All campus phones reach MSU University Police when 911 is dialed.
University Police main phone line: 994-2121  eMail: police@montana.edu

Robert Putzke, Chief of Police       Matthew Caires, Dean of Students
Direct Line: 994-3220 Cell: 579-9054  994-2326

Sign up for MSU Alert  http://www.montana.edu/msualert/
The system delivers emergency messages through text messaging to cellular phones and e-mails

Behavior Intervention Team (BIT)

Mission: The BIT reviews individual student behavior which poses an immediate or potential threat to the student's or others' life/safety and recommends potential action steps needed to intervene to reduce or eliminate the threat while still providing the maximum care to the individual.

Organization: The BIT is comprised of representatives of the offices of the Dean of Students, the University Police, University Counseling & Psychological Services (CPS) and other university and support staff who are essential to crafting appropriate interventions to student behavior. For example, if a student demonstrated concerning behavior resides in a residence hall, then the Director of Residence Life will be invited to participate in BIT meetings. If the student is receiving services for a disability, or whose behavior indicates that disability may be a factor, then the Director of Disability Services will be invited to participate in BIT meetings, etc.

Members:
• Dean of Students (Chair)
• Chief of University Police
• Director of University Counseling & Psychological Services (CPS)
• Other university staff and faculty, and community healthcare providers, as appropriate

Activities: The BIT is convened when any student, faculty or staff member reports a student whose behavior suggests a credible threat of harm to self or to other member(s) of the university community, or whose behavior indicates extreme emotional or psychological distress. For example, a student who attempts or communicates intent to commit suicide, exhibits self-injurious behavior, or harms or threatens harm to other members of the community may be brought to the BIT's attention. When reported, BIT will:

• Convene the three principal members to assess the reported behavior
• Consult with other university staff members as necessary to provide pertinent information
• Consider the range of responses, and determine the appropriate university response
• Implement the agreed response
• Monitor the result of the response, and recommend adjustments as necessary

Recordkeeping: The Dean of Students, or designee, will maintain an electronic file including the following:

• Name and GID of student/other person and any pertinent records or information
• Record of BIT proceedings, including participants and notes on discussion
• Recommended actions/interventions and responsible parties
• Follow-up activities and communications
Montana State University - Students of Concern Team

October 2011

Mission

The Students of Concern Team is a cross-functional team made of University officials with responsibility for discussing, assessing and responding to reports of individuals who demonstrate disruptive or concerning behavior on campus or in our local community.

Vision

Our work is dedicated to creating a safe and supportive campus environment that is conducive for learning, conducting research, and providing service.

Scope

A student of concern is any individual who demonstrates disruptive behavior, expresses personal difficulties, exhibits mental or emotional instability, or otherwise causes another member of the campus community to feel apprehension for their safety or for the safety of the student of concern.

The Students of Concern Team will meet regularly and share information (as allowed by law) about reports made to their office/departments about students of concern. This group will help develop strategies to provide interventions and additional resources for students of concern that will be beneficial to both the student of concern and the campus community.

Any information shared during Students of Concern Team meetings will be strictly confidential.

Membership

Dean of Students, Chair
Associate Dean of Students
Director of Auxiliary Services
Director of Residence Life
Director of Family and Graduate Housing
Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, or designee
Director, Disability Support Services
Chief of Police
Vice President for Student Success – Ex-Officio

Meetings – Meetings will occur every-other Tuesday from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the University Policy Department conference room.