes the procedures that Middlebury College will use to immediately notify the campus community upon the confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on Middlebury’s campus, the process that Middlebury will use to confirm that there is a significant emergency or dangerous situation, to determine the appropriate segment or segments of a campus community to receive a notification, and to determine the content of the notification. In all cases, Middlebury will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the applicable notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

General information about emergency response and evacuation procedures for Middlebury College is available on the Middlebury College web page at [www.middlebury.edu/er](http://www.middlebury.edu/er), through the Quick Links Emergency option at the bottom of the home page, or by typing “go/er” in the search box of the homepage.

The Department of Public Safety and members of facilities services, when appropriate, will respond to incidents, attempt to mitigate them, and assess if they pose an immediate threat to the health or safety of the campus community or to any segment of the campus. Public Safety will also summon the necessary resources, including the police, fire department, emergency medical services, and other members of facilities services as necessary. Public Safety will assist with providing access to gated roads and locked buildings. The department will also investigate and document any situations that might cause significant emergencies or dangerous situations.

**Emergency Notification Procedures**

In the event of a confirmed emergency or dangerous situation occurring on or approaching campus, the Public Safety director, associate director, sergeant or telecommunications manager, in consultation with other senior Middlebury College officials, as appropriate under the circumstances (e.g., vice president for communications, vice president for student affairs/dean of the College, vice president for human resources and risk, provost, vice president for academic affairs/dean of the faculty, and vice president for academic affairs/dean of the Schools) will confirm the emergency or dangerous situation, identify the area or appropriate segment or segments of the campus community potentially impacted by the emergency, and, without delay, use the emergency notification system to alert the affected area or campus population. “Confirmation” of the emergency or dangerous situation means that the official(s) identified above have verified that a legitimate emergency or dangerous situation exists. The process for confirming an emergency and determining the appropriate information for the emergency notification will include direct observation of conditions or incidents, inquiry into the incidents being handled by the police or other authorities in the area, web or news alerts, or reports directly from law enforcement, emergency management agencies, the state of Vermont, the National Weather Service, or other authorities.

The nature of the incident will determine which of the following methods will be employed:

- MiddAlert (RAVE) and MiddAlert.net
- Middlebury College website
- Email lists to residents, dining, and/or departments
- Phone trees
- “Runners” and/or posted signs
- Loudspeakers or megaphones
The notification will usually be sent to all students, faculty, and staff (or to an appropriate segment of the community if the event is limited to a defined part of campus) using the MiddAlert system or email. The entire campus community will be notified when there is at least the potential that a very large segment of the community will be affected by a situation or event, or when there is a threat to the operation of the campus as a whole. There will be a continuing assessment of the situation to determine which segments of the campus community should be notified.

Middlebury will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system unless issuing the notification will, in the professional judgment of the Middlebury Police, Middlebury Fire Department, the Vermont Department of Health, or other emergency response authorities or federal or state agencies, compromise efforts to assist victims, or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

The Public Safety director, associate director, and/or other officials identified above, as appropriate, will determine how much information is appropriate to disseminate at different points in time. Typically, the notification will include the incident time, location, type, and recommended actions for safety. The notice will contain safety information for the particular segment of the population taking into account such factors as, for example, whether some people are residents and others are commuting or traveling to the campus.

Individuals authorized to initiate the MiddAlert system include the vice president for student affairs and dean of the College, vice president for human resources and risk, vice president for communications and chief marketing officer, provost, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the Schools, director of Public Safety (or DPS supervisor), director of information security and infrastructure, and director of media relations.

Disseminating Emergency Information

The MiddAlert system will be activated on a case-by-case basis. If a major emergency affects the main campus, a warning message will be issued using any of the systems available for emergency notification.

- Messages sent to middlebury.edu emails will have the following sender information: RAVE Alert, middlebury@getrave.com
- Messages sent to cell phones will come from 802.388.0409.
- Text messages from RAVE will display short, hyphenated numbers (such as 672-83). The text will begin “MiddAlert.”
- Public Safety might also send notifications from publicsafety@middlebury.edu
- Emergency notification may also be completed with the use of phone trees, runners, posted messages, and megaphone or loudspeaker.
- Middlebury will disseminate emergency information to the larger community by contacting the local police, state police, and/or local news agencies.

Adding or Changing Cell Phone Emergency Contact Information

To alert the college community of emergencies or potential emergencies, Public Safety may use the RAVE Emergency Notification System. This system uses the cell phone numbers entered into BannerWeb. Students are required to provide their emergency contact information upon course registration. We also send an email explaining that the cell phone numbers must be in Banner in order to receive emergency notifications in this manner. Employees are notified that in order to receive RAVE cell phone messages or text messages, they must list their cell phone number in Banner.

To add your cell phone number, log into BannerWeb at go.middlebury.edu/bw; select “Personal Information;” and select “Update cell phone for emergency communications.”

Then please review your personal information and be sure your emergency contacts are up to date. Also, in order to recognize the emails, phone calls, or texts from RAVE, please add the numbers above to your phone’s contacts.
Testing Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

Middlebury will test the institution’s emergency response and evacuation procedures on at least an annual basis, including tests that may be announced or unannounced, by the Emergency Notification System (RAVE), and could utilize text, phone, and/or email. Middlebury will publicize its emergency response and evacuation procedures in conjunction with at least one test per calendar year, by directing people to the emergency procedures web pages. Middlebury will document, for each test, a description of the exercise, the date, the time and whether it was announced or unannounced.

Middlebury College’s Emergency Web Alert System

The Emergency Web Alert System can rapidly disseminate emergency information to the college community and general public. The system consists of two distinct parts:

1. During an emergency, authorized administrators can activate emergency notifications on the College’s primary website: www.middlebury.edu. These notifications may display information or redirect people to MiddAlert.net.

2. MiddAlert.net is a high-availability website, hosted by Google that authorized administrators can use to post current information about emergencies. MiddAlert.net isn’t dependent on the College's IT infrastructure.

Note that ENS messages reference MiddAlert.net as the source for updates about emergencies. People may also choose to subscribe to the MiddAlert.net feed at www.middalert.net/alerts/posts.xml

Thorguard Lightning Warning System, Middlebury, Vermont

A Thorguard Lightning Warning System has been installed at the College Golf Course, just south of the main athletic complex. The system operates from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. every day.

If the system detects lightning within a two-mile radius, the warning horn at the golf course and Youngman Field will sound one blast and the lights will begin to flash and remain flashing at the following locations:

- **Golf course**, Golf Course Road and South Main Street
- **Youngman Field**, Golf Course Road and South Main Street
- **Dragone Track**, Porter Field Road
- **Baseball diamond**, South Street
- **Athletic fields**, behind the athletic complex
- **Proctor Tennis Courts**, Hillcrest Road
- **Atwater Tennis Courts**, behind Sunderland and Atwater Dining

When the warning horn sounds, individuals should take shelter in a building or in an enclosed vehicle. Organized sports teams will be instructed to end play or practice, and the athletes will be directed to shelter in a building. When the threat of lightning has passed, the warning horn will sound three short blasts and the lights will stop flashing.

Emergency Operations Plan

Middlebury College has an Emergency Management Team (“EMT”) trained in emergency preparedness and response. The EMT consists of staff members from various college departments and offices who are responsible for operational management during an emergency. The EMT reports to the Executive Policy Group, composed of senior leadership responsible for policy and executive-level decision making during an emergency.

The EMT is supported by the Emergency Management Auxiliary Team (EMAT), employees with specialized roles and responsibilities who are trained in emergency preparedness and response and available to support the EMT as needed.
Team Training
The Emergency Management Team (EMT), the Emergency Management Auxiliary Team (EMAT), and the Threat Assessment and Management Team (TAM) participate in training and exercises. At a minimum, all team members must complete the online course Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 for Higher Education (http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS100HE.asp).

For testing purposes, team members will practice with hypothetical critical incidents and emergencies. They will employ tabletop exercises, functional exercises, and drills that test the utility of emergency operation planning, the team members’ preparedness, the team’s coordination with external entities, and team members’ knowledge, acquisition, and deployment of resources.

Team chairs will schedule training sessions, which occur at least once a year. Training will, when it is practicable, include first responders and other external agencies to test the College’s plans and their compatibility with local, regional, or state plans.

Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) Team
The Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) Team assesses risks and formulates responses in situations where an individual’s behaviors or statements could indicate a threat to the health or safety of others. TAM seeks to mitigate potential risks before they result in harm.

TAM meets usually at least monthly to discuss cases and implement action plans and follow-up strategies. Middlebury employees trained in behavioral-threat assessment and management compose the team. TAM may assist and support the EMT and EMAT when emergencies involve community members who may pose risks to others.

If you believe someone has committed, or may commit, a violent act; see someone engaging in behavior that could lead to potential violence; or see some other threat to the health or safety of the College community, call Public Safety at 802 443.5911. You can also report incidents to your Commons dean, your program director, or to anyone on the TAM team. Team members are listed on the team’s website at go/threatassessment.

In case of an immediate emergency, call 911.

General Emergency and Evacuation Procedures
Fire Evacuation
Familiarize yourself with your building’s evacuation procedures. Locate the nearest exit and fire extinguisher.

- If you smell smoke or detect a fire, activate the nearest alarm, if possible, and call 911 from a safe location.
- Evacuate as soon as you hear the alarm.
- Before opening any door, use the back of your hand to test its temperature. Also check the doorknob's temperature. If either is hot, leave the door closed, stuff towels or clothes in the cracks, and open a window. Look for another exit.
- If the door isn’t hot, open it slowly and be prepared to close it quickly if necessary.
- In a smoke-filled area, keep low to the floor to avoid inhaling smoke.
- If you see or smell smoke in a hall or stairway, use another exit.
- Close doors as you leave.
- Exit the building cautiously. Carry a towel or blanket to protect yourself from flames or smoke.
- If the exit is blocked, return to your room, close the door, open a window, and call for help.
- If there is a fire, don’t use any elevators.
- Report to your emergency muster point and check in with your resident advisor or Student Life representative. Report anyone who might be missing.
- A Public Safety officer will direct you to another safe location in order to find shelter in inclement weather.
- Do not reenter the building until Public Safety advises that the Middlebury Fire Department has indicated that it is safe to reenter.
**Active Threat**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security defines an active shooter as an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, the victims are chosen at random.

Because active-shooter situations are often over within 10 to 15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be mentally and physically prepared to survive. (In 2014 Middlebury College began training all students, faculty, and staff in the “Run, Hide, Fight” protocol described below.)

If you are involved in a situation where someone has entered the area, the following is a list of actions that are recommended. These kinds of incidents are unpredictable. The guidelines provided are based on past experiences. Other actions may be necessary. If the individual poses an immediate threat to you, you may need to act using your best judgment.

**Run, Hide, Fight**

**If you can safely leave the area:**

- Exit the building immediately (“Run”). Tell anyone you may encounter to exit the building also.
- Leave the campus if you can safely do so. Attempt to let a supervisor or fellow worker know that you are leaving so that everyone can be accounted for.
- Call 911 and the Middlebury College Department of Public Safety at 802.443.5911.

- Give the dispatcher the following information:
  1. Your name
  2. Location of the incident (be as specific as possible)
  3. Number of armed people involved (if known)
  4. Identification or description of armed persons
  5. Number of persons who may be at risk
  6. Your contact information and location

**If you are at immediate risk and exiting the building is not possible:**

- Go to the nearest room or office (“Hide”).
- Close and lock the door.
- Cover the door windows.
- Keep quiet and act as if no one is in the room.
- DO NOT answer the door.
- Be aware that a fire alarm might have been pulled by an intruder.
- Identify/obtain an object in the room that can be used to incapacitate the armed person if she/he enters the room.
- If possible, call (or text, but only if you cannot speak safely) 911 and call the Middlebury College Department of Public Safety, 802.443.5911.

- Give the dispatcher the following information:
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- Wait for local police or security to assist you out of the building.

**If an armed intruder enters the room and you are in immediate danger:**

- Commit mentally to incapacitating the intruder (“Fight”).
- Strike the intruder with an object and continue to strike until the intruder is incapacitated.
- Yell as you fight.
- Call 911 when possible.
*Run, Hide, Fight: Surviving an Active Shooter Event is funded by the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program, a Department of Homeland Security initiative (October 2012), produced by the city of Houston Mayor’s Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security. Middlebury College uses it with permission for training purposes.

Earthquake Preparedness
Falling objects cause most injuries during earthquakes, so remove heavy objects from shelves above beds or desks and place them on lower shelves. Secure freestanding cabinets, bookcases, and other tall furniture to the wall. If you can’t secure them, place them where they’re not likely to fall and cause injury. Desks, chairs, or beds should not be directly next to or under a window. If it is impossible to avoid such an arrangement, sit and sleep with your head away from the windows. Keep plants and other free-swinging objects away from windows so they will not break the windowpane.

At the first indication of an earthquake, move to a safe area (under sturdy furniture, or braced in an interior door frame or interior corner), away from shelves and windows, and keep your face and head covered for protection from broken glass and falling debris. Remember to duck, cover, and hold.

If you’re inside, don’t rush outside, as there may be hazards from falling debris.

If you’re outdoors, stay there. If possible, move to an open area away from buildings, trees, overhead power lines, brick walls, and falling objects. Stay low to the ground and look for hazards that may require moving to a safer area.

If you’re in a car, pull over and stop in a safe area away from trees, power lines, bridges, overpasses, and buildings. Stay inside the car. If live wires should fall across the car, remain still until help arrives. Cars are usually well insulated and will provide protection against electricity.

Develop a personal emergency plan. Doing so will increase your personal safety if there is an earthquake, provide necessary resources and training for handling an earthquake’s aftermath, and help put family and friends at ease. Keep a flashlight on hand, too, in case of power outages.

After an earthquake, local telephone lines and cellular service may have reduced capacity. Do not make calls immediately after an emergency unless you’re in danger. That way, lines can remain available for emergency services.

To stay in contact with your relatives after an emergency, call an out-of-state friend or family member. Ask this person to call your relatives and friends and tell them you are safe.

Campus Security and Access

Building Security
To control access to buildings, the Enhanced Access System (EAS) uses access cards issued to authorized students, faculty, staff, and guests. Those with cards present them to card readers, which then electronically unlock doors.

Individuals with access privileges will gain entry. If someone attempts to use an invalid card, or forces a door open, or tampers with the system components, an alarm will be activated at the Public Safety monitoring station, and a Public Safety officer will investigate. For a list of buildings with card access, go to www.middlebury.edu/offices/health/publicsafety/MiddCard/accesslocations

Academic
Academic facilities are open during normal business hours Monday–Friday. Some buildings and facilities also are open evenings and weekends to accommodate evening classes, research, or other special programming needs. Faculty and staff are responsible for securing the private offices and storage areas. Public Safety watches over some departments that remain open late or keep unusual hours. Public Safety officers, night watchmen, and those in charge of buildings share the charge of keeping college buildings secure. Public Safety officers routinely check buildings during their patrols.
Residential
The large residential buildings are equipped with the Enhanced Access System. Students, faculty, and staff are issued a MiddCard, and this card authorizes entry into specified buildings during certain hours. Students with access privileges for residential buildings have 24-hour access. The active card must be presented at the card reader, and the door will be unlocked electronically. There are no monitors or cameras at these entry points.

There are emergency telephones at the main entrances of EAS-equipped residence halls. Use these phones to dial dorm or office extensions, or automatically connect to the Public Safety emergency line by pressing the red button.

Hours of operation: The EAS at residential buildings is always operating and requires an authorized card. Students should not allow strangers into the buildings. Guests of students are not issued access cards and are required to be with their student host. Exit doors are always locked, so people cannot enter through them, but people can always leave from any door at any time.

For small residential buildings, students are issued a door code or a building key. Security of these doors is maintained by the student residents. The Department of Public Safety patrols student residential houses that have large gathering spaces and numerous residents, such as Jewett, Homestead, Weybridge, and the Mill.

Computer Labs
The computer lab in Sunderland is EAS equipped. Generally, labs will be unlocked during the business day. After business hours and on weekends, only those with access privileges will be able to use the labs. To enter, you must present the reader with a valid access card.

Temporary-Access Cards
Vendors, guests of Middlebury, and students auditing classes may need to enter access-controlled buildings. For those to whom responsible departments have granted authorization, Public Safety has temporary-access cards available for sign-out on an as-needed basis. Departments should contact Public Safety for more information. Note that personal guests of students, faculty, or staff are not eligible for temporary-access cards.

Magnetic-Stripe Building Access
To access a few buildings, you must use the magnetic stripe on your ID card, swiping it through a credit card–style reader. McCardell Bicentennial Hall uses this system. Facilities Services maintains the other magnetic-stripe readers.

Access Problems and Questions
If you cannot access a building and feel unsafe, please contact Public Safety immediately.

For more information about ID cards and building access, please see the FAQ at www.middlebury.edu/offices/health/publicsafety/MiddCard/FAQ

Tampering with any component of EAS may result in a fine or disciplinary action.

Propping open a door breaches the residential security system. This breach will activate a local alarm at the door and an alarm at Public Safety’s monitoring station.

Residential Room Keys
At the start of housing assignments, the Commons and Student Life issue room keys. Public Safety assists late-arriving students. Students, faculty, and staff are not permitted to duplicate residential keys or to loan their dorm key to others. Students, faculty, and staff must immediately report lost or stolen residential keys to Public Safety.

Residential Room Touch Codes
Students residing in touch-code rooms can find out their touch-code information when they log in on the self-service BannerWeb. The touch code will become active at 9 a.m. on the start of the student, faculty, or staff’s housing assignment. Students, faculty, and staff who are assigned to College residential buildings are instructed to keep their touch code private. If someone obtains your touch code, immediately report this to Public Safety. Request for touch-code changes should be made by contacting the housing coordinator at housingundergraduate@middlebury.edu or your language school or summer program director.
Maintenance
The Public Safety officers and facilities services staff regularly check exterior lighting on pathways and in parking lots as well as the building security systems. Any lighting issues, door locking issues or other security maintenance issues are reported to facilities services for repair. The officers check each emergency phone for operability and lighting at least once a year. Any phone service issues are reported to facilities services and telephone services. Facilities services staff test building emergency systems, including the egress lighting in hallways and stairwells, on a regular basis.

Crime Statistics
The Department of Public Safety is the centralized reporting authority for Middlebury College. All members of the Middlebury College community are encouraged to report criminal incidents to the Department of Public Safety, the director of Public Safety or the Title IX coordinator for inclusion in the Clery Act crime statistics.

The Department of Public Safety collects Clery Act crime statistics from the College’s public log, Middlebury College Campus Security Authorities (CSAs), Middlebury Police Department, Vermont State Police, and local law enforcement at non-campus locations. In an effort to provide members of the campus community with information about campus crime and crime-related problems, the Middlebury College Department of Public Safety, in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, publish and distribute the crimes statistics in the College’s Annual Security Report.

Middlebury does not officially recognize any student organizations that have non-campus housing or other non-campus locations, so it does not have a policy concerning the monitoring and recording by local police agencies of criminal activity by students at any such locations.

Definitions of Clery Geography Terms

On campus: Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution’s educational purposes, including residence halls; and any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the area as identified above, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor, e.g., Above Par Food and Spirits at the Ralph Myhre Golf Course).

Non-campus building or property: Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution’s educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution. (Examples: Snow Bowl, MiddCore at Sierra Nevada College, FoodWorks at George Washington University, courses or events at the College’s Washington, D.C., suite, athletic trips, and summer study courses.)

Public property: All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the Middlebury College campus. There is no public property requirement for non-campus buildings and properties.

“Controlled by”: This means that the institution (or an institution-associated entity) directly or indirectly rents, leases, or has some other type of written agreement (including an informal one, such as a letter or an email) for use of a building or property, or a portion of a building or property.

“Reasonably contiguous”: This means a building or property the institution owns or controls that is in a location that is considered by students and employees to be, and treated as, part of the campus. This determination is made on a case-by-case basis by taking into consideration the circumstances of the campus and the location.

There are four general categories of crime statistics: criminal offenses, hate crimes, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) offenses, and arrests and referrals for disciplinary action.
Definitions of Criminal Offenses

**Criminal homicide/murder and non-negligent manslaughter:** the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

**Criminal Homicide/Manslaughter by Negligence:** The killing of another person through gross negligence.

**Sexual Assault (Sex Offenses)**
Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent. This includes attempted sexual assaults. Sexual assault includes rape, fondling, incest, and statutory rape as defined below.

- **Rape:** The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus, with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

- **Fondling:** The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

- **Incest:** Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within a degree wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

- **Statutory rape:** Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

**Robbery:** The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear.

**Aggravated assault:** An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. (It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used that could cause serious personal injury if the crime were successfully completed.)

**Burglary:** The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

**Arson:** Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

**Motor vehicle theft:** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle (automobile, truck, bus, motorcycle, motor scooters, snowmobiles, etc.). This includes all cases where motor vehicles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned, including joyriding.

**Unfounded crimes:** For Clery Act purposes a crime can be determined to be *unfounded* only after a full investigation by sworn law enforcement personnel and after the sworn law enforcement officer makes a formal determination that the report is false and baseless.
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**Unfounded Crimes – Middlebury College Campus**

2013: No unfounded crimes
2014: No unfounded crimes
2015: No unfounded crimes

**Definitions of Hate Crime Offenses**

*Hate Crimes*: A crime reported to local police agencies or to a campus security authority that manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator’s bias against the victim.
For the purposes of this section, the categories of bias include the victim’s actual or perceived race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin and/or disability. Any primary crime listed above (that is, murder, non-negligent manslaughter, manslaughter by negligence, rape, fondling, incest, statutory rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson), and the additional crimes of larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, or destruction/damage/vandalism of property, that manifests such evidence, will be recorded as a hate crime. Middlebury is required to list the category of bias to the extent possible.

