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V C U H e a l t h S y s t e m

A large, faint watermark of the VCU Police Department badge is centered in the background. The badge features an eagle at the top, a central figure holding a scale, and the words "VCU POLICE" in a circular arrangement.

VCU Campus Police Department is the heart and soul of a coordinated program of safety that involves the entire campus and surrounding communities.

VCU Campus Safety

At Virginia Commonwealth University, keeping students, employees and visitors safe doesn't stop at the traditional campus borders. Instead, VCU Campus Police — in partnership with Richmond City Police and community leaders — has aggressively expanded its outreach efforts in surrounding neighborhoods.

The ability to patrol in neighboring communities has fostered a new level of security for the on-campus community as well as for those who live and work in the areas surrounding the campuses.

These efforts began two years ago with routine patrols that carry officers into neighborhoods adjacent to both campuses where Campus Police has jurisdiction to monitor and make arrests.

Campus Police also recognizes that a cornerstone of effective policing is knowing the community, so VCU officers have initiated an Adopt-an-Elder project in Carver,

a neighborhood just north of VCU's Academic Campus. Through the project, which is part of a federal grant that has supported hiring more officers to patrol the neighborhood,

Campus Police has built new relationships that enable the department to address the needs of elders and protect a segment of the Carver community that may be forgotten.

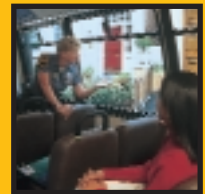
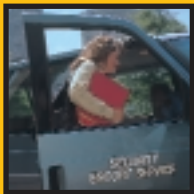
Another Campus Police initiative is aimed at keeping campus drug crime at low levels. Building on its commitment to involve everyone at the

university in crime prevention, Campus Police uses both patrols and education to reach the goal of making our expanded environment drug free.

On campus, VCU initiatives include security systems that limit access to many campus residence halls and buildings, and an expanded bicycle patrol that provides quick response on campus and in surrounding communities.



VCU Campus Police provides an array of services and personnel to make your campus environment safe.



VCU Services

Emergency Reporting Telephone System (ERTS)

Exterior yellow and interior red telephones at 203 sites across both campuses allow electronic contact with Campus Police. An officer will be dispatched immediately to the site.

Access control

Employees and students can swipe their VCUCards, the universal campus identification card, into readers at designated building entrances. A magnetic strip on the card identifies users and allows the encoded reader to open the door only to individuals with proper authority.

Motorcycle officers

To help keep traffic moving smoothly, VCU officers patrol on motorcycles. Campus Police dedicates an officer to each campus during weekdays, particularly as new construction projects create changes in traffic patterns.

Escort service

For safety, Security Escort Services are available to accompany VCU students, faculty and staff to their cars, classes or homes located within a defined area near campus. Call 828-WALK (9255) from anywhere on campus or activate a yellow Emergency Reporting Telephone (ERTS).

Bicycle patrol

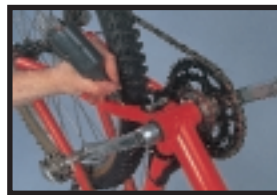
Having the state's largest campus bike patrol enables officers to respond quickly to calls for service. Campus Police is currently increasing the number of officers certified for bicycle patrol.

Rape Aggression Defense Systems (RAD)

Rape Aggression Defense Systems teaches women — both students and employees — how to escape from threatening situations.

Bicycle registration

As part of the department's education program, Campus Police officers help students and employees register their bicycles to help prevent theft.



VCU Police

How VCU protects you

Routine police patrols

Our 71 sworn police officers monitor both campuses, responding to the needs of everyone at VCU. The university has its own police academy to train its officers, as well as many of the officers in surrounding jurisdictions.

Safety awareness

Crime-prevention specialists offer strategies to help the campus community stay safe and prevent crime. Police officers also give safety presentations during orientations for both new students and employees. Call for information and presentations at 828-1214.

Community policing

Community policing involves all students and employees in crime prevention. Officers provide a range of services, including security inspections of facilities, presentations on personal safety tips and recommendations for safety measures. Call 828-1214 for more details.

Investigations

Our investigators are fully sworn officers authorized to make arrests and investigate any crimes at VCU. They welcome your questions or any information that could help solve a crime. Just call 828-6409.

Victim/witness services

We are here to help take care of your needs. Ask for any counseling, medical or academic help if you are a victim or witness. Call 828-6232 for more information.

