

# Johnson University

## **2026 Annual Campus Security Report and Fire Safety Report**

### **Includes:**

**Campus Security Policies and Procedures  
Clery Disclosure Information  
Stop Campus Hazing Act Information and Statistics  
Crime Statistics for 2023, 2024, 2025  
Fire Statistics for 2023, 2024, 2025**

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# Security Policies and Procedures

**Introduction.** Johnson University is committed to creating an environment that will be conducive to the safety and welfare of the campus community.

## Security Responsibilities

**Crime Control.** Johnson University is registered with the state of Tennessee as a proprietary security organization and contracts with a security service to provide licensed security personnel. University Security personnel can request assistance from the Knox County Sheriff's Department for incidents that require resources not available to university personnel and will summon the assistance of other agencies to provide services that require special resources. University Security personnel receive and investigate all incident reports and refer crimes and offenses to local law enforcement authorities. The sheriff's department makes occasional patrols through the campus and responds to 911 calls made from the campus.

Students living in non-campus property residences (see below) are served by the Knoxville Police Department, with crimes and incidents also reported to the Johnson University security office (865-251-2222).

**Reporting Crime.** Students and employees of Johnson University have the *right* to report directly to the Knox County Sheriff's Department any campus crime against their person or property. Students and employees have the *responsibility* to report the same to University officials. Generally speaking, the procedure for reporting crime is similar to the procedure for reporting other emergencies on campus.

Students living in non-campus property residences (see below) should contact 911 and ask for help from the Knoxville Police Department. Crimes and emergency incidents *must* also be reported to Johnson University security so that the incidents will be reported as "non-campus property" crime statistics.

**How to Get Help.** If you are a victim or a witness of a crime of violence on campus, such as aggravated or sexual assault, call 911, and ask for help from the Knox County Sheriff's Department. Then contact University officials as described in the next paragraph.

Students living in non-campus property residences (see below) should contact 911 and ask for help from the Knoxville Police Department.

**Emergency Services.** Dial 865-251-2222 to report security concerns and non-emergency medical injuries. Dial 911 to report an emergency medical condition, fire, vehicle accident with injury, etc.

If you need someone to assist you in making contact with security, ask your resident director or a resident assistant for help.

When the immediate emergency is past, the security office in the plant services building has forms for the victims, witnesses, and investigators of campus crime to use in filing complaints pursuant to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and data collection guidelines.

**General Responsibilities.** Johnson University officials are responsible both for responding to reports of campus crime and for collecting, analyzing, and reporting crime statistics as required by federal and state laws. A summary of crime statistics for the most recent three-year period is included in **Table 1** (page 38).

Partial year statistics are being collected for non-campus property (described below) and will be reported appropriately.

**Timely Warning.** When necessary, the University Security Office will use various communications systems to notify students and employees in the event of an incident which endangers the safety of the campus, unless issuing the notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible University officials, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency (as permitted by federal regulations). Such incidents include Clery-reportable crimes (see "Federal Reporting Requirements below), as well as fire or weather-related incidents. (See also "Campus Emergency Notifications" below).

## Security Awareness

**Public Buildings.** Public buildings (Phillips-Welshimer Building, Eubanks Activities Center,

Richardson Hall, Gally Commons, Library, and Graham Center) will be open only during business hours and/or at other announced times. Using facilities after hours requires special permission in advance. The use of Old Main requires special permission, in advance, at all times.

**Private Buildings.** Residence halls for single students (Brown and Johnson Halls) are not open to the public at any time unless advance special event announcements have been made. Outside doors automatically lock at curfew. Interfering with this policy is a disciplinary offense. When the residence halls are open, only the main lobby of each residence hall is open to members of the opposite sex. Visitors of the same sex are welcome elsewhere in the residence halls only by invitation or permission. University maintenance shops are off limits to everyone except University employees and their escorted guests.

**Non-campus Property.** Effective July 1, 2016, the University leases a housing unit in Knoxville for use by students participating in the Engage Knoxville program. This housing unit is located at 298 Chickamauga Ave, Knoxville, TN 37917.

Johnson University maintains a classroom space at 4 Market Square, Knoxville, TN 37902. A Memorandum of Understanding between the University and the Knoxville Fellows grants access to the classroom located on the third floor from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays during academic periods. The University does not maintain offices at this location. An access code is required to enter the classroom. The University does not maintain offices at this location. Keys are not issued to Johnson University staff.

**Identification.** University employees assigned to tasks in a residence hall shall identify themselves to the resident director when initially responding to a job order. Each worker shall have an ID badge appropriately displayed. When contracts bring workers from off campus into a residence hall, they will be announced by University officials beforehand to the resident director. Wherever possible, advance notice will be made by the resident director to the resident assistants whose areas are affected. Guests of Johnson University staying in the residence halls will be identified by written notification to the resident directors from the public relations office.

University personnel may enter any residence at any time for inspection, maintenance, investigation of safety concerns or investigation of a suspected violation of community living. The customary procedure of knocking before entering shall be followed at all times.

**Education.** The Johnson University administration will assist the campus community to become aware of possible sources of, and ways to prevent, campus crime. Information on crime prevention will be made through special bulletins, announcements, and workshops. Johnson will also respond to specific needs from time to time, and will provide "timely notice" crime prevention warnings to the community whenever appropriate.

**Words of Caution and Advice.** To a large extent, students are responsible for their own security and the security of others in the residence halls. Residence hall occupants should keep their doors locked any time they are not in the room. Residents on the first floor should keep their windows locked after curfew. Residents should report for disciplinary action the names of any students who prop outside doors open after curfew. Students should write down their ideas and turn in their suggestions to the security office for making the campus more secure.

## Clery Disclosure Information

### Federal Reporting Requirements

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092(f); TCA 49-7-2206) is the landmark federal law, originally known as the Campus Security Act, that requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information annually by October 1 about crime on and around their campuses. The law is tied to an institution's participation in federal student

financial aid programs, and it applies to most institutions of higher education, both public and private. The Act is enforced by the United States Department of Education.

The Campus Security Act was amended in 1992 to add a requirement that schools afford the victims of campus sexual assault certain basic rights and was amended again in 1998 to expand the reporting requirements. The 1998 amendments also formally named the law in memory of Jeanne Clery. Subsequent amendments in 2000 and 2008 added provisions dealing with registered sex offender notification and campus emergency response. The 2008 amendments also added a provision to protect crime victims, "whistleblower" and others from retaliation. The 2013 amendments expanded the Clery-reportable crimes to include stalking, dating violence, and domestic violence. For more information on the details of the Clery Act, see the Johnson University website.

The 2008 Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act requires institutions with on-campus student housing facilities to collect fire statistics, publish an Annual Fire Safety Report, and keep a "fire log." Even though this law is separate from the Clery Act, the dissemination regulations of the Annual Fire Safety Report are very similar to those of the Clery Act. Historically, in accordance with federal regulations, fire statistics are reported annually to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education by way of the web-based Campus Safety and Security Survey.

The university complies with all federal reporting requirements related to campus security and fire safety. All of the information and data required for both of these annual reports is contained in the *Student Handbook*. To request a copy of previously filed Campus Safety and Security Reports or previously filed Fire Safety Reports, contact the Vice President for Student Life in the Student Life Office.

**Table 1. Crime Statistics – Notes on following page**

| Clery-Reportable<br>Criminal Offenses **                     | 2023     |          |          |            | 2024     |          |          |            | 2025     |          |          |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
|                                                              | Campus   | Housing  | Public   | Non-Campus | Campus   | Housing  | Public   | Non-Campus | Campus   | Housing  | Public   | Non-Campus |
| Criminal Homicide:<br>Murder / Non-negligent<br>Manslaughter | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Negligent<br>manslaughter                                    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Sexual Assault:<br>Rape                                      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Fondling                                                     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Incest                                                       | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Statutory Rape                                               | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Robbery                                                      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Aggravated assault                                           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Burglary                                                     | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0          | 3        | 2        | 0        | 0          | 3        | 3        | 0        | 0          |
| Motor vehicle theft                                          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Arson                                                        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| <b>Total Crimes</b>                                          | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>VAWA Offenses **</b>                                      |          |          |          |            |          |          |          |            |          |          |          |            |
| Sexual Assault                                               | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Domestic Violence                                            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Dating Violence                                              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Stalking                                                     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| <b>Total VAWA Offenses</b>                                   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>Hate Crimes</b>                                           |          |          |          |            |          |          |          |            |          |          |          |            |
| Hate Crime:<br>_____                                         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Category of Bias:<br>_____                                   | N/A      | N/A      | N/A      | N/A        | N/A      | N/A      | N/A      | N/A        | N/A      | N/A      | N/A      | N/A        |
| <b>Total Hate Crimes</b>                                     | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>Arrests</b>                                               |          |          |          |            |          |          |          |            |          |          |          |            |
| Weapons: carrying,<br>possessing etc.                        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Drug abuse<br>violations                                     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Liquor law<br>violations                                     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| <b>Total Arrests</b>                                         | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>Disciplinary Actions</b>                                  |          |          |          |            |          |          |          |            |          |          |          |            |
| Weapons: carrying,<br>possessing, etc.                       | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Drug abuse<br>violations                                     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0          | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0          |
| Liquor law<br>violations                                     | 4        | 4        | 0        | 0          | 8        | 8        | 0        | 0          | 6        | 6        | 0        | 0          |
| <b>Total Disciplinary<br/>Actions</b>                        | <b>4</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>9</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>7</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>Total Unfounded<br/>Crimes</b>                            | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>Total Hazing<br/>Incidences</b>                           | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   |

- See also: <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> for institution “Johnson University.”