Timely response to these incidents is crucial. Failure to report allows the incidents to remain hidden and may even allow them to escalate. Middlebury takes all reports seriously and will thoroughly investigate every incident and work with local law enforcement agencies whenever necessary. Reports can be filed with the Department of Public Safety, vice president for student affairs/dean of the College, dean of students, human resources, dean of faculty, a human relations officer, or a campus security authority.

**Hate Crimes - Middlebury College Campus**

2013: Two (2) on-campus intimidation incidents characterized by sexual orientation bias.
2014: There were no hate crimes reported in 2014.
2015: There were no hate crimes reported in 2015.

**Definitions of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Offenses**

**Sexual assault (rape, fondling, incest, and statutory rape)** are VAWA offenses. For Clery Act reporting purposes these offenses are included in the Criminal Offenses definitions and statistical chart above.

**Domestic violence**: A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim; by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common; by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

**Dating violence**: Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party’s statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. For the purposes of this definition, dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or threat of such abuse; and dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

**Stalking**: Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person’s safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress. “Course of conduct” means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts in which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person’s property. “Reasonable person” means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim. “Substantial emotional distress” means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

**VAWA Offenses Reporting Table – Middlebury College Campus**

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Definitions: Weapon, Drug, and Liquor Law Violations

**Arrest:** Persons processed by arrest, criminal citation or summons.

**Referral for Disciplinary Action / Disciplinary Referral:** The referral of any person to any official who initiates a disciplinary action of which a record is established and which may result in the imposition of a sanction.

**Weapon Law Violation:** The violation of state and local laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors;

**Drug Abuse Violation:** Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include, but are not limited to: Opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine); bath salts and their derivatives; and illegally obtained prescription drugs.

**Liquor Law Violation:** The violation of state and local laws prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor (i.e. under the age of 21); maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to minor; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition, nor is possession of alcohol by an individual 21 years of age or older where such possession is in violation of College policy (i.e. at an unregistered party).

| Arrest and Disciplinary Referrals Reporting Table - Middlebury College Campus | Geographic Location | Offense                                                                 | Year | On Campus | On-Campus Student Housing Facilities | NonCampus Property | Public Property |
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| | | | 2015 | 356* | 316 | 0 | 0 |

*The increase in the statistics is the result of Middlebury's changing what it considers to be a referral for disciplinary action for purposes of compiling the Clery Act-related statistics.*
**Crime Prevention**

All new students, faculty and staff receive training on active threat response titled Run, Hide, and Fight, and are informed on how to contact the police by calling 911 or by calling Public Safety at 802.443.5911. Students receive information on how to contact Public Safety and are, during residence hall meetings, instructed on residential safety, locking their doors, keeping their door touch code private and reporting suspicious people and circumstances.

Middlebury can offer the following suggestions about personal safety issues. These are, of course, only general observations; you must decide what is most prudent for keeping yourself and your property safe in particular situations.

**Personal Safety**

Our campus is located in Middlebury, Vermont, which has relatively low incidents of crime.

Here is how you can do your part:

- Be aware of your vulnerability; follow the measures of self-protection and property protection outlined here.
- Be alert for suspicious or criminal activity and for conditions that may represent hazards to the community.
- Get involved by becoming more security conscious and by reporting all incidents of suspicious or criminal activity, no matter how insignificant they may appear, immediately to Public Safety or a Campus Security Authority.
- Remember that unreported crimes cannot be solved. This allows the perpetrators to commit additional, and possibly more serious, crimes.

**Walking or Running Safety**

- Avoid traveling alone at night. Instead, travel in pairs. At Middlebury call for MiddRides.
- Avoid dark, vacant, or deserted areas; use well-lit, regularly traveled pathways. Runners, walkers, or joggers should face traffic. If you’re out after dark, use extra precautions: stay in pairs, travel well-lit areas, and wear reflective clothing or tape.
- Dress sensibly. Don’t flaunt expensive jewelry or carry large amounts of cash.
- Always let someone know where you are going and when you will return.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times. Walk purposefully and confidently. Keep moving.
- Do not hitchhike or accept rides from casual acquaintances.
- When walking to your residence or vehicle, keep your keys in hand.
- When a private vehicle or taxi drops you off at your residence, ask the driver to wait until you get inside.
- If you are threatened by an approaching vehicle, run in the opposite direction. The vehicle will have to turn around to follow you.
- If you think you’re being followed or feel threatened, increase your pace and move away from the threat; join any group of people nearby; cross the street, and, if necessary, keep crossing back and forth. If someone pursues you, run to a business, residence, or well-lit area. Call for help, scream, or raise a commotion. Enlist the aid of a passerby. Find a phone and dial 911 or pull a fire alarm. Do anything that will attract attention or summon assistance. If you are walking alone and someone passes you, check to make sure that person is continuing to walk in the other direction.
- If you are confronted by an assailant, yell and struggle. Keep your head and assess the situation.

**Residence Halls and Private Residences**

- Lock your room door and windows when you go to sleep or when you leave, even if only briefly; take your keys with you.
- Immediately report defective locks on your windows and doors to facilities services or Public Safety. Do not put your name and address on key rings. Do not attach your keys to your ID card.
- Don’t keep your residence and your vehicle keys on the same ring.
- If you lose your residence keys, the locks will be changed. On-campus residents should immediately notify the Department of Public Safety. Faculty with college rentals in Middlebury should notify Facilities Services for lock changes. Do not study in poorly lit, secluded areas.
- Require visitors to identify themselves before you open your door. Request official identification from all repair or service personnel.
- Get to know your neighbors so you can help one another.
- If you discover someone has entered your room, DO NOT GO IN. Go to a neighbor and call Public Safety (for College housing) or the local law enforcement authorities (for private residences). If you’re already inside, DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING. You may disturb evidence important to a police investigation.
• If you are awakened by an intruder, do not try to apprehend them. They may be armed or may easily arm themselves with something in your room. Attempt to get out of the room if it is possible.
• If you see a suspicious person or vehicle, either on campus or in your neighborhood, IMMEDIATELY contact Public Safety or the local law enforcement authorities. Try to get the license plate number, state, and description of the vehicle, but do not chase the car to do so.
• Do not prop open doors to residence halls or other College buildings.
• People outside the College community are prohibited from soliciting in residence halls. If you see an outside solicitor in the dorms, immediately report this to Public Safety.
• Do not yell or attempt to detain peeping toms, who may panic and react unpredictably. If the offender runs away, and you can safely observe this person, watch to see if this person gets into a car, goes to another dorm, etc. Also observe the person’s physical bearing. Then immediately report the incident by calling 802.443.5911 on the Middlebury campus, or one of the other emergency numbers listed above for other campuses.
• Hang up on obscene, harassing, or annoying phone calls. Do not respond to harassing text messages, nor try to find out who the caller is even if you think it’s a friend playing a joke. Keep the message or text and then report its contents to Public Safety. This will be useful to the Public Safety officer or the police, if there is a police report.

Use of Athletic Facilities
• Avoid using the athletic facilities alone, especially after dark or during off hours.
• Use the buddy system. Work out with a friend, and go to and from the gym together.
• Confine your running and jogging to the daylight hours and to well-traveled areas. If jogging on the roads, wear bright-colored clothes.
• Avoid showering alone in the locker room. Or shower back at your residence.
• Avoid bringing cash, wallets, watches, or other valuables to the athletic facilities. Do not leave valuables unattended or in coat rack areas.
• Keep your locker locked whenever unattended. This includes those times you leave to shower or visit the trainer, the equipment room, etc. Most thefts at the athletic facilities stem from unlocked lockers or property left unsecured in the locker-room area.

In the Locker Room
• If there is someone with you in the locker room, and if you are comfortable doing so, ask them to wait for you, so you will not be showering alone.
• Immediately report all incidents of voyeurism to Public Safety.
• If you encounter an intruder:
  Call loudly for help. Your call for assistance should carry into the hallway.
  Keep out of the intruder’s way, and do not attempt to prevent the intruder from leaving.
  Try to exit the locker room quickly.
  Observe the intruder so you can later describe the person.
  Immediately notify the police by using an emergency phone to dial 911.

Safety While Driving
• Immediately report all suspicious people or vehicles around parking areas to Public Safety.
• When you park, keep your vehicle locked and the windows rolled up.
• Have your key ready when you approach your car. Check inside and under your car to make sure no one is hiding in either place.
• Never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running.
• Choose to park in well-lit lots, preferably in heavily traveled areas.
• Lock all packages, luggage, and valuables in the trunk or out of sight.
• Keep spare keys in your wallet or purse, not inside the vehicle.
• If your car breaks down, open the hood and then stay locked inside the vehicle. If someone stops to help, do not open your window or door, but ask that this person call for assistance.
• If you’re unfamiliar with the location you are heading to, ask someone for specific directions before you leave.
• If you get lost, do not pull over until you find a well-lit public area where you can ask for directions.
• If you suspect you are being followed, drive to a well-lit public area and call the police.
• If someone with a weapon confronts you, wanting your vehicle, give the car up. It is not worth potentially being injured or losing your life over it.

**Protection of Property**

Most crimes committed on College campuses involve the theft of personal property. Larcenies are crimes of opportunity and occur primarily when property is left in unlocked or unattended areas.

• Avoid bringing large amounts of cash or valuables to campus or your residence.
• Keep valuable items out of sight. If you must keep cash or valuables in your room, do not store them in obvious hiding places like desks or dressers.
• Never lend out the key to your room or residence.
• If you live in a dormitory, take your room key to the shower with you. Do not leave it in your robe or clothing, where someone going through your pockets could find it.
• When leaving your vehicle at a service station or parking garage, leave only the ignition key.
• When leaving for vacation, store valuable electronic equipment out of sight, and during summer recess, do not leave valuables in student storage areas. These areas are not secure and the College is not responsible for property loss. Public Safety does have a secure storage area.
• Check with your family insurance agent to determine if your property is covered under your parents’ homeowner’s insurance. If not, consider purchasing your own insurance.

**Internet Safety**

Generally, Internet fraud is any scheme that uses one or more components of the Internet—including chat rooms, email, message boards or websites—to present fraudulent solicitations, to conduct fraudulent transactions, or to transmit the proceeds of fraud to either financial institutions or others involved in the scheme.

What are the major types of Internet fraud?

• Auctions and retail schemes; online auctions are the primary avenue for Internet fraud
• Business-opportunity or work-at-home schemes
• Identity theft and fraud
• Investment schemes
• Credit card offers
• Credit repair
• Vacation prize promotions
• Nigerian money offers: someone claiming to be a Nigerian official promises big profits in exchange for help moving large sums of money out of Nigeria
• Advance-fee loans
• Internet-access services
• Health and diet scams
• Free goods, such as long-distance phone cards, computers, electronics, etc.
• Cable-descrambler kits

**Filing Complaints about Internet Fraud**

You can file complaints about specific types of fraud. For commodities fraud, contact the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). For securities fraud, contact the SEC Enforcement Division Complaint Center or your state securities regulators. If you think you have been the victim of an Internet fraud scheme, you can also file a complaint online with the Internet Crime Complaint Center, a joint project of the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center.

Further Information may be located at these government websites:

- [U.S. Department of Justice](https://www.justice.gov/)
- [Internet Crime Complaint Center](https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx)
- [Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation](https://www.fdic.gov/)
- [Securities and Exchange Commission](https://www.sec.gov/)
And at these nongovernmental websites:

Better Business Bureau  https://www.bbb.org/
Fraud.org  http://www.fraud.org/homepage?splash=1
Internet Scambusters  http://www.scambusters.org/
National Cyber Security Alliance  https://staysafeonline.org/

Bicycle Security

• Register your bike with Public Safety.
• Retain the original purchase documentation, including the serial number.
• Always lock your bike. Optimally, bikes should be locked around the frame and through both wheels, as well as secured to a bike rack.
• Do not lock your bike to a tree, bench, or handrail.
• Invest in a strong bicycle lock or strong padlock and chain. Chains should be case-hardened steel with links at least 5/8-inch in diameter.
• Utilize bike storage rooms if available. If you leave your bicycle outside, keep it in a well-lit and heavily traveled location.
• Find out if your parents’ or your insurance policy covers your bicycle. If not, consider insuring it.
• The Department of Public Service or facilities services will remove bicycles locked to handrails or in walkways and will fine the bike owners.

Bicycling Safety

• Bike riders are responsible for their own safety, and Middlebury does not make or enforce rules about bike riding. Nonetheless, it is consistent with good common sense that you should ride responsibly and always wear a helmet, not weave or change lane positions, always leave at least three feet between yourself and obstacles such as parked cars or poorly maintained shoulders, and make sure that your brakes and other components of your bicycle are in working order.
• Vermont state law requires a white front light and red rear light for night riding. Also, wearing bright, reflective clothing will increase your visibility and help reduce conflicts.
• Generally, bicyclists should ride with the flow of traffic, on the road’s right-hand side. Remember, bicyclists are not permitted to ride on sidewalks in Middlebury’s downtown.
• Do not ride the wrong way on a one-way street.
• Cyclists should obey all traffic laws and always use hand signals when turning.
• Pay attention to your surroundings: keep alert, do not wear headphones, and warn pedestrians or fellow riders when you are passing them. Also, warn vehicle drivers if their driving places you in danger.
• Take extra care when passing parking lot exits or biking through a parking lot.
• Walk bicycles across crosswalks to avoid bicycle/vehicle collisions.

Safe Rides: 802.443.5133
If you are concerned for your safety, Public Safety officers on patrol will provide safety escorts to and from on-campus locations during the hours of darkness.

Midd Rides:
802.443.7433

Midd Rides is an evening transportation service on and around campus available to Middlebury College community members. Midd Rides operates during the fall term, J-term and spring term. It does not operate during summer term or college breaks.

Medical Transports
In the case of illness or injury, Public Safety provides nonemergency transportation to the Parton Health Center in Centeno House, 136 South Main Street, during its business hours, and to Porter Hospital after hours. Students exhibiting signs of illness may be required to wear a mask and to sanitize hands before transport.

The Middlebury Regional Emergency Medical Services (MREMS), www.middlebury911.org, provides emergency transportation.
To arrange nonemergency medical transport to the Health Center or Porter Hospital, please call 802.443.5133. If it’s an emergency, dial 911. If you reside off campus and need emergency medical assistance, call 911.

Students must find their own transportation to medical appointments and to pick up prescriptions at off-campus locations.

**Notification Regarding Missing Students**

If a Middlebury College student is missing from the Middlebury College campus in Middlebury, Vermont (whether the student is housed in College residential buildings or living off campus), this should be immediately reported to the Department of Public Safety at 802.443.5911, or reported to the Middlebury Police Department, the Vermont State Police, or other law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the area, as applicable. The Department of Public Safety will immediately try to locate the student and notify the police department about where the student was last seen, no later than 24 hours from the time the student is determined to be missing (unless the local police department was the agency that made the determination that the student was missing). In some circumstances—for example, a reported kidnapping or a missing child—Public Safety will notify the police immediately. If a student younger than 18 is missing, Middlebury will notify the student’s custodial parent(s) or guardians (in addition to notifying any additional contact person designated by the student) as soon as practical and no later than 24 hours from the time the student is determined to be missing.

Students attending Middlebury College may designate a confidential contact person in the event they go missing. This person can be anyone and does not need to be the same as the student’s emergency contact(s). The College has a form on BannerWeb that allows students to register this contact. BannerWeb maintains the contact person’s information in a confidential area, separate from the student’s emergency contact information. The information will be accessible only to authorized campus officials and may not be disclosed, except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing person investigation. If a student is missing, authorized campus officials and law enforcement officers will have access to this designated contact and will communicate with the person no later than 24 hours from the initial report.

Regardless of whether the student has identified a contact person, is above the age of 18, or is an emancipated minor, Middlebury will inform the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction in the area within 24 hours of the time the student is determined to be missing.

**Response to Sexual Violence, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence and Stalking**

Middlebury College (“Middlebury”) prohibits the crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as those terms are defined in the Clery Act, and as described in Middlebury’s Policy Against Sexual Misconduct, Domestic and Dating Violence and Misconduct, and Stalking (see link below). Middlebury provides information to the extent applicable regarding the definitions of “dating violence,” “domestic violence,” “sexual assault,” and “stalking,” and the definition of “consent” in reference to sexual activity, in the applicable jurisdictions.

A description of Middlebury’s educational programs and campaigns to promote the awareness and prevention of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, including safe and positive options for bystander intervention, and information about risk reduction, are described in Middlebury’s educational programs and below. Middlebury’s educational programs and its procedures also include information and statements that are required by Clery Act regulations, as described below.

Middlebury expects all community members to do their part to prevent and address violence as active bystanders. Middlebury is also committed to providing support and avenues of redress as appropriate to survivors affected by sexual and relationship violence.

The full text of Middlebury’s Policy Against Sexual Misconduct, Domestic and Dating Violence and Misconduct, and Stalking is available at [www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/misc/October](http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/misc/October)
Educational Programs to Promote the Awareness and Prevention of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

Overview

Middlebury provides comprehensive, intentional, and integrated programming, initiatives, strategies, and campaigns intended to end dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking that:
- are culturally relevant, inclusive of diverse communities and identities, sustainable, and responsive to community needs;
- are informed by research or assessed for value, effectiveness, or outcome; and
- consider environmental risk and protective factors as they occur on the individual, relationship, institutional, community, and societal levels.

Programs to prevent dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking include both primary prevention and awareness programs directed at incoming students and new employees and ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns directed at students and employees. Both primary prevention and awareness campaigns deliver and build on bystander intervention and risk reduction content and skills.

Middlebury’s programs also provide information about its Policy Against Sexual Misconduct, Domestic and Dating Violence and Misconduct, and Stalking (hereinafter referred to as “SMDVS policy;” see link above and as described further in this Annual Security Report), such as information about the Title IX Coordinator, the Title IX Coordinator’s designees, internal and external reporting procedures and options, the importance of preserving evidence, protection and “no contact” orders, confidentiality issues, resources for victims, interim measures and accommodations, information about Middlebury’s written notice of rights and options, definitions of prohibited behaviors (including a statement that Middlebury prohibits the crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking as those terms are defined for the purposes of the Clery Act), and information about investigation and adjudication procedures, as described in the SMDVS Policy and this Annual Security Report.

Middlebury’s educational programs consist of awareness programs, bystander intervention programs, information on risk reduction, ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns, and primary prevention programs, which may be described in more detail as follows:

**Awareness programs**: Community-wide or audience-specific programming, initiatives, and strategies that increase audience knowledge and share information and resources to prevent violence, promote safety, and reduce perpetration.

**Bystander intervention**: Safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual or individuals to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including:
- recognizing situations of potential harm;
- understanding institutional structures and cultural conditions that facilitate violence;
- overcoming barriers to intervening;
- identifying safe and effective intervention options; and
- taking actions to intervene.

**Ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns**: Programming, initiatives, and strategies that are sustained over time and focus on increasing understanding of topics relevant to and skills for addressing dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, using a range of strategies with audiences throughout the institution.

**Primary prevention programs**: Programming, initiatives, and strategies informed by research or assessed for value, effectiveness, or outcome that are intended to stop dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking before they occur through the promotion of positive and healthy behaviors that foster healthy, mutually respectful relationships and sexuality, encourage safe bystander intervention, and seek to change behavior and social norms in a healthy and safe direction.

More specifically, Middlebury’s educational programs include, for example, the following:

**Mandatory Education for New Students**

All new undergraduate students are required to complete two online courses prior to their arrival on campus:
1. Campus Clarity’s Think About It: Part I course, which covers alcohol and drug abuse as well as sexual violence primary prevention and response, safe and positive options for bystander intervention, information on risk reduction, recognizing the warning signs of abusive behavior, and how to avoid potential attacks. This evidence-based course provides campus administrators with data to target, evaluate, and strengthen prevention initiatives for new students. Students are able to return to the course at any time to review material, learn about resources, or access follow-up modules and materials. The course also includes Middlebury’s policy and procedures for addressing sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. This content includes a statement that Middlebury prohibits these behaviors as defined in its policy in accordance with the Clery Act, as amended in 2014; internal and external reporting, confidentiality, resources, interim measures and accommodations, information about the Title IX Coordinator, definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and consent (in reference to sexual activity) in the applicable jurisdiction; and the application of the preponderance of the evidence standard in its adjudication of these matters (as referenced in Middlebury’s policy). It also includes, among other topics, Middlebury’s Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy, including Middlebury’s Good Samaritan Policy. Student feedback on course satisfaction, quiz results, and questions/concerns is collected within the program and is reviewed annually to evaluate effectiveness and cultural appropriateness.

2. United Educators’ Show Some Respect online course on harassment.

All incoming undergraduate students participate in the following live trainings upon arrival:

1. Living Well at Middlebury: Mandatory MiddView Orientation session for all new undergraduate college students. Content includes but is not limited to identifying dimensions of health and wellness; identifying the office of health and wellness education as a resource; risk reduction around alcohol and other substances; building bystander intervention skills around alcohol and drug use; review of Middlebury’s Good Samaritan policy; identifying the Title IX Coordinator and designees; reporting procedures, defining terms, and how and where to locate related campus policies; review of campus and community resources including confidential resources; and the introduction of an ecological model of health promotion. Student feedback on session satisfaction, learning objectives, and questions/concerns are reviewed annually through the MiddView survey to evaluate effectiveness and cultural appropriateness.