Informing you

The VCU Campus Police Department is committed to providing timely warnings to the university community about potential threats to students or employees. Information is provided regularly through the Commonwealth Times, the student newspaper; VCU News, the faculty/staff newspaper; Campus Watch, a monthly publication that is delivered right to residence halls and offices; or the Web: www.vcu.edu/police. The department also uses electronic mail to share information. In addition, the daily police log, detailing each day's campus reports, is available for review 24 hours a day at 918 W. Franklin St., the VCU Police headquarters.

Protect yourself

Things you can do

If someone tries to assault you:

- Stay calm and think rationally.
- Remember what the attacker looks like.
- Consider what you can do to defend yourself.

At home and in your residence hall:

- Always lock your doors and windows.
- Be careful when inviting casual acquaintances into your home or office.
- Don't allow anyone to duplicate your keys.

On the phone:

- List only first initials and last name in directories.
- Do not divulge your name and address to people you don't know.
- Hang up immediately on obscene phone callers.
- Never reveal that you are alone.

In your car:

- Lock your doors and windows.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Store valuables out of sight and lock them in the trunk when the car is parked.
- If your car breaks down, activate emergency flashers.
- Stay in the locked car.
- If someone stops to help, ask the person to call for help for you.
- Sound the horn if threatened.
- Never pick up hitchhikers.

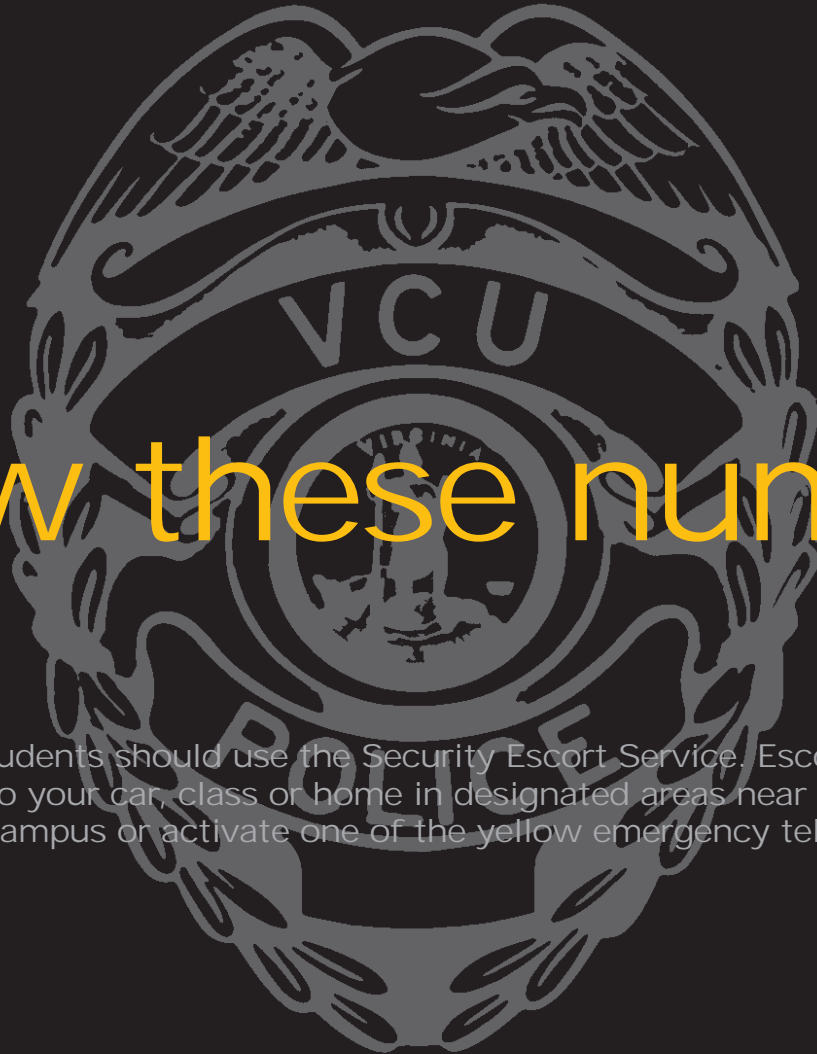
If you live off campus:

- Re-key locks when moving into a previously rented residence or after keys have been lost or stolen.
- Install deadbolt locks on all exterior doors and locks on windows.
- Make sure shrubbery is trimmed away from entryways and windows.
- Light entrances all night long.