Current crime log information is available to the public at the reception desk in the Phillips-Welshimer Building.

## Stop Campus Hazing Act

In compliance with the [Stop Campus Hazing Act of 2024](#), Johnson University publishes anti-hazing policies and procedures, includes any applicable hazing statistics in the annual crime and safety report, implements hazing prevention resources, and compiles and publishes an annual hazing transparency report. More information on Johnson University’s policies, hazing statistics, and other information can be found here: <https://johnsonu.edu/consumer-information/#antihazingpolicies>

## Campus Emergency Notifications

The Higher Education Authorization Act of 2008 requires institutions of higher education to formulate policies and procedures for notifying the campus community concerning significant emergencies or dangerous situations involving an immediate threat to the safety of the community.

Johnson University uses the Nixle Community Information Service, which is built to provide secure and reliable communications. Its authenticated service connects city agencies to citizens (or, in this case, university officials to students) in real-time, delivering information to residents of geographically targeted areas and neighborhoods.

Information can be received online and via email for free. Residents receive messages by mobile phone as part of their text messaging plan (otherwise standard text message rates apply). The system is simple to use and there is no spam. Johnson University will only use this system to announce a campus emergency situation or to test the system (normally one test per month).

Phone only registration – text **JUTN** to **888777**

**-OR-**

E-mail and Phone registration: Go to *Nixle.com* – click the orange *SIGN UP NOW* banner.

### Step 1 - Sign up

1. Enter your e-mail address
2. Create your own password
3. Enter your full name
4. Enter your mobile phone number

Click “*I accept, sign me up!*”

**Step 2 – Your home area** - Enter 7900 Johnson Drive, Knoxville TN 37998 as your home address.

**Step 3 – Refer your friends - SKIP and Finish**

**Step 4 – Optional information or SKIP and go to Nixle site.**

You have now registered your e-mail and mobile phone. You should have a text on your phone asking you to text YES to 888777. This will activate the account on your phone.

## **General Information for Responding to Campus Emergencies**

In addition to specific instructions which may be sent through Campus Emergency Notifications, students, employees and guests will find general instructions posted on brightly colored posters in classrooms, residence halls, and other common areas for responding to various emergencies, including fire, medical emergency, intruder/lockdown, tornado, earthquake, and winter weather conditions. Information includes a listing of designated safe areas for severe weather conditions.

## **Missing Student Notification Policy**

**Introduction.** The purpose of this policy is to outline the procedures Johnson University will follow in response to a missing student report, as required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. Each student will be informed annually of the following notification procedure:

**Registering a Confidential Emergency Contact.** Each student will be given the opportunity to identify an emergency contact to be notified within 24 hours after the student is deemed missing. This information will be collected by the Student Services Office along with other directory information, but is not considered to be directory information.

**Deeming a Student Missing.** A student may be deemed missing if it is reported to appropriate university personnel (Resident Director, Resident Assistant, Campus Security, Engage Knoxville Program Director, Associate Dean of Students, Vice President for Student Life, etc.) that the student has been unreachable via personal contact, telephone, e-mail or other means of electronic communication for 24 hours or more.

**Emergency Contact Procedures.** Missing persons should be immediately reported to a Resident Director, Resident Assistant, Campus Security, or Engage Knoxville Program Director, who will contact the Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Life. Once a student has been reported as missing, the following emergency contact procedures will be initiated either the VP for Student Life or the Dean of Students (or authorized representative) no later than 24 hours after a student is deemed missing:

- The student's confidential emergency contact will be notified that the student is missing.
- A missing person report will be filed with the Knox County Sheriff's Department and the Tennessee State Police.
- If the missing student is under 18 years of age and not emancipated, the student's parents will be notified.
- Other campus offices having a need to know (including, but not limited to, the President's Senior Leadership Team, other Residence Life Staff, Campus Security Personnel, etc.) will be notified.

**Annual Notification.** Annual notification will be placed in the *Johnson University Student Handbook*, available on the Johnson University web site, and in the JU e-mail announcement sheet.



## TITLE IX, CLERY ACT, AND VAWA POLICY

**Policy.** It is the policy of Johnson University that sexual misconduct is unacceptable and will not be tolerated; therefore, **sexual misconduct committed by or upon a Johnson University student or employee is strictly prohibited.** Johnson University is committed to providing an environment that is free from sex-based discrimination, harassment, and assault, and retaliation for reporting. Reported violations of this policy will be investigated thoroughly and resolved promptly. Where conduct is sexual in nature or where conduct references one sex or another, such facts are sufficient to determine that the conduct is “on the basis of sex.”

**Purpose.** Relationships between men and women at Johnson University are guided by Biblical principles of respect for other's feelings, rights, and responsibilities. The purpose of Title IX is to remedy and reduce the effects of sex-based discrimination, harassment, and assault in order to restore community safety in educational settings. Title IX states “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance[.]”<sup>1</sup> The University is committed to its moral, educational, and legal obligations to provide policies, procedures, and programs that protect students from sexual misconduct and to establish an environment in which unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated. This policy complies with the following federal laws:

- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1681, *et seq.*, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity
- Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1092(f), originally enacted as the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Title II of Public Law 101-542)
- Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA), an amendment to the federal Clery Act and companion to Title IX

You may view the entire Title IX of the Education Amendments [here](#).

**Scope.** This policy applies to all Johnson University students (including campus residents, commuters, and online) who are participating in, or attempting to participate in, the University's education program or activity at the time of filing a formal complaint, and applies to locations and events where Johnson University exercises substantial control over the respondent and the context in which the sex-based discrimination occurred. These locations and events can include activities held off campus that were funded, promoted, or sponsored by the University. This policy is written and interpreted broadly to include online manifestations of sex-based discrimination, when those behaviors occur in or have an effect on the University's education program and activities, or when they involve the use of university networks, technology, or equipment. This policy also applies to incidents that may occur in any building owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the University.

This policy does not include actions that may occur in a private, off-campus apartment or dwelling or off-campus conduct that may occur during summer or school breaks. Because the Title IX regulations apply only in the United States, trips or events outside the country, such as study abroad or mission trips, are not covered by the policy. Allegations of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking may fall under VAWA regulations regardless of the location of the alleged conduct.

**Non-Discrimination Policy.** Johnson University is a Christian university affiliated with Christian churches and churches of Christ. Its mission is to educate students for “Christian ministries and other

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<sup>1</sup><https://www2.ed.gov/policy/rights/guid/ocr/sexoverview.html#:~:text=Title%20IX%20of%20the%20Education,th at%20receive%20federal%20financial%20assistance>

strategic vocations framed by the Great Commission in order to extend the kingdom of God among all nations.” Accordingly, Johnson University seeks to hire and educate individuals who share its vision and core values to carry out that mission. Johnson University does not unlawfully discriminate in admissions, educational programs, or employment practices.

Johnson University does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, age, veteran status, genetic information, political affiliation, or handicap—if such disability may be accommodated without undue hardship—in provision of educational opportunities, programs and activities, or employment opportunities and benefits, pursuant to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and subsequent amendments to that act, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and subsequent re-authorization of that act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and subsequent amendments to that act.

For the Tennessee and Online campuses and for the various extension sites, direct questions concerning the sex-based non-discrimination and sex-based harassment policy in regards to Title IX or inquiries related to Title IX to the lead Title IX Coordinator, Emili Williams, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Johnson University, 7900 Johnson Drive, Box 1639, Knoxville, TN 37998. telephone: 865-251-2373. email: [ewilliams@JohnsonU.edu](mailto:ewilliams@JohnsonU.edu)

Other inquiries related to Title IX may be referred directly to the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights at 800-421-3481 or [ocr@ed.gov](mailto:ocr@ed.gov).

Direct questions concerning the non-discrimination policy in regards to a disability (physical or mental) to Disability Services, Kelly H. Estes, Johnson University, 7900 Johnson Drive, Box 1645, Knoxville, TN 37998. telephone: 865-251-2426. email: [kestes@JohnsonU.edu](mailto:kestes@JohnsonU.edu).

**Title IX Coordinator.** Johnson University has a designated employee who ensures that the University’s response to sex-based discrimination complies with federal law. The Title IX Coordinator is Emili Williams, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Johnson University Tennessee, 7900 Johnson Drive, Knoxville, TN 37998, telephone: 865-251-2373, email: [ewilliams@johnsonu.edu](mailto:ewilliams@johnsonu.edu)

Core responsibilities of the Title IX Coordinator include overseeing the University’s response to Title IX reports and complaints; effectively implementing supportive measures and remedies for victims of sex-based discrimination and harassment; identifying and addressing any pattern or systemic problem revealed by such reports and complaints; and evaluating a Complainant’s confidentiality request, if one is made.

