

Birthingway College of Midwifery  
**Annual Security Report – Fall 2020**

**About This Report**

Birthingway’s security report is prepared on an annual basis by the Administrative Programs Coordinator and is distributed near the beginning of Fall term each year. Statistics included are from both on-campus reporting and through the Portland Police Bureau. Data is submitted to the US Department of Education and is available to the general public at <http://ope.ed.gov/security>.

Birthingway’s Annual Security Report is available free of charge to any interested party. Please contact our front office at 503-760-3131.

**Crime Statistics**

**Please note that while our Clery Act crime statistics have historically been very low, students and staff do sometimes report criminal activity and/or misconduct that occurs outside these federally defined parameters.** Most recently, misconduct has included vehicle break-ins and harassment on the Springwater Trail. Birthingway encourages our community to use their best judgment when parking in our neighborhood, and to consider walking with a partner when using unsupervised or secluded space.

Clery Act crimes reported to Birthingway or the Portland Police Bureau during the years 2019, 2018, and 2017 are as follows:

| <b>Crime</b>              | <b>Year</b> | <b>On Campus</b> | <b>Public Property</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Murder                    | 2019        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2018        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2017        | 0                | 0                      |
| Forcible sex offenses     | 2019        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2018        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2017        | 0                | 0                      |
| Non-forcible sex offenses | 2019        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2018        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2017        | 0                | 0                      |
| Robbery                   | 2019        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2018        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2017        | 0                | 0                      |
| Aggravated Assault        | 2019        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2018        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2017        | 0                | 0                      |
| Burglary                  | 2019        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2018        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2017        | 0                | 0                      |
| Motor Vehicle Theft       | 2019        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2018        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2017        | 0                | 0                      |
| Arson                     | 2019        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2018        | 0                | 0                      |
|                           | 2017        | 0                | 0                      |

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| Illegal weapons possession, carrying, etc. | 2019 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2018 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2017 | 0 | 0 |
| Drug abuse violations                      | 2019 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2018 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2017 | 0 | 0 |
| Liquor law violations                      | 2019 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2018 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2017 | 0 | 0 |
| Hate crimes                                | 2019 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2018 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2017 | 0 | 0 |
| Dating Violence                            | 2019 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2018 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2017 | 0 | 0 |
| Domestic Violence                          | 2019 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2018 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2017 | 0 | 0 |
| Stalking                                   | 2019 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2018 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 2017 | 0 | 0 |

*On Campus* is defined by federal law as the school buildings, off-campus buildings, parking lots, and surrounding landscaping. Birthingway has no dormitories/residential facilities.

*Public Property* is defined by federal law as the sidewalks, roads, and other community use areas known to be easily accessible to College students (e.g., shared pathway or the absence of a fence). Reported crimes include those involving individuals not associated with Birthingway.

### **Security on Campus**

Birthingway is required by law to inform our students and employees of any situation that represents a threat to their safety. In addition, we will not tolerate any endangerment of the safety of our community. We will fully cooperate with local police in the investigation of any incidents.

In the event that a situation arises that, in the judgment of the President or Operations Coordinator, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a school-wide timely warning will be issued. The Birthingway Community will be informed through prominent notices on the school bulletin boards, in student mailboxes, and through email. Upon confirmation of an immediate and significant emergency or dangerous situation, or if there is a need to evacuate the building, those inside our Foster building will be alerted through a building-wide announcement using the page-all phone system.

As a small school, Birthingway does not employ security staff; however, we are careful to maintain the safety of our campus. The entire parking area is lit at night and we encourage community members to keep their car doors locked and not to leave the building alone if possible. College staff checks all doors and rooms before closing for the night. Outside doors are kept locked during evening classes. Birthingway encourages students and faculty to report any safety concerns to a staff member.

## **Emergency Notification**

Upon confirmation of an immediate and significant emergency or dangerous situation, or if there is a need to evacuate the building, those inside the Foster building will be alerted through a building-wide announcement using the “Page All” feature of the phones.

1. To use this feature, pick up the phone receiver and press “Intercom” button.
2. Next, press down arrow button so screen says “Intercom to page all”.
3. Press “Enter” button and speak into receiver.
4. A sticker providing instructions for this feature is found on all phones.

Birthingway will notify the community in this way without delay unless the notification will compromise the safety of the Birthingway community. A community-wide email will also be sent out if the situation warrants it.

If the school is closed due to an emergency or disaster, the College President will contact the staff by phone. The Operations Coordinator will then be responsible for contacting students and the Faculty Coordinator for contacting faculty. The Operations Coordinator and Technical Coordinator will post notices to the campus website, online calendar, and to the College’s social media pages.

During spring term, cohorts will receive an annual presentation by the Operations Coordinator on emergency evacuation and preparedness. Staff members will review the emergency preparedness and evacuation policies and procedures at the staff meeting nearest to the beginning of spring term. Birthingway will also test the emergency response and evacuation procedure annually with a fire drill.

The Birthingway community will also be informed of Emergency Response and Evacuation procedures, and other important safety information, through a safety pamphlet that is maintained by the Operations Coordinator and is displayed throughout the campus buildings.