2. Green Dot Violence Prevention Strategy Overview: Mandatory MiddView Orientation for all new undergraduate students. Building on content from Living Well at Middlebury, specific content is presented on bystander intervention as primary prevention including, but not limited to: identifying reasons why some people intervene and barriers for intervention; strategies for intervention and the language of intervention; connections to community standards and the institution’s mission; bystander testimonies from faculty, staff, and students; bystander pledge; review of emergency resources; and distribution of materials containing relevant phone numbers. Student feedback on session satisfaction, learning objectives, and questions/concerns are reviewed annually through the MiddView survey to evaluate effectiveness and cultural appropriateness.

Middlebury provides new students in its other schools and programs with the following online course:

1. Campus Clarity’s Think About It: Graduate Students. This course is specifically tailored to meet the needs of adult learners of all ages outside of the traditional first-year experience. Course content includes cultural attitudes, power and agency, language and trigger warnings, alcohol, sexual harassment, healthy communication and relationships, recognizing abusive relationships, stalking, sexual violence, barriers to mutual consent, risk factors, acquaintance assault, supporting survivors, and safe interventions by bystanders. The course also includes Middlebury’s policy and procedures for addressing sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. This content also includes a statement that Middlebury prohibits these behaviors as defined in its policy in accordance with the Clery Act, as amended in 2014; internal and external reporting, confidentiality, resources, interim measures and accommodations, information about the Title IX Coordinator, definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and consent (in reference to sexual activity) in the applicable jurisdiction; and the application of the preponderance of the evidence standard in its adjudication of these matters (as referenced in Middlebury’s SMDVS policy). Student feedback on course satisfaction, quiz results, and questions/concerns is reviewed annually to evaluate effectiveness and cultural appropriateness.
Ongoing Education and Prevention Programs (Undergraduate Program)

1. Building on the content introduced in the mandatory Think About It: Part I online course from Campus Clarity, second semester first year students are invited to take Think About It: Part II. Course content includes, but is not limited to, sexual health, sexual violence, alcohol and drugs, risk reduction, pro-social behavior, and bystander intervention. First-semester sophomores are invited to take Think About It: Part III. Course content includes, but is not limited to, a review of course content from Parts I and II and reflection questions and quizzes about knowledge and skills integration. Student feedback on course satisfaction, quiz results, and questions/concerns is collected within the program and is reviewed annually to evaluate effectiveness and cultural appropriateness.

2. Green Dot Violence Prevention Strategy overviews outside of new student orientation are available for groups, teams, clubs, and departments by request and/or invitation. Open sessions are scheduled throughout the year as well. Green Dot six hour bystander trainings include deeper content on recognizing situations of potential harm; understanding institutional structures and cultural conditions that facilitate violence; overcoming barriers to intervening; identifying safe and effective intervention options; and taking actions to intervene. The trainings are offered five to six times during the academic year for cohorts of 20-45 students at a time. Cohorts are compiled with attention to representation from diverse social identities and campus-based affiliations. Referrals and nominations for future trainees are solicited from training participants, faculty, and staff.

Green Dot overview sessions are also tailored to the needs of student leaders on campus including, but not limited to, residential life Staff, MiddView Orientation trip leaders, social houses, and athletes. More information about Green Dot at Middlebury’s undergraduate campus and its on-going prevention and educational efforts related to awareness events, bystander intervention, and primary prevention can be found at go.middlebury.edu/greendot. Process evaluations are used to evaluate facilitator efficacy, content retention, and participant intention for future bystander action at the conclusion of overviews and bystander trainings. This data is utilized in real time to make presentation-based changes as needed.

3. For students and employees in its Vermont-based programs, Middlebury also displays and distributes materials that contain information about campus and community-based emergency safety and support, medical care, advocacy and resource referrals, counseling, spiritual and pastoral care, housing, academic and other accommodations, reporting, (confidential and non-confidential), and relevant contact information. Such materials include emails to students, faculty and staff; posters in residence hall bathrooms and other campus buildings; and resource guides distributed to students and published on the Middlebury website.

Programs for Middlebury Faculty and Staff

Middlebury provides online training to all faculty and staff. The training is offered by LawRoom and is titled Intersections: Preventing Harassment and Sexual Violence. This online training includes such topics as Title IX; identifying who is at risk; prevalence; costs of sexual violence; understanding sexual assault; relationship violence; stalking and cyberstalking; criminal law and policy definitions; consensual sexual activity; being a bystander, barriers to intervention, and safe and positive options; roles and responsibilities of faculty and staff; reporting; confidentiality; how to talk to survivors; a survivor’s reactions; interim measures; preserving evidence; institutional response; reporting vs. investigating; conduct proceedings; protection from retaliation; a culture of respect;

Middlebury’s policy and procedures for addressing sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, which includes a statement that Middlebury prohibits these behaviors as defined in its policy in accordance with the Clery Act, as amended in 2014; and the application of the preponderance of the evidence standard in its adjudication of these matters (as referenced in Middlebury’s policy).

Live trainings regarding sexual violence prevention and response are provided to certain incoming and current undergraduate faculty, summer program faculty (e.g., the Language Schools), faculty chairs, and selected staff, including residential life staff (e.g., CRAs, RAs, CAS, FYCs), deans, Athletics Department coaches and staff, and other Dean of the College staff. These sessions include information about Middlebury’s policies and procedures, reporting, Middlebury’s Title IX Coordinator and designees, resources, confidentiality, and bystander intervention.

Faculty, staff and students in the undergraduate program, Language Schools, School of the Environment, MiddCORE, Bread Loaf and other programs also receive written information (with links to policies, resources and information) regarding Middlebury’s Policy Against Sexual Misconduct, Domestic and Dating Violence and Misconduct, and Stalking, Middlebury’s Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy, reporting and contact information, links to campus and local resources, and information about the Title IX Coordinator and Title IX designees.
Medical and counseling staff at Middlebury’s Parton Center for Health and Wellness received training on trauma, working with survivors, and developing best practices and protocols for caring for individuals who may have experienced sexual and/or dating violence.

Other Programs and Initiatives

Prevention and Awareness Campaigns

Middlebury also has ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns, including open workshops, evening discussions and workshops in residence halls, by-request programming in classrooms and with athletic teams, and programming in connection with the observation of national awareness days (e.g., Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April). Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities include, but are not limited to, primary prevention workshops and speakers on consent, relationships, and communication, workshops and support groups for survivors, passive educational campaigns on survivor resources and bystander behavior, increased content on related social media accounts for Green Dot and health and wellness education, and partnerships with student organizations interested in sponsoring student-led programming. One such partnership included a community dinner on sexual respect co-hosted by the Title IX Office, the Health and Wellness Education Office, the Student Government Association, It Happens Here (student awareness/activist group) and JusTalks (student social justice education group).

Green Dot Booster Sessions

Green Dot booster sessions (short, time-limited programs intended to review and practice bystander skills) are offered throughout the year including, but not limited to, community meals in dining halls, programs in residence halls, visits to classes and teams, and online-based competitions and activities. Future campus climate survey data will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of on-going prevention and educational programming outside of formal trainings where process evaluations are issued and reviewed in real time.

Coordinated Community Response Team

Middlebury’s Sexual Assault Oversight Committee (“SAOC”) was replaced in 2015 by the more recently-formed and more practical-focused Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT). The CCRT was established in 2013 as a requirement of Middlebury’s campus grant from the Office on Violence Against Women. This group consists of both campus and community partners whose job responsibilities or services directly relate to policy, law enforcement, response, prevention, and education for sexual assault, stalking, dating/domestic violence. The CCRT meets quarterly during the academic year to discuss and debrief collaborative cases, co-and/or cross-train, update policies, and work on common goals. Students, faculty, and staff who have ideas, questions, or feedback on Middlebury’s policies, procedures, and educational programs are encouraged to speak with our Title IX Coordinator.

Student Government Association: Director of Sexual and Relationship Respect

Middlebury administrators work closely with the Student Government Association’s new director of Sexual and Relationship Respect, which is a student volunteer position. The director of Sexual and Relationship Respect organizes initiatives and conversations on how to foster greater sexual and relationship respect on campus. The director facilitates programming and policy on sexual respect and related issues, including bystander training, and serves as a liaison between student groups, administrators, and community partners on issues of sexual respect.

MiddSafe: Middlebury Safe and Confidential Advocates

MiddSafe advocates are Middlebury College students committed to providing a safe and confidential resource for our peers in need of support and information around sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, and other personal violations. The group’s goal is to function as a non-judgmental, compassionate, and effective resource for individuals in emergency and non-crisis situations. Advocates provide a menu of options to guide students towards medical, legal, and emotional resources on local, state, and national levels. MiddSafe advocates offer the following advocacy services:

- Hotline operated by volunteer student advocates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, excluding undergraduate academic breaks on the Vermont campus.
- All advocates can provide referrals to on-and off-campus services to offer support and advocacy (e.g., appointments at Parton Health and Wellness Center or Porter Hospital, meetings with deans, professors, Public...
Safety, or a judicial affairs officer, and making contact with the Counseling Service of Addison County or the Middlebury Police Department)

- All advocates have received training to support individuals engaged in the campus judicial process, should someone choose an advocate as their advisor of choice.

How to Be an Active Bystander

The best way to prevent sexual and relationship violence is to commit to the following community values:

- Violence is not tolerated on campus; and
- Everyone is expected to do their part to prevent it.

Everyone must commit to engaging in moments of action, no matter how small. Every moment of action counts when we are working to prevent violence. Moments of action contribute to a culture of bystander intervention and, research shows, lead to fewer incidences of violence.

Moments of action occur when we notice the potential for violence. We might see someone intentionally trying to get someone else intoxicated, or isolating someone at a party. We could recognize power differences like age, or sense that someone seems fearful. When we notice these cues, we must act because even the smallest actions can prevent violence.

No matter who you are or what personal or social barriers you might face, there is always something you can do to help keep our community safe. Options for action include the following:

**Direct:** Directly talk to someone or intervene in a situation. You might ask a friend who’s been hard to reach if everything is OK. Or you might take an intoxicated friend back to their residence hall. Direct action means getting involved in a situation or following up with a student, coworker, or supervisor who you worry is in an unhealthy relationship.

**Delegate:** Get others involved. Delegating action when there’s danger, or when someone else can act, is often safest. You might call Public Safety (x5911) (or your program’s campus security department –if outside Vermont) or the police (911) for help, ask someone to assist you in finding a ride for a friend, or suggest to a party’s host that she ask someone to leave. You might express your concerns over a matter to a student’s advisor, dean, or coach.

**Distract:** Interrupt the precursors to violence so harmful situations can’t occur. You might spill a drink, sing loudly, or tell someone their car is getting towed. You might ask someone to accompany you somewhere so you can talk privately with the individual.

Moments of action also occur when we act proactively to send the message to those around us that we take the work of reducing violence seriously and we are committed to doing our part. We might have a conversation with people we care about on campus about what moments of action mean to us, share a great article on Facebook or tweet about an everyday moment of action, or choose to integrate bystander intervention into our academic work. When we create a moment of action on our own, without waiting for warning signs to appear, we make our community inhospitable to violence.

**Moments of Action for Student Bystanders**

- Send a mass email to your contact list with a simple message, “This issue is important to me and I believe in the goal of reducing violence.”
- The next time you are walking to class with a friend, have one conversation and tell them that ending violence matters to you.
- Put a MiddSafe sticker on your door, computer, or water bottle and talk about why you care about this issue when someone asks what it is.
- Make bystander intervention or sexual violence on campus the topic of a paper or speech you have to do for a class.
- Bring a friend to an awareness event.
• Work to ensure organizations you are involved in collaborate with prevention efforts on campus.
• Find out how Art and Activism works to end violence (Google it!).
• If you suspect that a friend is in an abusive relationship, ask them, and provide information about available resources.
• If you see someone spike another person’s drink with alcohol or drugs, stop them, and call the Department of Public Safety (or your program’s campus security department –if outside Vermont) or 911, distract by spilling the drink, or get someone else to let the person know that their drink is unsafe to consume.
• If you choose to leave an event early, account for the people who were in your group.
• If you see someone at an event who has had too much to drink, ask them if they need to be walked home or assisted in any way.
• If you hear what sounds like yelling or fighting in your residence hall, apartment, the locker room, or any other location, talk with a residential life staff member, your Commons dean, a professor, a coach, program director or someone else who can help.
• If someone needs your help and you don’t have the answer, contact your resources and find someone who does.

**Moments of Action for Faculty and Staff Bystanders**

• Change your email signature line to include a statement that echoes the principles that violence will not be tolerated at Middlebury and everyone is expected to do their part to prevent it.
• Add a line to your syllabus that expresses the prevention principles.
• Put a MiddSafe sticker on your door, computer, or water bottle and talk about why you care about this issue when someone asks what it is.
• Request a presentation from your local (e.g., WomenSafe) or campus (MiddSafe) violence prevention program.
• If you suspect that a student or co-worker is in an abusive relationship, ask them and provide information about available resources.
• If someone appears upset, ask if they are OK.
• Assign a paper, project, or reflection to your students about moments of action, community, and our prevention principles.
• If someone explains that women “say ‘no’ when they really mean ‘yes,'” interrupt and make an attempt to educate them.
• If you hear what sounds like yelling or fighting in your neighborhood, classroom, or office, talk with a neighbor, your manager, your students or someone else who can help.
• If someone needs your help and you don’t have the answer, contact your resources and find someone who does.

**Moments of Action for Parents and Family Bystanders**

• Talk with the other members of your family about your commitment to ending violence and to keeping each other and others safe.
• Make a donation to a local rape crisis center or domestic violence shelter.
• Volunteer for one hour, and bring a friend.
• Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper talking about any aspect of sexual or relationship violence that is most powerful to you.
• Find out how Art and Activism works to end violence (Google it!).
• If you know information about an incident of sexual violence, tell authorities what you know in case it is helpful.
• If you hear what sounds like yelling or fighting in your neighborhood, place of employment, or community, talk with a neighbor, the police, your employer or someone else who can help.
• If someone needs your help and you don’t have the answer, contact your resources and find someone who does.

Risk-Reduction Tips
In addition to bystander action, both reactive and proactive, there are ways to reduce risk around sexual and relationship violence. **It is important to remember that experiencing violence is never the victim’s fault.**

• Take note of your surroundings including exits, and paths of egress.
• Stay with friends or groups of people to avoid isolated areas.
• Trust your instincts. If something or someone seems wrong or unsafe, get help and/or find the nearest exit.
• Make sure your cell phone is with you and charged, and that you have easy access to emergency numbers.
• Avoid putting headphones in both ears when walking or running and discontinue headphone use when biking.
• Make and keep to a plan with friends when attending events. Arrive together, check in with each other throughout the evening, and leave together. Have a code word with your friends or family to signal discomfort or that it’s time to leave.
• Don’t leave drinks unattended. If you do, get yourself a fresh drink.
• Don’t accept drinks from people you don’t know or trust.
• Watch out for your friends and ask your friends to watch out for you.

Procedures Victims Should Follow If Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking Has Occurred

The following contains information about reporting, obtaining support, care, resources, accommodations, and Middlebury and law enforcement procedures and options in situations where a student, faculty or staff member or covered third party (as defined by Middlebury’s policies) may have experienced sexual assault (including rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape), domestic violence, dating violence or stalking as defined in the Clery Act and in Middlebury’s Policy Against Sexual Misconduct, Domestic and Dating Violence and Misconduct, and Stalking).

Immediate Safety and Support/Importance of Preserving Evidence

• **Go to a safe place:** your room, a friend’s room, a CRA’s apartment, Public Safety, or anywhere you’ll feel safe.

• **Call someone you trust.** No matter how late it is, you shouldn’t be alone.

• **If safety is an immediate concern call 911** or contact the Department of Public Safety

• **Pursue medical treatment.** If you may be experiencing or have experienced sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, or stalking, you are encouraged to immediately seek any necessary medical care, and to seek help from appropriate Middlebury, law enforcement and/or medical personnel, even if you are not sure if you have physical injuries and/or you are uncertain about whether to ultimately pursue a complaint or criminal charges, or to seek a protective order. Local emergency rooms or the college health center can perform post-assault medical care and/or make appropriate referrals (contact information is listed below). Most hospitals have specialized examiners who complete exams for victims of sexual violence. These exams can help you receive appropriate medical assessment and treatment, and can preserve evidence for possible future action such as criminal prosecution or seeking a protection order. Collecting forensic evidence does not obligate you to file a complaint with Middlebury or make a report to the police that could lead to criminal prosecution, but preserves this information in the event you decide to do either of those things, or seek a protection order, at a later date.

• **Preserve evidence.** It is important to preserve all possible evidence that may assist in proving that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or related retaliation occurred or is occurring in case you decide at some point to file an internal complaint, make a criminal complaint or seek a protection order. This evidence may assist in proving whether the alleged criminal conduct (or a policy violation) occurred and/or it may be helpful in obtaining a protective order. Therefore, if at all possible, refrain from changing clothes, showering, or otherwise changing your physical state after an incident, until after consulting with medical personnel about how to best preserve evidence. Also, you should preserve any other available physical evidence, documents, or electronic evidence (such as, for example, text messages, emails, photographs, social media posts, voice messages, etc.) that may have some bearing on the incident(s).
Making a Report On Campus

Any Middlebury student, faculty member, staff member or covered third party who has reasonable cause to believe that sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, stalking and/or related retaliation has occurred or is occurring should report this information to the immediate attention of any of the following individuals: a Human Relations Officer designated for the Middlebury program at issue; a Judicial Affairs Officer; and/or the Title IX Coordinator. Reports also may be made to Middlebury’s Department of Public Safety or other appropriate personnel for the program at issue. Reports may be made verbally (in person, or by phone or videoconferencing) or in writing (via mail or email). Contact information is listed below.

Middlebury’s Department of Public Safety or other appropriate personnel for the Middlebury program at issue will coordinate its response to the report with other officials, as appropriate (including a Human Relations Officer, Judicial Affairs Officer, the Title IX Coordinator, and responsible Threat Assessment and Management Team) and, if necessary, law enforcement, to intervene at the earliest practical point to stop the behavior and coordinate services to the complainant. A coordinated response will include consideration of the complainant’s request for confidentiality and may also include the implementation of safety measures as deemed necessary, services and accommodations, and referral to confidential resources.

Reporting to Law Enforcement

In addition to (or instead of) Middlebury’s processes, any student, employee or covered third party who wishes to report a complaint of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking under this policy may also pursue criminal charges with local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies (see Appendix B to Middlebury’s Policy Against Sexual Misconduct, Domestic and Dating Violence and Misconduct, and Stalking for contact information; see also Contact Information for Reports to Middlebury Officials or Law Enforcement, below).

Middlebury will offer and upon request provide assistance to students, employees and covered third parties with notifying law enforcement agencies. These options are available regardless of whether an individual chooses to file a complaint with Middlebury. Individuals have the option to notify such agencies with or without assistance from Middlebury, and have the option not to personally notify such authorities. Individuals may request assistance by contacting a JAO, HRO, Title IX Coordinator, Public Safety or program director. Contact may be made via email, phone, teleconference or in person. See contact information below.

A. Vermont

Emergencies: dial 911. In non-emergency situations, please call one of the following departments that serve Addison County. In most cases, you should contact the law enforcement department of the town where the crime occurred:

- Middlebury Police Department: 802.388.3191
- Addison County Sheriff’s Department: 802.388.2981
- Vermont State Police: 802.241.5000
- Bristol Police Department: 802.453-2533
- Vergennes Police Department: 802.877.2201

Please note that each department has a specific service area and their hours of operation may vary.

Some other things to keep in mind:

- You always have the right to report or not report a crime to law enforcement, except under certain circumstances:
  - If someone who is under 18 goes to the hospital for a SANE (sexual assault nurse examiner) exam or if the hospital is aware of any crime against someone under the age of 18, the hospital is required to report the crime to the Vermont Department for Children and Families ("DCF"). It is possible that DCF could, in turn, report the crime to law enforcement without the knowledge or willingness of the person who experienced the crime.
  - Also, any crime involving a stabbing or a gunshot wound must be reported by hospitals to law enforcement, regardless of the age of the victim.
- If a victim of a crime chooses to report to law enforcement, confidential victim advocates from WomenSafe are available to accompany you and assist you with the process. Middlebury officials or MiddSafe advocates may also accompany you and facilitate contact with law enforcement.
• The law enforcement response to domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking varies based on the crime, circumstances, and context. Different law enforcement agencies may handle the same report differently.
• It is possible that if you report a crime to law enforcement, an investigation may be commenced and charges may be brought. Depending on the department and circumstances, your ability to control or influence the process after reporting may vary.

For more information and to talk through your options, please call WomenSafe’s 24-hour hotline: 800.388.4205.

You may also find the following summaries from the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence helpful. Please note, however, that the information herein does not constitute legal advice and may be amended from time to time. Individuals should consult their counsel or other local resources to ensure complete and accurate information.

What will the police do if I report?
If you tell the police about what happened to you they may arrest and charge the person who assaulted you with a particular crime(s). Because this is the criminal system, the police will have to decide whether what happened to you was a crime and when there is “probable cause.”... They will then decide whether or not to charge and arrest the perpetrator. A person charged with a crime is called a defendant. The choice of reporting a sexual assault to the police can be difficult. Advocates from your local network program are available to provide you more information about reporting and can support you in whatever you decide is right for you.

