

# SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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**Here is an actual flash from the Weather Channel:** “ 10 Feb 2013 ...A tornado is confirmed to have touched down in Hattiesburg, and damage is being reported on the western side of the University of Southern Mississippi, according to Joanne Colin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. The university has declared a state of emergency on campus. According to the USM website, “if people are not already on campus, they are advised not to return until further notice.”

**Here is a potential flash from the Shreveport Weather Service:** “A tornado that formed over the Toledo Bend area has strengthened and is moving north northeast. It has caused extensive damage in Keithville and is projected to cross I-49 in 5 minutes before crossing the Red River in the vicinity of the Jimmy Davis Bridge. If you are in this path seek immediate shelter.”

**Here is a potential story from the Shreveport Times:** “ 4 students were killed when yesterday's EF-5 tornado roared through the campus of LSUS with wind speeds exceeding 200 miles per hour. Two of these students were killed when they attempted to beat the storm by riding off campus in automobiles. The other two fatalities occurred when tornado warnings were ignored by students in the vicinity of athletic fields. In addition to the 4 deaths, there were numerous injuries from flying glass and debris as well as extensive damage to several university buildings.”

The scenario above is hypothetical but realistic. On April 27, 2011 an EF-4 tornado slammed Tuscaloosa and the University of Alabama. Over 50 people were killed. That day, over 360 tornadoes struck across the south inflicting carnage and destruction.

## IT CAN HAPPEN AT LSUS—BE PREPARED!

(SEE PROCEDURES ON PAGE 2)



On LSUS, University Police will issue a tornado warning (time permitting) using the Rave Alert system.. See page 3 for info on Rave Alert and rave Guardian,

## When a tornado hits...

**Move to the ground floor, center hall of the building**

**Close doors as you leave**

**Stay away from glass windows and doors with glass panes**

**Do not use the elevator**

**Do not leave the building or attempt to drive**

**Wait for the all clear**



University of Southern Mississippi

## H.R.3614 - Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

*In accordance with the Drug Free Schools and Campuses Act passed by Congress, LSUS is required to provide enrolled students, faculty and staff with various pieces of information regarding the unlawful use of drugs or alcohol on University property. The link below describes legal sanctions, health risks, available assistance and treatment avenues, as well as University-imposed disciplinary standards.*

<http://www.lsus.edu/Documents/Offices%20and%20Services/Student%20Development%20and%20Counseling%20Center/Drug%20free%20schools%20and%20campuses%20act%20notification%20202.pdf>

## Training Time!!!!

It is that great time of year when, in addition to dark, cold, and damp weather we complete our MANDATORY Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training. If you have not completed these trainings in 2019, please do so no later than March 31, 2019.

Link to Ethics Training: <https://laethics.net/EthicsTraining/login.aspx>

Link to Title IX/Sexual Harassment Training:

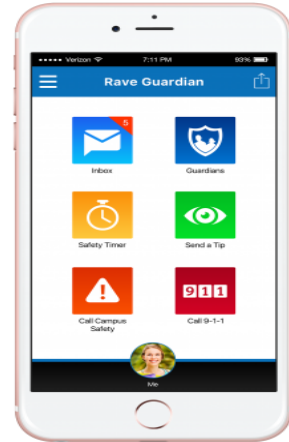
<https://pages.lsus.edu/hr/sexualharassment/story.html>

**Send Certificates of Completion for both trainings to Stella in HR :** [stella.mcmillian@lsus.edu](mailto:stella.mcmillian@lsus.edu)



# ***From the Safety Guy.....***

LSUS is making substantial investments in making our campus safer. One of these is the Rave Guardian system. Consider a scenario where a student was locked out of her car in a dark campus parking lot. If she had signed up for Rave Guardian she could quickly send a message to campus police who would immediately have her location via her phone GPS. Imagine how Rave Guardian might be used in an emergency situation such as an active shooter in a building. I encourage everyone to follow the instructions below to register for Rave Guardian. It is like insurance—you don't need it until you need it!



## **Rave Guardian versus Rave Alert...What's the Difference?**

LSUS has two systems designed for use in campus emergency situations.

**Rave Alert** is a notification system that enables rapid transmission of information from campus administrators to the electronic devices of all faculty, staff, and students. Rave Alert will be used in situations ranging from a campus closure to an active shooter scenario. Any LSUS employee who has listed a mobile phone number in their Workday contacts is automatically registered to receive Rave Alert messages. Students will automatically receive Rave Alert messages on the mobile phone that is listed on MyLSUS/Compass.

**Rave Guardian** is an interactive system that enables users to quickly call campus police or 911. Additional features include being able to submit a tip, pictures, and videos directly to Campus Police. Unlike Rave Alert, users must manually register for Rave Guardian by downloading the App from the App Store. Follow these steps:

1. Download the Rave Guardian from the App Store
2. Follow the prompts to enter your e mail
3. Create password/pin and set up your personal safety profile