



2026

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

Including Crime and Fire Statistics
for Calendar Years 2023–2025

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Reporting Crimes and Emergencies

Howard Payne University encourages all students, employees, and members of the University community to report criminal activity, suspicious activity, and emergencies promptly. In the event of an emergency, individuals should call 911. Criminal activity and campus safety concerns should also be reported to the Howard Payne University Department of Public Safety (HPU DPS).

Howard Payne University Department of Public Safety
1008 Fisk Street
Brownwood, Texas 76801
Phone: 325-649-8609
Emergency: 911

HPU DPS responds to reported incidents and coordinates, as appropriate, with University officials and local law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and other emergency-response agencies.

Campus Security Authorities

In addition to HPU DPS, HPU has identified certain University officials and employees as Campus Security Authorities (CSAs) for purposes of the Clery Act. CSAs are individuals or offices to whom crimes may be reported for purposes of campus safety, timely warnings, and the University's annual disclosure of crime statistics.

HPU Campus Security Authorities include the following positions and groups:

- Department of Public Safety personnel
- Associate Vice President for Student Experience (Dean of Students, Title IX Coordinator, and Residence Life)
- Vice President for Student Experience
- Director of Student Activities
- Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) Director
- Resident Directors
- Resident Assistants
- Athletic Director
- Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches, including graduate and part-time employees serving in coaching roles
- Faculty and staff advisors to recognized student organizations

Individuals who become aware of a crime are encouraged to report the information promptly to HPU DPS or another Campus Security Authority. Reports received by CSAs are forwarded for evaluation for Clery Act reporting, including consideration for inclusion in the University's annual crime statistics and issuance of a timely warning when required.

Preparation of Annual Crime Statistics

The Associate Vice President for Student Experience annually compiles and discloses crime statistics for the three most recent calendar years in accordance with the Clery Act. The statistics are compiled from reports received by the HPU DPS, Campus Security Authorities, and applicable local law enforcement agencies. Reported incidents are reviewed to determine whether they meet Clery Act reporting requirements, including the applicable crime

classification and geographic category. The University reports the required statistics to the U.S. Department of Education and publishes them in its Annual Security Report.

Voluntary, Confidential, and Anonymous Reporting

HPU provides an online option for individuals who wish to submit an anonymous report. Information received through anonymous reports may be evaluated for inclusion in the University's annual Clery Act crime statistics when sufficient information is available to determine that the incident meets Clery Act reporting requirements.

HPU has designated the University Counselors and University Nurse as Confidential Employees for reports of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, or Stalking. Individuals may speak with these designated Confidential Employees without the conversation triggering a mandatory report of identifying information, except when disclosure is required by law.

Professional counselors and pastoral counselors, when acting within the scope of their professional counseling or recognized pastoral counseling responsibilities, are not considered Campus Security Authorities under the Clery Act.

Campus Security Authorities are required to report information concerning Clery-reportable crimes disclosed to them in their capacity as a CSA. Clery Act reporting does not require the disclosure of personally identifying information about a victim for purposes of including an incident in the University's annual crime statistics.

Timely Warnings

HPU will issue a Timely Warning when a Clery Act crime is reported to a Campus Security Authority or local law enforcement and the University determines that the crime represents a serious or continuing threat to students or employees.

The determination to issue a Timely Warning will be made on a case-by-case basis by the University President or another member of the University Executive Leadership Team, in consultation with the HPU DPS. The determination will consider the nature and circumstances of the crime, the continuing danger to the University community, and the potential risk of similar crimes occurring.

Timely Warnings will be issued as soon as pertinent information is available and will contain information intended to enable members of the University community to protect themselves and assist in the prevention of similar crimes. Timely Warnings will withhold the names and other personally identifying information of victims.

Timely Warnings will be distributed through the HPU Emergency Alert System using the LiveSafe application, which provides notifications to students and employees through the LiveSafe system, email, and text message to individuals with a valid mobile phone number on file.

Emergency Notifications, Response, and Evacuation

HPU maintains emergency response and evacuation procedures to address significant emergencies or dangerous situations involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on campus.

Emergency Notification Procedures

When HPU confirms that a significant emergency or dangerous situation exists that poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees on campus, the University will immediately notify the appropriate members of the campus community.

HPU DPS coordinates the University's initial response to reported emergencies and works with appropriate University officials and local emergency-response agencies as necessary.

