

# North Dakota State University

## Policy Manual

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### SECTION 610

#### MISSING STUDENT NOTIFICATION

SOURCE: NDSU President

1. **INTRODUCTION:** Pursuant to the 2008 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, students residing in NDSU owned and operated facilities have the opportunity to designate an individual to be contacted in the event the student is determined to be missing. The purpose of this policy is to clarify the option available for such designation, and the institution's responsibility for notification in the case of a missing student.
  2. **DEFINITION:** A missing student is defined as a person currently enrolled at North Dakota State University, whose whereabouts have been unaccounted for by law enforcement for more than 24 hours.
  3. **CONTACT INFORMATION:** Students residing in NDSU owned and operated facilities have the option to designate an individual to be contacted in the event the student is determined by NDSU University Police or appropriate law enforcement agency to be missing. This contact may be the same or different than the emergency contact information provided in the student's campus connection account.
    - 3.1 Students may register confidential contact information with the Department of Residence Life. This information will be utilized only by campus officials and law enforcement when the student is determined by police to be missing. This information will not be disclosed for other purposes.
  4. **REPORTING:** A report should be filed with the NDSU University Police at the time a student is presumed to be missing. A report may be filed by an NDSU employee, friend, roommate, or family member. An investigation will be conducted in attempt to determine the whereabouts and well-being of the student.
  5. **INITIATE PROCEDURES:** When NDSU University Police have been notified and the student becomes the subject of a missing persons report, NDSU will initiate the Missing Persons Procedures and Notification in accordance with the student's designation.
  6. **NOTIFICATION:** The student's designated contact person will be notified.
  7. **MINORS:** If the student is under the age of 18, and is not an emancipated adult, NDSU is required to notify a custodial parent or guardian, in addition to any contact person specifically designated by the student. Contact will be made no more than 24 hours after the student is determined by NDSU University Police or other appropriate law enforcement agency to be missing.
  8. **FAILURE TO DESIGNATE CONTACT:** in the event a student residing in a university owned and operated facility, is determined by NDSU University Police or other law enforcement to be missing, and has not previously identified a missing persons contact, NDSU will notify the individual identified in the student's Campus Connection account as the emergency contact.
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