useful phone numbers

Law Enforcement and Safety..............................................911 or 803-777-4215
Behavioral Intervention Team...........................................803-777-4333
Counseling and Human Development Center.....................803-777-5223
Office of Student Conduct...............................................803-777-4333
Student Disability Services.............................................803-777-6142
Student Ombudsperson...................................................803-777-4172
University Housing.........................................................803-777-4283
Thomson Student Health Center......................................803-777-3175

For emergency preparedness news, services, and resources, visit www.sc.edu/carolinaalert
What to look for:
> Falling asleep in class or other inopportune times
> A dramatic change in energy level (either direction)
> Worrisome changes in hygiene or personal appearance
> Inappropriate emotional outbursts (unprovoked anger or hostility, sobbing)
> Expressions of hopelessness, fear or worthlessness; themes of suicide, death and dying in papers/projects
> Deterioration in quality/quantity of work
> Repeated absences from class or from research lab
> Decline in enthusiasm in class (e.g., no longer choosing a seat in the front of the room)
> Frequent state of alcohol intoxication (i.e., bleary-eyed, hung-over, smelling of alcohol)

You are encouraged to report any incident that may require an intervention or is of concern to you.

What do I do if I have a student who may need to be referred to the BIT?
1. If you feel there is an immediate threat, call campus police at 911 or 803-777-4215.

2. To make a referral, access www.sc.edu/BIT and select “incident report.” You will be asked for basic information about the student, for your contact information (in case the team has follow-up questions), and for a description of the incident or behaviors that prompted the referral.

3. If you feel an immediate referral is unnecessary, and if you are comfortable doing so, tell the student that you are concerned and ask if he or she is okay. You are the Behavioral Intervention Team’s best resource because you are familiar to the student. In many cases students will indicate that they can use some help, and you can then refer them to the Counseling and Human Development Center at 803-777-5223.

What happens after I make the referral?
The BIT will review your report and make a decision about whether a BIT intervention is necessary, or whether the student should be referred to another office that can better handle the situation. All incident reports are treated seriously and are reviewed by multiple BIT members.

In accordance with privacy laws, BIT members can rarely share outcomes with those who make incident reports.

What happens to the student in the BIT process?
If the team determines that the student meets the criteria for a BIT assessment, he or she will be contacted and instructed to undergo an assessment at the Counseling and Human Development Center. Students are required to participate in a minimum of four sessions of assessment; the type of assessment is dependent upon the behavior.

Students who have been involuntarily hospitalized due to substance use may participate in a series of group sessions at the Counseling and Human Development Center or other treatments to meet their needs. Nearly every student referred meets with a team representative and some only need guidance and resources.

How do I know whether a situation should be handled by BIT or by another office?
You don’t have to make this determination; the BIT will do it for you. Simply report the situation to the BIT and the team will take care of the rest.

Typically, behaviors that threaten safety or that cause a significant community disruption will be handled by the BIT, while students with mental health concerns are more appropriately referred directly to the Counseling and Human Development Center at 803-777-5223.

The Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) is composed of professional staff from the Counseling and Human Development Center, Office of Student Conduct, University Housing, Law Enforcement and Safety, and Thomson Student Health Center. BIT assesses students who exhibit significantly distressing behavior and provides a structured, coordinated response.

The team does the following:
> Balances the individual needs of the student and those of the campus community
> Offers structured, supportive interventions and assistance to students who are struggling or whose behaviors affect the University community and may involve mental health concerns, threats to safety, or both
> Encourages a community of caring and reporting
> Manages each case individually

Counseling and Human Development Center
803-777-5223
www.sa.sc.edu/shs/chdc/
James F. Byrnes Building, 7th floor

Student Health Services’ Counseling and Human Development Center (CHDC) is the University of South Carolina’s primary behavioral health provider and counseling service. In multidisciplinary staff provides assessment, online mental health screening, treatment and referral services for students, and consultation, outreach, prevention for faculty, staff, and students related to emotional and mental health, including substance abuse. Most counseling services are covered by the student health fee, which is included in tuition for most students. In addition to meeting scheduled clients during business hours, the CHDC has designated walk-in hours Monday through Friday and conducts phone consultations during business hours. Please call or visit the website for additional information.

Office of Student Conduct
803-777-4333
www.sc.edu/osc/
James F. Byrnes Building, 2nd floor

The Office of Student Conduct promotes individual student development and adherence to the Carolinian Creed by providing processes designed to uphold the behavioral expectations of the Code of Conduct. The office’s primary function is to adjudicate student conduct cases by meeting with students alleged to have violated University policies and to determine appropriate sanctions for students found responsible. OSC also provides outreach programs to classes and organizations related to the Carolinian Creed, conflict resolution and values congruence. Consultations with faculty and staff regarding prevention and response to classroom disruptions are available. Any classroom disruptions should be addressed before the next class period. For tips, please call or visit our website.