

Missing Students in On-campus Housing

Purpose:

The purpose of this statement is to set forth University policy with regard to situations where the University becomes aware that a student living in on-campus housing is absent for more than a reasonable time.

Preamble:

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 requires that certain universities establish a missing student notification policy for students residing in on-campus housing.

Policy Statement:

1. All students living in on-campus housing must identify and provide emergency contact information to the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Each student will be responsible for keeping the confidential contact information updated and current through their UMKC Pathway Account. The security of the contact information will be maintained by the Division.
2. If university officials reasonably determine or believe there is justification to investigate the welfare or missing status of a student living in on-campus housing, a report concerning their missing status will be filed with the University Police Department. A student living in on-campus housing will not be considered missing if they have provided information about their intended whereabouts. A student living in on-campus housing will not be considered missing if they are gone during recognized University holidays and/or breaks.
3. If the University Police Department's investigation determines that a student for whom a report has been filed has been missing for more than twenty-four (24) hours, the University Police Department will notify the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management will determine who to contact for the student.
4. If the missing student is under the age of eighteen (18), the University is required to contact the missing student's parent[s] or guardian[s]. If the missing student is eighteen (18) years of age or older, the University will contact the confidential contact person provided by the student pursuant to paragraph 1 above.