The Title IX Coordinator manages the Title IX Team and acts with independence and authority, free from bias and conflicts of interest, and oversees all resolutions under this Policy and these procedures. The members of the Title IX Team are vetted and trained to ensure they are not biased for or against any party in a specific Complaint, or for or against Complainants and/or Respondents, generally. To raise any concern involving bias, conflict of interest, misconduct, or discrimination by the Title IX Coordinator, contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost. Concerns of bias, misconduct, discrimination, or a potential conflict of interest by any other Title IX Team member should be raised with the Title IX Coordinator.

### **Prohibited Conduct and Sanctions**

Any of the following offenses can be charged as or combined as pattern offenses, in which case the Notice of Investigation and Allegation (NOIA) will clearly indicate that both individual incidents and a pattern of conduct are being investigated. A pattern may exist and be charged when there is a potential substantial similarity to incidents where the proof of one could make it more likely that the other(s) occurred, and vice-versa. Patterns may exist based on target selection, similarity of offense, or other factors. Where a pattern is found, it can be the basis to enhance sanctions accordingly.

**Discrimination.** The intentional differential treatment of a person or persons that is based on an individual’s actual or perceived protected characteristic and that exclude an individual from participation in, denies the individual benefits of, or otherwise adversely affects a term or condition of, an individual’s participation in a University program or activity. The range of sanctions for sex discrimination is warning through expulsion or termination. Sanctions can be assigned outside this range based on aggravating or mitigating circumstances, or the cumulative conduct record of the Respondent.

**Quid pro quo.** Quid pro quo occurs when an employee, agent, or other person authorized by the University to provide an aid, benefit, or service under the University's education program or activity, explicitly or impliedly conditions the provision of such aid, benefit, or service, on a person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct. The range of sanctions for Quid Pro Quo harassment is warning through expulsion/termination. Sanctions can be assigned outside this range based on aggravating or mitigating circumstances, or the cumulative conduct record of the Respondent.

**Unwelcome Sexual Conduct.** Unwelcome sex-based conduct that, based on the totality of the circumstances, is so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it limits or denies a person's ability to participate in or benefit from the University's education program or activity. The range of sanctions for Unwelcome sexual conduct is warning through expulsion/termination.

Examples of sex-based harassment include, but are not limited to: an act of verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex or sex-stereotyping, even if that act does not involve conduct of a sexual nature; unwelcome sexual advances; repeated sexually-oriented kidding, teasing, joking, or flirting; verbal abuse of a sexual nature; graphic commentary of a sexual nature; derogatory or demeaning comments about women in general, whether sexual or not; leering, whistling, touching, pinching, or brushing against another's body; offensive obscene language of a sexual nature; displaying objects or pictures which are sexual in nature that would create hostile or offensive environment; Sending someone unwelcome communication about sex or hateful comments based on sex; sending partners, friends, acquaintances, or strangers unwanted requests for nude photos or videos or to livestream sexual acts; or displaying or sharing pornography. Such conduct is coercive and threatening and creates an atmosphere that is not conducive to teaching, learning, and working.

**Sexual Assault.** Coerced or non-consensual sexual intercourse, sexual activity, or sexual conduct against the victim's will or without consent, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent. Sexual assault includes rape, sodomy, sexual battery, sexual coercion, and sexual exploitation. For Clery purposes, sexual assault is defined as an offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. In such a case, the victim should not bathe until physical evidence of the assault can be obtained by medical personnel or law enforcement officers. It is important to preserve all physical evidence for examination by a physician that may assist in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred or may be helpful in obtaining a protection order, particularly if there were no witnesses. If such a crime has occurred, the University will take prompt and effective steps to end the violence, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects.

Upon the victim's request, a specially trained Student staff member will assist the victim in notifying local law enforcement of the incident, if the victim so chooses; guide the victim through the available options; and support the victim in his or her decisions related to the incident. The range of sanctions for Sexual Assault is suspension through expulsion/termination.

**Stalking.** Willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly following, harassing, or cyberstalking another person. For Clery purposes, stalking is defined as engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to (a) fear for the person's safety or the safety of others or (b) suffer substantial emotional distress. The range of sanctions for Stalking is probation through expulsion/termination.

**Dating/Domestic Violence.** Dating Violence is violence between individuals who have or have had a continuing and significant relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.

Domestic Violence is any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another family or household member. For Clery purposes, domestic violence is defined as a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed (a) by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim; (b) by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common; (c) by a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; (d) 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 (e) 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. The range of sanctions for Dating/Domestic Violence is probation through expulsion/termination.

**Sexual Exploitation.** Refers to situations where one person takes nonconsensual or abusive sexual advantage of another person for their own benefit or the benefit of anyone other than the person being exploited. Examples of sexual exploitation include recording or distributing images or audio of someone's sexual activity or intimate body parts without consent; viewing someone's private sexual activity or undressed state in a place where they would reasonably expect privacy; causing or attempting to cause the incapacitation of another person (through alcohol, drugs, or any other means) for the purpose of compromising that person's ability to give consent to sexual activity, or for the purpose of making that person vulnerable to non-consensual sexual activity; and misappropriation of another person's identity on apps, websites, or other venues designed for dating or sexual connections (e.g., spoofing). Even if a person consents to sexual activity, separate consent is required for photographing, recording, or distributing such material. The range of sanctions for Sexual Exploitation is warning through expulsion/termination.

**Intimidation.** Intimidation is the act or process (actual or implied) of attempting to force or deter an action by inducing fear or compelling or deterring a person by threats. The range of sanctions for Intimidation is warning through expulsion/termination.

**Retaliation.** Retaliation is an act of revenge. It is unlawful to retaliate against anyone in any way, especially by intimidation or assault, for articulating a concern about sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or sex discrimination. The University prohibits retaliation against those who file a complaint or third-Party report or those who otherwise participate in the investigative and/or disciplinary process and will take strong responsive action if retaliation occurs. The range of sanctions for Retaliation is warning through expulsion/termination.

**Any other illegal sexual conduct** that is not explicitly defined above.

## **Related Definitions**

**Amnesty.** Amnesty is a general pardon for a code of conduct violation. Because sexual misconduct is a more serious matter than other conduct violations, the University wants to encourage reporting and promote safety. The University's amnesty provision includes the use of alcohol or drugs, engaging in consensual sexual activity, and curfew violations.

**Complainant.** An individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex-based harassment, which includes students, employees, applicants for admission or employment, alumni participating in alumni events, and guests or visitors participating in school activities such as sporting events.

**Confidentiality /Confidential Employee.** Confidentiality applies to those designated by the University as Exempt Employees for the purposes of reports under this Policy, regardless of legal or ethical protections. A confidential employee is an employee whose communications are privileged or confidential under Federal or State law, and whose confidential status applies only to information received while the employee is functioning within the scope of their duties to which privilege or confidentiality applies. To be exempt from disclosing reported offenses, pastoral or professional counselors must be acting in the role of pastoral or professional counselors.

The University has the following exempt employees: (1) Professional counselors in the University Counseling Center under Dr. Maria Greco; and (2) Dean of the School of Christian Ministries, Dr. Brian Leslie. The Confidential Resource will provide the Complainant with the Title IX Coordinator's contact information, assist the Complainant in reporting, if desired, and provide them with information on how the Title IX office can assist them. With respect to Confidential Employees, information may be disclosed when: (1) the reporting person gives written consent for its disclosure; (2) there is a concern that the person will likely cause serious physical harm to self or others; or (3) the information concerns conduct involving suspected abuse or neglect of a minor under the age of 18, elders, or persons with disabilities.

Non-identifiable information may be shared by Confidential Employees for statistical tracking purposes as required by the Clery Act/Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Other information may be shared as required by law.

**Consent.** Consent is a voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. Someone who is incapacitated cannot consent. Incapacitation may occur due to the use of drugs or alcohol, when a person is asleep or unconscious, or because of an intellectual or other disability that prevents the person from having the capacity to give consent. Past consent does not imply future consent. Silence or an absence of resistance does not imply consent. Consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not imply consent to engage in sexual activity with another. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. Coercion, force, or threat of either invalidates consent.

**Privacy.** Privacy means that information related to a complaint will be shared with a limited number of university employees who “need to know” in order to assist in providing supportive measures or evaluating, investigating, or resolving the Complaint.

**Responsible Employee/Mandatory Reporter.** A responsible employee, or Mandatory Reporter, is defined as an employee who has the authority to take action to redress sex-based harassment, is given the duty of reporting sexual misconduct, or whom a student would reasonably believe has this authority<sup>2</sup>. All Johnson University employees are Responsible Employees with the exception of designated confidential employees. Responsible employees include University administrators, faculty, staff, Student Services personnel (including Resident Assistants), athletic coaches, Human Resources personnel, and Campus Safety & Security personnel. Complainants may want to carefully consider whether they share personally identifiable details with Responsible Employees, as those details must be shared with the Title IX Coordinator.

