

Security and Access Policy

During business hours, the university (excluding certain housing facilities) will be open to university students, parents, employees, contractors, guests and invitees. During non-business hours access to all university facilities is by key, if issued, or by admittance via the Department of Public Safety or Residence Life staff. In the case of periods of extended closing, the university will admit only those with prior written approval to all facilities.

Residence halls are secured 24 hours a day. Over extended breaks, the doors of all halls will be secured around the clock, and will be equipped with a lock separate from the regular key issued to resident students. Some facilities may have individual hours, which may vary at different times of the year. Examples are the Gleason Center, Gellert Library and Campus Center. In these cases, the facilities will be secured according to schedules developed by the department responsible for the facility.

Emergencies may necessitate changes or alterations to any posted schedules. Areas that are revealed as problematic have security surveys conducted by them by NDNU Public Safety. Administrators from the Dean's Office, Residence Life and other concerned areas review these results. These surveys examine security issues such as landscaping, locks, alarms, lighting and communications. Additionally, during the academic year, the directors of Facilities Management, Housing, Residence Life, Public Safety and Custodial will meet to discuss issues of pressing concern.