

General Policies and Regulations

Missing Persons Policy

All concerns regarding a possible missing person (student, faculty, or staff) should be immediately directed to the Campus Police Office. Upon receipt of a missing person report, the Campus Police will initiate a priority investigation. An investigating officer will meet with the individual(s) making such a report and will gather the following information:

1. Essential information about the missing person—description, clothes last worn, possible location including last known destination, individuals the missing person might be with, known associates, and vehicle description. A recent photograph will also be secured.

2. The investigating officer will also gather information about the physical and mental well-being of the missing person. A current class schedule, class attendance information, job information and work schedule, or residence hall information sheet (if applicable), will be obtained.

3. Based upon information gathered in steps one and two, appropriate campus staff will be contacted and either questioned or notified regarding the missing person's status.

4. If after the completion of steps one through three it appears that the person is actually missing, parents or an emergency contact person will be notified by the Vice President for Student Services or the Director of Campus Police. Each student may identify a contact person to be notified if the student is determined missing by Campus Police. The parents or guardian and contact person will be notified if the missing student is under 18 and not emancipated. Contact will be registered and maintained confidentially.

5. After consultation with the family of the missing person, the Campus Police will issue a regional welfare alert for the missing person through the National Crime Information Center. Further investigatory measures will be taken or additional notifications made based upon the circumstances of the individual case.

6. The Vice President for Student Services and/or Director of Campus Police will keep family apprised of the status of the investigation.

If You are Assaulted

If you are assaulted, call the Campus Police as soon as possible. Try to remember as much about the assailant as possible. Characteristics important in locating and identifying suspects include sex; race; hair color; body size; clothing; scars and other noticeable markings; mode of travel; and vehicle color, type and license plate number. In some incidents, the victim may already know the name of the person committing the assault. If you report an assault, the campus will be searched immediately for suspects, and neighboring police agencies may be notified.

If You See a Suspicious Person

If you see anyone acting suspiciously, call the Campus Police at once. Do not approach the person yourself. Report the type of activity you observed and describe the person or persons involved. Provide as much information as you can, such as the person's sex, race, location, type of clothing and type of vehicle. The Campus Police will investigate your report immediately. If all members of the campus community become security-conscious and report suspicious activity, thefts and related incidents will be reduced. Remember, preventing crime is your responsibility, too!