The Vice President for Student Experience, in consultation with appropriate University leadership and members of the Emergency Response Team, is responsible for determining the significance of the emergency, the appropriate segment or segments of the campus community to receive notification, the content of the notification, and initiation of the notification process. When circumstances require immediate action, the Vice President for Student Experience has authority to initiate the notification process without prior consultation.

The University will initiate emergency notification without delay unless issuing a notification would, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

Emergency Communication

Emergency information may be distributed through the HPU Emergency Alert System using the LiveSafe application, University email, text message, the HPU website, telephone, and other communication methods appropriate to the circumstances. The method or combination of methods used will depend upon the nature and circumstances of the emergency.

When appropriate, information concerning an emergency may also be disseminated to the larger community through the HPU website, news media, or other appropriate communication methods.

Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

Depending upon the nature of the emergency, the University may direct members of the campus community to evacuate, shelter in place, or take other protective actions. Members of the University community are expected to follow instructions provided by University officials and emergency-response personnel during an emergency. HPU's Emergency Management Guide establishes procedures for evacuation, sheltering, lockdowns, and other emergency situations.

Testing of Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

HPU tests its emergency response and evacuation procedures at least annually. Tests may be announced or unannounced. HPU publicizes its emergency response and evacuation procedures in conjunction with at least one test each calendar year.

The University documents each test, including a description of the exercise, the date and time of the exercise, and whether the test was announced or unannounced.

Security of and Access to Campus Facilities

HPU maintains policies and procedures regarding access to and security of campus buildings and residential facilities.

Academic and Administrative Buildings

Academic and administrative buildings are generally open during normal operating hours and may also be open for scheduled University programs, events, and other special occasions. Access to the Walker Memorial Library requires a University-issued student identification card. Individual departments are generally responsible for securing their respective buildings when they are not in use. HPU DPS conducts routine patrols of campus and checks buildings to help ensure that they are properly secured.

Residential Facilities

Exterior doors to University residence halls are secured 24 hours a day, except when temporarily opened or otherwise adjusted for authorized University operations or activities. Access to University residential facilities is restricted to authorized individuals in accordance with University housing and security policies.

Guests in University residential facilities are subject to the University's visitation policies and must remain with their student host at all times.

Security Considerations in Campus Maintenance

The University considers campus safety and security in the maintenance of its facilities and grounds. Facilities personnel routinely address conditions that may affect campus security, including exterior lighting, doors and locks, landscaping, and visibility around campus facilities. Students and employees may report security-related maintenance concerns to University Facilities, the Office of Student Experience, or HPU DPS for evaluation and appropriate action.

Campus Law Enforcement and Jurisdiction

HPU DPS provides campus safety and law-enforcement services on University-owned and controlled property at the Brownwood campus. HPU DPS includes both commissioned peace officers and noncommissioned security personnel. Commissioned peace officers have law-enforcement and arrest authority as provided by Texas law; noncommissioned security personnel do not have arrest authority.

HPU DPS works cooperatively with the Brownwood Police Department and other appropriate law-enforcement agencies. HPU and the City of Brownwood maintain a written mutual aid and interlocal agreement providing for cooperation between HPU DPS and city law enforcement, including matters involving criminal activity on University property.

The University's El Paso and New Braunfels locations do not have HPU DPS personnel assigned to those campuses. Criminal matters at those locations are handled by the applicable local law-enforcement agencies.

Howard Payne University encourages the accurate and prompt reporting of crimes to HPU DPS or the appropriate local law enforcement agency. If a victim is unable to make a report, others are encouraged to report the crime on the victim's behalf.

Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs

HPU provides campus safety, security awareness, and crime prevention training and information to students and employees. Programs include safety and security training for new and transfer students annually, new employees during employee orientation, all University employees annually, and Resident Directors and Resident Assistants each semester. HPU DPS personnel also participate in annual training related to campus safety and security.

These programs provide information regarding campus safety and security procedures, crime prevention, reporting procedures, and the responsibility of members of the University community for their own safety and the safety of others.

Off-Campus Criminal Activity

HPU does not have officially recognized student organizations that own, control, or maintain off-campus housing or other off-campus facilities. Therefore, the University does not have a policy for monitoring criminal activity at such locations through local law enforcement agencies.

