

PUBLIC SAFETY

The College's Public Safety phone number is 954-201-HELP (4357). The Public Safety office on each campus provides students, faculty, staff, and visitors with safety tips and information, and patrols, 24-hours/365-days per year.

Broward College does not have a sworn campus police force but employs non-sworn Public Safety Officers. All Broward College Public Safety Officers possess Class D licenses issued by the State of Florida and/or an active law enforcement certification. Their duty is to assist students, staff, faculty, and visitors, provide traffic control and direction, respond to incidents on Broward College property, assist in building evacuations, and identify individuals on college property to determine whether they have lawful business at Broward College. Public Safety refers criminal incidents to the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over a specific campus or learning center. Each Public Safety office maintains a daily incident log for that campus, which is made available upon request.

Reporting a Crime or Incident

Procedures for Reporting a Crime or Incident:

1. Call: 911 (for Police, Fire, or Medical Emergency)
2. Call: 954-201-HELP (4357)

All students, faculty/staff members, and guests of Broward College are encouraged to report criminal activity, activity of a suspicious nature, and emergencies of any sort that occur at any of Broward College's campuses or learning centers directly to the Public Safety Department as soon as possible to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the College community, when appropriate.

Students, faculty/staff, and guests should immediately report crimes in progress and other emergencies by dialing 911. Crimes should be accurately and promptly reported to Public Safety or the appropriate law enforcement agency; the victim of a crime elects to, or can, make such a report.

Campus Security Authorities (CSA)

For those who would prefer to report a specific incident or crime to someone other than Public Safety or local law enforcement officers, Broward College has designated certain members of its faculty and staff to serve as Campus Security Authorities (CSAs). These persons include Public Safety personnel, Academic Deans and Associate Deans, Student Life Directors and Administrators, Faculty Advisors to student groups/clubs, and Student Services officials.

All CSAs receive training and directives related to their participation in the program and can respond to reported incidents. In compliance with the Clery Act, all crimes reported to a CSA are forwarded to Public Safety or the Clery Compliance Officer for inclusion in the Annual Security Report.

The negotiated rule-making process, which followed the signing into law of the 1998 amendment to 20 U.S.C. Section 1092 (f), clarified those considered to be Campus Security Authorities (CSAs).

Pastoral and professional counselors acting in the scope of their professional license are not considered CSAs. They are not required to report crimes for inclusion into Broward College's annual disclosure of crime statistics. Professionally licensed counselors can only encourage persons to report crimes to the appropriate authorities.

Broward College does not employ mental health counselors but instead partners with Henderson Behavioral Health Services to provide services to students in need.

Student Right To Know

The College provides campus crime statistics as mandated by The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The current crime statistics are available in our Annual Security Report on our Public Safety web page (<http://www.broward.edu/safety/>).

Safety and Security Awareness, Education, and Prevention Programs, and Campaigns

Broward College Public Safety enhances the safety and security of the College community by delivering educational campaigns that consist of a wide range of programs, seminars, presentations, and continually offered events. These awareness, education, prevention programs, and campaigns empower students, faculty, and staff to be aware of their part in developing a safe and secure community by being responsible for their security and the security of others.

During the 2024-25 academic year, Broward College offered several different crime prevention, security, and safety awareness program pieces. Topics such as personal safety, drug and alcohol abuse awareness, and sexual assault prevention are some examples of programs offered during the 2024-2025 academic year. Included within these programs are those that center on sexual assault, dating violence prevention, and active shooter. Our 2024-2025 Annual Security Report (https://www.broward.edu/safety/_docs/2024/2024-2025-annual-security-report.pdf) contains specific program and campaign information. In addition to programs, information is disseminated to students, faculty, and staff through crime prevention awareness packets, pamphlets, and other handouts available at all Public Safety offices and online.

Public Safety Escort

Public Safety provides safety escorts to the campus community via the Safety Escort Program. Safety Escorts are available to walk students, faculty members, or employees to and from their vehicle, office, or classroom 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please get in touch with Public Safety at 954-201-HELP (4357) to request this free service.

Annual Security Report

The Department of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness is committed to assisting all members of the Broward College community in maintaining their own safety and security. The 2024 - 2025 Annual Security Report (https://www.broward.edu/safety/_docs/2024/2024-2025-annual-security-report.pdf) and Safety Information are available online and in each Public Safety Office.

This report, which federal law requires, contains the College's policy statements and crime statistics. The policy statements address the College's policies, procedures, and programs concerning safety and security, such as policies for responding to emergencies. Three years' worth of statistics are included for certain crimes reported to have occurred on campus, in or on off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the College, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to the campus. The Department encourages individuals to print a copy to keep close at hand.

Visit the Public Safety web page (<http://www.broward.edu/safety/>) to access the Annual Security Report, active shooter response information, safety policy information, the College's emergency plans, helpful brochures and pamphlets, and more.