Please note:

Know these numbers

Faculty, staff and students should use the Security Escort Service. Escorts are available to accompany you to your car, class or home in designated areas near campus. Call 828-WALK from anywhere on campus or activate one of the yellow emergency telephones.



VCU Campus Police and Emergencies

In an emergency on campus, do not call 911 from a university phone. Call 828-1234.

828-1234

Security Escort Service

Sun. – Sat. 5 p.m. – 7 a.m. on the Academic Campus

Sun. – Sat. 5 p.m. – 8 a.m. on the MCV Campus

Sat. & Sun. 12 Midnight – 7 a.m. between campuses

828-WALK (9255)

VCU policy, procedures and programs

Reporting a crime

The VCU Campus Police Emergency Communications Center, 918 W. Franklin St., is open around-the-clock every day of the week. Individuals can report crimes at the center, or by calling 828-1234. The Emergency Reporting Telephone System — the yellow exterior and red interior telephones located at 203 sites across both campuses — allows electronic contact with VCU Campus Police, and an officer will be dispatched immediately to the site. To report a crime anonymously, call Crime Stoppers at 780-1000.

Securing access to campus facilities

More than 162 buildings are owned or occupied by VCU. Access to facilities is managed in a variety of ways, according to use, size and other factors. Among the latest security strategies is an electronic access-control system that works with the VCUCard, the universal campus identification card. Faculty, staff and students can swipe their VCUCards into card readers at designated building entrances; a magnetic strip on the card identifies the user and allows the encoded reader to open the door only to those individuals with proper authority.

Campus law enforcement

The VCU Campus Police Department includes 71 professional police officers assisted by about 39 non-sworn security personnel. Police officers complete a 14-week basic training academy and a 13-week field training program to earn state certification. VCU Police officers are empowered by the Code of Virginia.

Alcohol consumption and distribution policy

The VCU Resource Guide, published by the Division of Student Affairs, includes the “Alcohol Consumption and Distribution Policy,” which governs the sale, possession and consumption of alcohol at social events sponsored by student groups. These procedures incorporate the legal requirements of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, which requires a person to be 21 years of age to drink alcoholic beverages. It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to persons under age.

The university policy also can be accessed from the VCU Web site at: www.students.vcu.edu/rg/policies/rg7drug.html.

Student Affairs officials will notify parents of underage students found guilty of campus alcohol or substance abuse violations. This policy applies to students under age 21 and claimed as dependents by their parents.

Drug-free schools and workplace policy

In accordance with the federal Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, the federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and the state Policy on Alcohol and Other Drugs, VCU prohibits the unlawful or unauthorized manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of alcohol and other drugs by employees and students in the workplace, on university property or as part of any campus activity. Employee or student violators are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, expulsion, referral for prosecution and referral to an evaluation or rehabilitation program.

Substance abuse education programs

In addition to assessment, counseling, education and referral services available from University Student Health Services and University Counseling Services, several other VCU programs provide specific kinds of assistance, including education, information and treatment:

Office of Health Promotion, 1300 W. Broad St., Suite 2200, 828-WELL (9355). The office's Chemical Health section provides a variety of programs, including:

- Substance Abuse Services, 1300 W. Broad St., Suite 2200, 828-2086. Provides confidential evaluations and provides substance abuse educational programming.
- Project R.E.A.C.H. Peers: These peers are students trained by a professional staff member to provide educational sessions on topics regarding chemical health and substance-abuse prevention.
- Alcohol Referral Seminar: This program helps students involved in a one-time, alcohol-related incident to look at their use of alcohol and their values.

Sexual assault

VCU is committed to preventing sexual assault. The VCU Campus Police Department, Sexual Assault Education Programs, University Counseling Services and the Office of Health Promotion are among organizations that offer programs concerning sexual assault. Programs include safety information, self-defense training through the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes and counseling. Guidelines also are in place to protect employees from sexual assault.

Office of Health Promotion: Sexual Assault Education Programs
1300 W. Broad St., Suite 2200, 828-2085

Responding to sexual assault:

- Individuals who have been sexually assaulted should call VCU Police immediately. The sexual assault education coordinator or other requested person will be contacted to provide support and counseling. The officer will take a report and encourage the survivor to be examined by a sexual assault nurse examiner, who is specially trained in preserving evidence. Whenever possible, the case will be forwarded to the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for prosecution.