What happens after the perpetrator is arrested?
An arrest is the beginning of the criminal process. Once someone is arrested they may be released immediately, released at any point in the criminal process or, in severe cases, remain in jail. This will depend on many complicated legal factors. Defendants released from jail before the end of the case will be given “conditions of release” by the court. This is an order that the defendant must follow while the criminal case is going forward. Often the conditions will tell the defendant not to have contact with you as the victim of the crime. As a victim of a crime you have the right to know if and when the defendant is getting released from jail and the defendant’s conditions of release. Some victims may have increased safety concerns following an arrest. You may call your local Network program for more information and support.

Prosecution of crimes of sexual violence
Following a charge/arrest, the police transfer the case to the prosecutor, also called the state’s attorney. A prosecutor is a lawyer who works for the state through the state’s attorney’s office. The state’s attorney’s job is to continue to gather evidence to prove that the defendant committed the crime and to prepare the case against the defendant. The state’s attorney decides how to proceed with the criminal case.

State’s Attorneys’ Victim Advocates
The state’s attorney’s office also has its own victim advocates. They provide information and updates on the case. They can also offer support and help with communicating your concerns and questions to the state’s attorney. Because these advocates work for the state’s attorney, they are not confidential. This means that the state’s attorney’s advocates may be required to share relevant information you share about the case with the state’s attorney.

Sentencing
If the defendant pleads guilty or is found guilty after a trial, the judge will impose a sentence. A sentence may include a probation term, time in jail, or a combination of both. In many cases, sentencing will also require the defendant to participate in a sex offender treatment program. You may be present in the court room during the sentencing if you want. As a victim you have the right to make a “Victim Impact Statement” to the court. This is your time to describe the impact that the crime had upon you and your family. An advocate or family member may read your Victim Impact Statement for you.

Department of Corrections
Once the defendant has been sentenced, the Department of Corrections (DOC) will supervise the defendant for the duration of the sentence. DOC is responsible for ensuring that the offender is following the terms of the sentence. DOC’s Victim Services Program is available to provide information about the status of an offender and support to victims of crime whose offenders are in the custody of Vermont DOC. You can also register to
receive automatic notifications by phone or email about the offender’s status. For more information, you can contact DOC’s Victim Services at (802) 241-2302 or online at www.doc.state.vt.us/victim-services.


B. Police Reports Outside Vermont

For information regarding police reports at other Middlebury program locations outside Vermont please see the links below.

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Rights of Victims Regarding No Contact Orders and No Trespass Notices Issued by Middlebury and/or Orders of Protection, Restraining Orders, or Similar Lawful Orders Issued by a Court
Middlebury can issue No Contact Orders restricting contact between two members of the Middlebury community, and No Trespass Notices restricting individuals from Middlebury-owned or rented property. Requests for a No Contact Order or a No Trespass Notice may be directed by telephone, email or in person to a JAO, a HRO, the Title IX Coordinator or program director (see contact information below).

In the United States, a relief from abuse order, also called a protection order or restraining order, is a court order that is designed to stop violent, harassing and threatening behavior. It can also stop the respondent from any contact or communication with the complainant, and protect the complainant and the complainant’s family members, as appropriate, from the respondent. Such orders may be awarded by courts in the United States on a temporary basis, in which case they are instituted by a judge immediately and reviewed subsequently through a court hearing process where it is determined whether they will remain in effect for a longer term. Similar resources may exist in other countries where Middlebury operates its programs (please contact Sexual Assault Support and Help for Americans Abroad: http://sashaa.org/ for more information regarding similar orders in foreign jurisdictions).

Middlebury does not have the authority to issue Relief from Abuse Orders, Orders of Protection, or Restraining Orders, as these are granted by the court system. In addition to (or instead of) Middlebury’s No Contact Orders and No Trespass Notices, individuals who are being or who may have been subjected to sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, stalking and/or related retaliation may pursue Orders of Protection, Restraining Orders and/or Relief from Abuse Orders from United States courts or courts outside of the United States as applicable. Middlebury will support individuals if they request Middlebury’s assistance with making contact with law enforcement authorities and other external resources to seek such orders. Middlebury will comply with and respect such orders to the extent applicable.

Requests for assistance with contacting law enforcement authorities or obtaining an Order of Protection, a Relief from Abuse Order, a Restraining Order or other lawful order may be made in person, or via email, phone or teleconference to a JAO, HRO, Title IX Coordinator, Public Safety staff member or program director. See contact information below.

Additional Information from the National Domestic Violence Hotline:

“A protective order is an official legal order issued by a state court that requires the abusive person to stop the violence and abuse and maintain a certain distance from the victim. Depending on where you live, it can also be called a restraining order, protection order, an injunction, or an order of protection.

How do I get a protective order?
Different states have different processes, but as a general rule, appropriate forms have to be filled out and submitted to the county court. A court date will be scheduled and both parties will be notified. If you are under 18, you will likely need parental consent.

Why would I get a protective order?
A protective order is legal protection against the abusive partner and can be enforced by police. Special provisions can be requested such as custody of children, continued financial support, getting the abuser to leave the residence, etc. Some states also require the abusive partner to surrender their firearms.

It’s important to note that while a protective order may help keep an abusive partner away from you, it does not work in every case. Some abusive partners continue to contact and abuse their partners despite the presence of a protective order. Some may become even more dangerous after an order is filed because it threatens their power and control over the relationship. While you cannot predict someone’s behavior, you know your situation best, and it’s a good idea to consider how your partner might react based on what you know about them before obtaining a protection order.

What happens when I get a protective order?
When the abuser does something that the court has ordered them not to do, or doesn’t do something the court has ordered them to do, they may have violated the order. You can ask the police or the court (or both, depending on the violation) to enforce the order. If you are not able to contact the police when the violation occurs, they should take a report if you call them soon afterwards. In some cases, violating a protective order might result in a misdemeanor or felony criminal conviction and punishment. These types of violations can also later be addressed by a civil court, and it is often a good idea to bring them to the court’s attention.

Things to consider before obtaining a protective order:
• PROS: You will have legal documentation of protection; the abuse may stop; provisions can be made for children, finances, etc.; can still be enforced if you move or leave your home state
• CONS: You will have to see the abusive partner in court; abuse may not decrease/abusive partner may not obey the order; some orders are not always enforced.

Please note that police reports and protective orders are just parts of an overall safety plan and do not guarantee your safety from an abusive partner. Remember, you are the most knowledgeable person about your own situation, and you must use your own judgment about what is best for you. If you are considering taking legal steps against an abusive partner, we strongly recommend that you get in touch with a legal advocate, and we can help you find one in your area. Please call us at 1-800-799-7233 or chat online from 7am-2am CST.

Resources and Additional Information:

• VINE (Victim Information & Notification Everyday): This service provides information about criminal cases and the custody status of offenders 24 hours a day
• Full Faith and Credit: Refers to Section 2265 of VAWA and requires that a valid protection order issued in one state be treated another state as if it were one of its own. It enables the victim to travel safely without having to establish jurisdiction or secure a new protective order.
• WomensLaw provides legal information and support to victims of domestic violence and assault.
• Legal Services Corporation provides legal assistance to low-income individuals and families throughout the nation.”


For more information about Protection Orders and Relief from Abuse Orders in Vermont (including how to apply for an order and how the order is enforced, please see Legal Options for Victims of Sexual Violence in Vermont: www.vtnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/Legal-options-for-victims-of-sv_victim-guide.pdf.

See also Reporting to Police: Options and Tips for Being Prepared www.thehotline.org/2016/04/reporting-to-police-options-tips-for-being-prepared/

Contact Information for Reports to Middlebury Officials or Law Enforcement

Public Safety and Local Law Enforcement

On Campus

Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT
Emergencies: Dial 911
Department of Public Safety
Middlebury College
125 Main Street
Middlebury, VT 05753
802.443.5133 (Business Line)
802.443.5911 (Emergency Line)
publicsafety@middlebury.edu

Bread Loaf Campus, Ripton, VT
Emergencies: Dial 911
Vermont State Police
2490 Ethan Allen Hwy
New Haven, VT 05472
802.388.4919
Off Campus

Middlebury, VT and Bread Loaf, Ripton, VT Campuses

Emergencies: Dial 911

Middlebury Police
1 Lucius Shaw Lane
Middlebury, VT 05753
802.388.3191

Vermont State Police
2490 Ethan Allen Hwy
New Haven, VT 05472
802.388.4919

If an incident takes place in Middlebury and you wish to file charges off campus, contact the Middlebury Police Department. If an incident takes place at the Bread Loaf campus or elsewhere in Vermont, contact the Vermont State Police. In Vermont, if you report an assault to the police, the police will investigate the crime. Police will interview you and take a detailed statement of what occurred. You can have people with you during the interview to provide emotional support. The police will also interview witnesses, collect physical evidence, and attempt to interview the assailant. Middlebury will provide assistance if an individual wishes to report a crime to law enforcement.

Addison County State’s Attorney’s Office
802.388.7931
The State’s Attorney’s Office can provide you with more information regarding your rights during a criminal judicial process and regarding the Victim’s Advocacy Program and the Victim’s Compensation Fund.

Contact Information for Middlebury Officials

All Middlebury Programs

Title IX Coordinator
Susan P. Ritter, J.D.
Middlebury College
Service Building 213
Middlebury, VT 05753
802.443.3289
sritter@middlebury.edu

Judicial Affairs Officer/Title IX Coordinator Designee
Karen S. Guttentag
Associate Dean for Judicial Affairs and Student Life
Middlebury College
Service Building 219
802.443.2024
kguttent@middlebury.edu

Human Relations Officers/Title IX Coordinator Designees
Steven C. Collier, J.D.
Middlebury College
Service Building, 215
Middlebury, VT 05753
802.443.3474
scollier@middlebury.edu
Confidentiality

Middlebury encourages individuals to report incidents of sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and related retaliation so that they can get the support they need, and so that Middlebury can respond appropriately. Certain Middlebury employees may maintain confidentiality, but most cannot. Although strict confidentiality may therefore not be guaranteed, Middlebury will handle information in a sensitive manner and will endeavor to protect the privacy of individuals to the extent it can do so consistent with its obligations to respond to reports of sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and/or related retaliation. Middlebury officials will consider requests for confidentiality in accordance with the confidentiality provisions of its Policy Against Sexual Misconduct, Domestic and Dating
Violence and Misconduct, and Stalking (see Section 3 of the policy and How Middlebury Will Protect the Confidentiality of Victims, below).

Confidential Resources
Individuals are encouraged to seek support from internal and external resources such as counseling services, advocacy services, and/or chaplains. Contact information is available in Appendix C to Middlebury’s Policy Against Sexual Misconduct, Domestic and Dating Violence and Misconduct, and Stalking (“SMDVS policy”).

A confidential resource is an individual who is legally and ethically bound to keep confidential all information shared with them in the course of providing counsel and support, except under the circumstances noted below. Middlebury respects that the decision to come forward may be difficult and that individuals may wish to seek assistance from someone who can confidentially offer information and support, and who can provide assurances that the disclosed information will not be acted on except in the circumstances outlined below. (For a list of confidential resources, see below and Appendix C to the SMDVS policy). In general, the law recognizes and protects the confidentiality of communications between a person seeking care and a medical or mental health professional, religious advisor or trained sexual assault advocate. The medical, mental health, and religious professionals and MiddSafe advocates at Middlebury, and their off-campus counterparts, respect and protect confidential communications from students, faculty, and staff to the extent they are legally able to do so. These professionals may have to breach a confidence, however, when they perceive a serious risk of danger or threat to any person or property. In addition, medical and mental health professionals may be required by law to report certain crimes (e.g., any allegation of sexual and/or physical abuse of a person under 18). These exceptions to confidentiality are governed by the law of the state in which the confidential resource is located.

An individual who speaks to a confidential resource must understand that, if they want to maintain confidentiality, Middlebury will be unable to conduct an investigation into the particular incident or pursue disciplinary action against the respondent. However, confidential resources may assist the individual in receiving other forms of protection and support, such as victim advocacy; academic accommodations; disability, health or mental health services; and changes to living, working, or transportation arrangements. (For more information, see Services and Accommodations, below and Section 6 of the SMDVS Policy). An individual who initially requests confidentiality may later decide to file a complaint with Middlebury or report the incident to local law enforcement, and thus have the incident fully investigated. These confidential resources will help to direct the individual to the appropriate resources in the event that the individual wishes to file an internal complaint with Middlebury or report to the police.

Non-Confidential Resources
Non-confidential resources are all faculty or staff members, including residential life staff and ombudspersons, who are not medical or counseling professionals, clergy, or MiddSafe Advocates, and are therefore not permitted to honor requests for confidentiality. Non-confidential faculty or staff who learn of an incident of alleged sexual misconduct, domestic or dating violence or misconduct, stalking or related retaliation involving a student are required to report that information to a HRO or JAO or the Title IX Coordinator, and they are “responsible employees” to this extent. The Title IX Coordinator, HROs and JAOS are “responsible employees” for the purposes of redressing reports of sexual misconduct, domestic and dating violence and misconduct, stalking and related retaliation in accordance with Middlebury’s SMDVS policy (see above for contact information).

Faculty and staff who are Campus Security Authorities are required to report certain sex offenses and other crimes to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. For more information about Campus Security Authorities, see Appendix E to Middlebury’s SMDVS Policy.

Employees with supervisory responsibility are expected to report all incidents of alleged sexual misconduct, domestic and dating violence and misconduct, stalking or related retaliation involving employees to a HRO, the Title IX Coordinator, and/or to Human Resources.

General inquiries to Middlebury officials about policies or procedures, and conversations in which the respondent is not identified by name or by implication from the circumstances, may remain private. Otherwise, individuals who want to maintain confidentiality should seek a confidential resource.

Middlebury will complete publicly available recordkeeping, including Clery Act reporting and disclosures, without the inclusion of personally identifying information about individuals, and will maintain as confidential any accommodations or protective measures provided to individuals, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the accommodations or protective measures.
How Middlebury Will Protect the Confidentiality of Victims

Evaluating Requests for Confidentiality in Sexual Assault Cases

If an individual discloses an incident of sexual assault but wishes to maintain confidentiality (i.e., requests that no investigation into a particular incident be conducted or disciplinary action taken), Middlebury will make every effort to respect this request and will evaluate the request against its responsibility to provide a safe, non-discriminatory environment for all students, faculty and staff, including the individual who reported the sexual assault. Although rare, there are times when Middlebury may not be able to honor the individual’s request. Further, if Middlebury honors the request for confidentiality, Middlebury’s ability to appropriately investigate the incident and pursue disciplinary action against the respondent(s), if warranted, may be limited.

Middlebury has designated its Judicial Affairs Officers, Human Relations Officers, and its Title IX Coordinator as responsible for evaluating requests for confidentiality, as appropriate to the circumstances. In considering an individual’s request for confidentiality, the HROs, JAOS, and/or Title IX Coordinator may consult with Middlebury’s Threat Assessment and Management Team and other Middlebury personnel, or law enforcement authorities, as appropriate.

Factors to be considered in determining whether confidentiality should be maintained may include but are not limited to:

(i) The increased risk that the respondent will commit additional acts of sexual assault or other violence, such as:

- whether there have been other sexual assault complaints about the same respondent;
- whether the respondent has a history of arrests or records from a prior institution indicating a history of violence;
- whether the respondent has threatened further sexual misconduct or other violence against the individual or others;
- whether the alleged sexual misconduct was committed by multiple respondents;
- circumstances that suggest there is an increased risk of future acts of sexual misconduct or other violence under similar circumstances (e.g., whether the report reveals a pattern of perpetration [e.g., via illicit use of drugs or alcohol] at a given location or by a particular group);

(ii) whether the alleged sexual misconduct was perpetrated with a weapon;

(iii) whether the complainant is a minor; and

(iv) whether Middlebury possesses other means to obtain relevant evidence (e.g., security cameras, information known to Middlebury personnel, or physical evidence).

The presence of one or more of these factors or other factors as deemed appropriate may prompt an investigation and adjudication under Middlebury’s policies and, if appropriate, result in disciplinary action. If none of these factors is present, Middlebury will likely honor the individual’s request for confidentiality.

Evaluating Requests for Confidentiality in Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Related Retaliation Cases

In cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and/or related retaliation, if an individual insists that their name or other identifiable information not be revealed, or asks that Middlebury not investigate or seek action against the respondent, Middlebury will evaluate the request in the context of its commitment to provide a safe environment for that individual as well as all students, staff, and faculty. Thus, Middlebury may weigh the individual’s request against a number of factors, including but not limited to the seriousness of the alleged conduct; circumstances that suggest there is a risk of repeated conduct; whether there have been other reports or complaints about the respondent; the credibility and significance of existing relevant evidence; and the extent of any ongoing threat to the individual, the Middlebury community or any of its members.

In considering an individual’s request for confidentiality, the HROs, JAOS, and/or Title IX Coordinator may consult with Middlebury’s Threat Assessment and Management Team and other Middlebury personnel, as appropriate.
If Confidentiality Is Requested But Cannot be Maintained

If Middlebury determines that it cannot maintain an individual’s request for confidentiality, Middlebury will inform the individual prior to conducting an investigation (unless extenuating circumstances are present) and will, to the extent possible, only share information with those individuals who are responsible for Middlebury’s response to the incident. Middlebury will not require the individual to participate in any investigation or disciplinary proceeding, nor will it require the individual to personally report any information to law enforcement authorities. It will remain up to the individual to choose whether they personally want to participate in notifying law enforcement authorities, or would rather not do so.

If when responding to reports of sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic or dating violence, stalking, or related retaliation, Middlebury determines it is obligated to take any action that would involve disclosing a reporting individual’s identity to the respondent, or an action from which the reporting individual’s identity may be easily determined by the respondent, the individual will be informed before the action is taken (unless extenuating circumstances are present). If the reporting individual requests that the respondent be informed that they requested that there be no investigation or disciplinary action, Middlebury will endeavor to honor this request and inform the respondent that Middlebury made the decision to investigate the matter.

Middlebury will take supportive measures when requested and reasonably available that are designed to prevent and address retaliation against individuals whose requests for confidentiality have not been honored and to respond to their needs for support, services and accommodations.

When Confidentiality Can Be Maintained

If Middlebury determines that it can respect the individual’s request for confidentiality (i.e., the individual’s request that a report of sexual misconduct, domestic or dating violence or misconduct, stalking, or related retaliation not be investigated/adjudicated), Middlebury will take action to assist the individual, to the extent possible, including the measures identified in Section 6, of Middlebury’s SMDVS policy (“Services and Accommodations”), where such measures are requested and reasonably available.

Individuals should be aware that if Middlebury honors their request for confidentiality, this may limit Middlebury’s ability to fully respond to the incident, including pursuing disciplinary action against the respondent.

Disclosure During Internal Investigations and Adjudications

Middlebury will handle information related to alleged violations of its policy with sensitivity and discretion. However, Middlebury may need to disclose information relating to an incident (including the identity of parties, witnesses or others) to the extent necessary to conduct a thorough, fair, and impartial investigation and adjudication process for all involved parties.

Disclosure Required by Law

Middlebury will not include the names of complainants or other personally identifying information in publicly available reports that are compiled as required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, and when issuing timely warnings as required by the Clery Act, will withhold as confidential the names of such individuals. Middlebury officials responsible for compiling publicly available recordkeeping such as crime statistics published in the Annual Security Report(s), daily crime logs, or timely warnings, review reports before publication and distribution to ensure that the information does not contain the names of complainants or other personally identifying information. Statistics published in Middlebury’s Annual Security Report(s) contain only the number and type of reported crimes. Middlebury is also part of a larger community and context. If there is an independent investigation, lawsuit, or criminal proceeding related to a sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic or dating violence or misconduct, stalking, or related retaliation matter, those involved or others may be required by law to provide testimony or documents (e.g., investigation reports, witness statements, and any other information gathered or obtained in the course of a particular matter).

Disclosure to Law Enforcement

In certain circumstances, Middlebury may need to report an incident to law enforcement authorities. Such circumstances include but are not limited to incidents that warrant the undertaking of safety and security measures for the protection of the individual and/or the campus community, or situations in which there is clear and imminent danger and/or a weapon may be involved.
Complainants may choose to notify authorities personally and directly with or without Middlebury’s assistance, or may choose not to notify such authorities personally.

**Services and Accommodations**

Middlebury will provide written notification to students and employees about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available for individuals reportedly subjected to sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking, both within the institution and in the community. Individuals can access on- and off-campus support services or request information by contacting the individuals and offices identified below and/or accessing the websites identified below.

Middlebury will also provide written notification to individuals about options for, available assistance in, and how to request changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations or protective measures. Middlebury will make such accommodations or provide such protective measures if the complainant requests them and if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether the reported victim chooses to report the crime to campus Public Safety or local law enforcement.

It is not necessary to file a complaint with Middlebury, participate in a Middlebury adjudication process, or file a criminal complaint in order to request services or accommodations from Middlebury. These may include but are not limited to:

- No Contact Orders restricting encounters and communications between the parties;
- No Trespass Notices prohibiting the presence of an individual on Middlebury property, and/or other properties on which Middlebury programs are occurring.
- Academic accommodations, including but not limited to deadline extensions; Incompletes, course changes or late drops, or other arrangements as appropriate;
- Residential accommodations, including but not limited to arranging for new housing, or providing temporary housing options, as appropriate;
- Changing transportation or working arrangements or providing other employment accommodations, as appropriate;
- Assisting the individual in accessing support services, including, as available, victim advocacy, academic support, counseling, disability, health or mental health services, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid services, and legal assistance both on and off campus, as applicable;
- Informing the individual of the right to report a crime to local law enforcement and/or seek orders of protection, restraining orders, or relief from abuse orders from United States courts or courts outside of the United States as applicable and providing assistance if the individual wishes to do so. Middlebury will also work with complainants and others as appropriate to respect and implement the requirements of such orders on premises that it owns or controls, as appropriate.

