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## Introduction

Southwest Texas College (SWTXC) is concerned about the safety and welfare of all campus members and guests and commits itself to promoting a safe and secure environment. The Southwest Texas College Police Department and all others at the College are dedicated to keeping the campus a great place to learn, work, and live. The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act Pursuant to 20 United States Code section 1092(f), the "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act," and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requires that each institution of higher education in the United States which participates in federal student aid programs must produce and distribute an annual report containing crime statistics and statements of security policy. Failure to provide required information or the inclusion of inaccurate information may result in fines up to \$35,000 per violation imposed by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE).

## The Campus Security Act – Legal Requirements

- Publish an annual report every year by October 1st that contains three (3) years of crime statistics and certain security policy statements, including sexual assault policies.
- Make a good faith effort to disclose crime statistics for the campus, unobstructed public areas immediately adjacent to or running through the campus, and certain non-campus facilities including Greek housing and remote classrooms. The statistics must be gathered from campus police or security, local law enforcement, and other University/College officials who have "significant responsibility for students and campus activities".
- Provide "timely warning" notices of those crimes that have occurred and pose an "ongoing threat to students and employees".
- Disclose in a public crime log any crime that occurred on campus or within the patrol jurisdiction of the campus police or the campus security department and is reported to the campus police or security department."

This publication, in keeping with the requirements of the Clery Act, is designed to aid in the cooperative effort of providing the public with specific information on campus security, crime statistics for the most recent three-year period, alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, police operations and authority, policies relating to reporting crime and campus disciplinary procedures. Each year, a bulk e-mail notification is made to all employees and enrolled students regarding the availability of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. A printed copy of this report may be obtained by writing the Southwest Texas College Police Department at 2401 Garner Field Road, Uvalde, Texas or by coming in person to the Southwest Texas College Police Department administrative offices located in Hubbard Hall during normal business hours. This report is also published on the Southwest Texas College Police Department web page at <https://www.swtjc.edu/about/campus-safety/index.html>.

## **CAMPUS SECURITY**

### **Facilities Security**

Most campus buildings and facilities are accessible to members of the campus community, guests and visitors during normal business hours. Access to buildings after normal business hours, weekends, and holidays is restricted unless they are sites for specific classes or special events. Some buildings may be accessed after normal business hours through prior approval of the appropriate Vice President or building manager through an exterior door and/or escorted via Campus Police. Students will not be allowed to remain in secure campus buildings without the supervision of a Southwest Texas College employee and must have a specific reason for being inside the building. The exterior doors to all of Hubbard Hall housing are controlled by the occupant students. Students are encouraged to keep their doors locked in their own personal safety. Inside each dorm room, there are separate doors to each bedroom. These doors are controlled by the students by way of a mechanical lock, which only the occupant of the bedroom is issued a key. When students lock themselves out of their assigned dorm room, resident assistants may be contacted. Southwest Texas College Police Officers do not unlock doors in student housing unless in the case of a serious emergency. Residents are encouraged to report all suspicious people to Housing staff or the SWTXC Police Department. Visitors to student housing must be accompanied by the resident being visited. Visitors to campus are welcome but are expected to adhere to all campus regulations and policies. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Police Department or contact the on-duty officer for information on college regulations. The College reserves the right to restrict access to any person who does not adhere to college policies and procedures. ANY person may be required, upon request by the Police Department, to present identification while on campus. Employees and students are required to always have their SWTXC ID card in their possession and to present it upon request by any College Official. The SWTXC ID card is available at the Miller Library, located in the center of campus. Security cameras are strategically positioned at several locations around campus including the entrances and exits of buildings, some public areas, some parking lots, certain areas of student housing, and the library. These cameras are not always monitored. They are equipped to digitally record activity within the field of view. The presence of security cameras should not preclude individuals from practicing good, common sense crime prevention practices and exercising caution. SWTXC Police officers conduct routine security patrols of campus buildings and parking lots to monitor safety concerns. Housing staff also monitor security measures in residential buildings and report concerns as needed.

### **Maintenance**

College facilities, lighting, and landscaping are maintained to reduce hazardous conditions. Officers also routinely report the need for replacement lights and any other physical hazard they note. Malfunctioning lights and other unsafe conditions are reported to the Director of Buildings and Grounds for repair or correction daily. Any student, faculty, staff, or visitor who sees a possibly unsafe condition is encouraged to notify SWTXC Police or the Director of Buildings and Grounds for further attention to the problem.

## Crime Prevention and Education Programs

The Southwest Texas College Police Department conducts crime prevention and information sessions at each scheduled student orientation meeting and at a scheduled Housing meeting. Prospective students and parents are encouraged to ask questions of a safety and security nature. They are presented with information on how to obtain a copy of the Annual Security Report. Upon invitation, the department provides crime prevention programming to any student organization and faculty/staff gatherings. Officers are encouraged to make unscheduled "crime prevention contacts" with students and employees of SWTXC as they patrol the campus. Crime prevention is a tool utilized to encourage students, faculty, and staff to be aware of ways to reduce their chances of becoming victims of crime. Crime prevention materials are available in print or via social media. While it is impossible to prevent all crime, awareness is the key to preventing the opportunity for crimes to be committed. Student Orientation educates on sexual misconduct are coordinated and provided by Student Engagement and the SWTXC CARE team if needed. These primary and ongoing programs include:

- During annual/semester housing orientation, students receive information about sexual misconduct and its prevention, as well as campus resources that support students.

There are times when people feel the need for a little extra security. This could be due to a personal issue or other security concern. The SWTXC Police Department will provide security escorts to all locations on campus 24 hours a day. Police Officers and campus security personnel provide this service at no charge.