Alcohol and Drug Policies and Prevention Programs

HPU prohibits the unlawful possession, use, sale, or distribution of alcohol and illegal drugs on University property or as part of University-sponsored activities. The possession or use of alcohol is prohibited on campus and at University-sponsored events or trips. The University also prohibits the possession or use of illegal drugs and the misuse of prescription drugs. Violations may result in University disciplinary action and may be referred to law enforcement when appropriate. HPU cooperates with federal, state, and local authorities in the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse.

HPU enforces applicable Texas laws regarding underage possession and consumption of alcohol and applicable federal and state drug laws.

HPU provides drug and alcohol abuse prevention information and education to students and employees. The programming and information address the risks associated with alcohol and drug use, University policies regarding alcohol and illegal drugs, applicable legal sanctions, University disciplinary sanctions, and available counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, and support resources.

Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking

HPU prohibits sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

Definitions Under Texas Law

Dating Violence: Under Texas Family Code § 71.0021, dating violence is an act, other than a defensive measure to protect oneself, committed against a victim or applicant for a protective order with whom the actor has or has had a dating relationship, or because of the victim's or applicant's marriage to or dating relationship with an individual with whom the actor is or has been in a dating relationship or marriage, that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault, or that is a threat that reasonably places the victim or applicant in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault. A “dating relationship” is a relationship between individuals who have or have had a continuing relationship of a romantic or intimate nature.

Domestic Violence: Texas law uses the term “family violence” rather than providing a separate statutory definition of “domestic violence.” Under Texas Family Code § 71.004, family violence includes an act by a member of a family or household against another member that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault, or a threat that reasonably places the member in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault, excluding defensive measures to protect oneself. Family violence also includes certain abuse of a child by a family or household member and dating violence as defined by Texas law.

Sexual Assault: Under Texas Penal Code § 22.011, sexual assault includes intentionally or knowingly causing certain sexual penetration or sexual contact involving the sexual organs, mouth, or anus of another person without that person's consent, as well as specified sexual acts involving a child.

Stalking: Under Texas Penal Code § 42.072, stalking occurs when a person, on more than one occasion and pursuant to the same scheme or course of conduct directed at a specific person, knowingly engages in conduct that constitutes harassment or that the actor knows or reasonably should know will be regarded as threatening specified harm; the conduct causes the affected person or certain associated persons to experience the fear or other effects specified by law; and the conduct would cause a reasonable person under similar circumstances to experience the fear or other effects specified by the statute.

Consent: Under Texas Penal Code § 1.07(a)(11), “consent” means assent in fact, whether express or apparent. Texas Penal Code § 22.011 identifies circumstances in which sexual activity is without consent, including circumstances involving force, violence, coercion, threats, unconsciousness or physical inability to resist, certain mental incapacity, unawareness that the sexual assault is occurring, and intoxication or impairment to the extent that the person is incapable of consenting.

Prevention and Awareness Programs

HPU provides primary prevention and awareness programs regarding sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking to incoming students and new employees. These programs include the University’s prohibition of these offenses; definitions of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and consent; safe and positive options for bystander intervention; information on risk reduction; and information regarding University policies, procedures, and reporting options.

HPU also provides ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns regarding sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking for students and employees. These ongoing programs address the same topics included in the University’s primary prevention and awareness programs.

Reporting and Assistance

Individuals who experience sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking are encouraged to report the incident to the University's Title IX Coordinator, HPU DPS, or appropriate local law enforcement. A victim has the right to report an incident to law enforcement, receive University assistance in making a report to law enforcement, or decline to report the incident to law enforcement.

Individuals are encouraged to seek medical attention and preserve evidence that may assist in proving that an offense occurred or obtaining a protective order. When a report is received, HPU provides the individual with a written explanation of their rights and options, including information regarding available University and community resources.

Written Notification of Rights, Options, and Services

When a student or employee reports to HPU that they have been a victim of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, the University will provide the individual with a written explanation of their rights and options.

HPU will provide written notification to students and employees about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available for victims, both through the University and in the community.

Protective and Supportive Measures

HPU may provide supportive and protective measures regardless of whether a complainant chooses to pursue a formal complaint or criminal investigation. Depending upon the circumstances and reasonable availability, measures may include counseling, academic adjustments, modifications to work or class schedules, campus escort services, changes in housing or work locations, leaves of absence, increased security, monitoring of certain campus areas, and restrictions on contact between the parties.

HPU recognizes applicable court-issued protective and restraining orders and assists with their enforcement on campus. The University maintains the confidentiality of supportive measures to the extent that doing so does not impair its ability to provide those measures.