Where a complainant reportedly subjected to sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, or stalking makes a reasonable request for accommodations like those described above, Middlebury is obligated to comply with that request if such accommodations are reasonably available.

Students and employees seeking services, protective measures, and/or accommodations should direct their request to a Commons dean, program director, HRO, JAO, or the Title IX coordinator, as appropriate. The request will be evaluated and responded to by the Commons dean, program director, HRO, JAO, or Title IX coordinator after consultation, as needed, with the appropriate authority or authorities for the school or program at issue. Factors to be considered in determining reasonable services or accommodations may include the following:

- the specific need expressed by the complainant;
- the severity and/or pervasiveness of the allegations;
- any continuing effects on the complainant;
- whether the complainant and the respondent share the same residence hall, dining hall, class, extracurricular activities, transportation, or job location; and
- whether other judicial measures have been taken to protect the complainant.

Middlebury will maintain as confidential any services, accommodations or protective measures provided to complainants, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of Middlebury to provide the services, accommodations, or
protective measures. As such, Middlebury may need to disclose some information about the individual to a third party to provide the necessary accommodations or protective measures in a timely manner. The following individuals are typically responsible for determining what information should be disclosed and to whom it should be disclosed: a JAO, a HRO, Title IX Coordinator, Commons dean, Public Safety officer, or program director. The decision to disclose information will be made after careful consideration of possible alternatives to disclosure and/or limiting the information provided to the third party as much as possible without compromising Middlebury’s ability to provide the services, accommodations or protective measures.

On and Off Campus Support Services

Middlebury, VT Campus

Academic Support and Housing Assistance
Commons Deans (Undergraduate students only)
Atwater: 802.443.3310
Brainerd: 802.443.3320
Cook: 802.443.3330
Ross: 802.443.3340
Wonnacott 802.443.3350

Center for Teaching Learning and Research (Undergraduate students only)
Middlebury College
Davis Family Library
802.443.3131

Doug Adams
Associate Dean for Residential Life and Student Life Policy (Undergraduate students only)
Middlebury College
Service Building
Middlebury, VT 05753
802.443.3106
dadams@middlebury.edu

Stephen B. Snyder (Language Schools)
Dean of the Language Schools
Sunderland Language Center 201
802.443.5979
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Elizabeth Karnes Keefe, Assistant Dean (Language Schools)
Middlebury College
Sunderland Language Center 210
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Jeffrey W. Cason (Schools Abroad)
Dean of International Programs
Middlebury College
Sunderland Language Center 125
Middlebury, VT 05753
802.443.5745
cason@middlebury.edu
Medical care, including pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted infection testing/treatment, injury triage, referral to counseling, advocacy support, and access to a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (“SANE”). A SANE receives specialized training to provide comprehensive care to survivors of sexual assault, including physical assessment and collection of forensic evidence. Having evidence collected does not commit you to filing a complaint with Middlebury or charges with the police. It will allow you to preserve evidence while you take time to decide if you want to file a report, press charges, and/or seek a protection order. If you bathe, change clothes, or otherwise alter your physical condition before having evidence collected, then you may be washing away valuable evidence. A delay in reporting may make evidence more difficult to collect.
These services are confidential, and information is not shared without the student’s written permission, except in the limited circumstances described herein. Health-care professionals are required to report to law enforcement authorities the sexual assault of a person under the age of 18, or where there is risk of immediate danger to self, others or property. Consequently, in some circumstances, providers may not be able–legally or ethically—to maintain confidentiality.

To access a SANE please call Parton at 802.443.5135 or call Porter Hospital at 802.388.4701.

_Counseling Services (Confidential - Students only) 802.443.5141_

Short-term and crisis counseling is available through the Parton Center for Health and Wellness for students who have been sexually assaulted, have had an upsetting sexual encounter, or have been affected by domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. These services are confidential, except in the limited circumstances described herein. Mental health professionals are required to report to law enforcement authorities the sexual assault of a person under the age of 18, or where there is risk of immediate danger to self, others, or property. Consequently, in some circumstances, providers may not be able–legally or ethically—to maintain confidentiality. **When the Parton Center for Health and Wellness is closed:** students may access confidential counseling phone support evenings and weekends. Faculty and staff who are supporting a student and in need of advice from a counselor may also use this resource. To access a counselor by phone after hours, call the Counseling number (802-443-5141) and press one when instructed to do so.

_MiddSafe: Middlebury Safe and Confidential Advocates_ (Undergraduate program only; excludes undergraduate academic breaks) _802.377.0239_

MiddSafe advocates are Middlebury College students committed to providing a safe and confidential resource for our peers in need of support and information around sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, and other personal violations. The group’s goal is to function as a non-judgmental, compassionate, and effective resource for individuals in emergency and non-crisis situations. Advocates provide a menu of options to guide students towards medical, legal, and emotional resources on local, state, and national levels. MiddSafe advocates offer the following advocacy services:

- Hotline operated by volunteer student advocates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, excluding undergraduate academic breaks on the Vermont campus.
- Faculty and staff advocates available during their regular office hours to serve in their confidential advocate capacity.
- All advocates can provide referrals to on- and off-campus services to offer support and advocacy (e.g. appointments at Parton Health and Wellness Center or Porter hospital, meetings with deans, professors, Public Safety, a Judicial Affairs Officer, and making contact with Counseling Services of Addison County or Middlebury Police Department)
- All advocates are trained to support individuals engaged in the campus judicial process, should someone choose an advocate as their designated support person.

_Re/ligious Counseling (Confidential)  
College Chaplain_  
Hathaway House  
135 South Main St.  
Middlebury College  
Middlebury, VT 05753  
802.443.5626

The College chaplains are available to provide supportive _confidential_ counseling of all kinds, faith-based or otherwise.

_Employee and Family Assistance Program (Confidential: Staff and faculty) 1.800.828.6025_

Middlebury’s Employee and Family Assistance Plan provides confidential counseling and referral services to reduce stress and improve the quality of life for employees. The EFAP provides confidential assessment and referral services, and short-term counseling. The services of the EFAP are free to employees, up to the limits of the plan. All assistance is confidential; no one at Middlebury College will know that an employee has used the EFAP.
e4health administers Middlebury’s EFAP program. To access their comprehensive web site, with many tools and articles, go to the e4health web site.
Username: middlebury college
Password: guest
Phone: 800-828-6025

Porter Hospital
802.388.4701
If the Health Center is closed, or if you prefer to seek treatment off campus, you may receive care at Porter Hospital’s Emergency Room. The Department of Public Safety can provide transportation, and it is not necessary to share information with them about the nature of your emergency.

Porter Hospital staff offers medical treatment and can collect physical evidence. There may be a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner available, but this is not guaranteed. You may want to call in advance to request that a SANE be made available, if possible, before you come in. Please see the recommendations above under Parton Health Services regarding evidence collection.

Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC)
802.388.6751; after hours or in emergencies, call 802.388.7641
CSAC offers a wide range of professional mental health and developmental services designed to meet the needs of those seeking help. Their staff includes persons trained in developmental services, substance abuse treatment, psychiatry, psychology, mental health counseling, and social work. They provide emergency counseling 24 hours a day at the number above. Services may be provided over the phone or in person.

Independent Counselors
In addition to CSAC, there are a number of independent counselors in Addison County with experience working with survivors of sexual assault. For assistance choosing a counselor, you can talk with any member of the Middlebury counseling staff or other individuals with whom you feel comfortable.

WomenSafe 24-Hour Hotline
1.800.388.4205; Office, 802.388.4205
Based in Middlebury, WomenSafe is a local non-profit organization providing crisis intervention, problem-solving assistance, safety planning, and emotional support to survivors of physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse, including female, male, and transgender members of the Middlebury community. They also provide medical and legal advocacy, and support groups for female survivors.

Pride Center of Vermont/SafeSpace Vermont
866.869.7341 or 802.863.0003
SafeSpace offers free and confidential services to LGBTQ survivors of all forms of abuse or violence.

Vermont Statewide Emergency Number
800.489.RAPE
This number will automatically connect the caller with the local domestic violence/sexual assault program.

For Victims with Disabilities: 800.489.7273
This number will automatically connect the caller with the local program for crisis intervention, peer counseling, court advocacy, information, referral and other services.

Legal Assistance
Vermont Legal Aid: 800.889.2047; www.vtlegalaid.org/
Vermont Bar Association: www.vtbar.org/

Ongoing Care
There’s no one correct way to care for yourself or others who have experienced trauma. Middlebury offers a variety of resources and options in the belief that survivors benefit from having many choices available to seek the support and resolution they need.
Choose whichever options feel most helpful to you. There are many people on campus and in the greater community who care and can help you to find care for yourself.

- Be patient with yourself. The healing process takes time and includes your physical, emotional, and psychological health.
- Don’t neglect your physical health and wellbeing.
- Try not to let others make decisions for you; it’s important that you reestablish a sense of control over your choices.
- Seek support from a counselor.
- Don’t look for simple answers to explain what happened.
- Know your rights and how to get the support you need.
- Do things you enjoy and give yourself permission to have positive experiences.

**Procedures for Institutional Disciplinary Action in Cases of Alleged Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking**

Middlebury is committed to providing a campus and workplace environment that is safe and secure for all students, staff, faculty, and others who participate in Middlebury’s programs. Sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and related retaliation are strictly prohibited. Middlebury will take reasonable, prompt and appropriate action to respond to sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence and stalking where such conduct impacts or has the potential to impact the Middlebury program-based educational, residential, or employment environment of any member of the Middlebury community. Such action could include discipline for employees such as written reprimands, salary freezes (faculty) or termination of employment, or discipline for students such as probationary status, a letter of official discipline, suspension or expulsion from any or all programs in which the student is enrolled or participating. It could also entail non-disciplinary measures such as No Contact Orders and/or No Trespass Orders, training, and providing safety and support services to complainants and affected parties, as appropriate. Factors to be considered in determining sanctions as listed below and in Section 10(H) of, and Appendix F to, Middlebury’s Policy Against Sexual Misconduct, Domestic and Dating Violence and Misconduct, and Stalking (hereinafter referred to as the “SMDVS policy”).

As detailed in the SMDVS policy, Middlebury’s process will be completed within reasonably prompt timeframes designated by the institution’s policy, including a process that allows for the extension of timeframes for good cause and/or due to extenuating circumstances with written notice to the complainant and the respondent of the delay and the reason for the delay; it is conducted in a manner that is consistent with the institution’s policies and transparent to the complainant and respondent; it includes timely notice of meetings at which the complainant and respondent may be present; it provides timely and equal access to the complainant, the respondent, and appropriate officials to any information that may be used during the process; and is conducted by officials who do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against the complainant or the respondent.

Middlebury’s process of addressing cases of alleged sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and related retaliation is designed to:

- Consider the complainant’s rights, the respondent’s rights, the community’s safety, and applicable laws and Middlebury policies;
- Conduct a timely, fair, impartial, and equitable investigation and adjudication process with thoroughness and respect for all involved parties;
- Protect all parties’ privacy to the extent practical, while balancing the need to comply with applicable law, maintain campus safety, and provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all students, faculty, staff and covered third parties; and
- Hold all individuals found to have violated Middlebury’s policies accountable for their actions and provide appropriate remedies to address the effects of sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and/or related retaliation on the complainant and others.

Middlebury will conduct a prompt, fair and impartial process from the initial investigation to the final result. The complainant and respondent are entitled to the same opportunities to have an advisor of their choice accompany them to any meeting, interview or proceeding that they are attending regarding Middlebury’s investigation and adjudication process.

The full text of Middlebury’s SMDVS Policy is available at: [www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/misc/October](http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/misc/October)
Please note the following definitions for the purposes of this Annual Security Report and Middlebury’s SMDVS policy, as applicable:

**Complainant**
Under the SMDVS policy, a complainant is usually an individual filing a complaint of a violation of Middlebury policies. In some cases (e.g., cases in which a person involved in an incident of alleged sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic or dating violence or misconduct, stalking, or related retaliation does not wish to participate in the process but Middlebury decides that the alleged misconduct needs to be investigated), Middlebury may pursue an investigation and adjudication under its SMDVS policy without a designated complainant. In these cases Middlebury may extend some or all of the rights of a complainant as defined in its SMDVS policy to affected parties as deemed appropriate by a Human Relations Officer or Judicial Affairs Officer, as applicable.

For ease of reference, the term “complainant” is also used throughout this Annual Security Report to refer generally to an alleged “victim” or “accuser” as referred to under the Clery Act and/or the Clery Handbook, and is also used generally in the SMDVS policy and herein to refer to an individual who reported that they were subjected to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or related retaliation as defined in Middlebury’s SMDVS policy.

**Respondent**
Under the SMDVS policy, a respondent is an individual whose alleged conduct (e.g., sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or related retaliation) is being investigated to determine if it is in violation of Middlebury’s policies. For ease of reference, the term “respondent” is also used throughout this Annual Security Report to refer generally to “the alleged perpetrator” or “the accused” as referred to under the Clery Act and/or the Clery Handbook, and is also used generally in the SMDVS policy and herein to refer to an individual who reportedly committed sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or related retaliation as defined in Middlebury’s SMDVS policy.

**Complaint Investigation and Adjudication Process**

Middlebury’s complaint and adjudication process is outlined in detail in Middlebury’s SMDVS Policy (see Section 10, Complaint Investigation and Resolution Procedures online at www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/misc/October#Investigation). The process for addressing complaints of sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, stalking and related retaliation is summarized below; in the event of any differences between the summary below and the more detailed terms of the investigation and resolution procedures published in the online SMDVS policy, the more detailed terms of the online investigation and resolution procedures will prevail.

*Any Middlebury student, faculty member, staff member or covered third party who has reasonable cause to believe that sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic or dating violence, stalking and/or related retaliation has occurred or is occurring should report this information to the immediate attention of any of the following individuals: a HRO designated for the Middlebury program at issue; a JAO; and/or the Title IX Coordinator. Contact information can be found above or in Appendix B to Middlebury’s SMDVS policy.

*A complaint may be made verbally (in person, by phone, or videoconferencing) or in writing (via mail or email) and will ultimately need to be recorded in written form by the complainant or a member of the staff involved with the investigation.

*The HRO/JAO will promptly determine whether the report or complaint alleges conduct that may be prohibited by the SMDVS policy. The complainant’s request for confidentiality, if any, will be considered in accordance with Section 3 of the SMDVS policy. (See also How Middlebury Will Protect the Confidentiality of Victims, above). Requests for accommodations will be addressed in accordance with Section 6 of the SMDVS policy. See also Services and Accommodations, above.

*If it is determined that an investigation and adjudication should proceed under the policy, the parties will be notified and an investigator will be appointed to conduct an investigation that is appropriate under the circumstances, and is prompt, thorough, fair, equitable, objective, and impartial. The investigator may consult with the HRO, and others as appropriate, on the strategic direction of the investigation and the preparation of investigation materials.

*Once the HRO/JAO decides to pursue an investigation and adjudication, the procedures set forth in the SMDVS policy will apply regardless of where the alleged incident occurred (e.g., on Middlebury-owned or controlled property or off Middlebury-owned or controlled property). Middlebury retains sole discretion in determining whether or not to exercise jurisdiction over off-campus conduct. See also Section 11 of the SMDVS policy, “Scope of Oversight (Students).”
*A No Contact Order is normally issued to restrict contact and communication between the complainant and the respondent for the duration of the investigation.

*Middlebury’s investigation and adjudication process does not require or permit the complainant and respondent to interact or communicate directly or indirectly with each other concerning the process or the matter under investigation at any time. The parties are therefore not permitted to question or cross-examine each other during the course of the investigation.

*To the extent permitted by law, the complainant and respondent will be afforded the same rights and opportunities throughout the investigation and adjudication process, including the opportunity to recommend witnesses and submit evidence. However, investigation logistics, including but not limited to the sequence of interviews, the decision to interview particular witnesses, and the decision to allow or consider evidence offered by the parties, are within the discretion of the HRO and/or investigator.

*Complainants and respondents are entitled to the same opportunities to have an advisor of their choice present at any interviews, meetings, or proceedings that they are attending related to the investigation and adjudication process under this policy. The advisor may advise the complainant or respondent privately, but cannot act as a speaking advocate at a meeting. An investigator or other Middlebury representative may terminate meetings, remove or dismiss advisors, and/or proceed with the investigation or adjudication based on otherwise-available information if an advisor is disruptive or otherwise refuses to comply with the requirements of this policy.

*The complainant and respondent will be asked to identify, preserve, and submit all evidence pertaining to the matter under investigation, and to identify witnesses they believe may have relevant testimony to share. The investigator is not required to consider the evidence submitted or interview any particular witness, even if identified by one of the parties. However, in determining whether to interview witnesses or review evidence, the investigator should consider such factors as equity, fairness, thoroughness, and impartial treatment of both parties.

*All participants in the investigation are expected to cooperate fully by providing complete, accurate, and truthful information. They may also be expected to sign statements or other documents memorializing the information they provided, and may be asked to keep the substance of the interview confidential. Failure to cooperate fully with the investigator may subject the individual to the full range of disciplinary actions, as applicable.

*Formal rules of evidence applicable in court proceedings do not apply to the investigation and adjudication process.

*When the investigator determines that sufficient information has been collected to allow the investigator to make a recommended finding, the complainant and respondent may review the witness statements and evidentiary materials. They are also entitled to an individual meeting with the HRO, during which they will have a reasonable opportunity to comment on the content of the evidentiary materials. The investigator may be present at the meeting. The HRO meetings will normally be scheduled at least seven days after access to the initial evidentiary materials has been provided to the parties. The HRO has sole discretion to direct the parties to focus on relevant issues and/or limit redundancies, and to determine the overall length of the meeting.

*Each party may submit one character reference letter no later than seven days from the day the parties have been provided with access to the investigation materials.

*After considering the parties’ responses to the evidentiary materials and their character references and completing any additional investigation deemed appropriate, the investigator will submit a report to the HRO. The report will include the investigator’s recommended finding of whether the SMDVS policy (or other policies, as applicable) has/have been violated and the investigator’s rationale. The investigator’s recommendation will be based on the preponderance of evidence standard, i.e., whether it is more likely than not that the policy was violated. While the investigator may consult with the HRO and others as appropriate regarding the preparation of the report, the recommended findings are within the discretion of the investigator. The HRO will have access to all investigation materials, including character references.

*The JAO will provide both parties with access to the investigator’s report, and to any additional materials collected or generated after the initial investigation materials were shared with the parties, prior to the HRO’s issuance of a determination. Each party may submit a written response within seven days of receipt of access to these materials. The JAO/HRO may extend this deadline if warranted by the circumstances. Each party may request access to the other party’s written statement after both statements have been received by the JAO and the deadline has passed.
If at any point prior to the issuance of an official determination new relevant evidence that will be used during the proceeding is identified, it will be shared with the complainant and respondent, who will have an opportunity to submit a written response within a time frame determined by the HRO/JAO. The written responses, if submitted, will be shared with and considered by the HRO prior to the HRO’s issuance of an official determination. The HRO may move forward with a determination or may direct the investigator to pursue an additional investigation and supplement their report. If the report is supplemented the parties will have access to the report and any additional evidence and will have an opportunity to submit a written response by a deadline established by the HRO/JAO.

Determination

*After review of all of the evidence, the investigator’s report and recommended finding, and the parties written responses and character references, the HRO will issue a determination, in writing, as to whether allegations of sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, related retaliation and/or any additional prohibited behaviors being investigated, are proven by a preponderance of the evidence. The HRO’s determination will be based on a preponderance of the evidence standard. The determination will contain an explanation for the rationale for the determination, including (1) how the evidence and information presented during the investigation and adjudication process was weighed; (2) how the standard of evidence was applied; and (3) how the evidence and information support the determination.

*The complainant and respondent will be simultaneously informed, in writing, (a) of the HRO’s determination (that is, the result of the proceeding and the rationale); (b) of Middlebury’s procedures for complainants and respondents to appeal the HRO’s determination and/or actions imposed, if applicable; (c) of any change to the results of the disciplinary process that occurs prior to the time that such results become final; and (d) when such results become final.

Sanction

*If the HRO finds that the respondent engaged in behavior that violates this policy (or other Middlebury policies under investigation, as applicable), the JAO will, in accordance with sections applicable to staff, faculty, and students, below, forward the case to the appropriate supervisory authority for the program at issue, who will assign a sanction or sanctions, and other actions as appropriate. See also the factors listed in Section (H), Sanction of the SMDVS policy.

*If appeal rights exist, sanctions and other actions will go into effect at the expiration of the deadline for the submission of an appeal, if no appeal is submitted, or at the conclusion of the appeal process if applicable. If appeal rights do not exist, sanctions and other actions will go into effect immediately. This language does not preclude the possibility of emergency action as needed; please see Section 13, Emergency Withdrawal, Suspension or Expulsion of the SMDVS policy.

*If the HRO finds that a staff member has engaged in conduct that violates this policy (or other Middlebury policies under investigation, if applicable), each party may submit to the JAO a Sanction Statement sharing any thoughts they would like to have considered in the determination of a sanction. The JAO will then provide the case materials, including the Sanction Statements, to the appropriate supervisory authority for the program at issue (e.g., the Middlebury College Human Resources Department, or the Institute’s Human Resources Department, as applicable). The JAO will also provide the Sanction Statements to the HRO, who after reviewing them will make a sanction recommendation to the appropriate supervisory authority. After review of the HRO’s recommendation, the supervisory authority will initiate procedures to determine and impose appropriate disciplinary action. Disciplinary sanctions for a finding of sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, stalking, or related retaliation may include written reprimands or termination of employment. Although sanctions for violations of the SMDVS policy can include any form of discipline as stated in this section, staff found to have committed sexual assault will most likely receive a sanction of termination of employment. Middlebury may also take other action as deemed appropriate under the circumstances (e.g., remedies applied to the respondent to address the needs of the complainant and/or the community, including but not limited to building restrictions, reassignment of work duties, training, modification of No Contact Orders to favor the complainant, and other actions to preserve the rights of the complainant and the community to a safe environment).