**Respondent.** An individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sex-based harassment, including students, employees, applicants for admission, and applicants for employment.

**Supportive Measures.** The goal of supportive measures is to restore or preserve the right to equal access to education without unreasonably burdening the Respondent or any other person. Supportive measures protect the safety of all parties and deter sexual harassment. However, supportive measures may not affect the Respondent’s presumption of innocence throughout the investigation and grievance process. Such measures will be available to both parties without fee or charge, and they will be nondisciplinary, nonpunitive individualized services.

Supportive measures may include moving a Complainant or Respondent’s seat in a class, modified work schedules, revised class schedules, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, campus escorts, counseling, deadline extensions, course-related adjustments (such as the opportunity to retake classes or exams), alternative housing arrangements, leaves of absence, and increased security. Supportive measures provided by the University will be kept confidential to the extent that confidentiality does not impair the University’s ability to provide the supportive measures. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for implementing the supportive measures.

### **Title IX and Clery Act Grievance Process**

The Grievance Process is designed to meet the Title IX Implementing Regulations in the following ways:

- Both parties will be treated equitably.
- The respondent will be provided the presumption of non-responsibility until a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.
- The process will be carried out in a reasonably prompt time from with the possibility of extensions for good cause.
- Practitioners will be trained and free from conflict of interest and bias.
- The use of legally recognized privileged information will be restricted, unless the person holding

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/t9-final-rule-factsheet.pdf>

such privilege has waived the privilege.

- All relevant evidence, including inculpatory and exculpatory evidence, will be evaluated objectively.
- Credibility determinations will not be based on a person's status.
- A range of supportive measures, remedies, and sanctions will be provided.
- Sanctions and/or remedies will be applied only after the conclusion of the grievance process and following a finding of responsibility.
- Grounds for appeal will be designated.

**Reporting Procedures.** A victim or eyewitness of sexual misconduct by or upon a Johnson University student or employee must first go to a place of safety. Time is especially critical if a crime of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking has occurred. In such a case, the victim should not bathe until physical evidence of the assault can be obtained by medical personnel or law enforcement officers.

The University must have "actual knowledge" of sexual harassment allegations in order to respond deliberately and effectively. "Actual knowledge" means notice to the Title IX Coordinator. This is the only University official with authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the University for sexual harassment.

Notice occurs whenever a Title IX coordinator: (1) witnesses sexual harassment; (2) hears about sexual harassment or receives sexual harassment allegations from a complainant or a third party (e.g., a complainant's parent, friend, or peer); (3) receives a written or verbal complaint about sexual harassment or sexual harassment allegations; or (4) receives notice by any other means. The person who reports does not need to be the complainant; rather, a report may be made by any person.

If an informal report comes from a third party, the coordinator will contact the complainant confidentially, offer supportive measures, explain the option and process for filing a formal complaint, and carefully document the conversation. The following link may be used to report a Title IX incident:

<https://websurvey2.johnsonu.edu/cgi-bin/rws5.pl?FORM=JUGrievanceandTitleIXReporting>

Only the alleged victim (or their parent or guardian in some cases) may file a formal complaint, but a formal complaint may also be signed by the Title IX Coordinator without a submission of a formal complaint by another party. In such a case, the complainant is under no obligation to participate in the grievance process, and any statements by the complainant may be excluded. Individuals may not be pressured or coerced into filing, or not filing, a formal complaint or participating in, or not participating in, a grievance process. There is no time limit or statute of limitations on a complainant's decision to file a formal complaint.

If a victim or eyewitness desires to make an anonymous report, the University's ability to respond will be limited. In certain cases, strict confidentiality is not possible because of federal Clery Act requirements to report certain crimes, including but not limited to the more serious forms of sexual misconduct. Each reported Clery crime is evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine whether the University must issue a timely warning to the campus community about that particular criminal incident. If confidentiality is requested, every effort will be made to keep the name and location of the alleged victim and/or witnesses confidential. Ultimately, confidentiality requests are decided by the Title IX Coordinator who may initiate a grievance process against the complainant's wishes only if it is not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

The university is obligated under the federal Clery Act to report certain crimes that occur on campus, in a non-campus building or property, or on public property within the reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution on its annual campus crime report provided to the U.S. Department of Education. The university is also obligated to issue timely warnings to the campus community about certain crimes that have already occurred but may continue to pose a serious or ongoing threat to students and/or employees.

**Amnesty for Reporting.** The University recognizes that some victims or witnesses of sexual harassment may be reluctant to report such incidents because they fear that they may be disciplined for other conduct violations. Because sexual misconduct is a more serious matter than other conduct violations, the University wants to encourage reporting and promote safety. Therefore, the University will not conduct a disciplinary process for violations of the student code of conduct in which a complainant or witnesses might have engaged in connection with the reported incident. This amnesty provision includes the use of alcohol or drugs, engaging in consensual sexual activity, and curfew violations. The University may require education or counseling related to these other violations to provide support and care for the individuals, but they will not be subject to disciplinary sanctions.

**Dismissal of Title IX Allegations.** Dismissal of allegations will be reviewed at the beginning of the process, after a formal complaint has been received, or after the end of the investigation. Dismissal is mandatory if the allegations do not constitute actionable sexual harassment, or if the event took place outside the University's programs or activities, or if the event took place outside the United States. Discretionary dismissal of a formal complaint may occur if the complainant submits a written request to withdraw the complaint, if the respondent is no longer enrolled or employed, or if specific circumstances prevent gathering of evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding the actions alleged in the formal complaint. Both parties must be simultaneously notified of the case dismissal, the reasons for the dismissal, and their right to challenge the dismissal on appeal. Dismissal of a complaint does not preclude the University from taking disciplinary measures for misconduct covered by the student code of conduct or that violates state law, even if the misconduct is not sexual harassment under Title IX.

**Supportive Measures.** When the Title IX Coordinator receives notice of an allegation of sexual harassment, the Coordinator will promptly contact the Complainant to discuss supportive measures, consider the Complainant's wishes regarding supportive measures, inform the Complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the Complainant the option and process for filing a formal complaint. If the Complainant chooses not to file a formal complaint, he or she is still eligible to receive supportive measures.

If the University conducts an individualized safety and risk analysis that concludes that the Respondent poses an immediate threat to the physical health and safety of anyone, the University has the right to remove the Respondent on an emergency basis from the educational program or activity. If the Respondent is an employee, the University may place the employee on administrative leave during the investigation. The Respondent may challenge the removal immediately, but the University will determine the scope and duration of the removal. Removal does not eliminate the University's obligation to continue the grievance process.

**Notice of Allegations.** A Title IX investigation begins with the initial report of sexual misconduct made to the Title IX Coordinator. The grievance process will treat complainants and respondents equitably in a predictable process. The Respondent is presumed not responsible for the conduct alleged and a determination regarding responsibility will be made at the end of the grievance process. No disciplinary sanctions will be imposed before the grievance process is completed.

The Title IX Coordinator will provide a written description to both parties in advance about the allegations of sexual harassment, including date, location, identities of parties (if known), and the alleged misconduct that constitutes sexual harassment. The notice to the parties will also include a description of the grievance process (including the possibility of informal resolution), standard of evidence, summary of possible sanctions, each party's right to select an advisor, each party's right to inspect and review evidence, appeal rights, and supportive measures. The notice will not disclose medical information or any other sensitive information of the complainant without voluntary, written consent. The notice will include sufficient details known at the time and with sufficient time (at least 10 days) to allow the parties to prepare a response before any initial interview. The notice will also inform the recipients of any code of conduct

policies that prohibit knowingly making false statements or submitting false information during the grievance process.

**Informal Resolution.** If a formal complaint has been filed, an informal resolution process (e.g., mediation) may be used only if all parties agree to participate in an informal resolution process that does not involve a full investigation and adjudication. Both parties must provide voluntary, written consent without any conditions on enrollment or continuing enrollment. Any party may decline or terminate an informal resolution process at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, without penalty. In such cases, the facilitator of the informal resolution process will not be allowed to serve as a witness in the formal grievance process.

Before using any informal process, the Title IX Coordinator will notify those involved of the advantages and disadvantages of the informal resolution process and will establish and notify those involved about reasonable timeframes for the informal process. If all parties voluntarily choose an informal resolution process, the Title IX Coordinator will provide both parties in writing the allegations, requirements of the informal resolution process including whether the process is confidential, the circumstance under which it precludes the parties from resuming the formal complaint, assurances that either party may withdraw from the process at any time before its conclusion, and any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared.

Informal resolutions are not available when a student-complainant alleges sexual harassment by an employee-respondent. In these cases, the formal grievance procedure should be initiated immediately.

