



## **Bakersfield Regional Center 2006 Safety and Crime Report**

Provided by  
**PLNU Department of Public Safety**

Point Loma Nazarene University's Bakersfield Regional Center provides higher education in the liberal arts and preparation for service and leadership in selected professions for students who desire such an education in an environment of vital Christianity in the evangelical and Wesleyan tradition.

Responding to the needs of Bakersfield and the surrounding community, the Bakersfield Regional Center opened its doors in the fall of 1998. Initially offering programs for the preparation of prospective teachers, PLNU Bakersfield Regional Center has expanded its offerings to include Master of Arts degrees, as well. PLNU Bakersfield Regional Center plans to continue to be responsive to the needs of the community by expanding its offerings in the future.

### **Campus Security Authority**

The Bakersfield campus security authority for the purposes of reporting crime is the site director. There is no active PLNU security staff assigned to the Bakersfield center. The site director will consult with the Point Loma campus Public Safety staff in crime reports, crime prevention, and timely notices as necessary. Therefore, reporting of crime to Bakersfield Police Department is also necessary. PLNU endeavors to maintain excellent working relationships with Bakersfield Police Department.

### **Facility**

PLNU Bakersfield Regional Center is located at 5080 California Avenue, Suite 104, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Point Loma Nazarene University leases the space that houses the Bakersfield site. Classes in Bakersfield are offered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.; 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. on Wednesdays; and 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The office is located on the second floor.

### **Parking**

Parking is provided for faculty and staff at this location. Visitors also park in the same lots while conducting business at the PLNU facility or while at leased tenants' facilities. Regardless of the time of day or night, be alert and aware of your surroundings and exercise common sense safety precautions.

### **Crime**

Crime in the area of the campus does exist. We are not immune. Please review the campus crime table and the "note" at the bottom of the table for current crime information in the area. To view the crime statistics in their entirety, please access the following Web site: [www.ope.ed.gov/security/Search.asp](http://www.ope.ed.gov/security/Search.asp).

### **Emergencies**

In the event of an emergency, please call:  
Bakersfield Police Department at (661) 327-7111.

The **Bakersfield Police Department** is located at:  
1601 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
(661) 327-7111

If the emergency is life threatening, calling 911 is the right choice. If filing a complaint about a crime, use the local business number: (661) 327-7111. The Bakersfield Police Department Web site is: [www.ci.bakersfield.ca.us/police](http://www.ci.bakersfield.ca.us/police).

### **Bakersfield Police and Megan's Law & Sex Offenders**

Learn about Megan's Law and check sex offenders by your Bakersfield zip code.

[www.ci.bakersfield.ca.us/police/sexcrimes/zipmap/serious.htm](http://www.ci.bakersfield.ca.us/police/sexcrimes/zipmap/serious.htm)

### **Bakersfield's High Risk Sex Offenders**

View photos and read about Bakersfield's high risk sex offenders.

[www.ci.bakersfield.ca.us/police/sexcrimes/bakersfieldoffenders.htm](http://www.ci.bakersfield.ca.us/police/sexcrimes/bakersfieldoffenders.htm)

### **Incident Reporting**

The university strongly encourages victims and witnesses to report all crimes and incidents to the Bakersfield Police Department. The Clery Act report is developed from information received by on-campus officials and the Bakersfield Police Department. Timely reporting is essential for solving crimes, planning crime prevention, and reporting to the Department of Education to meet the Clery Act requirements. The Bakersfield site director needs to be informed of any crime committed at the Bakersfield campus. For Clery Act reporting purposes, those crimes are the same as listed in the Bakersfield campus statistics.

### **Vehicle Registration**

If you visit the Point Loma campus, you may want to register your vehicle. You may also choose to receive a visitor pass from the Welcome Center at the campus entrance.

### **Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco**

Use, possession or distribution of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and illicit drugs on or off campus is prohibited. Tobacco, illicit drugs, and alcoholic beverages may not be used or in the possession of any person on campus. For specific policy information, please refer to the student handbook. The handbook contains extensive information, as well as school policies and regulations.

### **Weapons**

Weapons are not allowed on the campus. Hand guns, shot guns, air guns, pellet guns, paint guns, rifles, hunting knives, martial arts weapons, dart/blowguns and fireworks are examples of prohibited weapons. Possession of these weapons may result in arrest.

### **Sexual Harassment**

Point Loma Nazarene University is committed to providing its employees and students with an environment that is free of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is strictly prohibited by the university and is against federal and state law.

Point Loma Nazarene University strongly encourages its employees and students to report any incidents of sexual harassment immediately so that complaints can be quickly and fairly resolved.

Students should immediately report any incident of sexual harassment to their facility/center director.

Faculty and staff members should immediately report sexual harassment incidents to their supervisor, department head, dean, or the director of Human Resources.

## **Protecting Yourself Against Assault**

Although we cannot guarantee that you will never be a victim of assault or rape, there are several steps you can take to minimize your chances of being a victim.