- Survivors also may choose administrative disciplinary action. Survivors who do not wish to file an official police report may file an anonymous third-party report through the sexual assault education coordinator's office or other offices within the Division of Student Affairs. An anonymous case cannot be investigated for prosecution, but it alerts police to the incident.

Additional assistance for survivors of sexual assault:

For assistance in a crisis, call:

- University Counseling Services, 828-6200, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays.
- VCU Police, Non-Emergency Dispatch, 828-1196, anytime.

Services for sexual assault survivors:

Advocacy:

- Helping survivors identify existing needs, whether medical, legal, counseling, academic assistance or other needs.
- Identifying the most appropriate campus and/or community services to provide needed assistance and helping to set up appointments for survivors.
- Providing follow-up consultation to determine if services have been obtained and have met survivors' needs.
- Explaining options available to survivors.
- For assistance, call 828-2085.

Peer education:

These students are trained by the Office of Health Promotion to present information to student organizations, academic classes and at special events. For details about joining the group or scheduling a presentation, call the Sexual Assault Education Coordinator's Office at 828-2085.

Administrative moves:

VCU reserves the right to re-assign a student in the event of emergencies and health-related epidemics and when issues of safety, health, maintenance or student conduct are involved. An administrative move cannot be appealed. VCU retains the right to control student rooms and assignments, as stated in housing contracts.

On-campus disciplinary procedures

Students facing on-campus disciplinary procedures regarding sexual misconduct, rape, acquaintance rape or other sex offenses, forcible or non-forcible, will be handled in accordance with the provisions of the "Rules and Procedures of VCU" and the "Student Sexual Misconduct Policy." Persons found guilty will be subject to penalties and/or other disciplinary actions as outlined in the "Rules and Procedures of VCU." Classified employees and faculty also may be subject to penalties under other university policies and guidelines. The penalties and other disciplinary actions include:

Censure; probation; public service and/or educational experience; separation and dismissal; interim suspension; re-instatement after separation or dismissal; and penalties against a licensee or invitee.

Procedures for on-campus disciplinary hearings in cases of alleged sexual assault outline that the hearing format provide:

1. Hearings related to charges of sexual misconduct will be closed, unless both the accused and the accuser agree to admitting observers. If the accused and the accuser agree that observers may be admitted, each may select up to four observers. No hearing of charges related to sexual misconduct will be open to the university community.
2. Within five days (excluding weekends and official university holidays) of the hearing's conclusion, the chair of the University Hearing Board shall, in writing, notify the accused, the accuser and the administrator receiving the charges of the decision.

The preparation of the VCU Annual Security Report is coordinated by the Deputy Chief of Support Services and the Business/Records Manager, of the VCU Campus Police Department in collaboration with the following VCU staff: Office of Health Promotions, Human Resource Division, the Dean of Student Affairs; in addition to the Richmond Police Department (for block-by-block crime statistics for public property and non-campus building or property).

Police/Fire/Emergency

On campus	828-1234
Off campus	911
To report a crime	828-1234

Other VCU Campus Police numbers

Security Escort Service	828-9255
Non-Emergency Dispatcher	828-1196
Crime Prevention	828-1214
Investigations	828-6409
Victim/Witness Coordinator	828-6232
Hospital Safety & Security	828-6595
Lost and Found	828-7071

VCU Campus Police offices

918 W. Franklin St. (open 24 hours)	828-1196
940 W. Grace St./Patrol Operations	828-6199

Other public safety and service numbers

University Counseling Services	
Academic Campus	828-6200
MCV Campus	828-3964
University Student Health Services	
Academic Campus	828-8828
MCV Campus	828-9220
Environmental Health and Safety.....	828-6347
Substance Abuse Services Coordinator	828-2086
Sexual Assault Education Coordinator	828-2085
Dean of Student Affairs	828-8940
YWCA	643-0888

Crime statistics

Academic Campus

Crimes Against Persons	1999	2000	2001
Murder	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	0	1 [†]	1 [†]
Other Sex Offenses:			
Forcible	1	1	2
Non-Forcible	0	0	1
Robbery	3	5	5
Aggravated Assault	7 ^{††}	3	10 ^{††}
Hate Crimes	0	0	0

Crimes Against Property

Burglary	5 ^{†††}	6	8
Car Theft	2	3	2
Larceny	285 ^{††††}	262 ^{††††}	292 ^{††††}
Arson	0	2	3