*If the HRO finds that a faculty member has engaged in conduct that violates this policy, or other Middlebury policies under investigation, if applicable (absent or following an appeal by a Middlebury College faculty member in accordance with Section 10 (G) 3), if an appeal was granted), each party may submit to the JAO a Sanction Statement sharing any thoughts they would like to have considered in the determination of a sanction. The JAO will then provide the case materials, including the Sanction Statements, to the appropriate supervisory authority for the program at issue (e.g., the Middlebury College VPAA/Dean of Faculty, the Middlebury
Institute’s VPAA/Dean of the Institute, Dean of the Language Schools, or the VPAA/dean of Schools). The JAO will also provide the Sanction Statements to the HRO, who after reviewing them will make a sanction recommendation to the appropriate supervisory authority. Sanctioning and appeals for faculty whose primary appointment is with the undergraduate college will follow the procedures for Middlebury College faculty, regardless of the program for which the individual was employed at the time of the incident.

*After review of the HRO’s recommendation, the supervisory authority will initiate procedures to determine and impose appropriate disciplinary action according to the procedures in existing Faculty Handbook policies and/or contracts, as applicable. Disciplinary sanctions for a finding of sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, stalking, or related retaliation may include written reprimands, salary freeze, or termination of employment. Middlebury may also take other action as deemed appropriate under the circumstances (including but not limited to remedies applied to the respondent to address the needs of the complainant and/or the community, including but not limited to building restrictions, reassignment of classes or other work duties, training, modification of No Contact Orders to favor the complainant, and other actions to preserve the rights of the complainant and the community to a safe environment).

*If the HRO finds that a student has engaged in conduct that violates this policy (or other Middlebury policies under investigation), each party may submit to the JAO a Sanction Statement sharing any thoughts they would like the appropriate authority to consider when assigning a sanction. The JAO will then provide the case materials, including the Sanction Statements, to the appropriate supervisory authority or authorities (e.g., dean of the Language Schools, dean of the Center for Advising and Career Services and Student Services at the Middlebury Institute [“Dean of CACS and Student Services”], director of the Bread Loaf School of English, director of the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference, director of the School of the Environment, VPAA/Dean of Schools, Vice President for Student Affairs/dean of the College, etc.). The JAO will also provide the Sanction Statements to the HRO, who after reviewing them will make a sanction recommendation to the appropriate supervisory authority or authorities. When multiple supervisory authorities are involved in assigning sanctions, they may collaborate with each other as appropriate.

After a review of the HRO’s recommendation, the supervisory authority may impose disciplinary and/or other appropriate action. Prior conduct may be taken into account in the assignment of these actions.

Detailed information about disciplinary sanctions and their correspondence with conduct prohibited under this policy, can be found below and in the SMDVS policy, Appendix F, Sanctions. For a finding of sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, stalking, or related retaliation, sanctions could include written reprimands, probationary status, letters of official discipline, suspension, or expulsion from any or all Middlebury program(s) in which the student is enrolled or participating. Although sanctions for violation(s) of this policy can include any form of discipline as stated in this section, students found to have committed sexual assault will most likely receive a sanction of suspension or expulsion.

Middlebury may also take other non-disciplinary action as deemed appropriate under the circumstances (e.g., remedies applied to the respondent to address the needs of the complainant, including but not limited to room changes, class changes, building restrictions, extracurricular activity restrictions, modification of No Contact Orders to favor the complainant, and other actions to preserve the rights of the complainant to a safe environment). Middlebury may also provide notice of the matter to the appropriate supervisory authority of any Middlebury program in which the respondent intends to participate, who may consider this information in determining the respondent’s admission to the program and/or other program participation parameters, as appropriate. Notification of a finding of responsibility, sanction, or other action under this policy may also be provided to the home institution of non-Middlebury undergraduate and graduate students or any other program in which the student is enrolled or to which the student is pursuing enrollment.

If the conduct occurred during the course and scope of the student’s employment at Middlebury, the matter will be referred jointly to the Human Resources Department and the appropriate supervisory authority for the program at issue, as applicable, for disciplinary sanctions that may include written reprimands, or termination of employment, and/or written reprimands, probationary status, letters of official discipline, suspension, or expulsion from Middlebury, or other action as deemed appropriate under the circumstances. Additional non-disciplinary outcomes, such as training or extending and modifying mutual No Contact Orders, may also be imposed regardless of the finding.

*The complainant and respondent will be simultaneously informed, in writing, of (a) any disciplinary or other action arising out of an allegation of sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic or dating violence, stalking, related retaliation or any other alleged policy violation that was investigated and adjudicated under this policy, and the rationale for the disciplinary and/or other action; (b) Middlebury’s procedures for complainants and respondents to appeal the HRO’s decision and/or discipline and/or actions.
imposed, if applicable; (c) any change to the results of a disciplinary process that occurs prior to the time that such results become final; and (d) when such results become final.

*In explaining the rationale for the result, the supervisory authority will indicate: (1) how the evidence and information presented during the investigation and adjudication process was weighed; (2) how the standard of evidence was applied; and (3) how the evidence and information support the sanction determination.

Sanctions for Students

**Sexual Assault (includes rape, fondling, incest and statutory rape)**

Possible sanctions: reprimand, probationary status, letter of official discipline, suspension or expulsion. In cases when a respondent is found responsible for committing sexual assault, suspension or expulsion is the likely outcome. If suspension (which ordinarily will not exceed one and one-half academic years) is assigned, its duration will be determined in part by complainant needs, and reinstatement or readmission criteria may include but are not limited to evidence of satisfactory progress by the respondent on relevant issues. The conditions of reinstatement or readmission will be communicated to both parties. If the respondent’s return will coincide with the complainant’s presence at Middlebury, additional accommodations for the complainant and/or conditions on the respondent to preserve the right of the complainant to a safe environment may be assigned, including but not limited to room assignment consideration, class changes, No Contact Order adjustments, and/or building or extracurricular activity restrictions.

**Domestic or Dating Violence, Stalking and Related Retaliation**

Possible sanctions: reprimand, probationary status, letter of official discipline, suspension or expulsion. If suspension (which ordinarily will not exceed one and one-half academic years) is assigned, its duration will be determined in part by complainant needs, and reinstatement or readmission criteria may include but are not limited to evidence of satisfactory progress by the respondent on the issues at hand. The conditions of reinstatement or readmission will be communicated to both parties. If the respondent’s return will coincide with the complainant’s presence at Middlebury, additional accommodations for the complainant and/or conditions on the respondent to preserve the right of the complainant to a safe environment may be assigned, including but not limited to room assignment consideration, class changes, No Contact Order adjustments, and/or building or extracurricular activity restrictions.

Sanctions for Staff

Possible sanctions for a staff member found to have committed sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, stalking, or related retaliation may include written reprimands or termination of employment. Although sanctions for violation(s) of this policy can include any form of discipline as stated in this section, staff members found to have committed sexual assault will most likely receive a sanction of termination of employment. Middlebury may also take other action as deemed appropriate under the circumstances (e.g., remedies applied to the respondent to address the needs of the complainant and/or the community, including but not limited to building restrictions, reassignment of work duties, training, modification of No Contact Orders to favor the complainant, and other actions to preserve the rights of the complainant and the community to a safe environment).

Sanctions for Faculty

Sanctions for faculty whose primary appointment is with the undergraduate college will follow the procedures for Middlebury College faculty, regardless of the program for which the individual was employed at the time of the incident. Disciplinary actions will be determined and assigned according to the procedures in existing Faculty Handbook policies and/or other contracts or handbooks, as applicable to the faculty member and/or program at issue. Possible disciplinary sanctions for faculty found to have committed sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, stalking, or related retaliation may include written reprimands, salary freeze, or termination of employment. Middlebury may also take other action as deemed appropriate under the circumstances (including but not limited to remedies applied to the respondent to address the needs of the complainant, including but not limited to building restrictions, reassignment of classes or other work duties, training, modification of No Contact Orders to address the needs of the complainant and/or the community, and other actions to preserve the rights of the complainant and/or the community to a safe environment).

Appeals

*In cases where the respondent is a student or faculty member, the complainant and the respondent each have the right to an appeal. Appeals are accepted on the basis of one or more of the following:
• discovery of significant new factual material not available to the HRO that could have affected the original result; however, prior omission of factual information that the appealing party knew or should reasonably have known about is not a ground for an appeal;
• procedural error where the error prevented fundamental fairness;
• abuse of discretion in the issuance of a sanction, meaning that the appropriate supervisory authority imposed a sanction significantly disproportionate to the offense.

For more information See Section 10(J), Appeals, of the SMDVS policy.

Time Frames for the Investigation, Adjudication, and Determination of Sanctions

Middlebury endeavors to limit the period from the commencement of an investigation through its resolution (finding and sanction, if any), exclusive of any appeal(s), to sixty (60) calendar days. This time frame may be extended for good cause, which may exist if additional time is necessary to ensure the integrity and completeness of the investigation, to comply with a request by external law enforcement for temporary delay to gather evidence for a criminal investigation, to accommodate the availability of witnesses, to account for Middlebury breaks or vacations, to account for complexities of a case, including the number of witnesses and volume of information provided by the parties, or for other legitimate reasons. Once the investigation and adjudication process is initiated under the SMDVS policy, the parties will be given notice of the date and time of any related meetings, interviews or proceedings that they may attend. While each party may have an advisor of choice, Middlebury will not permit advisor scheduling to unreasonably delay or extend the investigation and/or adjudication process. The JAO will notify the parties in writing of any extension of this time frame and the reason for such extension. The JAO will also consider extension requests from the parties.

Absent extenuating circumstances, the appropriate supervisory authority or responsible official will issue a decision regarding discipline and/or other appropriate action (for example, in the case of a faculty respondent who is subject to the Middlebury College Faculty Handbook, initiation of a Misconduct Review), to the extent applicable, within 5 days after the deadline for submission of Sanction Statements by the parties, or within 5 days after completion of any appeals of the HRO’s original determination, as applicable (see “Appeals in Middlebury College Faculty-Respondent Cases”). In faculty or staff matters, this time period may be shorter or longer depending on the circumstances, including any contractual rights of the parties.

Training of Individuals Conducting Investigations and Adjudications

Individuals conducting investigations and adjudications under Middlebury’s SMDVS policy will receive training annually on issues related to sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and related retaliation, and on how to conduct a prompt, fair, and impartial investigation and/or adjudication process that protects the safety of complainants and promotes accountability. The annual training is typically delivered in-person and includes, for example, investigatory techniques based on best practices; how to properly, fairly and thoroughly question parties and witnesses; Middlebury’s policy and procedures; and review of applicable laws and regulations. HROs, JAOs, and the Title IX Coordinator also receive trainings beyond the annual live training described above.

Written Notice of Rights and Options Provided to Students or Employees Who Report that They Have Been a Victim of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking

When a student or employee reports to Middlebury that the student or employee has been a victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whether the offense occurred on or off campus, the institution will provide the student or employee a written explanation of the student’s or employee’s rights and options, as described in this Annual Security Report and in applicable paragraphs of the Clery Act regulations. Specifically, in sum, students, faculty, staff or covered third parties who report that they have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, whether the offense occurred on or off campus, shall be provided with written notification of:

*Existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available for reported victims both on and off campus;

*Options for, available assistance with, and how to request, changes to academic, living, transportation and working situations or protective measures, if so requested by the victim and if such accommodations are reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to campus police or local law enforcement. Middlebury must make such accommodations or
provide such protective measures if the victim requests them and if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to campus police or local law enforcement;

*Possible sanctions or protective measures that Middlebury may impose following a final determination under its Policy Against Sexual Misconduct, Domestic and Dating Violence and Misconduct, and Stalking;

*The importance of preserving evidence as may be necessary to the proof of criminal domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking or in obtaining an order of protection;

*Information about reporting to campus officials;

*Options to notify law enforcement (and the option not to) and to be assisted by Middlebury officials in doing so;

*The rights of reported victims, where applicable, and Middlebury's responsibilities regarding orders of protection, No Contact Orders, No-Trespass Notices, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil or tribal court;

*Information about how Middlebury will protect the confidentiality of reported victims in reference to publicly available recordkeeping (including Clery Act reporting and disclosures) and accommodations or protective measures;

*Information about Middlebury’s procedures for investigating and adjudicating complaints of sexual misconduct (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, including notification to the parties of the outcome.

Definitions: State Laws in Vermont and California

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Consent: Words or actions by a person indicating a voluntary agreement to engage in a sexual act.

Sexual Assault:
(a) No person shall engage in a sexual act with another person and compel the other person to participate in a sexual act:

(1) without the consent of the other person; or

(2) by threatening or coercing the other person; or

(3) by placing the other person in fear that any person will suffer imminent bodily injury

(b) No person shall engage in a sexual act with another person and impair substantially the ability of the other person to appraise or control conduct by administering or employing drugs or intoxicants without the knowledge or against the will of the other person.

(c) No person shall engage in a sexual act with a child who is under the age of 16, except:

(1) where the persons are married to each other and the sexual act is consensual; or

(2) where the person is less than 19 years old, the child is at least 15 years old, and the sexual act is consensual.

(d) No person shall engage in a sexual act with a child who is under the age of 18 and is entrusted to the actor's care by authority of law or is the actor's child, grandchild, foster child, adopted child, or stepchild.

(e) No person shall engage in a sexual act with a child under the age of 16 if:

(1) the victim is entrusted to the actor's care by authority of law or is the actor's child, grandchild, foster child, adopted child, or stepchild; or
(2) the actor is at least 18 years of age, resides in the victim's household, and serves in a parental role with respect to the victim.

(f)(1) A person who violates subsection (a), (b), (d), or (e) of this section shall be imprisoned not less than three years and for a maximum term of life, and, in addition, may be fined not more than $25,000.00.

(2) A person who violates subsection (c) of this section shall be imprisoned for not more than 20 years, and, in addition, may be fined not more than $10,000.00.

(g) A person convicted of violating subsection (a), (b), (d), or (e) of this section shall be sentenced under section 3271 of this title.

A “sexual act” means conduct between persons consisting of contact between the penis and the vulva, the penis and the anus, the mouth and the penis, the mouth and the vulva, or any intrusion, however slight, by any part of a person’s body or object into the genital or anal opening of another.

Vermont Statutes: 13 V.S.A. § 3251 & 13 V.S.A. § 3252

Domestic Assault: Any person who attempts to cause or willfully or recklessly causes bodily injury to a family or household member, or willfully causes a family or household member to fear imminent serious bodily injury shall be imprisoned not more than 18 months or fined not more than $5,000.00, or both.

“Household members” are those persons who, for any period of time, are living or have lived together, are sharing or have shared occupancy of a dwelling, are engaged in or have engaged in a sexual relationship, or minors or adults who are dating or have dated.

Domestic Assault (Dating Relationship): Domestic assault includes attempting to cause or to willfully or recklessly cause bodily injury to a person one is dating or has dated or to willfully cause such person to fear imminent serious bodily injury. “Dating” means a social relationship of a romantic nature. Factors that the court may consider when determining whether a dating relationship exists or existed, include:

(a) the nature of the relationship;

(b) the length of time the relationship has existed;

(c) the frequency of the interaction between the parties; and

(d) the length of time since the relationship was terminated, if applicable.

Vermont Statutes: 13 V.S.A. § 1042 & 15 V.S.A. § 1101

Stalking: “Stalk” means to engage purposefully in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that the person engaging in the conduct knows or should know would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of another or would cause a reasonable person substantial emotional distress.

“Course of conduct” means two or more acts over a period of time, however short, in which a person follows, monitors, surveils, threatens, or makes threats about another person, or interferes with another person’s property. The definition shall apply to acts conducted by the person directly or indirectly, and by any action, method, device, or means. Constitutionally protected activity is not included within the meaning of “course of conduct.”

“Threaten” shall not be construed to require and express or overt threat.

“Emotional distress” means significant mental suffering or distress that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

“Reasonable person” means a reasonable person in the victim’s circumstances.
Vermont Statutes: 13 V.S.A. § 1061 (as amended July, 2016):  
[Full link](http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2016/Docs/ACTS/ACT162/ACT162%20As%20Enacted.pdf)

For information about the criminal laws in other jurisdictions where Middlebury operates its programs please see Appendix A to the SMDVS policy and [Local Resources and Laws](http://vcic.vermont.gov/sor) on the Schools Abroad website at [www.middlebury.edu/study-abroad/health/assault](http://www.middlebury.edu/study-abroad/health/assault), (as applicable to the School Abroad program at issue).

**Sex Offender Registry**

**Campus Sex Crime Prevention Act**

The federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires that sex offenders must register, and keep the registration current, in each jurisdiction where the offender resides, where the offender is an employee, and where the offender is a student. An employee includes “an individual who is self-employed or works for any other entity, whether compensated or not.” The term student means “an individual who enrolls in or attends an educational institution (whether public or private) … including an institution of higher education.” See 42 U.S.C. §§ 16913 & 16911.

The law requires higher education institutions to issue statements advising campus communities about where they can obtain law enforcement-agency-based, state-provided information concerning registered sex offenders.

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In Vermont convicted sex offenders must register with the Vermont Criminal Information Center, which is maintained by the Vermont Department of Public Safety. Any person requesting, in accordance with the law, information on specific offenders may obtain that information.

In 1996, with the passage of 13 VSA, Chapter 167, Subchapter 3, the Vermont Sex Offender Registry was established at the Vermont Crime Information Center (VCIC). You can contact the Vermont Criminal Information Center either at [http://vcic.vermont.gov/](http://vcic.vermont.gov/) or (802) 241-5400.

According to the State of Vermont’s Department of Public Safety Crime Information Center, local law-enforcement agencies and the Vermont Crime Information Center are authorized to release relevant registry information to the public when requestors can articulate a specific concern about their safety or the safety of another. State statute requires that the requestor provide the subject’s name as the basis for the query. Queries made to law enforcement agencies or VCIC may not be done by street address, town or county.

The registry information may also be disclosed to the following agencies, organizations, or persons:

- Local, state, and federal law-enforcement agencies exclusively for law-enforcement purposes;
- State and federal governmental agencies for the exclusive purpose of conducting confidential background checks;
- Any employer, including a school district, who is authorized by law to request records and information from the Vermont Crime Information Center where such disclosure is necessary to protect the public concerning persons required to register under this subchapter;
- A person identified as a sex offender in the registry for the purpose of reviewing the accuracy of any record relating to them.

The registry is prohibited from releasing lists of offenders in response to general questions regarding sex offenders’ whereabouts in particular communities. Victims’ identities shall not be released.

See Department of Public Safety Crime Information Center (which includes a link to the Vermont Sex Offender Public Website) at [http://vcic.vermont.gov/sor](http://vcic.vermont.gov/sor)
Anti-Harassment/Discrimination Policy

Middlebury College ("Middlebury") is committed to maintaining a diverse and inclusive campus environment where bigotry and intolerance are unacceptable. Discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment, and related retaliation, as defined by applicable law and the corresponding terms of this policy, are antithetical to Middlebury’s mission. Middlebury strictly prohibits conduct that constitutes unlawful discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment, as well as related retaliation, as defined in its policy. Middlebury will take reasonable and appropriate remedial action to prevent unlawful discrimination, harassment, and related retaliation, eliminate any hostile environment, prevent its recurrence, and correct its discriminatory effects on the complainant and others, if applicable.

Except as otherwise specified herein, this Anti-Harassment/Discrimination Policy applies to faculty, staff, students, and applicants (for employment to Middlebury’s programs; hereinafter referred to as “applicants”) as well as to others who participate in Middlebury programs and activities, including the undergraduate college, the Language Schools, the School of the Environment, MiddCORE, Bread Loaf School of English, Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference, Middlebury C.V. Starr Schools Abroad, and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey ("the Middlebury Institute"). Procedures for filing and resolving complaints of unlawful discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and related retaliation in such programs are set forth in the policy which is available at www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/misc/antiharassment; however, where applicable law mandates different procedures and/or policies with respect to Middlebury programs outside Vermont, those procedures and/or policies will apply.

Middlebury does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 as amended ("Title IX"), as well as applicable state law, requires that it not discriminate in such a manner. Prohibited sex discrimination includes sexual harassment and sexual misconduct (which includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation) as defined by Middlebury’s policies. Middlebury’s Compliance Officer/Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating Middlebury’s efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX (contact information is listed in Appendix A to Middlebury’s Anti-Harassment/Discrimination policy). The Title IX Coordinator’s responsibilities include overseeing all Title IX complaints and identifying and addressing any patterns or systemic problems that arise during the review of such complaints. Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX may be referred to the Compliance Officer/Title IX Coordinator or to the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (contact information is listed in Appendix A to Middlebury’s Anti-Harassment/Discrimination policy). See also Middlebury’s Nondiscrimination Statement.

Printed copies of these policies are also available upon request at a number of Middlebury offices, including Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of the College, Dean of Students, Commons deans, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, Dean of Language Schools, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Schools, Public Safety, Human Resources, Vice President for Human Resources and Chief Risk Officer, Title IX Coordinator/Compliance Officer and the appropriate supervisory authority for the Institute or other Middlebury program.

