



# Morehead State University

Morehead, Kentucky



## *2007 Michael Minger Campus Security Act Report*

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The **Michael Minger Act** is a Kentucky state law that requires public colleges and universities as well as private institutions licensed by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) to report campus crimes to their employees, students and the public on a timely basis.

The law requires a public crime log recording incidents known to campus police and other campus officials, as well as special reports when there is an ongoing threat to the safety of students and employees.

Schools must also report their crime statistics annually to the CPE which has responsibility for developing formats for reporting crime statistics and for ensuring that annual reports are received from the institutions.

The State Fire Marshal is granted access to the property of any institution that is covered by the **Michael Minger Act** for the purpose of inspection, investigation, or any other action necessary to prevent fire loss or to determine the origin of any fire.

Campus officials must also immediately report each fire or threat of fire to the state fire marshal's office and local authorities. School officials that violate the law may be fined up to \$1,500, be imprisoned in their county jail for up to 30 days, or both.

This law was championed by Gail Minger after her son Michael was killed in an arson fire at Murray State University on September 18, 1998. The school had kept information about an earlier arson fire in Minger's residence hall from students and their parents. The law took effect July 14, 2000.

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Section 1: Campus Security Authority

***List campus security authority personnel (definition at KRS 164.948(2)):***

All Morehead State University Division of Student Life administrators meet the definition of Campus Security Authority Personnel. This includes, but is not limited to, the Vice President of Student Life, the Dean of Students, the Director of Student Housing, and all full-time employees of the Morehead State University Police Department.

***Describe the extent and nature of enforcement authority of campus security authority personnel:***

The Morehead State University Police Department is a public safety and security department organized in accordance with KRS 164.950- KRS 164.980. Police Officers are serving at the pleasure and appointed by the MSU Board of Regents. In accordance with KRS 164.955, Morehead State University police officers have general police powers. The police officers possess all of the Common Law and Statutory powers, privileges and immunities of Sheriffs.

Morehead State University police officers exercise police powers upon any real property owned or occupied by the institution, including streets passing through and adjacent thereto. The powers may be exercised in any court of the Commonwealth where Morehead State University owns or occupied property. In addition, MSU police officers have jurisdiction in Rowan County in accordance with an agreement signed by the Sheriff of Rowan County as provided for in KRS 164.955. Also, MSU police officers have jurisdiction to conduct investigations anywhere in the Commonwealth, provided such investigations related to criminal offenses which have occurred on property controlled by Morehead State University. Morehead State University police officers must successfully complete a sixteen-week basic police training course conducted or approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. In addition, each police officer must complete an annual forty hour in-service course conducted or approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

***Describe the working relationship of campus security authority personnel with state and local police agencies:***

Morehead State University Police Department works with state and local law enforcement agencies within Rowan County. Under a mutual aid agreement, other agencies respond to campus situations and the university police assist with off campus situations. Morehead State University has established the following policies and procedures to enhance the security of the campus community:

Academic and administrative buildings have normal operating hours posted on entrances. Persons remaining after the posted hours must have appropriate identification and authorization. Faculty and staff members are permitted within facilities 24 hours per day. Faculty and staff will be required to produce their Medeco key and a University ID card, when so requested by member of the MSU Police Department. Students must obtain the approval of the department chairperson and possess an approved "After Hour Facility Utilization Authorization Slip". Students must have their copy of the slip and a valid University ID card in their possession and present same upon request.

Residence halls permit entry through the main entrance requiring the card access 24 hours a day. The University Police employs student workers as student cadets by randomly patrolling the campus during the hours of 7 pm – 1am (8 pm – 2pm during day light savings). Any one present in a residence hall may be asked to show an MSU ID card to prove residency and their right to use the facilities. Failure to produce proper identification upon request, MSU Police Department, or any MSU employee may result in disciplinary action.

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**Section 2: Description of Information Programs**

*Describe programs that inform students and employees about:*

*(a) Campus Safety and Security:*

The University Office of Student Life utilizes both on-campus and off-campus resources to make students aware of the dangers they may encounter throughout their college experience. The Morehead State University Police Department presents regularly scheduled programs at orientations and in residence halls promoting crime prevention and security awareness. Topics include, but are not limited too; theft, rape, drugs, alcohol and personal & property security. Crime reporting is stressed in all programs by the MSU Police Department.

Engravers are made available for students, faculty, and staff to engrave valuable personal property. A crime alert program provides for campus notices to be posted in specific areas.

Voice and e-mail bulletin systems are used to make announcements to the University community as needed. Media releases to the campus population are made in coordination with the Office of University Communications.

*(b) How to report a crime:*

The Morehead State University Police Department maintains a 24-hours a day, 7 days per week operation. Sworn police officers and state certified dispatchers are on duty to respond to any crime, suspected crime, or incident, requiring police attention. Emergency phones are available throughout the campus. The MSU Police Department actively participates in programs to promote crime awareness and reporting.

**If you are the victim of crime, suspect that a crime has been committed, or have witnessed a crime, report this to the MSU Police Department, 100 Laughlin Health Building, phone (606) 783-2035, or call 911.**

*(c) How to prevent crimes:*

Unauthorized persons are not permitted in residence halls and should be reported to the residence hall staff or the MSU Police Department (783-2035). **If you believe a crime has been or is about to be committed, contact the MSU Police Department immediately.** Specific guest and visitation policies are contained in *“The Eagle Student Handbook”*.

