

Safety and Crime Awareness Report

Williamsburg Technical College is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all members and guests of the campus community. Because no area is totally isolated from crime, the College has developed a series of policies and procedures that are designed to ensure that every possible precautionary measure is taken to protect persons on campus.

The Office of the VP for Student Affairs ensures that safety/security policies and procedures are uniformly executed and conveyed in a clear and consistent manner to the College's students.

1. Reporting of Crimes or Other Emergencies should be handled as follows:
 - A. During day classes (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.): report to the Office of Student Affairs. During evening classes (5 p.m. to 10 p.m.): report to Campus Security at 843.356.2710. In either case, the proper authority can be contacted through the switchboard operator.
 - B. In the event of an emergency situation, the student or visitor should report the problem to the most accessible faculty or staff person who will notify the administrator in charge. Appropriate College personnel will notify the proper local authorities needed to assist with the emergency.

2. Access to Campus Facilities

Most College facilities are open to the public during the day and evening hours when classes are in session. When the College is officially closed, buildings are secured and only authorized personnel are permitted.

3. Campus Security Personnel

Security is provided by an armed Campus Security Officer. Efforts are supplemented by mutual aid agreements with the Kingstree Police Department and the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Department.

4. Crime Prevention

While the College makes considerable effort to ensure the safety and security of all students and visitors, it is the individual's responsibility to take precautions to protect himself. For this reason, the College has established a crime prevention program that provides for the following:

 - A. Crime prevention presentations made by experts in the fields of rape prevention, robbery, car theft, etc.
 - B. Crime prevention materials on a variety of subjects are located in the Student Affairs Office.

5. Williamsburg Technical College Crime Statistics

Listed below are the crimes subject to reporting and the number of incidents reported during the period of January 1 through December 31, 2022 and the preceding years of 2020 and 2021.

<u>Crime</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Murder	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Abuse	0	0	0
Aggravated Assaults	0	0	0
Aggravated Battery	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0
Weapons Possessions	0	0	0

6. Monitoring and Recording Off-Campus Crime

The College considers the welfare and safety of students in off-campus programs and those participating in field trips, to be of equal importance to those on the campus. Incidents happening at off-campus sites will be handled by the faculty or staff member in charge of the group or individuals affected. Such incidents will be reported to local law enforcement and to the VP of Student Affairs. Such incidents will become part of the College crime statistics.

The Student Code and Grievance Procedure, in section III, F, #8 & 9, indicates that the violation of institutional policies or South Carolina and/or federal laws while on or off campus when participating in a college-sponsored activity are actions which subject the student to the disciplinary provisions of the Code. Therefore, all violations of these provisions are subject to institutional sanctions regardless of actions taken or not taken by legal authorities.

7. Alcohol and Drug Information

Separate materials have been prepared by the College on alcohol and drug possession, use, and sale. This information is provided to every student once a year at the time of registration.

8. Sexual Assault

Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault. An unfortunate result is that many sexual assault survivors elect not to tell anyone. It is important that the campus community be aware of both the consequences of sexual assault and the options available to victims/survivors.

If an assault occurs on college property, it should be reported immediately to any member of the College staff or faculty. Incidents will be reported to the administrator in charge. Incidents off-campus should be reported to local law enforcement officials.

This information provided in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990.