The Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) is a group of trained campus professionals who respond to reports of student behavior that is disruptive, erratic, self-injurious, or potentially threatening to others. Their intervention promotes the academic and personal success of students and the safety of the campus community.

The BIT:
- provides centralized, preventative, early intervention for students.
- provides consultation and support to faculty, staff, and students in assisting individuals who display concerning or disruptive behavior.
- serves as the central point of contact for reporting problematic student behavior.
- compiles and integrates behavioral information from sources throughout campus.

The goal of any action taken by the BIT is to protect the campus community while optimizing the outcome for the individual student.

What is the Behavioral Intervention Team?

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How do I refer someone to the BIT?

- In an emergency situation, University Police should be called at 6111 (or 803-648-4011 from a cell or off-campus phone).
- If the situation does not need to be addressed immediately, the chair or any member of the BIT should be called OR a BIT Incident Report should be completed online at usca.edu/behavioral-intervention-team. The BIT incident report is immediately sent to all members of the BIT.

What happens after I make a referral?

After a referral is made, the following actions are taken by the BIT:

- review and discussion of the incident report/phone call and integration of information from any previous reports on that student
- assessment of the threat/risk to student and others and development of a path forward
- development and coordination of an intervention plan for the student, if warranted
- monitoring of ongoing behavior of the student and implementation of additional action as necessary

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