## **Reporting a Crime**

Birthingway strongly encourages anyone who is the victim of, or witness to, a crime to immediately report it to the Portland Police.

To report a crime or request emergency assistance, call 9-1-1  
To make a non-emergency police report, call 503-823-3333

In addition, we ask that students and faculty report crimes to Birthingway’s front office (or to any staff member), preferably in writing. Please include the date, time (if known), and nature of the crime along with any pertinent details. The report may be submitted anonymously if the student does not wish to contact the police. Staff or faculty who receive a crime report should forward the information to the Operations Coordinator.

Any conviction for violent crime (including homicide, assault, and sex offenses) will cause immediate termination from Birthingway. Termination for other crimes will be handled on a case-by-case basis, depending on the specifics of the crime. See the Personnel and Student Codes of Conduct.

## **Sexual Offenses**

Birthingway will not tolerate any form of sexual abuse or assault by any member of the Birthingway community. Birthingway will take disciplinary action in the event of a sexual offense by a student or staff/faculty member. Both the accuser and the accused are entitled to the opportunity to have others present during disciplinary proceedings. Both will be informed of the final determination by

Birthingway. If a final determination is made that a sexual crime, including sexual harassment, occurred, the student or staff/faculty member responsible will be terminated from Birthingway.

Sexual offenses should be reported to the front office or to any staff member. Any crime may be reported anonymously. We encourage victims to contact local police as soon as possible; school personnel will assist in contacting police if requested to do so. Victims and witnesses should keep in mind the importance of preserving evidence for proof of a criminal offense.

Birthingway staff members are not qualified to provide professional counseling, nor do we have sponsored on- or off-campus services for victims. We will do our utmost in offering non-professional support, including changes to a student's academic situation if necessary. In addition, the following local resources are available:

Call to Safety Business Line (Formerly Portland Women's Crisis Line)... 503-232-9751

Call to Safety Crisis Line (Formerly Portland Women's Crisis Line)..... 503-235-5333

Under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, the Oregon State Police maintain information regarding registered sex offenders. Students may request a list of sex offenders registered in any Oregon zip code by calling the Oregon State Police at 503-378-3725 ext. 4429. Students may also find information on registered sex offenders considered "predatory" and/or "sexually violent" under Oregon statute by searching <http://sexoffenders.oregon.gov/>. The state of Oregon does not automatically distribute such information unless it has reason to believe that a predatory sex offender is an immediate danger to the community.

### **Drug and Alcohol Use Prevention Program**

In compliance with Public Law 101-226, The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989, Birthingway College of Midwifery is legally required to provide information about the health risks of illicit drug use and of alcohol by students and staff/faculty. As part of our Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program, Birthingway hereby educates and informs our community of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol, to refer community members to counseling and treatment resources, and to inform them of legal penalties for noncompliance.

### **Birthingway Policy**

The College holds a strict policy against any community member (including faculty, staff, and students) attending class, clinicals, births, or any other work/practice settings in any condition other than sober. All community members must be able to concentrate and make good decisions. Any conviction for illegal drug and/or alcohol use or possession while on college property; engaging in college business; taking part in any Birthingway educational opportunity (such as field trips, clinical training, doula births); or in any way serving in a midwifery or lactation related capacity will result in immediate expulsion or termination from Birthingway.

Use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in Birthingway buildings and on Birthingway property except for special events, such as graduation, when approved by the President or Board of Directors. Anyone under the influence of alcohol will be removed and dismissed or suspended from College premises.

Smoking of any kind, including e-cigarettes, is not allowed on college property or during college events. Chewing tobacco should be disposed of in an appropriate waste container. Please note that, as of January 1, 2018, Oregon law prohibits persons under 21 years of age from even possessing tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems while on college property or during college events.

## Counseling and Treatment Resources

Birthingway staff members are not qualified to provide professional counseling. Local resources available for individuals who are alcohol and/or drug affected include:

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Alcoholics Anonymous.....         | 503-223-8569 |
| Al-Anon.....                      | 503-292-1333 |
| Alcoholics Victorious.....        | 503-701-0537 |
| Cocaine Anonymous.....            | 503-256-1666 |
| Multnomah County Crisis Line..... | 503-988-4888 |
| Narcotics Anonymous.....          | 503-345-9839 |

## Health Risks

Drug and alcohol use is dangerous to your health. The use of illicit drugs and alcohol can create a variety of health risks as well as impair one's ability to succeed at college and in a chosen career. Possible health risks may include:

**ALCOHOL** can cause loss of concentration, poor judgment and coordination, impaired memory, drowsiness and mood swings, hallucinations, coma, and death. Alcohol is linked to liver damage, high blood pressure, cancer, and heart and liver damage.

**AMPHETAMINES** are stimulants, speeding up the action of the central nervous system. They can lead to hallucinations, heart problems, malnutrition, dependence, paranoid psychosis, and death. Methamphetamine, particularly crystallized methamphetamine, is a form of amphetamine with even stronger effects on the central nervous system.