All members of the Middlebury community (faculty, staff, and students) and applicants have the right to pursue discrimination and harassment complaints, including sexual harassment and related retaliation, beyond Middlebury, utilizing local, state, or federal enforcement agencies, including local and state police agencies, as appropriate, regardless of whether they choose to file a complaint under this policy (see contact information in Appendix A to the Anti-Harassment/Discrimination policy). The agencies listed in Appendix A can conduct impartial investigations, and facilitate conciliation, and if an agency finds that there is probable cause or reasonable grounds to believe that unlawful harassment, discrimination, or retaliation has occurred, it may take the case to court.
There are certain time deadlines for the filing of complaints with state and federal agencies and/or state or federal court. Therefore, individuals who choose to pursue harassment, discrimination, or retaliation charges beyond Middlebury’s procedures should contact these agencies or their attorney for further assistance (see Appendix A to the Anti-Harassment/Discrimination policy).

There are many resources available to individuals who are involved in some way with an incident of discrimination, retaliation, or harassment, including sexual harassment. Please see Appendices A & B to the Anti-Harassment/Discrimination policy for contact information and resources.

Faculty, staff or students found to have violated Middlebury’s Anti-Harassment/Discrimination Policy may be subject to the full range of disciplinary actions, as applicable, up to and including termination of employment, suspension, or expulsion.

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Alcohol and Drug Policies

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 requires that Middlebury annually notify all students, faculty, and staff of the following:

* Middlebury’s standards of conduct, which prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol by students and employees on Middlebury property or in connection with any activities or programs sponsored by Middlebury.

* A description of Middlebury’s disciplinary sanctions that will be imposed on students and employees for the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol, up to and including expulsion or termination of employment.

* A description of applicable sanctions under federal, state, and local law for the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol.

* A description of the health risks associated with the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol.

* A description of any drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, or re-entry programs that are available to employees or students.

Middlebury annually issues a notice to all students, faculty and staff that addresses the above-referenced topics. In addition, Middlebury employs a comprehensive education and prevention plan to address alcohol and other drug use as required by and documented in its biennial reports for the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989. Our approach includes, but is not limited to online pre- and post-matriculation education courses, live training for new students at orientation, annual live training for student
leaders (e.g. residential life staff members and MiddView orientation trip leaders), workshops and programs in residence halls and passive educational campaigns.

Middlebury also utilizes the “Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention of College Students” (“BASICS”) program, which is an evidence-based confidential alcohol assessment tool developed specifically for college students. Its purpose is to assist students in assessing the relationship of their alcohol use to their academic and personal life goals. BASICS has a harm reduction philosophy and is neither judgmental or confrontational. Because of its demonstrated effectiveness, BASICS has been identified as a Model Program by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It was developed with the support of research grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism by Dr. G. Alan Marlatt at the University of Washington. For more information about BASICS, please visit the Parton Center Health and Wellness website at: www.middlebury.edu/student-life/health-wellness-education-and-safety/Parton-Center/cs/basics.

More information about the contributing offices and strategies can be found in the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 Biennial Report which is kept on file by the Office of Health and Wellness Education and is available for viewing in hard copy by contacting Barbara McCall, Director of Health and Wellness Education at bmccall@middlebury.edu.

Any violation of Middlebury’s Drug and Alcohol policies may result in discipline up to and including termination of employment (in the case of employees) or suspension or expulsion (in the case of students). Links to the full texts of Middlebury’s Alcohol and Drug Policies are available below. Printed copies are also available upon request from the following individuals or offices:

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Middlebury’s Alcohol and Drug Policies:

Students
Alcohol and Other Drugs
http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/student_policies/alcohol_drugs_policy

Faculty and Staff

Employee Code of Conduct
http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/misc/code_of_conduct_for_employees

Employee Handbook (9.3 Discharge)
http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/employee/leaving_midd/discharge

Faculty Misconduct
http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/faculty/misconduct

Alcohol and Other Drugs
www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/student_policies/alcohol_drugs_policy

Middlebury’s Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

Introduction
Middlebury College is committed to promoting individual and community health, safety, and responsibility. We expect all students to observe local, state, and federal laws governing the possession, use, and furnishing of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances, also referred to as illegal drugs. We have also committed to ensuring that, in accordance with the Drug Free Schools and Community Act of 1989, our policies concerning alcohol and drugs are clear, readily understood, and applied consistently and equally to all students. When alcohol violations occur, students may face disciplinary action. Serious incidents that put a student or others at risk of harm, as well as repeated offenses, require a more vigorous response, including referral to counseling or a treatment facility, a leave of absence, and/or disciplinary outcomes as appropriate.

Therefore, the College will:

a. Inform students of federal, Vermont, and local laws, and the policies of Middlebury College, to which they are accountable.

b. Encourage an environment of enriching extracurricular and social opportunities that includes substance-free events and healthy venues for students of legal age who choose to drink.

c. Educate members of the community through academic and student life programs and policies about the role of alcohol and drugs in our society, safe and responsible decisions around alcohol consumption, and the negative individual and community consequences of abuse.

d. Where appropriate, provide educational and health services to students who choose to use alcohol or drugs, who experience negative consequences, or who violate the commitment to individual and community safety.

Policies
All students, faculty, staff, and visitors are subject to local, state and federal laws, as well as College drug and alcohol policy rules and regulations, while on College-owned or leased properties or involved with off-campus activities sponsored by the College or a registered College organization. The College does not protect students from prosecution for drug or alcohol offenses under local, state, or federal laws, and does not interfere with legitimate law enforcement activities. Law enforcement officers may have a legal right to search individuals, and with consent or proper documentation may search property—including College residence hall.
rooms—without prior notice. The College also reserves the right to furnish the police with information regarding alleged illegal activities.

In order to preserve the safety of our residents, the State of Vermont and Middlebury College both adhere to policies that limit disciplinary consequences when appropriate care is sought for individuals in drug- or alcohol-related distress. Please see Good Samaritan Policy below for more information. Additionally, if student health and safety concerns resulting from a student’s use of alcohol and/or drugs arise, parents or guardians may be notified. See Health and Community Responsibility below for more information.

Alcohol
The following actions are prohibited:

a. Underage drinking. Only persons of legal age (21 or older in the United States, and as defined by the laws of a foreign host country) may possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Legal proof of age, such as a valid driver’s license, state issued liquor identification card, or a passport, may be required.

b. Purchasing, serving, or furnishing alcohol for or to a minor.

c. Selling, manufacturing, or distributing alcohol illegally.

d. Possession, production, or provision of false identification.

e. Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Driving on or off campus under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited: fines are assessed, and driving privileges on campus will be suspended. Students who are charged by law enforcement officers with Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and are awaiting the court outcome shall have their campus driving privileges suspended pending the court disposition. In those incidents where the DUI involves an accident with injuries to others, or other exceptional factors, immediate College disciplinary action may take place.

f. Violating Middlebury College Party Regulations. Party Regulations may be found in the Office of the Dean of Students and the Department of Public Safety, and at go/party. Small, informal gatherings held in individual rooms, suites, and small houses occupied by students of legal age, at which alcoholic beverages are consumed, do not have to be registered. Residents of the living space will be treated as "party hosts," and held responsible for the actions of individuals in attendance. Students are responsible for unregistered gatherings and related activities that occur in their rooms, whether or not they are present.

g. Bringing alcohol to a College event, or leaving a College event with alcoholic beverages provided at the event.

h. Possessing alcoholic beverages in unauthorized spaces. Open containers of alcohol are prohibited in public spaces, or outside on the campus grounds, unless the area has been designated for a registered or catered event. For purposes of this policy, residential hallways are normally considered private spaces. Students of legal age may transport open alcohol containers for personal use within residence halls, but the use of hallways for parties is prohibited. Individual Commons may designate certain spaces in residence halls as senior commons rooms; these spaces will be considered private.

i. Possession of alcohol in first-year residence halls.

j. Possession by students of legal drinking age of kegs or common containers (e.g., punch bowls) in a residential space without advance registration with the Office of the Dean of Students. Unauthorized kegs or common containers will be confiscated along with taps. The Department of Public Safety will return confiscated kegs and taps to the vendor.

k. Engaging in drinking games and other behaviors designed for the purpose of becoming intoxicated through the abusive use of alcohol (e.g., funnels, keg stands, “around-the-world” parties, and other alcohol consumption based on speed and/or volume, etc.).

l. Administering alcohol to individuals against their will and/or without their knowledge.
Alcohol Citation System

Middlebury’s commitment to student and community health and safety is supported by a response to alcohol infractions that holds students accountable for their actions, and provides resources and support for making safer choices. In addition to the responses to alcohol use noted in the Introduction above, the College issues written alcohol citations to underage students found to be in possession of alcohol. The citation system allows the College to respond to underage student alcohol possession of any kind as soon as it comes to our attention.

- **First citation.** The student receives a letter of warning from the Commons dean, who also provides specific information about Vermont law and College rules and expectations related to alcohol use.

- **Second citation.** The student receives a second letter of warning from the Commons dean.

- **Third citation.** The student receives a reprimand from the Commons dean. A copy of the reprimand is sent home to families or guardians. The student is required to meet with his or her Commons dean for consultation. Additional educational requirements and/or assessments may be required at the discretion of the Commons dean.

Any additional citations will result in further disciplinary sanctions and/or health-related referrals and/or requirements at the discretion of the Commons dean. These may include parental notification when student health and safety concerns arise; see Health and Community Safety below for more information.

Because hard alcohol has been shown to correlate strongly with serious health risks, as well as negative impact on the community, the consequences for possession of hard alcohol will normally be more severe than those outlined above.

Disciplinary outcomes and/or health and educational requirements may also result from alcohol policy violations that do not include the issuance of citations. While discipline is cumulative at Middlebury, which may mean the assignment of greater sanctions for repeated or accumulated violations, it is not progressive. That is, depending on the severity of the violation, a student may receive any sanction, even for a first offense.

Drugs

The following actions are prohibited:

a. Using, or possessing illegal drugs.

b. Using, possessing, selling, distributing or manufacturing prescription medication without a properly issued prescription.

c. Distributing, selling, or possessing with the intent to distribute illegal drugs or controlled substances.

d. Growing and/or manufacturing any illegal substance.

e. Possession of drug paraphernalia that has been used.

f. Administering drugs to individuals against their will and/or without their knowledge.

Middlebury will respond to students who engage in prohibited behavior involving drugs through the General Disciplinary Processes, as well as with health, safety, and educational referrals and requirements, and/or law enforcement involvement, as appropriate.

Health and Community Responsibility

Middlebury College believes that alcohol and other drug-related problems affect our entire community and that each of us has a responsibility to help safeguard the community health by respecting College policy and intervening in situations of abuse. Any member of the College community having knowledge of an individual on campus who is abusing alcohol or in possession of or using illegal drugs is urged to encourage the individual to seek counseling and/or medical assistance. All members of the community are also expected to help protect the community health by informing appropriate College staff members of instances of drug distribution and/or sales.
Involvement with or dependency upon drugs or excessive or illegal use of alcohol is viewed by the College as a health concern, as well as a disciplinary matter. Any time a Commons dean has reasonable concerns that a student's health is being compromised by alcohol or other drug use (even in cases where no concrete evidence or direct witness is involved), a drug and/or alcohol consultation or assessment, on or off campus, may be required. In addition, the dean may notify the student's parents or guardian of concerns about the student's drug or alcohol use.

**Good Samaritan Policy**

Middlebury's Good Samaritan Policy is intended to encourage students to seek swift medical assistance for themselves and others without fear of penalty. Our primary concern is the health and safety of our students. We urge students not only to take care of their own wellbeing, but to behave in an equally responsible way with their peers.

There may be times when safety concerns arise from a student’s excessive drinking or drug use, and in these situations, students should not hesitate to seek help from the Student Life staff, Public Safety, medical or counseling professionals, and/or local or state police out of fear of disciplinary action. Under this Good Samaritan policy, neither the student in distress nor the student or organization seeking assistance will ordinarily be subject to disciplinary action for the possession, provision, or consumption of drugs or alcohol.

This policy refers to isolated incidents only, and does not excuse or protect those who flagrantly or repeatedly violate the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy, nor does it preclude disciplinary action arising from violations of other College policy. However, in cases involving additional policy violations, Middlebury will consider the positive impact of reporting an incident as well as the health and safety needs of the involved student(s) when determining the appropriate course of action.

This policy cannot protect students from action by law enforcement personnel, but it is consistent with a law enacted by Vermont in June 2013 that provides limited immunity from prosecution to a witness or victim of a drug or alcohol overdose who seeks medical assistance to save the life of an overdose victim. For more information about this act, please see [Drugs and Alcohol: Policies, Laws and Resources](http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/faculty/misconduct).

See also the Employee Handbook Section 9.3 (Discharge), which states in relevant part:

“Discharge is defined as employment termination initiated by the College.

If an employee violates a basic College rule or demonstrates gross misconduct, the College reserves the right of immediate discharge without warning. Examples of summary discharge include:

Use or possession of, or being under the influence of illegal substances or alcohol while at work;”

See also the “Faculty Misconduct” policy: [www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/faculty/misconduct](http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/faculty/misconduct)

**Laws and Resources**

For information specific to state and federal laws governing the use, possession, and distribution of drugs and alcohol, as well as additional resources, see [Drugs and Alcohol: Policies, Laws, and Resources](http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/faculty/misconduct)

**Federal and State Laws**

All students, faculty, staff, and visitors are subject to local, state and federal laws, as well as Middlebury drug and alcohol policy rules and regulations, while on Middlebury-owned or leased properties or while involved with off-campus activities sponsored by Middlebury or a registered Middlebury organization. Middlebury does not protect individuals from prosecution for drug or alcohol offenses under local, state, or federal laws, and does not interfere with legitimate law enforcement activities. Law enforcement officers, when in possession of the proper documents, have a legal right to search individuals and property without prior notice. Middlebury also reserves the right to furnish the police with information regarding alleged illegal activities.

Federal, state, and local laws pertaining to the illegal manufacture, possession, distribution and use of drugs and alcohol are summarized below. The information herein regarding federal, state, and local drug and alcohol laws does not constitute legal advice and should not be relied upon as such. Please consult your attorney if you have any questions. In addition, this section is
intended to be a summary of certain drug and alcohol laws only. Such laws may change from time to time; as such, you should access the statutes directly or consult your attorney to obtain the most up-to-date and accurate information.

A. Federal Law

**Penalties for Simple Possession**

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<td>May be sentenced for up to 1 yr. in prison; shall be fined $1,000, or both.</td>
<td>Prison sentence between 15 days and 2 yrs. and a minimum fine of $2,500</td>
<td>Prison sentence between 90 days and 3 yrs. and a minimum fine of $5,000</td>
<td>Prison sentence of not more than 3 yrs. and fines as provided generally in the statute for first or additional offenses, or both.</td>
<td>Unlawful purchase of more than 9 grams in a 30 day period. (Penalties for first and subsequent offenses as shown in this chart)</td>
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**21 U.S.C. §844**

**Criminal Forfeitures (21 U.S.C. § 853)**

Any person convicted of a federal drug crime punishable by imprisonment for more than 1 year shall forfeit to the United States, irrespective of any provision of State law—

(1) any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds the person obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such violation;

(2) any of the person’s property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such violation; and

(3) in the case of a person convicted of engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise in violation of section 848 of this title, the person shall forfeit, in addition to any property described in paragraph (1) or (2), any of his interest in, claims against, and property or contractual rights affording a source of control over, the continuing criminal enterprise.

**Denial of Federal Benefits to Drug Traffickers and Possessors (21 U.S.C. §862)**

Convictions for federal or state offenses consisting of the distribution of controlled substances: Ineligible for any and all federal benefits for up to 5 years after a first conviction, up to 10 years after a second conviction, and permanent ineligibility for all federal benefits after a third or subsequent conviction.

Convictions for federal or state offenses related to possession of controlled substances: Ineligible for any and all federal benefits for up to 1 year, and/or drug treatment program and/or community service (first conviction); up to 5 years (second or subsequent conviction(s)), and or drug treatment program and/or community service.

**Federal Trafficking Penalties Schedule (21 U.S.C. § 841)**
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<td>II</td>
<td>Cocaine 500-4999 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than $5 million if an individual, $25 million if not an individual.</td>
<td>Cocaine 5 kilograms or more mixture</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than $10 million if an individual, $50 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Cocaine Base 28-279 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $8 million if an individual, $50 million if not an individual.</td>
<td>Cocaine Base 280 grams or more mixture</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 20 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Fentanyl 40-399 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than $5 million if an individual, $25 million if not an individual.</td>
<td>Fentanyl 400 grams or more mixture</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Fentanyl Analogue 10-99 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than $5 million if an individual, $25 million if not an individual.</td>
<td>Fentanyl Analogue 100 grams or more mixture</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Heroin 100-999 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $8 million if an individual, $50 million if not an individual.</td>
<td>Heroin 1 kilogram or more mixture</td>
<td><strong>2 or More Prior Offenses:</strong> Life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>LSD 1-9 grams mixture</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than $5 million if an individual, $25 million if not an individual.</td>
<td>LSD 10 grams or more mixture</td>
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<td>Methamphetamine 5-49 grams pure or 50-499 grams mixture</td>
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<td>Methamphetamine 50 grams or more pure or 500 grams or more mixture</td>
<td><strong>2 or More Prior Offenses:</strong> Life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>PCP 100 grams or more pure or 1 kilogram or more mixture</td>
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<td>Any Drug Product Containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid</td>
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<td>Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV) 1 Gram or less</td>
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<td>Any Amount of All Other Schedule IV Drugs (other than one gram or more of Flunitrazepam)</td>
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<td>50 to 99 kilograms marijuana mixture, 50 to 99 marijuana plants</td>
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<td>less than 50 kilograms marijuana (but does not include 50 or more marijuana plants regardless of weight)</td>
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<td>1 to 49 marijuana plants</td>
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For additional information regarding penalties for drug-related offenses, see the full text of [21 U.S.C. § 841](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr/21usc/841.htm), which is available at www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr/21usc/841.htm.

**Distribution or Manufacturing in or Near Schools: (21 U.S.C. § 860)**

Any person convicted of distributing, possessing with intent to distribute, or manufacturing a controlled substance in or on, or within one thousand feet of, the real property comprising a private college is subject to twice the maximum punishment (including imprisonment and fines) and at least twice any term of supervised release as the standard penalties for the same offense, with a mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than one year. These mandatory minimum sentencing provisions shall not apply to offenses involving 5 grams or less of marijuana. There are additional penalties for two or more offenses.

[Full text of Controlled Substances Act](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr/21usc/841.htm)
B. Vermont Law

Alcohol

Minors Misrepresenting Age, Procuring, Possessing, or Consuming Liquors (7 V.S.A. § 656 and 7 V.S.A. § 657)

It is illegal for a person under the age of 21 to procure, possess, or consume alcohol.

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<td>Civil penalties include a $300 fine and a 90 day suspension of the person’s driver’s license (unless the person successfully meets the conditions of the court diversion board, including an alcohol safety program)</td>
<td>Civil penalties up to a 120 day suspension of the person’s driver’s license; completion of an alcohol and driving program at the person’s own expense</td>
<td>Fine up to $600 or prison up to 30 days, or both.</td>
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Sale or Furnishing Alcohol to Minors or Enabling the Consumption of Alcohol by Minors (7 V.S.A. § 658)

It is illegal to sell or furnish alcohol to, or knowingly enable the consumption of alcohol by, a person under the age of 21. Fines range from $500-$2,000 or a prison term of up to 2 years, or both. Additional penalties will be imposed if the minor gets in an automobile accident that causes death or serious bodily injury to him/herself or others (prison term of up to 5 years or a fine of up to $10,000, or both). “Enable the consumption of” alcohol means creating a direct and immediate opportunity for a person to consume alcohol.

Limited Immunity from Liability for Reporting a Drug or Alcohol Overdose (18 V.S.A. § 4254)

Vermont law provides limited immunity from citation or arrest of prosecution for a person who, in good faith and in a timely manner, seeks medical assistance for someone who is experiencing a drug or alcohol overdose or for themselves if they are experiencing a drug or alcohol overdose.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (23 V.S.A. § 1201)

A person shall not operate, attempt to operate, or be in actual physical control of any vehicle on a highway:

(1) when the person’s alcohol concentration is 0.08 or more, or 0.02 or more if the person is operating a school bus; or

(2) when the person is under the influence of intoxicating liquor; or

(3) when the person is under the influence of any other drug or under the combined influence of alcohol and any other drug; or

(4) when the person’s alcohol concentration is 0.04 or more if the person is operating a commercial motor vehicle.

"Under the influence of a drug" means that a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely is diminished or impaired in the slightest degree.

See the full text of the statute for additional laws relating to a law enforcement officer's reasonable request under the circumstances for an evidentiary test, additional penalties and restrictions for subsequent offenses, affirmative defenses and other related topics.