**Investigation Procedures.** If the parties decline an informal resolution process, reported sexual misconduct of any kind will be adequately, reliably, and thoroughly investigated, regardless of whether the incident is the subject of a separate criminal investigation. A victim of sexual misconduct has the right to file a criminal complaint with the appropriate local law enforcement agency, if they desire to do so. The filing of a criminal complaint will not replace or hinder the university's investigation of a sexual misconduct violation. A victim of sexual misconduct may elect to have the investigation proceed through the criminal justice system, the university's disciplinary process, or both.

Every formal complaint must be investigated. The University bears the burden of gathering evidence; therefore, the Title IX Coordinator will appoint an investigator (who may be the Title IX Coordinator themselves) who will thoroughly search for facts and evidence relevant to the claims made in the initial report or complaint. The investigator will be properly trained and free from conflicts of interest or bias. Throughout the course of an investigation, both parties will have an equal opportunity to discuss the allegations or gather evidence and to present the relevant evidence that they gather. The University will not issue gag orders on respondents or complainants.

The investigator will gather information by interviewing both parties and other witnesses and by collecting additional evidence. The investigator will gather all evidence, inculpatory and exculpatory, directly related to the allegations whether the evidence is considered relevant or whether the investigator intends to rely on the evidence or include it in the final report. No information protected by a legal privilege, such as the attorney-client privilege or the doctor-patient privilege, can be used during an investigation unless the person holding that privilege has waived it. Neither a party or the University is allowed to seek, permit questions about, or allow the introduction of evidence that is protected by a recognized privilege.

Although advisors of the parties may be present during an interview, the parties themselves, rather than their advisors, must personally answer, or refuse to answer, questions posed by an investigator. The investigator will provide written notice in advance to parties who will be interviewed or requested to attend a meeting with sufficient time for the parties to prepare to participate. This written notice will include date, time, location, participants, and purpose of the interview or meeting. If the allegations fall under VAWA regulations, then notice will be given to the other party if a meeting will be held with a complainant or respondent. If the investigation identifies other potential Title IX violations not included in the original report or complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will provide written notice to the parties involved that those subsequent allegations will also be investigated.



At the conclusion of the investigation, the parties will be allowed a period of 10 days to inspect and review copies of any evidence directly related to the allegations. Examples of such evidence are text messages, emails, social media posts and messages, photos and videos, police reports, security footage, WiFi access point records, and audio recordings or transcripts of interviews (with evidence that is not directly related to the allegations redacted). Information that is not directly related to the allegations or falls under legally protected privileges will be redacted, but information that is confidential, sensitive, or prejudicial may not be redacted if it is directly related to the allegations. The Title IX Coordinator will assist the investigator in making these determinations. The investigator will maintain records of any information withheld and the rationale for doing so. Evidence does not include notes made by the investigator. The parties and their advisors will be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement stating that they will use the evidence only for purposes of the grievance process and that they will not disseminate or disclose the materials to other people. The parties may submit a written response to the investigator. The investigator must consider the written response prior to completing the final report.

The investigator will then prepare a written investigative report that fairly summarizes all directly related and relevant evidence, including inculpatory and exculpatory evidence. The investigator will simultaneously provide both parties with a copy of the investigative report, and they will have at least 10 days before a hearing where a responsibility will be determined to review the report and respond in writing.

At the investigation's conclusion, the investigator must either dismiss the allegations or determine if there is sufficient evidence to conclude that a Title IX violation may have occurred and that a hearing should be held. The investigator may not make a determination regarding responsibility. Only a decision-maker can make such a determination after a live hearing.

Investigations will be conducted promptly. A typical complaint may take up to 90 days to complete the investigation and the hearing. The actual amount of time needed for each stage of the process will be determined by the facts of a particular case. This time frame may be temporarily delayed or extended for good cause such as absence of a party, advisor, or witness; law enforcement proceedings; or the need to provide accommodations. Both parties will receive written notice of the delay or extension and its reason.

**Hearing Procedures.** If the investigation has concluded that sexual harassment may have occurred, the University will initiate the grievance process outlined in this policy. If the Title IX Coordinator determines that a hearing is necessary, a time shall be set for a Title IX hearing not less than 10 days after the written notice has been made to both the complainant and respondent.

(1) *Decision-maker.* A decision-maker who is not the Title IX coordinator or investigator will preside over the hearing. The University may choose to appoint a hearing panel to serve as the decision-maker. The decision-maker must have extensive training in Title IX procedures as well as all applicable evidentiary requirements, issues of relevance, standards of proof, and relevant state and local laws, and this training must be made available to the public. The decision-maker is under an independent obligation to objectively evaluate relevant evidence. Only the decision-maker can make a finding of responsibility and only after a live hearing is conducted.

(2) *Pre-hearing Procedures.* Both parties will receive a copy of the final investigative report at least 10 days before a hearing. In preparation for the hearing, the decision-maker will review the complaint, notice to the parties, the investigative report, and the parties' responses to the investigative report. The decision-maker will identify witnesses who are relevant to the decision and make sure they are available for cross-examination at the hearing.

(3) *Process Meeting.* The decision-maker may provide rules of conduct and decorum to ensure that all participants are treated with respect at live hearings. These rules will apply equally to both parties and will comply with the Title IX Implementing Regulations. If a party's advisor of choice refuses to comply with the University's rules of decorum, the decision-maker may require the party to use a different advisor or appoint a different advisor to conduct cross-examination on behalf of that party. A process meeting will be held in advance of the hearing to discuss rules of decorum, policy, and procedures. Only the parties and their advisors may attend this meeting.

(4) *Hearing Procedures.* A Title IX hearing will be conducted in private and will be closed to the public.

The University may appoint a Hearing Coordinator (who may be the Title IX Coordinator) who will ensure that proper procedures and rules of decorum are followed. Only the parties and their advisors will be allowed to attend the hearing, unless another party is required by law, such as a language interpreter or a person assisting someone with a disability. Hearings must be conducted in a live setting in real time. Typically, hearing will be conducted by videoconference with the parties watching and listening in separate locations. At all times, all participants, including the parties, advisors, witnesses, and decision-maker, must be able to see and hear each other. If a participant does not possess the proper videoconference technology or equipment, the University will provide a location and/or equipment to facilitate participation. No one will be allowed to participate only by telephone. However, an in-person hearing may be held if both parties agree to it. An audio or audiovisual recording, or a transcript, of any live hearing will be created and made available for inspection and review by either party.

(5) *Advisors.* Both the complainant and respondent have the same opportunity to have an advisor of choice, who may or may not be a lawyer, present during all meetings in the Title IX grievance process. Participating as a witness in the hearing does not prevent someone from serving as an advisor. The parties must inform the Title IX Coordinator in advance of a hearing whether they intend to bring an advisor of choice to a hearing. If a party does not have an advisor for the hearing, the University will provide one who is competent to participate without fee or charge. The University will not require training of selected advisors or provide training for assigned advisors since they only need to present factual questions that advance the perspective of the party being advised. A party cannot dismiss an assigned advisor during a hearing, but if the party correctly asserts that the assigned advisor is refusing to conduct cross-examination on the party's behalf, then the decision-maker must counsel the assigned advisor to perform that role or stop the hearing to assign a different advisor.

(6) *Evidence.* Evidence gathered during the investigation that has been subject to the parties' inspection and review will be made available at any hearing to give each party equal opportunity to refer to such evidence during the hearing, including for purposes of cross-examination.

(7) *Witnesses.* Both parties may call a limited number of witnesses at the hearing at the discretion of the decision-maker, but all witnesses must have been previously identified during the investigation.

(8) *Time Limits.* The decision-maker may set a time limit for the hearing and/or time limits for each party's cross-examination.

(8) *Opening and Closing Statements.* The decision-maker may permit the parties or their advisors to make opening and/or closing statements.

(9) *Cross-examination of Witnesses.* Advisors of both parties (but not the parties themselves) may conduct direct, oral, and real-time cross-examination of parties and other witnesses. The decision-maker must allow each party's advisor to ask the other party and any witnesses all relevant questions and follow-up questions, including those challenging credibility. Cross-examination consists simply of posing questions intended to advance the asking party's perspective with respect to the specific allegations at issue. The only time advisors may speak during a hearing is to make an opening or closing statement or to ask questions of parties or witnesses. A party's advisor may appear and conduct cross-examination even when the party being advised does not appear. Advisors will be encouraged, but not required, to submit cross-examination questions in advance so that the decision-maker can review them and evaluate them for relevance. Advisors may be allowed to ask all their questions at the hearing, and the decision-maker can explain reasons for excluding any of them as irrelevant.