The following are suggestions for you to incorporate into your daily living routine:

### **On the Street:**

1. Don't walk alone unless you absolutely have to.
2. Be aware of what is happening around you. Know where you are and where you are going.
3. If you walk home from work regularly, vary your route. Don't be predictable! Walk away from bushes, alleys, and dark entry ways. Stay in well-lighted areas.
4. Don't be surprised. Attackers rely on the element of surprise. Don't wear head phones while walking alone.
5. Trust your instincts. If you think you are being followed, walk towards a busy, lighted area. Scream to attract attention, then tell someone to call the police because you are being followed. If possible use your cell phone to call the police. If you think it is life threatening, call 911.
6. If someone bothers you from a car, turn and walk in the opposite direction. If possible, get a license plate number. Then when you are in a safe place, notify the police department.
7. When you are walking, keep one hand free. Keep your purse close to your body. If you are carrying books or packages, be prepared to drop them. Nothing you are carrying is worth your life. Drop it and run.
8. When using public transportation, wait for a bus at a well-lighted stop and/or with groups of people.
9. If anyone bothers you on the bus, in a loud voice say, "Leave me alone." Let the driver and passengers around you know what is happening.
10. Be aware of who gets off at your stop. Make certain you are not being followed.

### **Exercising Outdoors**

1. It is safer to be with a friend or group.

### **In Your Car**

1. Have your keys in your hand as you approach your car. Don't fumble around with your attention focused on something other than what is happening around you.
2. Always look inside the car to the back seat and the floor before you get in.
3. Keep your car doors locked and your windows up when you drive.
4. Don't let the gas run close to empty. You don't want to have to stop for gas in places where you would not want to walk.

### **Be Prepared for Emergencies**

1. Carry a flashlight and flares or reflectors and an emergency manual in the car.
2. Know how to change a tire. Make certain the spare tire is in good condition, and that the proper jack and all its parts are in the car.
3. If your car breaks down at night, put on your emergency flashers and place a flare about twenty feet behind your car. Remain in your car with the doors locked and the windows closed until the police arrive.
4. If another motorist stops to assist you, roll the window down a crack and ask him/her to call the police or a towing service for you.
5. Always keep enough money in your car to make an emergency phone call.
6. Purchase a cellular phone to have with you for emergencies.

### **Common and Inappropriate Beliefs about Rape:**

*Fiction:* Rape won't happen to me or someone I know.

*Fact:* One in every four females is **sexually assaulted before the age of 18. Approximately 40 percent of rapes occur to women over the age of 18. Although 87 percent of sexual assault victims are female, men, women and**

children...old people, young people...people from every socioeconomic group and every religion have been victimized. Rape is the most unreported crime in the United States. **Every minute in the U.S., there are 1.3 forcible rapes of adult women.**

*Fiction:* Rape does not happen at schools like ours.

*Fact:* A rape can occur at any school. The potential is everywhere. The threat can come from people on or off campus.

*Fiction:* The rapist is almost always a stranger to the victim.

*Fact:* **Approximately 75 percent of rapes are committed by someone known to the victim.** The perpetrator could be a date, an acquaintance, a neighbor or a relative. These rapes generally go unreported. In fact, almost half of these rapes never get reported. Any woman forced into having sex against her wishes has been victimized by rape. If the rape occurs with a friend or relative, the victim often feels somewhat “responsible” for the act, is unwilling to “confess” it to others, and is discouraged from seeking professional help.

*Fiction:* Men rape because they want sex. They are usually frustrated because they have limited opportunities for sex. Many are maniacs or psychopaths.

*Fact:* The motivation for rape is the need to have power, to control, and the perpetrator wishes to humiliate the victim. Forcing a woman to have sex against her will is an act of aggression and violence. The rapist is angry and feels the need to dominate and uses sex as his weapon.

*Fiction:* Women really want to be raped. They “ask for it” by the way they dress or act.

*Fact:* No person ever wants to be a victim of a violent, life-threatening act. Most victims have feelings of terror, humiliation and degradation.

## **Resource List**

### **Point Loma Campus**

Department of Public Safety (619) 849-2525

Wellness Center Counseling

Health Services referral (619) 849-2574

### **Off Campus**

Bakersfield Police Department (661) 327-7111

Rape and Battered Women’s Crisis Helpline (888) 272-1767

Kern County Alliance 24-hour Hotline (661) 327-1091

Toll Free: (800) 273-7713

Kern County Alliance Web site:[www.kernalliance.org](http://www.kernalliance.org)

Many counseling services exist. The following Web site is a sample of those available in the Bakersfield area.

[www.heart7.net/states/california.html](http://www.heart7.net/states/california.html)

Rape and Abuse and Incest

National Network (RAINN)

(800) 656-HOPE

([www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org))

Rape and Battered Women’s Legal Clinic and

Counseling Services

(619) 233-8984

**Point Loma Nazarene University      Campus Crime Statistics**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Criminal Homicide – Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building/ property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Sex Offenses: Forcible	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building/ property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Non-Forcible	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building/ property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Robbery	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building/ property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building/ property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Burglary	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building/ property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Arson	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building / property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Auto Theft	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building/ property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Arrest For:	• On campus	0	0	0

Liquor law violations	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building/ property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Drug-related violations	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building / property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Weapons possession	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building/ property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals: Liquor Law Violations	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building / property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Drug-related violations	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building / property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0
Weapons possession	• On campus	0	0	0
	• In Residence Halls	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• In or on a non-campus building / property	N/A	N/A	N/A
	• On Public Property	0	0	0

Key to Hate crimes notations: Type of bias or prejudice: Race=ra, Gender=g, Religion=re, Sexual orientation=s, Ethnicity=e, Disability=d

**Note:** Bakersfield campus is in Reporting District 142. Bakersfield PD could not break down stats for inclusion in the Dept. of Education report. There was no information provided.