

Missing / Lost / Abducted Person

In the event that the University cannot account for the location of a student, faculty, staff, or visitor, DPS assumes incident command.

For additional information refer to the Missing Students Notification section of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA).

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Source

U-M Division of Public Safety & Security

U-M Mental Health Work Group (MHWG)

University Health Service (UHS)

U-M Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

U-M Dean of Students Office (DOFS)

U-M Psychological Clinic

U-M Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FASAP)

More Information

<http://www.umich.edu/~mhealth/index.html>

www.uhs.umich.edu

<http://www.umich.edu/~caps/>

<http://umich.edu/~dofs/>

<http://www.psychclinic.org/>

<http://www.umich.edu/~fasap/>

<http://survivor.umich.edu/>

www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea08/index.html

Prevention / Mitigation / Preparedness - Missing / Lost / Abducted Person

Keep adequate records of all student, faculty and staff, including their current addresses, telephone numbers and emergency contacts.

Response - Missing / Lost / Abducted Person

If a student / person is unaccounted for, the person or persons who initially become aware of such an occurrence must notify DPS.

DPS will interview the complainant and conduct an initial investigation to obtain as much information on the missing student/person as possible for a campus-wide broadcast. Having the following information available will prove helpful:

1. Name, nickname, aliases
2. Race, gender and nationality
3. Physical description (height, weight, hair color, eye color, clothing description, scars or other physical characteristics)
4. Photograph, if available
5. Detailed description of the clothing when last seen
6. Summary of physical and mental health including medications or addictions
7. Has the person gone missing before?
8. Is foul play or abduction suspected? If so, provide suspect profile, description, vehicle (year, make, model, color, registration), last seen, destination and motive.
9. Time when the student/person was last seen
10. Location where the student/person was last seen
11. Last seen by whom?

Consider the Following Possibilities:

1. Lost
2. Accident
3. Abduction/ Kidnapping
4. Runaway
5. Abuse
6. Staged Incident
7. Homicide
8. Suicide
9. Other Criminal Activity
10. Other Reason

DPS will assume control of the investigation and search for the missing student/ person

DPS will ensure all appropriate policies and procedures are implemented, and all appropriate notifications (i.e., parents/ spouse) are made regarding a missing student/ person in accordance with Campus policy.

Recovery - Missing / Lost / Abducted Person

Remember the Information that becomes available from the DPS investigation is to remain confidential until decided otherwise.

It is appropriate to monitor emotional well-being of faculty/staff/students who interacted with the missing/lost/abducted person and reach out, if needed, to mental health professionals (FASAP, CAPS, etc) for assistance:

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS): <http://www.umich.edu/~caps/>

Dean of Students Office (DOFS): <http://umich.edu/~dofs/>

Psychological Clinic: <http://www.psychclinic.org/>

Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FASAP): <http://www.umich.edu/~fasap/>

UM Survivor Homepage: <http://survivor.umich.edu/>