

## **MISSING PERSONS**

The UC Santa Cruz Police Department does not consider any report of a missing person to be routine and assumes that the missing person is in need of immediate assistance until the facts reveal otherwise. The UC Santa Cruz Police Department gives missing person cases priority over property-related cases and will not require any time frame to pass before beginning a missing person investigation (Penal Code §14205).

The UC Santa Cruz Police Department shall render assistance without delay to any person who wishes to report a missing person or runaway (Penal Code §14205). Reporting a missing person can be accomplished by a report via telephone or in person, which initiates the investigation. A report shall be accepted regardless of where the person was last seen, where the person resides or any other question of jurisdiction (Penal Code §14205). If an individual is not immediately located, the UC Santa Cruz Police Department may enter the missing person into the appropriate missing person network.

If any person has reason to believe that a member of the university community is missing, they should immediately notify UC Santa Cruz Police Department at [831-459-2231](tel:831-459-2231) or 911.

### Missing Students

In addition to the information above, UC Santa Cruz will notify the student's emergency contact no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, UC Santa Cruz will notify the student's parent or legal guardian immediately after UC Santa Cruz Police Department has determined that the student has been missing.

In addition to registering an emergency contact, students residing in on-campus housing have the option to identify, confidentially, an individual to be contacted by UC Santa Cruz in the event the student is determined to be missing. If a student has identified such an individual, UC Santa Cruz will notify that individual no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. A student who wishes to identify a confidential contact can do so when filling out the student housing online application. A student's confidential contact information will be accessible only by authorized campus officials and law enforcement as appropriate.