Campus safety and assessment surveys will be conducted twice annually (normally May and September). The Chief of Police and the Coordinator of Environmental Health and Safety, or their designated representatives, shall make a campus survey at night to determine lighting adequacy and needs. They will accomplish the survey on foot and make every effort to observe all possible routes used by the University community, including parking lots. The Chief of Police will create a comprehensive report of all items identified and will share the report with the Vice President for Administration and Fiscal Services, The Coordinator of Environmental Health and Safety, The Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management and the Vice President of Student Life.

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Table 1 – Crimes

Crime Category (1)	On-Campus		Off-Campus	
	Total Campus Property Crimes (2)	Residential Facility Crimes (3) <i>(Subset of Campus)*</i>	Recognized/owned/leased/controlled Property Crimes (4)	Public Property Crimes (5)
Arson	0	0	0	0
Assault	11	5	0	0
Burglary	20	20	0	1
Criminal Damage	18	7	0	1
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Menacing	1	1	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0
Reckless Homicide	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses - Forcible	4	4	0	1
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0
Terroristic Threatening	5	3	0	1
Theft	59	26	1*	0
Wanton Endangerment	0	0	0	0
Weapons Possession	1*	0	0	0
<b>Category of Prejudice</b>				
Bias-Race	0	0	0	0
Bias-Gender	0	0	0	0
Bias-Religion	0	0	0	0
Bias-Sexual Orientation	0	0	0	0
Bias-Ethnic	0	0	0	0
Bias-Disability	0	0	0	0
<b>Arrest Only</b>				
Drug Related Violations	9	4	1	2
<i>Liquor Law Violations*</i>	2	2	0	1
<i>Other Alcohol Violations*</i>	15	2	0	17

\*The Residential Facility Crimes are a sub-set of the "On-Campus" category.

\*\*Theft report occurred at the Mt. Sterling Regional Campus.

\*\*\*Weapons Possession did not result in an arrest.

\*\*\*\*Liquor Law Violations only includes arrests for Possession of Alcohol by a Minor.

\*\*\*\*Other Alcohol Violations includes: Driving under the Influence, Alcohol Intoxication and Public Intoxication arrests.

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Table 2 – Criminal Attempts

Crime Category (1)	On-Campus		Off-Campus	
	Total Campus Property Crimes (2)	Residential Facility Crimes (3) <i>(Subset of Campus)*</i>	Recognized/ owned/leased/ controlled Property Crimes (4)	Public Property Crimes (5)
Arson	1	1	0	0
Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage	0	0	0	1
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Menacing	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0
Reckless Homicide	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses - Forcible	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0
Terroristic Threatening	0	0	0	0
Theft	0	0	0	0
Wanton Endangerment	0	0	0	0
Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0
<b>Category of Prejudice</b>				
Bias-Race	0	0	0	0
Bias-Gender	0	0	0	0
Bias-Religion	0	0	0	0
Bias-Sexual Orientation	0	0	0	0
Bias-Ethnic	0	0	0	0
Bias-Disability	0	0	0	0
<b>Arrest Only</b>				
Drug Related Violations	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Other Alcohol Violations	0	0	0	0

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Table 3 – Incidents Reported by Non-Law Enforcement Officials

Crime Category (1)	On-Campus		Off-Campus	
	Total Campus Property Crimes (2)	Residential Facility Crimes (3) <i>(Subset of Campus)*</i>	Recognized/ owned/leased/ controlled Property Crimes (4)	Public Property Crimes (5)
Arson	0	0	0	0
Assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Menacing	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0
Reckless Homicide	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses - Forcible	1*	1*	0	0
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0
Terroristic Threatening	0	0	0	0
Theft	0	0	0	0
Wanton Endangerment	0	0	0	0
Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0
<b>Category of Prejudice</b>				
Bias-Race	0	0	0	0
Bias-Gender	0	0	0	0
Bias-Religion	0	0	0	0
Bias-Sexual Orientation	0	0	0	0
Bias-Ethnic	0	0	0	0
Bias-Disability	0	0	0	0
<b>Arrest Only</b>				
Drug Related Violations	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Other Alcohol Violations	0	0	0	0

\*The Residential Facility Crimes are a sub-set of the "On-Campus" category.

[\\*\\*This Forcible Sex Offense was reported to the Counseling & Health Services staff and was not requested to be investigated by Law Enforcement.](#)

### **Notes for Preceding Charts**

1. Section 5 of this administrative regulation provides guidance in defining crimes committed.
2. Assistance in defining campus property may be found in 34 CFR § 668.46(a).
3. Number of crimes that occurred in institution residence halls, student apartment housing, or Greek sponsored housing facilities, if appropriate. These numbers are included in the on-campus property totals.
4. Non-Campus Property is any of the officially recognized/owned/leased/controlled institution properties that are located off the main campus area. Assistance in defining non-campus property may be found in 34 CFR § 668.46(a).
5. Assistance in defining public property may be found in 34 CFR § 668.46(a).
6. Category of Prejudice - These are not additional crimes. These are crimes already reported in the various crime categories that also fall into one of the reportable categories as required by KRS 164.948(3), or other crimes in which the victim was intentionally selected because of an actual or perceived prejudice.