Arrests

Liquor Law Violations			
Students	49	37	14
Non-Students	250	135	150
Drug Violations			
Students	30	28	59
Non-Students	181	138	177
Weapons Violations			
Students	1	1	0
Non-Students	23	10	21

- † Johnson Hall: 1 (2000)
 Gladding Residence Center: 1 (2001)
- †† Gladding Residence Center: 1 (1999)
 Rhoads Hall: 1 (1999), 1 (2001)
- ††† Gladding Residence Center: 1 (1999)
- †††† Johnson Hall: 6 (1999), 11 (2000), 6 (2001)
 Gladding Residence Center: 16 (1999), 11 (2000), 4 (2001)
 Rhoads Hall: 20 (1999), 31 (2000), 16 (2001)

MCV Campus

Crimes Against Persons	1999	2000	2001
Murder	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	1 [†]
Other Sex Offenses:			
Forcible	0	0	1
Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	1	1	2
Aggravated Assault	2	0	5
Hate Crimes	0	1*	0

Crimes Against Property

Burglary	4	7	4
Car Theft	3	9	1
Larceny [†]	357 ^{††}	314 ^{††}	288 ^{††}
Arson	0	2	0

Arrests

Liquor Law Violations			
Students	1	0	0
Non-Students	4	8	4
Drug Violations			
Students	0	1	9
Non-Students	9	10	24
Weapons Violations			
Students	0	0	0
Non-Students	3	0	7

*Racial

- † Rudd Hall: 1 (2001)
- †† Bear Hall: 1 (2001)
 Cabaniss Hall: 2 (1999); 3 (2000), 2 (2001)
 Rudd Hall: 2 (2000), 3 (2001)

Off Campus: adjacent to the VCU Academic Campus*

Block-by-block crime statistics adjacent to the VCU Academic Campus

2001

Crimes Against Persons

Murder	0
Manslaughter	0
Rape	Information Unavailable
Other Sex Offenses:	
Forcible	Information Unavailable
Non-Forcible	Information Unavailable

Robbery	1 400 W. Grace St.	2 600 W. Grace St.	3 700 W. Grace St.
	2 800 W. Grace St.	6 900 W. Grace St.	6 100 W. Franklin St.
	1 800 W. Franklin St.	1 700 W. Main St.	1 1200 W. Cary St.
	1 900 W. Broad St.	3 700 W. Marshall St.	1 1400 W. Marshall St.
Assault	1 800 W. Franklin St.	3 900 W. Franklin St.	1 1000 W. Franklin St.
	2 600 W. Main St.	2 700 W. Main St.	21 700 W. Grace St.
	17 900 W. Grace St.	6 400 W. Grace St.	5 600 W. Grace St.
	1 100 S. Cherry St.	1 1100 Floyd Ave.	1 300 W. Cary St.
	1 900 W. Cary St.	2 1200 W. Cary St.	3 700 W. Broad St.
	4 800 W. Broad St.	1 1100 W. Broad St.	1 1200 W. Broad St.
	2 1300 W. Broad St.	1 1500 W. Broad St.	1 100 S. Jefferson St.
	2 700 W. Marshall St.	1 600 N. Lombardy St.	

Hate Crimes

Information Unavailable

Crimes Against Property

Burglary	1 100 W. Franklin St.	1 800 W. Franklin St.	2 900 W. Franklin St.	
	6 1000 W. Franklin St.	1 700 W. Broad St.	2 800 W. Broad St.	
	6 400 W. Grace St.	3 800 W. Grace St.	5 900 W. Grace St.	
	2 1300 W. Main St.	1 00 N. Harrison St.	1 300 N. Harrison St.	
	3 100 S. Cherry St.	5 1100 Floyd Ave.	4 1300 Floyd Ave.	
	9 1200 W. Cary St.	1 100 S. Jefferson St.	1 600 N. Lombardy St.	
	1 700 W. Marshall St.			
	Car Theft	1 400 W. Grace St.	4 600 W. Grace St.	3 700 W. Grace St.
		4 900 W. Grace St.	3 700 W. Franklin St.	5 1000 W. Franklin St.
2 700 W. Main St.		2 300 W. Cary St.	1 1300 Floyd Ave.	
1 1200 W. Cary St.		1 1200 W. Broad St.	4 1300 W. Broad St.	
1 1100 Oak St.		1 1000 Grove Ave.	1 700 W. Marshall St.	
Larceny	3 700 W. Franklin	6 1000 W. Franklin	7 700 W. Main St.	
	2 900 W. Main St.	1 1000 W. Main St.	5 1300 W. Main St.	
	11 400 W. Grace St.	5 600 W. Grace St.	22 900 W. Grace St.	
	2 100 N. Harrison St.	1 300 N. Harrison St.	8 100 S. Cherry St.	
	1 900 Park Ave.	4 1100 Floyd Ave.	6 1300 Floyd Ave.	
	1 300 W. Cary St.	1 600 W. Cary St.	2 1200 W. Cary St.	
	2 700 W. Broad St.	1 800 W. Broad St.	1 900 W. Broad St.	
	3 1200 W. Broad St.	7 1300 W. Broad St.	3 1000 Grove Ave.	
	2 700 W. Marshall St.	1 200 N. Shafer St.		