HPU will provide victims with written notification of options for academic, living, transportation, and working situations or protective measures and will provide such accommodations when requested and reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to campus police or local law enforcement.

Confidentiality

HPU takes measures to protect the privacy of individuals involved in reports of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Personally identifying information about victims is not included in publicly available Clery Act disclosures. The University maintains information regarding supportive measures as confidential to the extent permitted while still allowing the University to provide those measures.

Disciplinary Proceedings

HPU provides a prompt, fair, and impartial process for disciplinary proceedings involving allegations of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Proceedings are conducted by officials who receive annual training on issues related to these offenses and on how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability. Officials involved in the process must be free from conflicts of interest or bias.

Filing a Complaint and Investigation. Reports may be made to the Title IX Coordinator. When a Formal Complaint is filed, the University provides written notice to the Complainant and Respondent and conducts an impartial investigation. The investigator gathers relevant inculpatory and exculpatory evidence, and both parties are provided equal opportunities to be interviewed, present witnesses, and present other relevant evidence. The University strives to complete the investigation within 45 days after providing the written Notice of Formal Complaint. The University may temporarily delay or extend a timeframe for good cause and will provide written notice to the parties explaining the reason for the delay or extension.

Resolution Process. Following the investigation, the Title IX Coordinator notifies the parties of the available resolution processes. The live hearing process is the University's formal process for adjudicating a Formal Complaint. An administrative adjudication or other informal resolution may be available when permitted by University policy and applicable law and when the required parties voluntarily consent. If informal resolution is not selected or completed, the Formal Complaint proceeds through the formal hearing process.

Hearing and Determination. A hearing officer oversees the formal hearing and determines responsibility. The parties receive the investigation report at least 10 days before the hearing and have an opportunity to review and respond to it. The hearing officer evaluates the relevant evidence and applies the preponderance of the evidence standard, meaning that an allegation is established when the evidence demonstrates that it is more likely than not that the alleged conduct occurred. The University strives to issue the hearing officer's written decision within 15 days after the conclusion of the hearing.

Advisor and Participation Rights. The Complainant and Respondent have the same opportunities to be accompanied by an advisor of their choice, who may but is not required to be an attorney, at meetings, interviews, hearings, and appeals that are part of the process. The parties are provided equal opportunities to participate in the proceeding consistent with University policy.

Possible Sanctions and Protective Measures. Disciplinary sanctions for a student found responsible may include loss of housing privileges, restitution, changes in living assignment, assigned work or educational requirements, behavioral contracts, restrictions on participation in extracurricular activities or representing the University, disciplinary probation, suspension, or expulsion. Disciplinary sanctions for an employee may include discipline up to and including termination of employment. Protective and supportive measures available to the parties may include counseling, academic adjustments, modifications to work or class schedules, campus escort services, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring, and restrictions on contact between the parties.

Written Decision and Appeals. The University provides the Complainant and Respondent simultaneously with the written decision, including the determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions imposed, and information regarding the University's appeal procedures. Either party may appeal on the grounds permitted by University policy. The University strives to issue the appeal decision within 21 days after an appeal is filed.

The parties are provided the appeal decision in writing. The determination becomes final when the time for appeal has passed without an appeal being filed or, if an appeal is filed, when the appeal has been resolved.

Sex Offender Registration Information

Information concerning registered sex offenders in Texas is available through the Texas Department of Public Safety Sex Offender Registry.

[Texas Public Sex Offender Registry](#)

Missing Student Notification Policy

HPU's Missing Student Notification Policy applies to students residing in University on-campus student housing.

If a student residing in on-campus housing is believed to be missing, the situation should be reported to the Vice President for Student Experience, Dean of Students, Resident Director, or HPU DPS. Any report that a residential student may be missing will be referred immediately to HPU DPS for investigation.

Students residing in on-campus housing may designate a confidential contact person on their Emergency Information Form to be notified if the student is determined to be missing. The designated contact information will be maintained confidentially, will be accessible only to authorized University officials, and will not be disclosed except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing-person investigation.

If HPU DPS or another appropriate law-enforcement agency determines that a residential student has been missing for 24 hours, the University will notify the student's designated confidential contact within 24 hours of that determination. If the student is under 18 years of age and is not emancipated, the University will also notify the student's custodial parent or guardian within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing.

In all cases, the University will notify the local law-enforcement agency having jurisdiction within 24 hours after determining that a student is missing, unless that law-enforcement agency made the determination.

