

Missing Persons Policy

In accordance with Section 485 of the Higher Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1092(j), East Central University has developed this investigation and notification policy regarding students who reside in on-campus housing and have been reported as missing.

Any report to a University official or campus security authority indicating that a student who resides in on-campus housing is missing it shall be referred to the East Central University Police Department, and an investigation shall be conducted. If the initial investigation determines the student is missing, the following persons will be notified:

1. A confidential contact person designated by the student:

Students have the option of identifying a person of their choice to be contacted in the specific case they are determined missing. Students can choose to identify the same person as their general emergency contact or identify a different person who is more likely to know their whereabouts if determined missing (for example a roommate, close friend, or in-town relative) Their choice can be entered and kept updated through their MyECU Housing Application Site page at myecu.ecok.edu. The person you designate and their contact information shall be considered confidential and is only to be accessed by University officials after the student has been reported missing.

2. The student's custodial parent(s) or legal guardian(s), if the student is under 18 and not an emancipated minor.
3. Local law enforcement authorities:

The East Central University Police Department will work with other law enforcement agencies, if necessary, once a student is determined to be missing.

University officials may elect to notify additional persons determined to be appropriate and consistent with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 § 1232(g).

IMPORTANT: Students are encouraged to share pertinent information with family and friends when leaving campus or taking trips. Sharing this information will enable University staff, as well as family and friends, to contact you if the need arises. In addition, students are encouraged to periodically update their emergency contact information in their MyECU portal.

Fire Safety Report for On-Campus Housing

East Central University is committed to providing all information required in regards to campus safety, including our fire safety report. The institution will keep a fire log, recording all fire statistics, which will be published in the Annual Fire Safety Report.

The following information will be recorded and published annually:

- The number and cause of any fires that occur.
- The number of deaths related to the fire.
- The number of persons injured as a result of the fire that necessitated treatment at a medical facility.
- The value of property damage related to the fire.

One fire drill will be held each semester in each residence hall. These fire drills will be unannounced. Residents present during the drill must participate. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. During fire drills, residents will exit through the nearest exit door and will gather in the waiting areas away from the buildings, as directed by residence life staff members.