

Section 12.00
MISSING RESIDENTIAL STUDENT NOTIFICATION POLICY

STATEMENT

UMBC's missing student regulations relate only to students who reside in on-campus housing. The UMBC Missing Residential Student Notification Policy addresses the University's notification, to a person designated by the Residential Student, in the event that he or she is believed to be missing.

NO waiting period: "Suzanne's Law" is a federal statute that was adopted into Maryland Law Article 3 -601 "Procedure for taking missing person report." Police agencies are prohibited from creating a mandatory waiting period for reporting a person as missing. If there are reasons to believe that foul play is involved in a person's disappearance, the UMBC Police may immediately pursue a Missing Person report and take law enforcement action to locate the student or employee.

Designating a Missing Person Contact - Students who reside in an on-campus housing facility have the right to confidentially register the name and contact information of an individual who they would like to have contacted if ORL determines that they have been missing for a period of 24 hours or more. Such registered contact information will be accessible only to authorized campus officials and will not be disclosed except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing person investigation. Residential Students will be given the opportunity to designate their Missing Person Contact upon check-in to an on-campus housing facility. The form from is only available from ORL to residential students and is completed during the "check-in" process.

Reporting a Missing Residential Student - Any concern that a Residential Student is missing should be directed to University Police at 410.455.5555 or to Residential Life staff at any of the 24-hour-staffed desks.

Notification - Within 2 hours of a Residential Student being classified by University Police to be missing: (1) the University will notify the Designated Missing Person Contact, (2) *if the missing student is under the age of 18 and not emancipated, the University will also notify the student's legal parent/guardian*, and (3) the University Police will inform other law enforcement agencies through the NCIC Missing Person teletype.

Staff training on Missing Student Policies Training and policy for missing students are found in the [Emergency Response Manual](#) for Resident Assistants.

Note: Safety: All students should share their finalized schedules with family, friends, and/or roommates as part of their personal safety plans.

Follow-up investigation: after 96 hours, Missing Person cases are transferred to the Baltimore County Police Department for follow-up investigation.