If circumstances indicate that a student may be in immediate danger, HPU DPS at 325-649-8609 and/or 911 should be contacted immediately.

Hazing Policy, Reporting, and Investigation

HPU prohibits hazing by individuals and student organizations. Individuals or organizations engaging in hazing may be subject to University disciplinary sanctions, including suspension or expulsion for students and suspension or revocation of recognition for student organizations. HPU's prohibition applies to hazing occurring on or off campus.

Definition of Hazing

For purposes of University policy, hazing includes any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off campus, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student for the purpose of pledging, initiation into, affiliation with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization when the act involves

physical brutality; activities such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement, or calisthenics that create an unreasonable risk of harm or adversely affect a student's mental or physical health or safety; consumption of food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances that creates an unreasonable risk of harm or adversely affects health or safety; activities involving violations of law; or coercing a student to consume drugs or alcohol in an amount that would lead a reasonable person to believe the student is intoxicated.

A person's consent to hazing does not excuse or legitimize the conduct. Individuals may also violate hazing requirements by soliciting, directing, encouraging, aiding, or attempting to aid hazing; intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permitting hazing to occur; or failing to report hazing as required by applicable law. Student organizations may be held responsible when the organization condones or encourages hazing or when its officers or members participate in hazing.

Student Organization: For purposes of this policy, a student organization is any organization at HPU in which two or more members are students enrolled at the University, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the University.

Reporting Hazing

Suspected or known hazing should be reported to the Office of Student Experience. Reports may also be submitted through the University's anonymous hazing reporting form. Reports involving an immediate threat to health or safety should be reported immediately to the HPU DPS at 325-649-8609 or 911.

Texas law provides certain protections from civil or criminal liability for individuals who voluntarily report a specific hazing incident before being contacted by the University concerning the incident and who cooperate in good faith with the University's process, subject to the limitations established by Texas law.

Investigation and Disciplinary Process

When a hazing report is received, the Office of Student Experience reviews the report and conducts or coordinates an investigation. The investigation may include interviews with the reporting party, students, organization members, advisors, witnesses, and other individuals with relevant information, as well as review of documents, electronic communications, photographs, video, or other available evidence.

If the investigation determines that an individual student or student organization violated HPU's hazing policy, the matter proceeds through the applicable University conduct process and sanctions may be imposed. Sanctions for student organizations may include probation, suspension, or revocation of University recognition. Individual students may be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including expulsion.

Texas Hazing Law

Hazing is prohibited under Texas law. HPU's hazing policy incorporates applicable provisions of the Texas Education Code, including provisions addressing the definition of hazing, individual and organizational responsibility, reporting, and immunity for certain individuals who report hazing.

Hazing Prevention and Awareness Programs

HPU maintains a research-informed, campus-wide hazing prevention and awareness program designed to reach students, faculty, and staff. The program provides information regarding the University's hazing policy, the definition of hazing, applicable laws, procedures for reporting suspected hazing, and the University's process for investigating reports of hazing.

The University's prevention programming includes education regarding strategies intended to prevent hazing before it occurs, including recognizing behaviors and circumstances associated with hazing, bystander intervention, ethical leadership, and methods of developing group cohesion and belonging without hazing.

HPU provides campus-wide hazing prevention and awareness education to students, faculty, and staff. In addition, at least once each academic year, the Director of Student Leadership and Engagement coordinates risk-management training for designated student organization leaders and new advisors. This training includes hazing prevention, and trained officers and advisors are responsible for communicating the training content to the membership of their respective student organizations.



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Category	Location		Reportin g Year	
		2023	2024	2025
Criminal Homicide:	On campus*	0	0	0
Murder and Non-negligent	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
Manslaughter	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Criminal Homicide:	On campus*	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Rape	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Fondling	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Incest	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Statutory Rape	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0

		2023	2024	2025
Robbery	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Burglary	On campus*	1	1	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	1	1	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Arson	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Dating Violence	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	On campus*	1	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	1	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Stalking	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Hate Crimes**	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
		2023	2024	2025
Arrests for Weapons	On campus*	0	0	0

Violations	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Arrests for Drug Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	1	0	0
Arrests for Liquor Law Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	0	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals for Weapons Violations	On campus*	0	1	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	0	1	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals for Drug Violations	On campus*	1	9	7
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	1	9	7
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	1	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals for Liquor Law Violations	On campus*	2	2	4
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	2	2	4
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	1	0	0
Unfounded Crimes	Among all crimes reported in any location	1	0	0
Hazing***	On campus*	NA	NA	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	0
	In or on a non-campus building or property	NA	NA	0
	On public property	NA	NA	0

Keys to Notations:

* = This category includes all on-campus incidents, including those listed in the category below it. Therefore, the two categories are not cumulative; they are duplicative.