Authority and Jurisdiction of SWTXC Police Department are campus peace officers licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. These officers are sworn law enforcement officers commissioned under the provisions of the Texas Education Code § 51.203 or the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures, Article 2.12, and are vested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities of peace officers while on the property under the control and jurisdiction of Southwest Texas College Police Department or otherwise in the performance of their assigned duties. The SWTXC Police Department has the responsibility and duty to enforce all local, state, and federal laws. SWTXC Police Officers carry firearms, may arrest violators and refer them to the judicial system for prosecution. Criminal violations are processed through the Uvalde County District Attorney's Office, Uvalde County Attorney's Office, Uvalde County Justice Court or federal criminal justice system. Southwest Texas College's main campus lays within the county of Uvalde County Texas. Upon request from the Uvalde County Sheriff's Office, the Uvalde Police Department, along with the Texas Department of Public Safety and US Border Patrol will respond to assist all incidents. The Uvalde Volunteer Fire Department provides firefighting services to the campus while Uvalde EMS provides emergency medical services to the campus. Fires, health emergencies, crimes and violations of college policies and procedures should be reported to the SWTXC Police Department either in person at Hubbard Hall, or by telephone by dialing 7333 on campus, or at 830-279-1861. For life-threatening emergencies, always dial 911. Community members are encouraged to report all crimes, to include off campus incidents. SWTXC Police Department will assist community members in reporting all off campus incidents to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Crimes and suspicious activities at Southwest Texas College campus sites should be reported to the following local law enforcement agencies:

Uvalde Police Department 830-278-9147

Eagle Pass Police Department 830-773-9044

Del Rio Police Department 830-774-2711

Crystal City Police Department 830-374-2381

In addition, you may report a crime or suspicious activity to the following offices:

- Vice President of Administrative Services, Derek Sandoval 830-591-7372
- Hubbard Hall Housing Coordinator, Phillip Botello 830-591-7284
- Garner Hall Housing Coordinator 830-591-6269

## **Reporting Crimes to Other Campus Security Authorities**

### **Who Are Campus Security Authorities?**

The Clery Act also mandates that institutions must disclose statistics both for crimes reported to local police agencies and crimes reported to campus security authorities. Campus security authorities include the following:

- A member of a campus police department or a campus security department of an institution.
- Any individual or individuals who have responsibility for campus security, but who do not constitute a campus police department or a campus security department (e.g., Vice President of Administrative Services).
- Any individual or organization specified in an institution's statement of campus security policy as an individual or organization to which students and employees should report criminal offenses.
- An official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including, but not limited to, the following campus positions:
  - Vice President of Administrative Services
  - Housing Coordinator
  - Campus Security personnel
  - An official is defined as any person who has the authority and the duty to act or respond to issues on behalf of the institution.

The intent of including non-law enforcement personnel as campus security authorities is to acknowledge that many people, students, are hesitant about reporting crimes to the police, but may be more inclined to report incidents to other campus-affiliated individuals. Examples of individuals who DO NOT meet the criteria for being campus security authorities include a faculty member who does not have any responsibility for student and campus activity beyond the classroom, clerical staff, custodians and maintenance personnel and cafeteria staff. All campus officials, counselors, faculty and staff are encouraged to report all crimes even if not required to do so. The SWTXC Police Department understands the confidential nature of certain campus officials and will respect the confidentiality of all information obtained for statistical reporting purposes. Only general information, such as general location, type of crime and date of crime, are needed to report crime statistics. Complete reporting by all college members will assist in providing a secure campus environment.

### **Responsibilities of Campus Security Authorities**

Because of the law's complex reporting requirements, the most reasonable and effective way to manage the reporting is as follows: If Campus Security Authorities observe any crime listed below, or if any person reveals to a Campus Security Authority, in good faith, that he/she learned of or were the victim of, perpetrator of, or witness to any crime listed below, the Campus Security Authority must immediately notify the SWTXC Police Department. Crimes that should be reported are:

- Murder and non-negligent manslaughter
- Negligent manslaughter
- Forcible sex offenses
- Non-forcible sex offenses

- Robbery
- Aggravated assault
- Burglary
- Motor vehicle theft
- Arson

All hate crimes involving bodily injury All liquor, drug or weapons law violations resulting in an arrest Definitions of these crimes may be found in the following sections. Clery Act crimes reported to local municipal police will be included if the municipal police agency notifies the SWTXC Police Department and the reported crime occurred in an area for which the institution is responsible. The College contacts the City of Uvalde and makes a good faith effort to obtain information on reported Clery Act crimes.

## **Timely Warnings**

### **Crime Alert**

To keep the SWTXC community informed about serious crimes and security issues, timely warnings may be issued in the form of a Crime Alert. Crime Alerts are issued on a case-by-case basis in a manner that will provide notification to the campus community about certain reportable criminal incidents that occur on or very near the campus. The institution must also believe the criminal incident poses a continuing threat to the community and the alert will aid in the prevention of similar crimes in the future. The SWTXC Chief of Police, or designee, along with the Vice President of Administrative Services, will consult with the President of the College and assess the level of the threat to the College community. The alerts are generally written by the Chief of Police or Vice President of Administrative Services. SWTXC's Public Information Office and/or Information Technology prepares alerts for distribution to the campus community. The method of delivery is determined considering all the facts available at the time. Various methods of delivery may be employees, including e-mail, text message, website, and/or social media, to inform students and employees on campus. The crimes that typically result in a timely warning are referred to herein as "Clery Act Crimes". These crimes, as defined by 34 CFR 668.46(b) (c), are listed below:

#### Criminal Homicide

- (1) Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter
- (2) Negligent Manslaughter

#### Forcible Sex Offenses

- (1) Forcible Sexual Assault
- (2) Forcible Sodomy
- (3) Sexual Assault with an Object
- (4) Forcible Fondling Non-Forcible Sex Offenses

(1) Incest

(2) Statutory Rape

#### Robbery

#### Aggravated Assault

Burglary (this does not include burglary of a motor vehicle)

## Motor Vehicle Theft

### Arson

These crimes must have occurred within those areas of the campus that are specifically defined in 34 CFR 668.46(a). These areas are broken down into four categories:

- On Campus Property
- Residential Facilities
- Non-Campus Property
- Public Property

\* Southwest Texas College will not necessarily issue timely warnings for every Clery Act criminal incident that is reported since that specific incident may not pose a continuing threat to the community. Certain Clery Act crimes like motor vehicle theft, for example, occur infrequently on the campus at random locations. Suspect information is often never provided or determined. This is also true of the Uvalde area. Individuals should exercise due care and caution to avoid being victimized.

### **Crime Alert (Off-Campus)**

SWTXC may post a Crime Alert (Off Campus) for certain Clery Act crimes occurring outside the patrol jurisdiction of the SWTXC Police Department when timely notification is received by the SWTXC Police Department and the offense is considered to represent a serious or continuing threat to the students and employees of SWTXC due to the nature of the crime, and/or proximity to the campus. Even though this action is not required by law, SWTXC strongly believes in supporting the spirit of the Clery Act by informing the community about certain crimes that are reported in the areas immediately surrounding our campus; yet still outside the normal SWTXC Police patrol area.

### **When are timely warnings issued?**

In accordance with the published guidelines used to interpret 34 CFR 668(e), the decision to issue a timely warning is made on a case-by-case basis considering all facts surrounding the crime, including factors such as the nature of the crime, the continuing danger to the community, and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts. Neither the Clery Act nor the Department of Education defines "timely". The Department of Education has stated the warning should be issued as soon as the pertinent information is available. SWTXC will issue timely warnings without delay once reported information has been verified and the determination is made that an immediate threat to the community is evident. Furthermore, timely warnings may be issued for other offenses not covered by this regulation if a determination is made that the warning will aid in preventing similar offenses from occurring.

### **Crime Definitions Murder**

**Non-negligent Manslaughter**-The killing of another person intentionally and with premeditation.

**Negligent Manslaughter**-The killing of one human being by another through gross negligence.

**Robbery**- The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Aggravated Assault**-An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied using a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. (It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used which could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime were successfully completed.)



**Burglary**-The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. Motor Vehicle Theft The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access; even though the vehicles are later abandoned including joyriding.)

**Weapon Law Violations**-The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

**Drug Abuse Violations**-These are violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, and codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, Methadone), and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (GHB, Rohypnol, and Ecstasy).

**Liquor Law Violations**-The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; driving under the influence as a minor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating an illegal still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Public Intoxication and Driving While Intoxicated are Penal Code violations and are not included in this definition.)

**Arson**- Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

## **Sex Offenses Definitions / Domestic Violence Definitions**

**Sex Offenses-Forcible** Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

A. Forcible Rape-The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (or because of his/her youth).

B. Forcible Sodomy-Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly against the persons will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. C. Sexual Assault with an Object-The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will, where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

D. Forcible Fondling-The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

### **Sex Offenses-Non-forcible**

Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

A. Incest-Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

B. Statutory Rape-Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

### **Family Violence**

(Domestic Violence) to mean an act, other than a defensive measure to protect oneself, by a member of a family against another member of the family that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, or sexual assault or that is a threat that reasonably places the family member in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or sexual assault.

### **Dating Violence**

Defined in Texas as an act, other than a defensive measure to protect oneself, that is committed against a victim with whom the actor has or has had a dating relationship; or because of the victim's dating relationship with an individual with whom the actor is or has been in a dating relationship. The act is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, or sexual assault or that is a threat that reasonably places the victim in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or sexual assault. A "Dating Relationship" means a relationship between individuals who have or have had a continuing relationship of a romantic or intimate nature which is determined based on consideration of the length, nature, frequency and type of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. (Texas Family Code 71.0021)

### **Sexual Assault**

An offense if committed by a person that intentionally or knowingly causes the penetration of the anus or sexual organ of another person by any means, without that person's consent; or causes the penetration of the mouth of another person by the sexual organ of the actor, without that person's consent; or causes the sexual organ of another person, without that

person's consent, to contactor penetrate the mouth, anus, or sexual organ of another person, including the actor. (Texas Penal Code Sec. 22.011) "Without Consent" regarding sexual assault is defined in Texas Penal Code as:

- The actor compels the other person to submit using violence.
- The actor compels the other person to submit by threatening to use violence against the victim or against any other person.
- The other person has not consented, and the actor knows the other person is unconscious or physically unable to resist.
- The actor knows that because of mental disease the other person is at the time of the sexual assault incapable of appraising the nature of the act.
- The other person has not consented, and the actor knows the other person is unaware that the sexual assault is occurring.
- The actor has intentionally impaired the other person's substance without the victim's knowledge. (Texas Penal Code Sec. 22.011)

### **Stalking**

When a person commits an offense on more than one occasion and pursuant to the same course of conduct directed specifically at another person, knowingly engages in conduct that:

- The actor knows or reasonably believes the victim will regard as threatening bodily injury or death for the other person; bodily injury or death for a member of the other person's family or for an individual with whom the other person has a dating relationship; or that an offense will be committed against the other person's property.
- Causes the other person, a member of the other person's family, or an individual with whom the other person has a dating relationship to be placed in fear of bodily injury or death or fear that an offense will be committed against the other person's property.