(10) *Determination of Relevance.* After an advisor asks a question on cross-examination, and before the party to whom it is directed answers it, the decision-maker must determine if the question calls for relevant information. All relevant evidence must be admitted, but the decision-maker must exclude evidence based on legally recognized privileges; the complainant's prior sexual history (with limited exceptions); any party's medical, psychological, or similar records (without their voluntary, written consent); and party or witness statements that have not been subjected to cross-examination at a live hearing. Relevant evidence cannot be excluded because it may be unduly prejudicial, concern prior bad acts, or constitute character evidence. Questions that are misleading or assumes facts not in evidence may be considered relevant. Advisors may not ask about a complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual

behavior, unless such questions about the complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent. Questions concerning prior or subsequent sexual misconduct may be asked of the respondent if the decision-maker determines that they are relevant to provide evidence of a pattern of inappropriate behavior by the alleged harasser. Questions that are duplicative or repetitive or that are not probative of any material fact concerning the allegations may be deemed not relevant and therefore excluded. The decision-maker must explain to the party proposing the questions any decision to exclude a question as not relevant. Parties and advisors may not challenge the relevance determination during the hearing.

(11) *Statements Not Subject to Cross-Examination.* The decision-maker must not rely on any statements by a party or witness that were not subjected to cross-examination, but they may consider statements that would not require cross-examination. Failure by a party or witness to answer even one question posed by an advisor means that the decision-maker cannot rely on any statements from that party or witness in making a finding of responsibility. Such statements would include those included in the investigation report or any other sources, such as a police report, medical exam, text messages, witness accounts, etc. Statements allegedly made by a respondent that constitute part of the alleged sexual harassment at issue can be considered even if they are not subjected to cross-examination. Statements by respondents that cannot be relied upon if not subject to cross-examination involve the making of factual assertions to prove or disprove the allegations of sexual harassment. Also, the decision-maker cannot draw inferences about a determination regarding responsibility based on a party's failure or refusal to appear at a hearing or answer cross-examination questions.

(12) *Standard of Evidence.* The decision-maker's determination of responsibility shall be made using a preponderance of evidence standard (for both students and employees) on the basis of whether it is more likely than not that the respondent violated Title IX. The decision-maker must evaluate all relevant evidence under this standard without making credibility determinations based on a party's status as a complainant or respondent or based on their sex. None of the following rules of evidence apply during a Title IX hearing: the federal rules of evidence, the Tennessee rules of evidence, common-law principles of evidence, or any other formal law or rule of evidence.

(13) *Sanctions and Remedies.* If the decision-maker makes a finding of responsibility for sexual harassment, the decision-maker will provide sanctions against the respondent (which are listed below) and remedies to the complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to the school's education program or activity. These remedies can be punitive or disciplinary against the respondent. The Title IX Coordinator will be responsible for implementing any disciplinary sanctions against the respondent and any remedies provided to the complainant.

(14) *Written Determination.* Following the hearing, the decision-maker will issue a written determination simultaneously to both parties, which will include the following information:

- a. Identification of the portion of the University's policies that was violated;
- b. A description of the procedural steps taken from receipt of the formal complaint through the determination regarding responsibility;
- c. Findings of fact supporting the determination;
- d. Conclusions regarding the application of the code of conduct and/or applicable policies to the factual findings;
- e. A statement and rationale for the ultimate determination regarding responsibility for each allegation;
- f. Any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the respondent;
- g. A statement and rationale for any remedies that will restore or preserve equal access provided to the complainant, which may be the same as the supportive measures provided and may burden the respondent if responsibility has been determined;
- h. Information about the appeals process, including a reasonable time frame within which an appeal must be filed.

The decision becomes final if the parties do not appeal or at the conclusion of the appeal process if either party files an appeal.

**Appeal Procedures.** Either party may appeal a decision to dismiss allegations, whether mandatory or discretionary. Findings of responsibility reached at the end of the grievance process may also be appealed by either party. Grounds for appeal include procedural irregularities (including erroneous relevance determinations), newly discovered evidence that was not available at the time of the determination of responsibility or dismissal, or conflict of interest or bias on the part of the investigator, Title IX Coordinator, or decision-maker. However, these matters will be considered only if they affected the outcome. Appeals based solely on the severity of the sanctions will not be allowed. A Title IX appeal would begin with submission of a request for appeal to the Title IX Coordinator.

After the appeal request is submitted, the Title IX coordinator will notify both parties in writing of the appeal. The coordinator will send the appeals team member all relevant documentation for the final determination on the appeal. The parties will be allowed to submit a written statement supporting or challenging the outcome. After considering the parties' written statements, the appeals team member will issue a written decision and send it to the parties simultaneously.

### **Prohibition of Retaliation**

The University prohibits any person from intimidating, threatening, coercing, or discriminating against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in a Title IX investigation, proceeding, or hearing. Charges against an individual for code of conduct violations that do not involve sex discrimination or sexual harassment but arise out of the same facts or circumstances as a report or complaint of sex discrimination, or a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment, for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, constitutes retaliation. Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding does not constitute retaliation, provided that a determination regarding responsibility, alone, is not sufficient to conclude that any party made a bad faith materially false statement. The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute retaliation. Complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the University's grievance procedures.

### **Records Maintenance**

For a period of at least seven years from the date of creation, the university will maintain documentation and records regarding alleged violations of the Title IX Policy and their resolution in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the parties involved, complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and to the extent possible excludes personally identifiable information of victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, unless disclosure of someone's identity is required under other laws or is necessary in order to conduct the grievance process. The parties may have access to records relevant to their case such as allegations raised in the formal complaint, copies of evidence, investigative report, and written determination and reports provided in the course of the formal grievance process, but they may not have access to supportive measures provided to the other party. If a student is found responsible for violating the Title IX Policy, this finding remains a part of that student's conduct record.

### **Training**

The University will ensure that Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and facilitators of the informal resolution process receive training on the following:

- The definition of sexual harassment in § 106.30
- The scope of the University's education program or activity
- How to conduct an investigation and grievance process including hearings, appeals, and informal

- resolution processes, as applicable
- How to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest, and bias.
- Any technology to be used at a live hearing
- Issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant

### **Awareness and Prevention Programs**

The university offers an educational program for students and employees that promotes awareness and prevention of sexual harassment, promotes both individual and community safety, and reduces the perpetration of violent crimes. The university works to create and maintain a campus community culture designed to prevent sex-based harassment; rape; acquaintance or date rape; dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking; other sex offenses, forcible or non-forcible, heterosexual or homosexual; and other Title IX offenses. Ultimately, the foundation for such a program comes from the university's mission, Christian perspective, and core values.

The university's initial Title IX awareness and prevention program begins with a new-student orientation session during Genesis Weekend. The same awareness and prevention information is also provided during the orientation process for new distance-education students and new employees.

The university's ongoing Title IX awareness and prevention program continues with annual reminders placed in all school mail boxes, campus prevention and reporting posters, and educational materials available on the university's website and employee portal.

**Victim Services and Resources.** Local and referral help is available for victims of sexual misconduct from the university's Health Services department and counseling center (available only on the TN campus), as well as the Student Services department. Local community and state victim services organizations are listed below. Many of these resources have websites and toll-free telephone numbers that would be helpful for online students.

#### **In Knox County, Tennessee:**

##### **Knox County Sheriff's Office – Family Crisis Unit**

[www.knoxsheriff.org/family/index.php](http://www.knoxsheriff.org/family/index.php)

Emergency Phone: 9-1-1

24-hour Helpline: 865-521-6336

Office Phone: 865-215-6820

##### **Sexual Assault Crisis Center of East Tennessee**

<https://mcnabbcenter.org/victim-services/#sexual-assault>

24-hour Crisis Line: 865-522-7273

2455 Sutherland Avenue, Building B, Knoxville, TN 37919

##### **YWCA of Knoxville, Victim's Advocacy Program**

<https://ywcaknox.com/domestic-violence>

Office Phone: 865-523-6126

Advocates for victims of domestic violence.

##### **Tennessee Domestic Violence Hotline**

1-800-356-6767

## Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy

**Introduction.** At most of America's colleges and universities, drinking is taken for granted as a part of university life. Unfortunately, the abuse of alcohol and drugs are also a part of campus life at most of America's institutions of higher learning.

**Standard of Conduct.** In support of the mission and Christian values of Johnson University, all students are expected to uphold a lifestyle of personal responsibility (Gal. 6:1-5), integrity (Prov. 10:9), and care for the community (Phil 2:3-4). The following behaviors are strictly prohibited for all students, whether on or off campus, and regardless of age or legal status: use, possession, distribution, manufacture, or sale of narcotics, illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages (NOTE: if a beverage contains more than 0.0% alcohol, it is considered to be an alcoholic beverage), marijuana, tobacco, or the abuse/misuse of legal substances.

**Prohibited Locations and Activities.** Additionally, students are not to attend, visit, or participate in any establishment, event, or gathering where the sale, service, or consumption of alcohol or other substances is the primary emphasis of the establishment or activity (i.e., bar, clubs, night clubs, dance clubs, lounges, winery, brewery, distillery, hookah bars or vape lounges, cannabis dispensaries or cafes, etc.).

**Accountability.** Violations of this standard will be addressed through the university's disciplinary process as a "major violation" and may result in sanctions up to and including suspension or dismissal (see unit five of this handbook). Students are encouraged to seek support if they struggle in any of these areas, and the university will seek restorative measures with the student.