Arson

Information Unavailable

Off Campus: adjacent to the MCV Campus*

Block-by-block crime statistics

	2001		
Crimes Against Persons			
Murder	0		
Manslaughter	0		
Rape	Information Unavailable		
Other Sex Offenses:			
Forcible	Information Unavailable		
Non-Forcible	Information Unavailable		
Robbery	1 1000 E. Marshall St.	1 500 N. 10th St.	
	2 600 E. Leigh St.	6 400 N. 12th St.	
Assault	3 500 N. 12th St.	5 100 N. 2nd St.	
	1 1200 E. Marshall St.	1 600 N. 10th St.	
	1 1300 E. Marshall St.		
Hate Crimes	Information Unavailable		
Crimes Against Property			
Burglary	2 700 E. Franklin St.	1 400 N. 12th St.	
	1 100 N. 2nd St.	2 1000 N. 17th St.	
	3 500 N. 7th St.		
Car Theft	1 700 N. 5th St.	1 500 N. 12th St.	
	1 600 N. 10th St.	2 1200 E. Broad St.	
	1 500 N. 11th St.	1 600 E. Leigh St.	
	7 400 N. 12th St.		
Larceny	7 700 E. Franklin St.	1 400 N. 11th St.	
	4 100 N. 2nd St.	8 400 N. 12th St.	
	1 500 E. Jackson St.	3 1200 E. Broad St.	
	1 700 N. 5th St.	2 1000 E. Marshall St.	
	1 500 N. 7th St.	1 1200 E. Marshall St.	
	1 800 N. 7th St.	9 600 E. Leigh St.	
	2 600 N. 8th St.	2 800 E. Leight St.	
	1 500 N. 10th St.	4 900 E. Main St.	
Arson	Information Unavailable		

*Block-by-block off-campus crime statistics are required by federal law.

Off Campus: Treehouse Apartment crime stats*

(off campus by Henrico Police)

	2001
Crimes Against Persons	
Murder	0
Manslaughter	0
Rape	1
Other Sex Offenses:	
Forcible	0
Non-Forcible	0
Robbery	8
Assault	65
Hate Crimes	unknown
Crimes Against Property	
Burglary	24
Car Theft	19
Larceny	52
Arson	0

Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry:

In accordance to the Campus Sex Prevention Act of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Act as well as the Jean Clery Act and the Family Privacy Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the VCU Police Department is providing a link to the Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry. Enter the following web address link: <http://sex-offender.vsp.state.va.us/cool-ice/>, this will allow the user to query registered convicted sex offenders in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2001 Crime Statistics at VCU fraternity and sorority houses: Murder-0; Manslaughter-0; Rape-0; Robbery-0; Assault-0; Burglary-0; Breaking and Entering-0; Car Theft-0; Larceny-1 (1104 W. Cary/14 S. Harrison St.); Arson-0.

In 2001, there were two third-party reports through university officials for non-forcible and forcible sexual assaults on campus.

Students referred for campus disciplinary action for:

Liquor Law Violations: 20
Drug Violations: 0
Weapons Possession: 0

Employees referred for campus disciplinary action for:

Liquor Law Violations: 0
Drug Violations: 0
Weapons Possession: 0

* Crimes at off-campus VCU fraternity and sorority houses. Although crimes occurring off campus are handled by local police agencies, reports of incidents occurring at specific locations controlled by student organizations near the campus are monitored by VCU Police.

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