### **Monitoring and Recording Criminal Activity**

The SWTXC Police Department tracks and records index crimes occurring on ALL SWTXC campuses and in those areas immediately contiguous to the main campus where many students may live and frequently access. These crimes are categorized as:

- Non-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by student organizations that are recognized by the College.
- Non-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the College that are used in direct support of, or in relation to, the College's educational purposes, are frequently used by students, and are not in the same reasonable contiguous geographic area of the College; and
- Public property including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities that are within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The responsibility of the SWTXC Police department does not extend to public property contiguous to the campus; therefore, the department has a limited role in investigating criminal activity at these locations. The department's role is limited to information sharing, cooperation, and coordination with the investigating local law enforcement agency.

### **Criminal Incidents within the Contiguous Area**

**The SWTXC Police Department obtains crime statistics from the Uvalde Police Department, Uvalde County Sheriff's Office, Crystal City Police Department, Del Rio Police Department and the Eagle Pass Police Department** regarding the

criminal incidents occurring within the contiguous area surrounding the campus. These criminal incidents are included in the SWTXC Police Department Crime Statistics as required by the Department of Education in compliance with Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

The SWTXC Police Department tracks and records individual crimes occurring on ALL SWTXC campuses and in those areas immediately contiguous to the main campus where many students live and frequently access. These crimes are categorized.

- Non-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by student organizations that are recognized by the College.
- Non-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the College that are used in direct support of, or in relation to, the College's educational purposes, are frequently used by students, and are not in the same reasonable contiguous geographic area of the College; and
- Public property including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities that are within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The responsibility of the SWTXC Police Department does not extend to public property contiguous to the campus; therefore, the department has a limited role in investigating criminal activity at these locations. The department's role is limited to information sharing, cooperation, and coordination with the investigating local law enforcement agency.

#### **Criminal Incidents within the Contiguous Area**

The SWTXC Police Department obtains crime statistics from the Uvalde Police Department regarding the criminal incidents occurring within the contiguous area surrounding the campus. These criminal incidents are included in the SWTXC Police Department Crime Statistics as required by the Department of Education in compliance with Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

**CRIME STATISTICS**

<b>SWTXC- UVALDE MAIN CAMPUS CRIME ON CAMPUS REPORT 2021-2023</b>						
<b>Offense Type</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>On Campus</b>	<b>Residential Facilities</b>	<b>Non-Campus Buildings &amp; Property</b>	<b>Public Property</b>	<b>Total</b>
Murder and Non- Negligent Manslaughter	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offences	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	0	0	0	0	0
	2019	0	0	0	0	0

Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property	Total
Forcible Sex Offences-Not Reported to Police (Campus officials)	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
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Non-Forcible Sex Offences	2023	1	1	0	0	2
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
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Non-Forcible Sex Offences-Not Reported to Police (Campus officials)	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
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Robbery	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
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Aggravated Assault	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
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Burglary	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	1	0	0	0	1
	2021	1	1	0	0	2
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Motor Vehicle Theft	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
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Arson	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0
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Family, Dating, Violence & Stalking	2023	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0

SWTXC COLLEGE CAMPUS-MAIN CAMPUS					
Arrests for Liquor Law, Drug and Weapons Violations					
Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
Drug Violations	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
Weapons Violations	2023				
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0

SWTXC COLLEGE- MAIN CAMPUS					
On-Campus Disciplinary Referrals					
Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	2	0	0
	2021	2	2	0	0
Drug Violations	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	2	2	0	0
Weapons Violations	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0

SWTXC- DEL RIO CAMPUS CRIME ON CAMPUS REPORT 2021-2023						
Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property	Total
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offences	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offences-Not Reported to Police (Campus officials)	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offences	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offences-Not Reported to Police (Campus officials)	2023					
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Robbery	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0



Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property	Total
Burglary	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Arson	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Family, Dating, Violence & Stalking	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0

SWTXC COLLEGE CAMPUS-DEL RIO CAMPUS					
Arrests for Liquor Law, Drug and Weapons Violations					
Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Drug Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Weapons Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0

SWTXC COLLEGE- DEL RIO					
On-Campus Disciplinary Referrals					
Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Drug Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Weapons Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0

SWTXC- EAGLE PASS CAMPUS CRIME ON CAMPUS REPORT 2021-2023						
Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property	Total
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offences	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offences-Not Reported to Police (Campus officials)	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offences	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offences-Not Reported to Police (Campus officials)	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Robbery	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0

Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property	Total
Aggravated Assault	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Burglary	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	1		0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Arson	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Family, Dating, Violence & Stalking	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0

SWTXC COLLEGE CAMPUS-EAGLE PASS CAMPUS					
Arrests for Liquor Law, Drug and Weapons Violations					
Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Drug Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Weapons Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0

SWTXC COLLEGE- EAGLE PASS					
On-Campus Disciplinary Referrals					
Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Drug Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Weapons Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0

**SWTXC- CRYSTAL CITY CAMPUS  
CRIME ON CAMPUS REPORT 2021-2023**

Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property	Total
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offences	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offences-Not Reported to Police (Campus officials)	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offences	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offences-Not Reported to Police	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Robbery	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0

Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property	Total
Aggravated Assault	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Burglary	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Arson	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0
Family, Dating, Violence & Stalking	2023	0		0	0	0
	2022	0		0	0	0
	2021	0		0	0	0

SWTXC COLLEGE CAMPUS- CRYSTAL CITY CAMPUS					
Arrests for Liquor Law, Drug and Weapons Violations					
Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Drug Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Weapons Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0

**SWTXC COLLEGE- CRYSTAL CITY CAMPUS****On-Campus Disciplinary Referrals**

Offense Type	Year	On Campus	Residential Facilities	Non-Campus Buildings & Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Drug Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0
Weapons Violations	2023	0		0	0
	2022	0		0	0
	2021	0		0	0



### **Hate Crimes - Main Campus (2021-2023)**

Reported by category of prejudice, any crime reported that manifest evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim's actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability.

