



Missing Persons' Legislation Update

Under a new federal law, you have the right to confidentially register with Resident Life and the University the name and contact information of an individual who you would like to have contacted (within 24 hours) if it is determined that you have been missing from the campus and your whereabouts unknown for a period 24 hours or more.

- Any time that staff members receive a report (e.g. from a roommate, friend, or parent) that a resident has been out of contact and unreachable by phone, email, etc., our staff will take steps to respond to the report. Actions will include attempting to contact the missing student and notifying the University of Maryland Department of Public Safety and the Resident Life duty system about the missing student.
- All residents have the ability to register information for an individual who should be informed in the event the resident is determined to be missing.

If you want to take advantage of this option, send the name and phone number of your identified contact by email to reslife@umd.edu or by fax to 301-314-9750. All requests must be made in writing.

***Note:** For students under the age of 18, federal law requires the university to notify your custodial parent or guardian (within 24 hours) if it is determined that you have been missing from the campus and your whereabouts unknown for a period of 24 hours or more.*