See also 23 V.S.A. § 1202 (Consent to Taking of Tests to Determine Blood Alcohol Content)
Penalties include the following, depending on the circumstances:

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<td>First Offense</td>
<td>Fine up to $750 or prison up to 2 yrs., or both. License suspension for 90 days and until conditions of reinstatement met. See 23 V.S.A. §1206; 6-month suspension in cases of serious bodily injury resulting (and until conditions are met). Person may operate under terms of ignition interlock RD under certain conditions before expiration of suspension period unless offense involved a collision resulting serious injury or death.</td>
<td>License suspension; reinstatement conditions: See, e.g., 23 V.S.A. §§1206 &amp; 1209a</td>
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<td>Second Offense</td>
<td>Fine up to $1,500 or prison up to 2 years, or both; at least 200 hours of community service. License suspension for 18 months and until conditions of reinstatement met. Person may operate under terms of ignition interlock RD under certain conditions before expiration of suspension period unless offense involved a collision resulting serious injury or death.</td>
<td>License suspension; reinstatement conditions: See, e.g., 23 V.S.A. §§1208 &amp; 1209a</td>
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<td>Third Offense</td>
<td>Fine up to $2,500 or prison up to 5 yrs. or both. License revocation for life; person may operate under the terms of ignition interlock RD under certain conditions unless offense involved a collision resulting serious injury or death.</td>
<td>License suspension for life and other conditions: See, e.g., 23 V.S.A. §§1208 &amp; 1209a</td>
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<td>Fourth or Subsequent Offense</td>
<td>Fine up to $5,000 or prison up to 10 yrs. or both. License revocation for life; person may operate under the terms of ignition interlock RD under certain conditions unless offense involved a collision resulting serious injury or death.</td>
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<td>DUI Offense with Death Resulting</td>
<td>Fine up to $10,000 and/or prison between 1-15 yrs.; separate penalties may be imposed for multiple deaths; other penalties may apply</td>
<td>License suspension and other conditions See, e.g., 23 V.S.A. §§1208 &amp; 1209a</td>
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<td>DUI Offense with Death Resulting; Third or Subsequent Offense</td>
<td>Mandatory prison term of at least 5 yrs. (court has discretion to impose lesser sentence under certain conditions)</td>
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<td>DUI Offense with Serious Bodily Injury Resulting</td>
<td>Fine up to $10,000 or prison up to 1-15 yrs., or both. Separate penalties may be imposed for each person injured.</td>
<td>License suspension and other conditions See, e.g., 23 V.S.A. §§1208 &amp; 1209a</td>
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<td><strong>DUI Offense with Serious Bodily Injury Resulting; third or subsequent offense</strong></td>
<td>Mandatory prison for at least 5 yrs. Other penalties within the Court’s discretion (court has discretion to impose lesser sentence under certain conditions).</td>
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Other penalties and conditions include alcohol screening, alcohol and driving education program, additional therapy (depending on the circumstances); additional penalties apply for refusal consent to blood alcohol testing. See, e.g., 23 V.S.A. §§ 1205, 1206, 1208, 1209a, 1210.

### Illegal Drugs

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| Marijuana | 1 oz or less: Civil penalties apply; license suspension if under 21.  
> 1 oz.: 1st offense: Fine up to $500 and/or prison up to 6 months. Subsequent offense: Fine up to $2,000 and/or prison up to 2 yrs.  
2 oz.: Fine up to $10,000 and/or prison up to 3 yrs.  
1 pound: Fine up to $100,000 and/or prison up to 5 yrs.  
10 pounds: Fine up to $500,000 and/or prison up to 15 yrs. | Fine up to $10,000 and/or prison up to 2 yrs.  
1/2 oz: Fine up to $100,000 and/or prison up to 5 yrs.  
1 pound or >: Fine up to $500,000 and/or prison up to 15 yrs. | Trafficking (50 pounds or >): Fine up to $1,000,000 and/or prison up to 30 yrs. | 18 V.S.A. § 4230  
18 V.S.A. §§4230a, 4230b, 4230c, & 4230d (under 16). |
| Cocaine | Fine up to $2,000 and/or prison up to 1 year.  
2.5 grams or >: Fine up to $100,000 and/or prison up to 5 yrs.  
1 oz or >: Fine up to $250,000 and/or prison up to 10 yrs. | Fine up to $75,000 and/or prison up to 3 yrs.  
2.5 grams or >: Fine up to $250,000 and/or prison up to 10 yrs.  
1 oz. or >: Fine up to $1,000,000 and/or prison up to 20 yrs. | Trafficking (150 grams or >): Fine up to $1,000,000 and/or prison up to 30 yrs.  
60 grams of crack cocaine or >: Fine up to $1,000,000 and/or prison up to 30 yrs. | 18 V.S.A. §4231 |
| LSD | Fine up to $2,000 and/or prison up to 1 year.  
100 mg. or >: Fine up to $25,000 and/or prison up to 5 yrs. |Dispensing: Fine up to $25,000 and/or prison up to 3 yrs. | | 18 V.S.A. §4232 |
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<th>Substance</th>
<th>1 gram or &gt;: Fine up to $100,000 and/or prison up to 10 yrs.</th>
<th>10 grams or &gt;: Fine up to $500,000 and/or prison up to 20 yrs.</th>
<th>Selling: Fine up to $25,000 and/or prison up to 5 yrs.</th>
<th>100 mg. or &gt;: Fine up to $100,000 and/or prison up to 10 yrs.</th>
<th>1 gram or &gt;: Fine up to $500,000 and/or prison up to 20 yrs.</th>
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<td>Depressant, Stimulant, and Narcotic Drugs</td>
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<td>100x benchmark unlawful dosage: Fine up to $25,000 and/or prison up to 5 yrs.</td>
<td>Dispensing: Fine up to $75,000 and/or prison up to 3 yrs.</td>
<td>Selling/Dispensing 100x benchmark unlawful dosage: Fine up to $100,000 and/or prison up to 10 yrs.</td>
<td>1,000 benchmark unlawful dosage: Fine up to $100,000 and/or prison up to 10 yrs.</td>
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<td>Methamphetamine</td>
<td>Fine up to $2,000 and/or prison up to 1 yr.</td>
<td>2.5 grams: Fine up to $100,000 and/or prison up to 5 yrs.</td>
<td>Dispensing: Fine up to $75,000 and/or prison up to 3 yrs.</td>
<td>25 grams: Fine up to $250,000 and/or prison up to 10 yrs.</td>
<td>2.5 grams: Fine up to $250,000 and/or prison up to 10 yrs.</td>
<td>Trafficking (300 grams or &gt;): Fine up to $1,000,000 and/or prison up to 30 yrs.</td>
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<td>Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine</td>
<td>Selling/Dispensing 25 grams: Fine up to $1,000,000 and/or prison up to 20 yrs.</td>
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<td>Manufacture or Cultivation of a Regulated Drug (other than cultivation of marijuana)</td>
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**Local Law (Town of Middlebury Ordinance)**

A person who has in his or her possession an open container having any alcohol, malt beverages, spirits, or vinous beverages while on Town property without a permit specifically authorizing such possession or who violates a term or condition of an issued permit shall be subject to a fine not in excess of $1,000 for each violation. Waiver fine is $100.

“Town property” shall mean any street, highway, sidewalk, park, building, or any other place owned by, or under the authority and control of the Town within the village area as defined on map #138 (part of a set numbered 138-143) titled Town of Middlebury Vermont, Addison County Regional Planning Commission, 1968, as recorded in the Middlebury Town Clerk's Office, which includes Chipman Hill Park; Means Woods, Battell Woods, Wright Park and East Middlebury Recreation Park.

**Alcoholic Beverage Restrictions: An Ordinance For Restricting Alcoholic Beverage Use on Town Property**

For information about the laws in other states where Middlebury operates its programs, please see Drugs and Alcohol: Policies, Laws and Resources at [http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/misc/drug_and_alcohol](http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/misc/drug_and_alcohol)

**Information and Resources**

The use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and potentially harmful. Abuse of alcohol and drugs can have a dramatic impact on professional, academic, and family life. We therefore encourage staff, faculty, and students experiencing difficulty with drugs or alcohol to contact one of the many resources available on or off campus. It is important that all
members of our community know where help is available for those who need it. Resources and information regarding health risks and resources are available below.

Health Risks Associated with Alcohol

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"):  

"Drinking too much can harm your health. Excessive alcohol use led to approximately 88,000 deaths and 2.5 million years of potential life lost (YPLL) each year in the United States from 2006–2010, shortening the lives of those who died by an average of 30 years. Further, excessive drinking was responsible for 1 in 10 deaths among working-age adults aged 20-64 years. The economic costs of excessive alcohol consumption in 2010 were estimated at $249 billion, or $2.05 a drink."

[CDC Fact Sheets: Alcohol Use and Your Health](http://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/alcohol-use.htm)

The Standard Measure of Alcohol

In the United States, a standard drink is any drink that contains 0.6 ounces (14.0 grams or 1.2 tablespoons) of pure alcohol. Generally, this amount of pure alcohol is found in

- 12-ounces of regular beer or wine cooler.
  - 8-ounces of malt liquor.
  - 5-ounces of wine.
- 1.5-ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits or liquor (e.g., gin, rum, vodka, whiskey).

What is Excessive Drinking?

Excessive drinking includes binge drinking, heavy drinking, and any drinking by pregnant women or people younger than 21.

- Binge drinking
  - For women, 4 or more drinks during a single occasion.
  - For men, 5 or more drinks during a single occasion.
  - Heavy drinking.
  - For women, 8 or more drinks per week.
  - For men, 15 or more drinks per week.

According to the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, if you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation, which is defined as no more than 1 drink per day for women and up to 2 drinks per day for men. However, there are some persons who should not drink any alcohol, including those who are:

- Pregnant or may be pregnant.
- Taking certain prescription or over-the-counter medications that can interact with alcohol.
- Younger than age 21.
- Recovering from alcoholism or are unable to control the amount they drink.
- Suffering from certain medical conditions.
- Driving, planning to drive, or participating in other activities requiring skill, coordination, and alertness.

By adhering to the *Dietary Guidelines*, people can reduce the risk of harm to themselves and others.

Short-Term Health Risks

Excessive alcohol use has immediate effects that increase the risk of many harmful health conditions. These are most often the result of binge drinking and include the following—
• Injuries, such as motor vehicle crashes, falls, drownings, and burns.
• Violence, including homicide, suicide, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence.
• Alcohol poisoning, a medical emergency that results from high blood alcohol levels.
• Risky sexual behaviors, including unprotected sex or sex with multiple partners. These behaviors can result in unintended pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.
• Miscarriage and stillbirth or fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs) among pregnant women.

Long-Term Health Risks

Over time, excessive alcohol use can lead to the development of chronic diseases, neurological impairments and social problems. These include but are not limited to—

• High blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, liver disease, and digestive problems.
• Cancer of the breast, mouth, throat, esophagus, liver, and colon.
• Learning and memory problems, including dementia and poor school performance.
• Mental health problems, including depression and anxiety.
• Social problems, including lost productivity, family problems, and unemployment.
• Alcohol dependence, or alcoholism.

Source: CDC Fact Sheets: Alcohol Use and Your Health
www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/alcohol-use.htm

See also:

CDC: Alcohol and Public Health
www.cdc.gov/alcohol/index.htm

Rethinking Drinking
http://rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov/

Blood Alcohol Concentration

Determining how, when, and how much alcohol to drink can be difficult for many individuals who are faced with social pressure, limited information about alcohol use, and often a lack of prior experience. It is important to know that there a point at which what are often considered some of the desirable effects of alcohol (e.g. a sense of euphoria, increased social confidence, lowered inhibitions) diminish and undesirable effects (e.g. nausea, loss of motor control, depressed feelings) increase.

Understanding blood alcohol content (BAC) is helpful in determining where the plateau of desirable effects might be for individuals. BAC is estimated using a person’s weight, sex, the number of standard drinks consumed (see the guide below for measuring standard drinks), and the time during which those drinks were consumed. BAC estimations do not account for an individual’s metabolic rate or tolerance for alcohol. Remember that a standard drink for BAC calculation purposes may be different than what individuals may consider a typical amount of alcohol to consume.

Standard Drinks: A Teaching Tool
www.standarddrinks.com/tool.asp

BAC Calculator

Health Risks Associated with Drugs:

According to the United States Drug Enforcement Agency:

“You hear about drugs on TV and in the movies, on the radio, in books and magazines, on the Internet, and in daily conversation with friends and peers. Some of the information is accurate, but a lot of it is not.
Here are a few realities to consider:

- You can’t predict the effect that a drug can have on you—especially if it’s the first time you try it, and even if it’s a small amount or dose. Everyone's brain and body chemistry are different. Everyone's tolerance for drugs is different.
- Using drugs can lead to abuse, addiction, serious health problems, and even death.
- Drugs that are legal—prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medications—can be just as dangerous as illegal drugs.

**DEA Drug Fact Sheets**

Find out as much as you can about illegal and legal drugs and their effects on your body and brain. The more informed you are, the more confidently you can make the right decision about drugs. Read **DEA’s Drug Fact Sheets** for the latest information on:

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See also: **Drugs of Abuse**

**National Institute on Drug Abuse**: *The Science of Drug Abuse and Addiction*  
[www.drugabuse.gov/](http://www.drugabuse.gov/)

**Resources**

For more information about drugs and alcohol please visit Middlebury’s Health and Wellness Education site on **Drugs** and **Alcohol**, including alcohol safety strategies, caffeinated alcoholic drinks, and the warning signs of alcohol poisoning.

**National resources and references on drugs and alcohol include:**

- **National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism**
- **College Drinking - Changing the Culture**
- **National Institute on Drug Abuse**
- **Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention**
- **The Partnership at Drugfree.org**
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
- **Commonly Abused Drugs**
- **Drug Enforcement Administration**
Care and Treatment

What can I do if I or someone I know has a drinking or drug abuse problem?

Consult your personal health care provider if you feel you or someone you know has a drinking problem. Other resources include the National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Routing Service available at 1-800-662-HELP. This service can provide you with information about treatment programs in your local community and allow you to speak with someone about alcohol problems.

Middlebury's Vermont-Based Programs

Parton Center for Health and Wellness - Centeno House (Students)

*Health Service: 802.443.5135
*Counseling: 802.443.5141
*Brief Alcohol Screening for College Students (BASICS): 802.443-5141

Employee and Family Assistance Program (Faculty and Staff):
www.middlebury.edu/offices/business/hr/staffandfaculty/benefits/EFAP
Middlebury’s Employee and Family Assistance Plan provides confidential counseling and referral services. Administered by: e4Health; 1.800.828.6025

e4Health Log In:
Username: middlebury college
Password: guest

Alcoholics Anonymous/Local AA Meetings

Vermont Drug Treatment

Vermont Department of Health

PEAR Vermont-People Education Advocacy Recovery

For resources and information regarding Middlebury's other programs, see Drugs and Alcohol: Policies, Laws, and Resources at: http://www.middlebury.edu/about/handbook/misc/drug_and_alcohol.

Firearms and Weapons Policies

Middlebury College Weapons Regulations

A weapon as used in this policy means any firearm, explosive, knife (with a blade six inches or longer in length or with a blade less than six inches which, by design, can be used as a weapon, such as a switchblade or double-edged blade) or other object that has been designed with the intent to harm a person or deface property.

Weapons are prohibited on the Middlebury College campus. Replicas of weapons are also prohibited unless they are possessed or stored in accordance with the Exceptions and Storage policies below. Discovery of a weapon in a College building, residence hall, on College grounds, locked in a vehicle on College grounds, or in the possession of a student or employee on campus, or any other violation of the weapons regulations, may result in confiscation of the weapon and disciplinary action against the owner and/or person in possession.

Exceptions

Matriculated students and students enrolled in a Middlebury College program and living on campus are permitted, in accordance with Vermont law, to possess weapons for hunting and related activities, such as target practice. A handgun is only allowed to be on
campus if it is a duty weapon issued or authorized by the student-owner’s employer. All weapons must be registered and stored with the Department of Public Safety.

Due to their realistic likeness to weapons and potential for causing community alarm, possession or use of toy or replica weapons in a College-sanctioned activity or academic program must be approved in advance by the Department of Public Safety.

**Storage**

Storage is limited to one firearm per person. Permission to store additional weapons may be granted by the Director of Public Safety upon written request. All owners will abide by the firearms storage policy concerning storage time limits and penalties.

Middlebury College firearm permits shall be issued for one academic year or the length of the student’s program. Owners must claim their weapon(s) at the close of the academic term or at any time they move out of campus student housing. Firearm permits may be renewed upon request.

When permits are granted, the make, model, serial number, and caliber of the weapon shall be recorded on the permit and filed with the Department of Public Safety.

A firearm permit may be revoked for any violation of rules governing the possession of firearms.

**Fire Safety Report**

**Residential Fire-Systems Descriptions at Middlebury College Campus**

Detailed information on each residential building’s fire system is in the chart below. The chart also indicates which buildings send an alarm signal to the Department of Public Safety’s telecommunications center.

- **Conventional Zone or Addressable.** These devices in the residence halls are all connected to the building’s main fire panel and send a signal or alarm to the Public Safety alarm receiver when activated.

- **120v Standalone Unsupervised:** Smoke or CO detectors not connected to a fire panel and do not report to the Department of Public Safety. These devices are located in some small houses or residential rooms.

Facilities Services regularly tests all of the sprinkler systems in the large dorms, as well as testing and annually cleaning all the fire-alarm systems. College technicians respond to every reported alarm or system trouble and test or repair systems on both campuses to make sure the systems are functional. Repairs are made when necessary. The technicians annually change smoke detectors, and annually test exit signs, emergency lights, and fire extinguishers. Custodians, night watchmen, and Public Safety officers regularly check the fire safety equipment.
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** Ross Dining is equipped with kitchen hood suppression systems equipment.
Fire Evacuation Drills

Public Safety conducts two fire drills during the academic year. In each residence hall, one drill takes place during the fall, the other in the spring. During the Summer Programs, the Department of Public Safety conducts one fire drill.

Fire Safety Education and Training Programs

The Environmental Health and Safety coordinator conducts trainings for faculty, staff and students. All new employees are trained on fire safety and evacuation procedures. Annual training on fire safety, fire extinguisher and evacuation procedure is required for Facilities Services staff and Dining staff. During residential life orientation, the residential life staff attend a training. The training includes a video on dorm safety, use of a fire extinguisher, building evacuation procedures and the process for conducting fire safety checks in student dorm rooms.

To help prevent fires on campus, please observe the following:

- Keep room entries, exits, and hallways free of potential obstructions, such as boxes, bicycles, and mattresses.
- Don’t overload outlets.
- Avoid using extension cords whenever possible.
- Don’t build or place anything over the room’s radiator that will disrupt the free flow of air around it.
- Always leave magnifying mirrors face down so they won’t magnify sunlight.
- You may not use candles, halogen lamps, or portable heaters.
- Avoid hanging lights and paper together. Don’t hang lights or streamers on the side of doors facing corridors.
- No smoking.
- For office spaces permitted to have Christmas trees, the tree must be properly treated and kept away from heat sources. You must turn off tree lights before leaving your office. Student rooms and suites may not have Christmas trees.

Fire Evacuation Procedure for Students and Employees

Familiarize yourself with your building’s evacuation procedures. Locate the nearest exit and fire extinguisher.

- If you smell smoke or detect a fire, activate the nearest alarm, if possible, and call 911 from a safe location.
- Evacuate as soon as you hear the alarm.
- Before opening any door, use the back of your hand to test its temperature. Also check the doorknob’s temperature. If either is hot, leave the door closed, stuff towels or clothes in the cracks, and open a window. Look for another exit.
- If the door isn’t hot, open it slowly and be prepared to close it quickly if necessary.
- In a smoke-filled area, keep low to the floor to avoid inhaling smoke.
- If you see or smell smoke in a hall or stairway, use another exit.
- Close doors as you leave.
- Exit the building cautiously. Carry a towel or blanket to protect yourself from flames or smoke.
- If the exit is blocked, return to your room; close the door, open a window and call for help.
- If there’s a fire, don’t use any elevators.
- Report to your emergency assembly point and check in with your resident advisor. Report anyone who might be missing.
- A Public Safety officer will direct you to another safe location to shelter in inclement weather.
- Do not re-enter the building until Public Safety advises that the Middlebury Fire Department has indicated that it is safe to re-enter.
Fire Safety Residential Policies

Middlebury’s policies on fire safety, prohibited items such as portable electronic devices, open flames, etc., are all contained in the College Handbook under Residential Policies.

The list of prohibited actions and items is as follows:

- Nothing may be hung from a sprinkler apparatus. The room entry and exit must be clear.
- Smoking is prohibited in all campus buildings, including the small residential houses. This includes porches, balconies, decks, or within 25 feet of any part of the building structure. E-cigarette smoking is also prohibited in campus buildings.
- Fire Safety violations include but are not limited to: possession of new or burned candles, incense, halogen lamps, portable heaters, string lights (with the exception of rope lights), dangerous chemicals, fireworks or hazardous materials.
- Fire safety violations also include blocking the means of egress, or hanging tapestries on more than two non-adjacent walls and/or the ceiling. Discovery of any of these violations will result in confiscation and disposal of the prohibited item, fines, and the possibility of additional disciplinary measures.
- Use of fire, or lighting a fire without an authorized fire permit, inside or outside of buildings, other than smoking in authorized outdoor spaces, is prohibited. The use of outdoor grills is limited to authorized locations at small houses and must be approved before use. The use of portable fire pits is prohibited.
- Tampering with fire- or life-safety equipment is prohibited and subject to fines. “Fire- and life-safety equipment” includes fire alarms, equipment, pull stations, extinguishers, and hydrants, smoke detectors, smoke detector batteries, carbon monoxide detectors, and sprinklers.
- Fire escapes may only be accessed during fire drills or a fire emergency.
- Failure to exit when the alarm is sounding will result in fines.

Fire Log

Anytime that there is an incident of fire on campus, the information is recorded in the fire log. The logs are organized chronologically by year. Within each log, the incidents are organized chronologically by date, and the most recent occurrence is located at the bottom of the list. The Fire Log is open to the public during scheduled business hours at 125 South Main Street.
## Fire Statistics

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