**COCAINE/CRACK** is a stimulant, speeding up the action of the central nervous system, and can lead to increased heart rate and high blood pressure, short attention span/poor judgment, irritability, aggression, mood swings, paranoid psychosis, malnutrition, liver damage, seizures, coma, stroke, heart attack and death.

**DELIRIANTS** cause mental confusion and include aerosol products, lighter fluid, paint thinner, "poppers," and other inhalants. Effects include confusion, loss of coordination, hallucinations, dependence, convulsions, and death. They can lead to damage to lungs, brain, liver, and bone marrow.

**DEPRESSANTS** include barbiturates, tranquilizers, and methaqualone. Depressants relax the central nervous system, and can lead to confusion, depression, convulsions, dependence, paranoid psychosis, coma, and death. Tranquilizers (such as Valium) are especially dangerous in combination with alcohol.

**HALLUCINOGENS** distort reality and include lysergic acid (LSD), mescaline, and phencyclidine (PCP). They can lead to hallucinations, panic, "flashbacks" and possibly long-term psychosis.

**MARIJUANA** (cannabis, hashish) alters perception and mood, and can lead to impaired memory/judgment, increased heart rate, slowed reaction time, and poor coordination.

**NARCOTICS** include codeine, heroin, morphine, and opium. Narcotics lower pain perception and have a wide variety of negative health effects that may include lethargy, loss of judgment and self-control, dependence, malnutrition, convulsions, coma, and death.

In addition to the effects described above, the form in which a substance is introduced to the body (i.e.

inhaling, smoking) can create additional health problems (i.e. lung disease). All of these substances can be extremely harmful to the health of an unborn baby. Use during pregnancy can lead to birth defects or even death of the fetus.

**Legal Penalties**

Federal and state law sets severe penalties. State penalties for possession include:

|   | <b>Maximum Prison Time</b> | <b>Maximum Fine</b> |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Schedule I -- Class A Misdemeanor</b> Heroin, LSD, other hallucinogens, others                 | 1 year                     | \$6,250             |
| <b>Schedule II -- Class A Misdemeanor</b> Methadone, morphine, amphetamine, cocaine, PCP          | 1 year                     | \$6,250             |
| <b>Schedule III -- Class A Misdemeanor</b> Nonamphetamine stimulants, some stimulants             | 1 year                     | \$6,250             |
| <b>Schedule IV -- Class C Misdemeanor</b> Valium-type tranquilizers, some less potent depressants | 30 days                    | \$1,250             |
| <b>Schedule V -- Violation</b> Dilute mixtures, compounds with small amounts of controlled drugs  | None                       | Approx \$250        |

Oregon law allows cars, boats, and other forms of transportation used to transport illegal drugs to be seized and forfeited.

In Oregon, medical and recreational marijuana are illegal for those under 21 years of age. HB2479 established mandatory evaluation, education and treatment services for those under 18. All marijuana remains illegal under federal law, including on the Birthingway Campus.

Alcohol is an illegal drug for those under 21 years of age. For drivers under 21, any detectable amount of alcohol may be grounds for license suspension from 90 days to one year.

**Review of Drug and Alcohol Use Prevention Program**

Birthingway reviews the Drug and Alcohol Use Prevention program every other year, even years. During our 2020 review, we analyzed the following: method of notification to students and staff, policy and procedure in place for consistent enforcement, and drug-related code of conduct violations. The next review will take place Fall 2022.

**Other Information**

Federal regulation requires that schools report on certain policies and the availability of specific services/programs. Birthingway hereby informs the public of the following:

- Birthingway maintains an environment designed to encourage students, staff, and faculty to be responsible for their own security and the security of other members of the Birthingway community. Students, staff, and faculty are informed of security policies and procedures through New Student Orientation, the *Student Handbook and Catalog* and/or personnel handbooks, and this Annual Security Report. We do not hold any other formal training about campus security policy and procedures, safety responsibility, or crime prevention.
- As a part of Birthingway's ongoing commitment to the safety of our community members, and in conjunction with a strengthened Violence Against Women Act as Reauthorized in 2014,

Birthingway encourages discussion about recognizing, responding to, and recovering from interpersonal violence. Birthingway offers an online training module to all students, staff, and faculty. Students, staff, and faculty also have opportunities to participate in relevant coursework, such as Psychosocial Issues, and continuing education, such as our Trauma Informed Care workshop.

- In addition to the information on drug and alcohol abuse we provide within this security report and the Birthingway *Student Handbook and Catalog*, students learn about the dangers and effects of drug and alcohol abuse as part of their education in the midwifery arts and sciences. We do not hold other formal drug or alcohol abuse education trainings.
- We employ no pastoral or professional counselors, and therefore do not have a policy as to the confidentiality of their reporting procedures.
- We do not have off-campus student organizations, so do not have a policy concerning monitoring/recording of off-campus criminal activity of such organizations.
- Birthingway's *Emergency Response and Evacuation* procedure packets are posted throughout the building in classrooms, restrooms, the kitchen and the front office. The packet is also available on the Birthingway website. An overview of the procedures are presented to program students during spring term and are tested annually.