During the 2021 calendar year, no hate crimes were reported.

During the 2022 calendar year, no hate crimes were reported.

During the 2023 calendar year, no hate crimes were reported.

### **Sex Offender Registry and Access to Related Information**

The federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, enacted on October 28, 2000, went into effect October 28, 2002. The law requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a State to provide notice, as required under State law, of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student. This act amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to clarify that nothing in that Act may be construed to prohibit an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution concerning registered sex offenders and requires the Secretary of Education to take appropriate steps to notify educational institutions that disclosure of this information is permitted. State law requires persons convicted of or placed on deferred community supervision for certain offenses to register as sexual offenders. Offenders who committed "sexually violent" offenses (most contact offenses) must register for the remainder of their life, even after completing probation or parole. Others (some non-contact offenses) may quit registering ten years after completing their term of supervision. Law enforcement authorities are required to inform the College when registered sex offenders indicate they are living, working or volunteering services on campus. To find out whether information of this nature has been provided to the College, contact the SWTXC Police Department at Hubbard Hall or call 830-279-1861. You can access the sex offender registration files free of charge through the Texas Department of Public Safety web page at [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us).

### **Alcohol and Substance Use Policies, Prevention and Resources**

The College provides a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for students, faculty, staff, and guests. All members of the College community are expected to maintain self-control. Conduct should be consistent with ideals of academic excellence, health, and responsible social behavior, including recognition of the rights of others.

#### **Alcohol Possession and Consumption**

The use of intoxicating beverages shall be prohibited in classroom buildings, laboratories, residence halls, auditoriums, library buildings, faculty and administrative offices, intercollegiate and intramural athletic facilities, and all other public campus areas; provided, however, that with the prior consent of

the board, the provisions herein may be waived with respect to any specific affair that is sponsored by the institution. State law shall always be strictly enforced on all property controlled by the district regarding the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages. All members of the College community should always be cognizant of and comply with state and local liquor laws. It is unlawful in the state of Texas for any person under the age of 21 to possess, purchase, or drink alcoholic beverages, except when with either a parent or adult spouse. Providing alcoholic beverages to minors other than where the law provides is prohibited. A violation of this policy subjects the offender(s) to internal disciplinary and/or law enforcement action, which may include a court appearance, citation or arrest.

### **Drug Possession and Consumption**

Every SWTXC student shall be responsible for compliance with all local, state, and federal laws regarding controlled substances including, but not limited to, their use, sale, distribution, possession, or manufacture. Violations of any local, state, or federal law regarding controlled substances may subject the person to disciplinary proceedings by the Director of Student Services without regard to any proceedings in local, state, or federal courts. No student shall possess, use, transmit, or attempt to possess, use, or transmit or be under the influence of (legal intoxication not required) any of the following substances on school premises during any school term or off school premises at a school-sponsored activity, function or event:

1. Any controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by law, including but not limited to marijuana, any narcotic drug, hallucinogen, stimulant, depressant, amphetamine or barbiturate.
2. Alcohol or any alcoholic beverage.
3. Any abusable glue, aerosol paint or any other volatile chemical substance for inhalation.
4. Any other intoxicant or mood-changing, mind-altering or behavior-altering drugs.
5. The transmittal, sale or attempted sale of what is represented to be any of the above-listed substances is also prohibited under this policy.

### **College Disciplinary Programs**

When the standards of conduct regarding alcohol or illicit drugs are violated, sanctions may be imposed by the Vice President of Student Services. Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, a fine, assignment to work/community service, notification of parents, suspension, or expulsion. The College will impose a minimum disciplinary penalty of suspension for a specified period or suspension of rights and privileges, or both, for conduct related to the use, possession, or distribution of drugs that are prohibited by state, federal, or local law.

## **College Education Programs**

In accordance with the Drug Free Schools and Campuses Drug Prevention Program, Southwest Texas College has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs/alcohol by its students or staff on school premises or as part of any of its activities. SWTXC recognizes the importance of information about drug/alcohol abuse. Printed information is available in the Student Engagement Office regarding standards of conduct and legal and disciplinary sanctions for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs/alcohol. The Licensed Professional Counselor or SWTXC CARES team can work closely to assist those students who are at risk or have violated the College Drug and Alcohol policies. Once students are referred to the Counselor, sessions are focused on each type of violation. The Counselor also offers referrals to outside assistance agencies which can provide further assistance to students, faculty, and staff. Listings of area resources for drug/alcohol counseling and rehabilitation are also available in the SWTXC Advising Center or from the Director of Student Engagement.

## **Sexual Misconduct**

### **Policy, Procedures, Prevention and Resources Sexual Harassment**

Southwest Texas College is opposed to all forms of sexual discrimination or harassment within the College community and will take the steps necessary to stop such conduct. Determining what constitutes sexual harassment can vary according to individual circumstances, but it can be described in general terms as unwanted or unwelcome sexually oriented behavior, such as physical actions or verbal comments, which adversely affects the working or learning environment of an individual. This statement of zero tolerance for sexual harassment applies to students and College personnel alike. Southwest Texas College's sexual harassment policy and procedures are designed to deal with complaints of sexual harassment in a reasonable and orderly fashion. Federal law requires that the College appoint a Title IX coordinator, who is responsible for serving as a resource person on sexual harassment issues and all other forms of discrimination. The Vice President of Student Services is the designated harassment prevention/Title IX coordinator. The SWTXC CARES team will serve as an advocate for students in distress or a person of contact to initiate campus investigations.