** = Hate crimes include Clery-reportable offenses and the additional offenses of larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction/damage/vandalism of property when the crime is motivated by bias. Bias categories include race, gender, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, and disability. If any crimes are counted as hate crimes, the chart will indicate the occurrences, and the specific offense and bias category will be footnoted.

*** Hazing statistics are required beginning with calendar year 2025 pursuant to the Stop Campus Hazing Act. Accordingly, 2023 and 2024 are reported as N/A.



2026 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report – El Paso Campus
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Category	Location		Reportin g Year	
		2023	2024	2025
Criminal Homicide:	On campus*	0	0	0
Murder and Non-negligent	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
Manslaughter	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Criminal Homicide:	On campus*	0	0	0
Manslaughter by	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
Negligence	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Rape	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Fondling	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Incest	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Statutory	On campus*	0	0	0
Rape	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0

		2023	2024	2025
Robbery	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	2
Aggravated Assault	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	1	0
	On public property	3	1	3
Burglary	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Arson	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Dating Violence	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	2	0
Stalking	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	1
Hate Crimes**	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
		2023	2024	2025
Arrests for Weapons	On campus*	0	0	0

Violations	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Arrests for Drug Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	8
Arrests for Liquor Law Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals for Weapons Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals for Drug Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals for Liquor Law Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Unfounded Crimes	Among all crimes reported in any location	0	0	0
Hazing***	On campus*	NA	NA	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	NA	NA	0
	On public property	NA	NA	0

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Including Crime and Fire Statistics for Calendar Years 2023–2025

Category	Location		Reporting Year	
		2023	2024	2025
Criminal Homicide:	On campus*	0	0	0
Murder and Non-negligent	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
Manslaughter	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Criminal Homicide:	On campus*	0	0	0
Manslaughter by	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
Negligence	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Rape	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Fondling	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Incest	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Sex Offense: Statutory Rape	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0

		2023	2024	2025
Robbery	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Burglary	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Arson	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Dating Violence	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Stalking	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Hate Crimes**	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
		2023	2024	2025
Arrests for Weapons	On campus*	0	0	0
Violations	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA

	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Arrests for Drug Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Arrests for Liquor Law Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals for Weapons Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals for Drug Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals for Liquor Law Violations	On campus*	0	0	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	0	0	0
	On public property	0	0	0
Unfounded Crimes	Among all crimes reported in any location	0	0	0
Hazing***	On campus*	NA	NA	0
	In residence halls or other residential facilities	NA	NA	NA
	In or on a non-campus building or property	NA	NA	0
	On public property	NA	NA	0

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2026 Annual Fire Safety Report

Including Fire Statistics for Calendar Years 2023–2025

Brownwood

Year and Location	Number of Fires	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries	Number of Deaths	Property Damage
2025					
Jennings Hall	0	NA	0	0	NA
Taylor Hall	0	NA	0	0	NA
Veda Hodge Hall	0	NA	0	0	NA
Newbury Apartments	0	NA	0	0	NA
Smith Bell Duplexes	0	NA	0	0	NA
On Campus*	0	NA	0	0	NA
2024					
Jennings Hall	0	NA	0	0	NA
Taylor Hall	0	NA	0	0	NA
Veda Hodge Hall	0	NA	0	0	NA
Newbury Apartments	0	NA	0	0	NA
Smith Bell Duplexes	0	NA	0	0	NA
On Campus*	0	NA	0	0	NA
2023					
Jennings Hall	0	NA	0	0	NA
Taylor Hall	0	NA	0	0	NA
Veda Hodge Hall	0	NA	0	0	NA
Newbury Apartments	0	NA	0	0	NA
Smith Bell Duplexes	0	NA	0	0	NA
On Campus*	0	NA	0	0	NA

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Campus Housing Fire Safety Systems

Residential Facility	Sprinkler System	Fire Alarm / Notification System	Smoke Detectors	Manual Pull Stations	Fire Extinguishers	Fire Doors
Veda Hodge Hall	Yes	Yes – audible and visual notification	Yes	Yes	Yes – halls/common areas	Yes
Jennings Hall	Yes	Yes – audible and visual notification	Yes	Yes	Yes – halls/common areas	Yes
Taylor Hall	Yes	Yes – audible and visual notification	Yes	Yes	Yes – halls/common areas	Yes
Newbury Place Apts	Yes	—	Yes	—	Yes – apartments	No
Smith Bell Duplexes	No	—	Yes	—	Yes – duplexes	No

Fire Alarm Monitoring: The fire alarm systems in the residence halls are monitored, and activation results in notification to the local fire department.

