

# 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
<div>14</div> <div>(100 is safest)</div>
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		
Section A: Clery Act Crimes	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
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
The Medical University of South Carolina does not maintain any student housing facilities on campus									

# 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

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No basic or advance self defense course available through MUSC

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

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

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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**

- 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Seminar & Social



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# Women's Self Defense Seminar February 2025