## **Sexual Assault and Related Offenses**

Southwest Texas College is committed to providing a safe, secure environment for students, visitors, and employees. The College provides educational materials to staff and students promoting safety awareness and crime prevention.

The College's educational programs:

- promote and support institutional activity programming that encourages safety awareness as it relates to sexual assaults and non-sexual offenses.

- expand collaborative relationships between community groups, agencies, and the institution for education, treatment, and referral of those who have experienced sexual assaults or nonsexual offenses.
- provide training for students, faculty, and staff to enable them to detect specific problems as a result of sexual assaults and to refer persons with such problems to appropriate referral sources;
- provide counseling services for students needing assistance.
- include printed materials and guest lecturers promoting safety and crime awareness during faculty/staff in-service meetings; and
- continue to strengthen relationships with law enforcement officials to ensure quick response to calls involving sexual assault or other campus crimes.

### **Preventing Sexual Assault & Reporting Incidents**

Sexual assault is an act of violence. Sexual assault should not happen in a learning environment, but it can, even with people you know and trust. Most sexual assaults are committed by acquaintances. This is sometimes referred to as acquaintance rape. For this reason, it is important for you to be assertive, direct, and clear in your communications. Be aware of your non-verbal and verbal communication. Always be on alert when you get in a car with someone you have just met (perhaps at a party or online), no matter how nice the person seems. Also, it is good practice to never leave your drink unattended if at a party or social gathering. The use of alcohol and drugs at social gatherings dramatically increases the risk of sexual assault for college students. If you have been sexually assaulted on campus, report the crime to the Campus Police or via our SWTXC CARE team. Students living on-campus should contact the Housing Coordinator if the assault occurs in the residence halls. Reporting does not mean you must take legal action. This is a choice you can make later. By reporting the crime, though, you may help to stop a rapist. Chances are that the person has raped before and will rape again, until apprehended. If you have been raped, preserve physical evidence that could be useful later. Do not change clothes, bathe, or use the bathroom. Do seek medical care immediately, whether you report the crime. In addition to taking care of obvious injuries, you need medical care to protect you from unwanted sexually transmitted diseases/infections. Effective September 1, 2017, colleges and universities in Texas, must allow students and employees to electronically and anonymously report sexual misconduct including but not limited to sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence and stalking. In compliance with this legislation, Southwest Texas College has placed a Report Sexual Misconduct link [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?SouthwestTexasJC&layout\\_id=1](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?SouthwestTexasJC&layout_id=1). Furthermore, legislation was also enacted requiring certain public and private institutions of higher education to provide amnesty to students who report certain incidents, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking. The law warns that knowing someone—even intimately—is never an excuse for forced sex. Clear communication should be used to reach an understanding with a friend or date. Do not assume an earlier understanding still holds; do not ever assume communication can be clear if either party is abusing alcohol or other drugs. In social situations, both women and men must use good judgment because the stakes are high for both. The best precaution is to stay in control and remember that a wrong decision in the area of sexual activity may remain with you for a lifetime.

## **Campus Sexual Assault Victim Bill of Rights**

Both the accuser and accused have rights regarding sexual assault investigations. The accused students will have the same rights as any student involved in the disciplinary process. As necessary, victims of sexual assault may take advantage of all rights that the College has established for such victims. Victims of sexual assault will have the right to the following:

1. Reasonable changes to the academic and/or living situations.
2. Referrals to counseling, assistance in notifying law enforcement.
3. Same opportunity as accused to have others present at disciplinary hearing/meetings.
4. Unconditional notification of outcomes of disciplinary hearing sanctions and terms of sanction in place.
5. Opportunities and assistance to speak (or choose not to speak) to anyone regarding the outcome; and
6. Name and identifying information kept confidential (FERPA right).

## **Weapons Policy**

In accordance with Texas Penal Code, Chapter 46, it is a felony to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly possess a firearm, location-restricted knife, or prohibited weapon on the physical premises of a school or educational institution, to include any buildings or passenger transportation vehicles under the direct control of the educational institution, except in accordance with Texas Penal Code, Chapter 46.035, which states that a handgun license holder may carry a concealed handgun on or about their person.

## **Missing Students Policy**

### **PURPOSE**

This policy describes the procedure for acceptance, reporting, documenting and investigating missing persons. State law, as well as federal law under 42 USC 5779(a), specify certain requirements relating to missing persons (Tex. Code of Crim. Pro. art. 63.002 et. seq)

### **I. POLICY**

If a member of Southwest Texas College Community has reason to believe a student is missing, they should contact the SWTXC Police Department or other local law enforcement agencies immediately. Whether or not a student resides on campus, efforts will be made to locate the student to determine his or her location and well-being. These efforts may be aided by collaboration with other local law enforcement agencies.

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

#### **Missing Student**

- a. A SWTXC student who resides in either the Garner Hall or Hubbard Hall dormitories and

b. Whose absence is contrary to his/her usual pattern of behavior and unusual circumstances may have caused the absence. Such circumstances could include, but are not limited to:

- 1) A report or suspicion that the missing person may be the victim of foul play.
- 2) The missing student has expressed suicidal thoughts.
- 3) The missing student is drug dependent.
- 4) The missing student is in a life-threatening situation.
- 5) The missing student has been with people who may endanger the student's welfare.

