

Campus Safety Concerns and Self Defense as Potential Mitigation

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Objectives

- Crime statistics for Charleston and for MUSC Campus
- 2025 Employee Online Information for MUSC
- Gaps and assistance

Charleston Crime Rates

TOTAL CRIME INDEX	
14	(100 is safest)
Safer than 14% of U.S. cities.	

Charleston Annual Crimes				
	Violent	Property	Total	
Number of Crimes	634	3,191	3,825	
Crime Rate (per 1,000 residents)	4.08	20.54	24.62	



Charleston Crime Rates

Charleston Violent Crimes

Population: 155,369

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault
Report Total	10	46	84	494
Rate per 1,000	0.06	0.30	0.54	3.18

United States Violent Crimes

Population: 334,914,895

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault
Report Total	19,252	127,216	222,795	884,550
Rate per 1,000	0.06	0.38	0.67	2.64

Campus Statistics for July to September 2025

Crime Condense	Events (N)	Comments
Violent Events		
Vehicular		
Hit & Run	4	Vehicular
Physical Assaults		
Assault&Battery 3rd Degree	12	
Assault&Battery 2nd Degree	2	
Harrasment/Verbal Threats	5	
Malicious damage of personal property	3	
Simple assault	1	
Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree	1	
Domestic Violence 2nd degree	1	
Non Violent Events		
Trespass after notice	1	
Elopement/missing person	1	
Unlawful communication	1	
Simple possesion of marijuana	1	
Theft		
Petit Larceny	9	Stealing <\$2000, misdemeanor
Larceny	7	Stealing >\$2000, felony

Crimes Reported by Campus Security from 2022-2024

Crimes

	On-Campus			Non-Campus			Public Property		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Section A: Clery Act Crimes									
Murder / Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	6	0	1	5	0	0	0
Fondling	2	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	6	6	5	0	2	0	0	1	0
Burglary	3	3	1	0	3	1	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	5	2	0	5	2	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Violence Against Women

	On-Campus			Non-Campus			Public Property		
Section B: VAWA Offenses	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Domestic Violence	3	5	5	0	5	3	0	0	0
Dating Violence	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stalking	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Campus Online Training



- Active Shooter Training
 - **Run, Hide, Fight!**
- **FIGHT**
 - If you cannot evacuate or hide and your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt or disable the shooter.
 - Use makeshift weapons – phones, fire extinguisher, chairs, etc.
 - Yell or scream
 - Act as aggressively as possible against the shooter
 - Work as a team with those around you
- **THIS IS A LAST RESORT OPTION!**

Crime Prevention

- ***On-Campus (Charleston)*** - call the Department of Public Safety at (843) 792-4196 or utilize one of the many “blue light” callboxes placed conspicuously throughout the campus, or download the LiveSafe mobile app in the App Store or Google Play
- ***Off-Campus*** - dial 9-1-1 to contact the local police agency having jurisdiction.
- ***Bystander Intervention***
 - Not leaving an overly intoxicated person in a bar/party alone.
 - Walking a friend or fellow student or coworker to his/her car after class or work.
 - Calling police when a potentially violent situation is unfolding.
 - Not leaving an unconscious person alone.
 - Intervening when someone needs help

MUSC Risk Reduction Recommendations

- Don't walk alone, especially after dark. Stay on populated, well-lit pathways, and walk with a purpose.
- **Be aware of your surroundings at all times.**
- If you feel you are being followed, head toward crowds, lights and walk with friends.
- Carry a small flashlight and noisemaker (like a whistle) on your key chain. Keep your car doors locked at all times.
- **Trust your instincts.** If you feel uncomfortable in your surroundings, or sense you are being followed, go to a populated area.
- If you suspect you have been drugged, contact law enforcement. Be explicit with doctors so they can give you the correct tests.
- Be true to yourself. Don't feel obligated to do anything you don't want to do. "I don't want to" is always a good enough reason. Do what feels right to you and what you are comfortable with.
- Have a code word with your friends or family. This way if you don't feel comfortable, you can call them and communicate your discomfort without the person you are with knowing.
- Your friends or family can then come to get you or make up an excuse for you to leave.
- Utilize the Public Safety's escort service by calling **(843)-792-4196** (Police Dispatch)

Gaps

No basic or advance self defense course available through MUSC

We indicate that we should fight with available tools- but we do not teach how to

We do not teach how to be aware and what to watch out for

We should provide practical education for our staff to know what to do when an event starts

On campus support-and more

John and Kathy McKinnon

- 4th and 2nd degree black belts in Isshinryu karate
- Martial arts instructors
- Teach self defense
- Experience training children to elderly adults

Charleston Self Defense

- Instructors in judo, ju-jitsu, karate, aikido, Kali stick fighting
- Also experienced in teaching self defense
- Diverse styles and experience

Suggestions- Practical Approaches

- Basic self defense classes sponsored/supported by MUSC
 - Seminars
 - On going sessions
 - Refreshers
- Support affected students, staff or personnel to obtain
 - Self defense training
 - Emotional & psychological support
- Access to more advanced training if desired



**Women's Self-defense
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Women's Self Defense Seminar February 2025