**Drug Testing.** Whenever it is reasonable to suspect a student of substance abuse, JU officials will make drug testing available. If the results come back negative, JU will bear the cost of the drug test. If the results are positive, the student will bear the cost and will be subject to disciplinary action. If the student refuses a request to be tested for substance abuse, then he/she will be subject to disciplinary action.

**Sanctions for Violation of the Standard.** Violation of this policy may lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from university or termination of employment (and referral for legal action when a local code, state code, or federal code has been broken).

**Why an Abstinence Policy?** The pleasures of drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking or chewing tobacco, and sniffing, smoking or injecting illegal drugs are outweighed by their destructiveness. Yes, tobacco is lawful for some university-age students, marijuana is legal in some states, and alcoholic beverages are lawful for some (21 is the legal drinking and smoking age in Tennessee). However, the apostle Paul wrote, "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any" (1 Cor. 6:12). Sobriety and self-control are the Biblical norm, not drunkenness and addiction. Johnson University teaches that abstinence is the best way to achieve the Biblical norm and seeks to develop an educational learning environment that is focused on glorifying God in all things (1 Cor. 10:31-33).

**Help is Available.** Confidential referrals for counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation are available on campus from the University Counseling Center and the Health Services Office to students and employees who voluntarily seek such assistance. Helpful literature on alcohol and drug abuse can also be found in the counseling center and in the health services office.

**Tennessee Codes.** Under Tennessee state law, it is unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one to buy, possess, transport or consume alcoholic beverages (TCA 1-3-113); to provide alcoholic beverages to minors (TCA 39-15-404); to be intoxicated in public (TCA 39-17-310); to possess or exchange a controlled substance (TCA 39-17-417). Copies of the applicable Tennessee Codes are available from the student services office.

**Federal Codes.** Possession and trafficking in controlled substances is regulated by federal law. The Federal Codes provide for fines plus imprisonment for possession (21USC844); forfeiture of real and personal property used to possess or facilitate possession (21USC853, 21USC881); forfeiture of vehicles, boats, aircraft, etc, used to transport a controlled substance (21USC884); civil fines and denial of federal benefits (21USC854); ineligibility to purchase or receive a firearm (18USC922).

## **Straight Facts About Drugs and Alcohol**

### *Sources:*

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism – <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohols-effects-health/alcohol-topics/alcohol-facts-and-statistics>

The National Institute of Drug Abuse – <https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/trends-statistics>

### **Alcohol**

Alcohol abuse is a pattern of problem drinking that results in health consequences, social problems, or both. However, alcohol dependence, or alcoholism, refers to a disease that is characterized by abnormal alcohol-seeking behavior that leads to impaired control over drinking. If you have a drinking problem, or if you suspect you have a drinking problem, there are many others out there like you, and there is help available. Talk to school counselor, a friend, a parent, or a minister.

Short-term effects of alcohol use include:

- distorted vision, hearing, and coordination
- altered perceptions and emotions
- impaired judgment
- bad breath
- hangover

Long-term effects of heavy alcohol use include:

- loss of appetite
- vitamin deficiencies
- stomach ailments
- skin problems
- sexual impotence
- liver damage
- heart and central nervous system damage
- memory loss

### **Cigarette Smoking**

Although many people smoke because they believe cigarettes calm their nerves, smoking releases epinephrine, a hormone that creates physiological stress in the smoker, rather than relaxation. The use of tobacco is addictive. Most users develop tolerance for nicotine and need greater amounts to produce a desired effect. Smokers become physically and psychologically dependent and will suffer withdrawal symptoms including: changes in body temperature, heart rate, digestion, muscle tone, and appetite. Psychological symptoms include: irritability, anxiety, sleep disturbances, nervousness, headaches, fatigue, nausea, and cravings for tobacco that can last days, weeks, months, years, or an entire lifetime.

Cigarette smoking is perhaps the most devastating preventable cause of disease and premature death. Smoking is particularly dangerous for teens because their bodies are still developing and changing and the 4,000 chemicals (including 200 known poisons) in cigarette smoke can adversely affect this process. Cigarettes are highly addictive. One-third of young people who are just "experimenting" end up being addicted by the time they are 20.

Risks associated with smoking cigarettes:

- diminished or extinguished sense of smell and taste
- frequent colds
- smoker's cough
- gastric ulcers
- chronic bronchitis
- increase in heart rate and blood pressure
- premature and more abundant face wrinkles
- emphysema
- heart disease
- stroke
- cancer of the mouth, larynx, pharynx, esophagus, lungs, pancreas, cervix, uterus, bladder

### **Cocaine and Crack**

Cocaine is a white powder that comes from the leaves of the South American coca plant. Cocaine is either "snorted" through the nasal passages or injected intravenously. Cocaine belongs to a class of drugs

known as stimulants, which tend to give a temporary illusion of limitless power and energy that leave the user feeling depressed, edgy, and craving more. Crack is a smokable form of cocaine that has been chemically altered. Drug users who inject the drug and share needles are at risk for acquiring HIV/AIDS.

Cocaine and crack are highly addictive. This addiction can erode physical and mental health and can become so strong that these drugs dominate all aspects of an addict's life. Some users spend hundred or thousands of dollars on cocaine and crack each week and will do anything to support their habit. Many turn to drug selling, prostitution, or other crimes. Cocaine and crack use has been a contributing factor in a number of drownings, car crashes, falls, burns, and suicides. Cocaine and crack addicts often become unable to function sexually. Even first time users may experience seizures or heart attacks, which can be fatal.

Physical risks associated with using *any* amount of cocaine and crack:

- increases in blood pressure, heart rate, breathing rate, and body temperature
- heart attacks, strokes, and respiratory failure
- hepatitis or AIDS through shared needles
- brain seizures
- reduction of the body's ability to resist and combat infection

Psychological risks:

- violent, erratic, or paranoid behavior
- hallucinations and "coke bugs"--a sensation of imaginary insects crawling over the skin
- confusion, anxiety, and depression
- loss of interest in food or sex
- "cocaine psychosis"--losing touch with reality, loss of interest in friends, family, sports, hobbies, and other activities

## Inhalants

Inhalants refer to substances that are sniffed or huffed to give the user an immediate head rush or high. They include a diverse group of chemicals that are found in consumer products such as aerosols and cleaning solvents. Inhalant use can cause a number of physical and emotional problems, and even one-time use can result in death.

Using inhalants even one time can put you at risk for:

- sudden death
- suffocation
- visual hallucinations
- severe mood swings
- numbness and tingling of the hands and feet

Short-term effects of inhalants include:

- heart palpitations
- breathing difficulty
- dizziness
- headaches

Prolonged use can result in:

- headache, muscle weakness, abdominal pain
- decrease or loss of sense of smell
- nausea
- nosebleeds
- hepatitis
- violent behaviors
- irregular heartbeat
- liver, lung, and kidney impairment
- irreversible brain damage
- nervous system damage
- dangerous chemical imbalances in the body
- involuntary passing of urine and feces

## Marijuana

Marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug in the United States and tends to be the first illegal drug teens use. The physical effects of marijuana use, particularly on developing adolescents, can be acute. Marijuana blocks the messages going to your brain and alters your perceptions and emotions, vision, hearing, and coordination. A recent study of 1,023 trauma patients admitted to a shock trauma unit found that one-third had marijuana in their blood.



Short-term effects of using marijuana:

- sleepiness
- difficulty keeping track of time, impaired or reduced short-term memory
- reduced ability to perform tasks requiring concentration and coordination, such as driving a car
- increased heart rate
- potential cardiac dangers for those with preexisting heart disease
- bloodshot eyes
- dry mouth and throat
- decreased social inhibitions
- paranoia, hallucinations

Long-term effects of using marijuana:

- enhanced cancer risk
- decrease in testosterone levels for men; also lower sperm counts and difficulty having children
- increase in testosterone levels for women; also increased risk of infertility
- diminished or extinguished sexual pleasure
- psychological dependence requiring more of the drug to get the same effect

### **Methamphetamine**

Methamphetamine is a stimulant drug chemically related to amphetamine but with stronger effects on the central nervous system. Street names for the drug include "speed," "meth," and "crank." Methamphetamine is used in pill form, or in powdered form by snorting or injecting. Crystallized methamphetamine known as "ice," "crystal," or "glass," is a smokable and more powerful form of the drug. Methamphetamine is an increasingly popular drug at raves (all night dancing parties), and as part of a number of drugs used by college-aged students. Marijuana and alcohol are commonly listed as additional drugs of abuse among methamphetamine treatment admissions.