Missing Person - A person 18 years of age or older who cannot be located and the circumstances surrounding the disappearance are unknown. A missing student may be deemed a missing person at any time.

Child - A person under 18 years of age (For purposes of federal law, a child is considered any person under 21 years of age).

Missing Child - A child whose whereabouts are unknown to the child's legal custodian, the circumstances of which indicate that:

- 1) The child did not voluntarily leave the care and control of the custodian, and the taking of the child was not authorized by law.
- 2) The child voluntarily left the care and control of his legal custodian without the custodian's consent and without intent to return (e.g., runaway).
- 3) The child was taken or retained in violation of the terms of a court order for possession of, or access to, the child (e.g., Interference with Child Custody, enticing a Child, Harboring a runaway).

High-Risk Missing Person - A person who is missing (defined by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 63.051(5)):

- 1) As a result of an abduction by a stranger; or
- 2) Under suspicious or unknown circumstances; or
- 3) More than 30 days; or
- 4) Less than 30 days if there is reason to believe that the child or person is in danger of injury or death.

### III. ON-CAMPUS MISSING STUDENT PROCEDURE

a. When an on-campus resident student is reported to be missing, SWTXC Campus Police will:

- 1) Gather all essential information about the person (description, clothes last worn, where the subject might be, who they might be with, vehicle description, etc.). If possible, an up-to-date photograph may be obtained to aid in the search.

- 2) Determine, if possible, the mental status of the missing student and determine if the person may have ideations of suicide or self-harm by interviewing those people who have been in recent contact with the student.
- 3) Determine, if possible, the existence of any medical condition or immediate need for medication which creates an imminent risk to their safety and well-being.
- 4) Determine if there exists any evidence of the possibility of kidnapping, foul play or threat to personal safety of the missing student.
- 5) Appropriate campus staff will be notified to aid in the search of the individual.
- 6) A quick but thorough search will be conducted on campus.
- 7) SWTXC PD will secure authorization and make a welfare entry into the student's room.
- 8) Class schedules will be obtained, and a search of classrooms will be conducted
- 9) Issue a timely missing person alert to area law enforcement agencies in accordance with state and federal law and include all pertinent information that could assist in identifying and/or locating the missing student.
- 10) Within two hours after the determination that the person or student is missing, the Southwest Texas College Police Officer in charge of the investigation will provide radio communications with as much information as possible to be included in a notification such as a welfare concern, Amber Alert (for minors), or
  - b. If the above actions are unsuccessful in locating the student or if in the judgment of SWTXC PD or other investigating law enforcement agency it is likely the person is actually missing; the student will be deemed to be a missing person by either SWTXC Police Department or other appropriate local law enforcement officials.
  - c. Once the determination is made that the student is missing, the on-duty SWTXC PD officer will initiate an incident report detailing all information related to the student or other person being reported as missing.
  - d. If there is no on-duty SWTXC PD officer available on the Uvalde Campus, then the reporting responsibility will fall to the local agency of jurisdiction. The Uvalde Campus is the only SWTXC campus with housing, so the Uvalde Police Department will be notified of the missing student/person by college personnel.
  - e. Regardless of duty status, the SWTXC Chief of Police or his designate will be notified by phone of the missing person report.
  - f. In the case that another law enforcement agency is taking jurisdiction of the missing student/person, the investigation will be turned over to the appropriate local law enforcement agency. As stated in "c" above, the missing student/person investigation will be turned over to one of the listed local law enforcement agencies. SWTXC PD will join, as soon as practical, with local law enforcement in continuing to determine the student's whereabouts.

g. No later than 24 hours after determining a student is missing, SWTXC PD will meet with the Vice President of Student Services or Administrative Services to determine and notify the student's emergency contact.

### **General Crime Prevention Tips**

Avoid walking alone, particularly after dark. Contact SWTXC Campus Police, campus security, or SWTXC SAFE app for a security escort whenever possible. If walking alone is unavoidable, be aware of your surroundings and let someone know when to expect you.

- Walk purposefully and make eye contact with strangers.
- Avoid shortcuts. The shortest route is not always the safest route. Walk along the midpoint between curbs and buildings and away from alleys and bushes.
- Dress for mobility, particularly after dark.
- Avoid deserted areas, poorly lit streets, alleys, and pathways.
- Never jog alone after dark.
- When walking or jogging, go against the flow of traffic; that makes it harder for motorists to bother you. (If harassed from a car, walk or run in the opposite direction. Scream if you are truly frightened.)
  - Do not jog while wearing stereo headphones. It's important to be alert to what's happening around you.
- Carry your personal belongings in a backpack or similar container that will enable your arms and hands to be always free.
- Avoid approaching your car with bundles that restrict use of your arms. If you've been shopping, ask the store for assistance.
- Always have your keys ready to unlock the door to your car or residence and enter without delay. Lock the doors after you get inside.
  - Before entering your car, look in the back seat and on the floorboard.
- Always lock car doors and windows when you leave or enter your car.
- Never leave belongings in plain view in your car. Lock them in the trunk.
  - If someone in a vehicle attempts to stop you - even to ask for directions - do not get close to the vehicle.
- Register, engrave, mark, and/or photograph all your valuables including bicycles, stereos, jewelry, vehicles, computers, etc.
- Never get on an elevator with someone who looks suspicious. If someone who looks suspicious gets on, get off immediately.



- Avoid using ATMs in dark, isolated areas; it's best to use machines that are highly visible in public areas such as supermarkets.
- Never flash your cash.
- Be responsible with alcohol. If you are intoxicated, you are less alert and an easier target for robbers and attackers.