Fire Drills

HPU conducted the following fire drills in its on-campus student housing facilities during calendar year 2025:

On-Campus Student Housing Facility Fire Drills Conducted in 2025

Veda Hodge Hall	4
Taylor Hall	2
Jennings Hall	2
Newbury Place Apartments	2
Smith Bell Duplexes	2

Fire Safety Policies

Portable Electrical Appliances and Other Fire Hazards

Personal air conditioners, sun lamps, and heaters are not permitted in campus housing due to safety concerns. Substances that could cause a fire, such as paints and chemicals, may not be stored in campus housing. Students

may not store or repair motor vehicles in their residences. Flammable liquids, including gasoline and kerosene, and other fuel products are prohibited in campus housing. Fireworks and firecrackers are prohibited on campus.

In residence halls, cooking appliances such as hot plates, toasters, and electric fry pans are prohibited in student rooms. Students may not bring personal microwaves into the residence halls. HPU-provided microwaves are available in designated community areas on each floor of the residence halls and in the kitchen of Veda Hodge Hall. HPU-provided microwave/mini-refrigerator combination units equipped with safety switches are also permitted in designated Private Plus rooms in Veda Hodge Hall. Coffee makers are permitted only when equipped with an automatic shut-off or when they are single-cup makers without a hot plate.

Open Flames

Candles, incense, and other open flames are prohibited in all campus housing.

Smoking and Tobacco Use

HPU is a smoke-free campus. Smoking, including vaping and the use of electronic cigarettes, is prohibited on campus. The possession of tobacco, vaping, and electronic cigarette products is also prohibited on campus. The use of smokeless tobacco is prohibited inside University buildings and within 25 feet of any building entrance.

Smoke Alarms

Tampering with, vandalizing, or removing smoke alarms is prohibited. A \$100 fine may be assessed for violations, and additional disciplinary sanctions may be imposed up to and including expulsion.

Fire Evacuation Procedures

Evacuations may be ordered by police or fire personnel; HPU administrators, building supervisors or their designees; Resident Directors; Resident Assistants; or HPU DPS personnel.

When a fire alarm sounds, or an evacuation order is given, occupants should:

1. Remain calm and evacuate the building quickly and in an orderly manner.
2. Use the nearest safe exit or stairway. Do not use elevators.
3. Provide assistance to individuals with disabilities when it is safe to do so and notify HPU DPS or emergency responders if an individual is unable to evacuate.
4. Once outside, move at least 100 feet away from the building and remain clear of fire lanes and emergency vehicles.
5. Do not re-enter the building until HPU DPS or emergency responders give the all-clear.

If a door feels warm, do not open it. If heavy smoke is present, stay near the floor and breathe through a piece of clothing.

Fire Safety Education and Training

HPU provides fire safety and evacuation training to Resident Directors, Resident Assistants, and DPS personnel. Residential students receive fire safety and evacuation information during mandatory residence hall meetings at the beginning of each semester. Facilities employees responsible for maintaining campus fire safety systems receive fire safety and evacuation training annually.

In the event of a fire, students and employees should activate the nearest fire alarm when it is safe to do so, evacuate the building in accordance with University evacuation procedures, and notify HPU DPS or emergency responders. Individuals should not re-enter a building until authorized by HPU DPS or emergency responders.

Reporting Fires

For purposes of ensuring that fires occurring in on-campus student housing facilities are included in HPU's fire statistics, students and employees should report any fire to one of the following:

- Howard Payne University Department of Public Safety (HPU DPS) — 325-649-8609
- Vice President for Student Experience
- Associate Vice President for Student Experience
- Resident Director

In the event of an active fire or other emergency, individuals should call 911.

Plans for Future Fire Safety Improvements

HPU has not identified any necessary future improvements to fire safety systems in its on-campus student housing facilities at this time.