The effects of methamphetamine use include:

- increased heart rate and blood pressure
- increased wakefulness; insomnia
- increased physical activity
- decreased appetite
- respiratory problems
- extreme anorexia
- hypothermia, convulsions, and cardiovascular problems, which can lead to death
- euphoria
- irritability, confusion, tremors
- anxiety, paranoia, or violent behavior
- can cause irreversible damage to blood vessels in the brain, producing strokes
- Drug users who inject the drug and share needles are at risk for acquiring HIV/AIDS

### **Federal Financial Aid Consequences, Section 484(r):**

#### **(r) SUSPENSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES. —**

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

**If convicted of an offense involving:**

**The possession of a controlled substance:**

**Ineligibility period is:**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| First offense .....  | 1 year     |
| Second offense ..... | 2 years    |
| Third offense .....  | Indefinite |

**The sale of a controlled substance:**

**Ineligibility period is:**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| First offense .....  | 2 years    |
| Second offense ..... | Indefinite |

- (2) REHABILITATION — A student whose eligibility has been suspended under paragraph (1) may resume eligibility before the end of the ineligibility period determined under such paragraph if—
- (A) the student satisfactorily completes a drug rehabilitation program that—
- (i) complies with such criteria as the Secretary shall prescribe in regulations for purposes of this paragraph; and
  - (ii) includes two unannounced drug tests;
- (B) the student successfully passes two unannounced drug tests conducted by a drug rehabilitation program that complies with such criteria as the Secretary shall prescribe in regulations for purposes of subparagraph (A)(i); or
- (C) the conviction is reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered nugatory.
- (3) DEFINITIONS — In this subsection, the term “controlled substance” has the meaning given the term in section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(6)).

## Fire Safety

**Residence Hall Policies.** The following are prohibited in and around Johnson residence halls: burning of candles or incense, halogen lamps, appliances for cooking (other than microwaves and coffee makers in Brown and Johnson Halls), barbecue grills (including propane bottles, charcoal briquettes, lighter fluid, and unused grills), gasoline or any kind of fuel, and motorized vehicles. Because of the fire hazard involved, no real trees or live greenery are permitted in the residence halls during the Christmas season. Other fire hazards as identified by student life and/or campus safety personnel may also be prohibited, including “daisy-chained” extension cords or excessive use of flammable decorations.

**Procedures for Evacuating Residence Halls.** Residence hall evacuations procedures are initiated when a building is no longer safe for occupation. The fire alarm system is an important and effective notification system. When the fire alarm sounds in a residence hall, all occupants of the building are to proceed to the nearest exit and remain in a safe location at least 50 feet from the building and out of roads and driveways until an “all-clear” signal is given by campus safety personnel and/or residence staff. Upon evacuation, occupants are to cluster in predetermined assembly areas. If necessary, occupants will be moved to safe shelter in the Phillips-Welshimer building. Resident Assistants will check to see that occupants are evacuated and assess how many students are present. Having determined that, Resident Assistants should walk the perimeter of the building and notify campus safety personnel of any students remaining in the building.

Resident hall staff will provide instruction, at least once per semester, to residents concerning evacuation procedures and assembly points.

Fire drills are conducted annually in order to familiarize occupants with evacuation procedures.

### Policies for Other Student Residences.

**Bell Hall.** The following are prohibited in and within 10 feet of Bell Hall: burning of candles or incense, halogen lamps, barbecue grills (including propane bottles, charcoal briquettes, lighter fluid, and unused grills), gasoline or any kind of fuel, and motorized vehicles. Because of the fire hazard involved, no real trees or live greenery are permitted in the residence halls during the Christmas season. Other fire hazards

as identified by student life and/or campus safety personnel may also be prohibited, including “daisy-chained” extension cords or excessive use of flammable decorations.

**Garrett Way and Gateway Townhouses.** The following are prohibited in and within 10 feet of Garrett Way and Gateway townhouses: barbecue grills (including propane bottles, charcoal briquettes, lighter fluid, and unused grills), gasoline or any kind of fuel, and motorized vehicles. Other fire hazards as identified by student life and/or campus safety personnel may also be prohibited, including “daisy-chained” extension cords or excessive use of flammable decorations.

**Mobile Homes and Duplexes.** The following are prohibited in mobile homes and duplexes: gasoline or any kind of fuel, and motorized vehicles. Other fire hazards as identified by student life and/or campus safety personnel may also be prohibited, including “daisy-chained” extension cords or excessive use of flammable decorations.

### **Reporting Fires.**

**Residence Halls.** After the immediate emergency has passed, students and employees are required to report all fire incidents to the Resident Director. The Resident Director will report the incident to the Campus Safety Officer located in the Plant Services office.

**Other Campus Student Housing.** After the immediate emergency has passed, students and employees are required to report all fire incidents to the Campus Safety Officer located in the Plant Services office.

### **Fire Safety System: Other Student Residences**

Townhomes, duplexes, and mobile homes are equipped with smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

**Table 2. Fire Safety Systems: Campus Residence Halls**

| <b>Building</b> | <b>Fire Alarm</b> | <b>Fire Detection</b> | <b>Detector Type</b> | <b>Sprinklers</b> | <b>Sprinkler Type</b> | <b>#Fire Drills</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Brown           | Central Monitored | Full                  | Smoke                | Full              | Wet                   | 1                   |
| Johnson         | Central Monitored | Full                  | Smoke                | Full              | Wet                   | 1                   |
| Clark           | Central Monitored | Full                  | Smoke                | Full              | Wet                   | 0                   |
| Bell            | Central Monitored | Full                  | Smoke                | None              | N/A                   | 0                   |

**Table 3. Fire Statistics for Campus Student Housing (notes below)**

|                          | 2023     |          |          | 2024     |          |          | 2025     |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Bell Hall                | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Brown Hall               | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Clark Hall               | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Johnson Hall             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1 [2]    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 2360 Bell Drive          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Garrett Way 1            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Garrett Way 2            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1 [3]    | 0        | 0        |
| Gateway 1                | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Gateway 2                | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1 [3]    | 0        | 0        |
| 7902 Sunset Ct           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7903 Sunset Ct           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7904 Sunset Ct           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7905 Sunset Ct           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7906 Sunset Ct           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7907 Sunset Ct           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7908 Sunset Ct           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7909 Sunset Ct           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7910 Sunset Ct           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7911 Sunset Ct           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7913 Sunset Ct           | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7801 Old Orchard Ct.     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7803 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7805/7807 Old Orchard Ct | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7809/7811 Old Orchard Ct | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7813/7815 Old Orchard Ct | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7821/7823 Old Orchard Ct | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7825/7827 Old Orchard Ct | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7829/7831 Old Orchard Ct | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7833/7835 Old Orchard Ct | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7837/7839 Old Orchard Ct | 1 [1]    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7841/7843 Old Orchard Ct | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7845/7847 Old Orchard Ct | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7853 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7855 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7857 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7859 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7861 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7863 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7865 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7867 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7869 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7871 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 7873 Old Orchard Ct      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

**Notes:** [1] Open flame from burning butter in stove-top pot. Fire was extinguished promptly, and no monetary damage was caused. [2] Open flame from burning oil in stove-top pot. Fire was extinguished promptly, and no monetary damage was caused. [3] Each fire was electrical; stove element in oven burned. Fire was extinguished promptly, and no monetary damage was caused.

Current fire log information is available to the public at the reception desk in the Phillips-Welshimer Building.

### **Fire Safety Training and Education.**

Fire safety training is included in the annual Resident Director and Resident Assistant Training program conducted before the beginning of the fall semester. Topics covered include emergency procedures, and fire and building evacuation zones on the Tennessee campus. Fire safety education is included in the semi-annual new-student orientation session covering campus safety and security held at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. In addition, a colorful “Emergency Procedure Guide” is posted on the inside of every campus apartment’s front door. Topics covered include health or safety emergency contacts, maintenance assistance, RD and RA phone numbers, evacuation emergency procedures, evacuation zones map, and basic shelter-in-place instructions. Residence Hall fire drills are conducted at least annually.

### **Plans for Fire Safety Improvement**

Johnson University constructed a new station housing trucks belonging to the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department in 2012. Johnson has no plans to upgrade fire safety systems in the 2025-26 budget year.

## **Contact Information**

### **Johnson University Contacts:**

- **Campus Security Authorities:**
  - **Campus Safety and Contract Security (24/7)**  
**865-251-2222**
  - **Title IX Coordinator**  
**865-251-2373**
  - **Vice President for Student Life, Dean of Students, Associate Dean, and Student Life Office**  
**865-251-2137**
  - **Facilities Services**  
**865-251-2289**
  - **Johnson Hall Resident Director**  
**865-251-2209**
  - **Brown Hall Resident Director**  
**865-251-2379**
  - **Athletic Director**  
**865-251-2412**
  - **Faculty Members – Contact Tori Skolosh – 865-251-2229**
  - **Athletic Coaches – Contact Athletic Director Above**
  - **Resident Assistants, all residential areas – Contact Resident Directors Above**
- **University Counseling Center**  
**865-251-3402**

### **Off Campus Contacts:**

- **Knox County Sheriff Office**  
**911 (emergency)**  
**865-215-2444 (non-emergency)**

- **Seymour Volunteer Fire Department**  
**911 (Emergency)**  
**865-851-1157 (non-emergency)**
- **Tennessee Sex Offender Registry**

**<https://www.tn.gov/tbi/general-information/redirect-tennessee-sex-offender-registry-search/sex-offender-registry-search.html>**