### **Security in the Residence Halls**

- Never leave your door open, even if you will be gone for only a few minutes.
- Never prop any door open.
- Always lock doors, screens, and windows to prevent uninvited access to your room.
- Don't mark your room key or key chain with your name, address, or telephone number.
- Do not give anyone a key to your room.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight.
- Never let strangers into your apartment/dorm. This puts you and others at risk.
- Be aware of suspicious persons and activities. If you observe someone or something suspicious, notify a resident assistant and the SWTXC Campus Police or campus security.

### **Electrical Safety**

- Do not overload extension cords, power strips, or outlets.
- Get a power strip with an over-current protector.
- Be wary of electrical outlets that are too hot to touch.
- Do not connect multiple extension cords together.
- Do not route cords under doors or carpets.
- Do not staple extension cords.
- Look for the UL Mark on any electrical product you use.
- Use light bulbs with correct wattage for lamps.

### **Fire Safety**

- Never ignore a fire alarm.
- Never disable a smoke alarm by removing the battery.
- Always call the fire department or 911 immediately for an emergency.

- Memorize the number of doors to the nearest exit.
- Close doors behind you as you leave the building.
- Protect yourself and your roommates before property and valuables.

### **Helpful Telephone Numbers**

Police/Fire/Ambulance Emergency 911

SWTXC Police Non-Emergency 830-591-7333 Or 830-279-1861

SWTXC Police On-Call (or After Hours Help)

Vice President of Administrative Services 830-591-7372

Vice President of Student Services 830-591-7223

Hubbard Hall Housing Front Desk 830-591-2938

Garner Hall Housing Front Desk 830-591-6296

Uvalde Police Department Emergency 911

Uvalde Non-emergency 830-278-9147

Uvalde Fire Department Emergency 911 Non-emergency 830-278-3333

Uvalde County Sheriff's Office Emergency 911

Uvalde County Sherriff's Office Non-emergency 830-278-4111

To Check Texas Road Conditions (800) 452-9292

Texas Roadside Assistance (800) 525-5555

## **FIRE SAFETY**

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunities Act of 2008, Southwest Texas College is providing mandatory fire safety information for on-campus housing facilities as part of this Annual Security Report. All reports of fires and alarms are maintained in a database within the SWTXC Police Department and Superintendent of Facilities. Data collected includes, but it is not limited to, the building name; alarm location; time and date; the number and cause of each fire; all injuries; any fatalities; and dollar values for property damaged by the fire.

### **Description of Residence Hall Fire Safety**

College residence halls have:

- smoke detectors in sleeping rooms.

### **Fire Safety Policies**

The following are prohibited in the residence halls because of their serious potential as fire hazards:

1. Open flame items such as candles and incense.
2. Use or possession of fireworks or explosives.
3. Live Christmas trees and other materials of flammable nature.
4. Improper use and size of extension cords.
5. Octopus or cube electrical plugs or outlets.
6. Improper use of decorations (over lights, doors, exits).
7. Excessive use/overloading of electrical outlets.

### **Fire Education and Training**

Each semester, Resident Assistants and other Housing personnel undergo training to ensure proper skills and knowledge of evacuation procedures and fire safety policies. Additional training is available at the request of a department or group of employees. Training and evacuations are monitored by the Life Safety Coordinator. Basic fire safety instruction is provided to all students living in Residence Halls who attend mandatory housing meetings at the beginning of each academic year. Fire evacuation drills are conducted as follows:

- Residence Halls: At least one per semester
- Day Care Facility: One per semester
- Academic/Administrative Buildings: At least one per semester

### Fire Evacuation Plan

1. If smoke or flames are visible, notify the housing staff immediately and/or call the College police department at 830-279-1861. In the event of an obvious emergency, dial 911.
2. When the smoke detector sounds, check the door to see if it is warm before opening it.
3. If unable to leave the room, use towels to block the cracks around the door to prevent the smoke from entering the room and hang a sheet out the window to signal rescuers.
4. If the hallway is clear of smoke and flames, close the room door and walk quickly to the nearest exit.
5. When smoke is present, stay low while moving through the area.
6. After leaving the building, gather in the designated place to meet with the housing staff for further instructions.
7. Stay away from the building, out of the way of the fire fighters and away from flying debris.
8. Wait for an official clearance to re-enter the building.

### Reporting of Fire

All fires should be reported to the Dorm Supervisor and SWTXC Police Department.

Dorm Supervisor (Garner)	830-261-8958
Dorm Supervisor (Hubbard)	830-591-7284
SWTXC Police	830-279-1861

### Plans for future improvements

We will plan required fire extinguisher training for all live-in housing personnel, including resident assistants during annual training prior to each semester. We will offer voluntary fire extinguisher training to other residents.

#### Residence Hall Fire Systems

Facility	Style	Safety System	Sprinkler System
Garner Hall	Suite	fire detector	NO
Hubbard Hall	Suite	fire detector	NO

## FIRE STATISTICS

	2023	2022	2021
Number of fires	0	0	0
Injuries	0	0	0
Deaths	0	0	0
Property Damage Value	0	0	0
Number of supervised fire drills	0	0	0

**Definition of a Fire:** For the purposes of fire safety reporting, a **fire** is, *“Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.”*

### Number of fires by cause

	2023	2022	2021
Cooking	0	0	0
Smoking materials	0	0	0
Open flame	0	0	0
Electricity	0	0	0
Heating equipment	0	0	0
Machinery Industrial	0	0	0
Natural	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Undetermined	0	0	0