Safety First
A Guide to Safety and Security in the Riverside Community College District

2015 CLERY REPORT

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*Based on 2012-2014 summary data.
Welcome to the Riverside Community College District. The security of our students, faculty and staff is a primary concern. We are committed to crime prevention as a means to ensure that security.

Our colleges are located in three different cities in Riverside County. The rules of common sense for personal security are worth heeding - on and off campus. Be alert to your surroundings, always lock your car, and report any suspicious or criminal activity immediately to the RCCD Police Department. We have a police department with sworn law enforcement officers on duty 24 hours a day.

We invite you to read this brochure and become a partner in your own safety. It is through the cooperation of faculty, staff and students that we can ensure our colleges are safe and pleasant places to work and learn. The following tips advise you on how to be safer at home, on the streets, and on campus.

Riverside Community College District Police Department

It is the policy of the RCCD Board of Trustees to protect the college community and the property of the District. Under the general direction of the Vice Chancellor of Student Services, the RCCD Police Department headed by the chief of police ensures that reasonable protection is provided by using methods that fit within and contribute to the educational philosophy of this institution.

RCCD police officers are sworn peace officers in compliance with the State of California Peace Officer’s Standards & Training (POST), and have the same training requirements and authority as municipal peace officers throughout the state.

The RCCD Police Department receives reports of incidents occurring on campus and is responsible for investigating campus crime. In addition, the department has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Riverside Police Department (Riverside City College) and the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department (Moreno Valley and Norco colleges).

For All Emergencies
Dial 911
College Safety and the Clery Act

This brochure is published in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act that requires U.S. colleges and universities that participate in federal student financial aid programs to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses.

Clery Act Summary:

- Schools must publish an annual report disclosing campus security policies and three years worth of specified crime and arrest statistics.
- Schools must make this report available to current and prospective students, staff and faculty.
- Schools must make timely warnings to the campus community about crimes that pose an ongoing or immediate threat to students and employees.
- Each institution with a police or security department must have a public crime log.
- The U.S. Department of Education centrally collects and disseminates the reported statistics.
- Campus sexual assault victims are assured of certain basic rights.
- Schools that fail to comply can be penalized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Who was Jeanne Clery?

Jeanne Clery was a 19-year-old Lehigh University freshman who was raped and murdered in her dorm room on April 5, 1986. Her parents later found out about 38 violent crimes on the Lehigh campus in the three years before her murder. They joined with other victims of campus crime and persuaded Congress to enact this law, which was originally known as the “Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990.”

See the 2014 statistics attached in the center of this brochure.
Megan’s Law: Sex Offender Registration

You can search online for “high risk” and “serious” sex offenders in the cities of Riverside, Moreno Valley and Norco by using the interactive map for the state of California at the Internet address www.meganslaw.ca.gov or you can visit the Riverside Police Department at 4102 Orange St., Riverside, CA 92501 or the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Jurupa Station at 7477 Mission Blvd., Riverside, CA 92509 Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm. There are computers and workstations set up for the public to access this website. Additionally, information on sex offender registration is available at the office of the State of California Attorney General, www.caag.state.ca.us/megan. The National Sex Offender Public Registry is available through the U.S. Department of Justice at www.nsopr.gov.

Faculty, staff and students may obtain information on registered sex offenders who are students, employees or volunteers by calling the Riverside Community College District Police Department at (951) 222-8171 to schedule an appointment.

Reporting Policy for Annual Crime Statistics

The District and the RCCD Police Department are in a coordinated effort to generate, compile, and report crime, arrests and student disciplinary information contained in this report. District employees provide crime incident information for this report. Relevant crime data from the Riverside Police Department and the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department are also included. The RCCD Police Department closely reviews all data to ensure accuracy and avoid any possible duplication of information.

Crime Prevention

It is the philosophy of RCCD that security is everybody’s responsibility. Students, faculty, staff and visitors are partners in creating an atmosphere that is safe and conducive to learning. One of the essential ingredients of any successful crime prevention program is an informed public. It is the goal of RCCD to inform students and staff in a timely manner of any criminal activity or security problem that may pose a threat to their safety. Such information will be distributed to students via brochures, newsletters, posted notices, student publications, and the District website.

Faculty and staff are informed through in-house memos, bulletins, newsletters, and email. Effective crime prevention programs include some measure of people watching out for one another. Staff and students are asked to be alert, security conscious and involved. Call the RCCD Police at (951) 222-8171 whenever you see suspicious behavior.
What to Do If You Are Attacked

The course of action you take is strictly up to you. It is our sincere hope that you never need assistance, that you are never victimized, but if you are attacked, here are a few suggestions:

- Use common sense; avoid panic.
- Use your natural defenses and act fast.
- Yell loudly.
- Identify your attacker’s vulnerable locations. Strike legs, feet, groin. Scratch the eyes and face.
- Do not confront force with force.
- Disengage and run.
- Your goal is to escape.
- Maintain good balance.
- Use distraction techniques.
- Run towards people and open businesses.
- Be a good witness.

During an armed attack, if you feel your life is about to be taken, you must decide what course of action you should follow to defend yourself. Once you have made your decision and started your defensive action, keep in mind several other options and never stop trying new methods until you have completed your escape. If you cannot escape, bide your time and wait for another opportunity.

When Calling the Police:
- Cooperate fully with the police.
- Press charges when your attacker is caught.
- Be a good witness.
- Remember the attacker’s description, height, weight, age, race, eyes, marks or scars, clothing, mannerisms, language, vehicle’s description, license number, and direction of escape.

What about Judo, Karate or Other Self-Defense Training?
This type of training is great for physical conditioning; however, it may take several years of training and continual practice to develop usable skills. Don’t substitute self-defense training for common sense, alertness and caution.

What about Carrying a Weapon?
It is not advisable to carry guns, knives or clubs. It is illegal to carry some of these weapons, and all of them could be turned against you.
Access to College Facilities

RCCD students and staff members have been issued identification cards which they may be asked to produce if there is a question about their authorization to be on campus. Employees must secure authorization for a date and time from the department chairperson or supervisor if they will be working on campus other than during regular business hours and notify the RCCD Police of their presence.

Many campus rooms and areas are protected by intrusion alarms. Before entering protected areas, contact RCCD Police Dispatch at (951) 222-8171.

It is the responsibility of those who use rooms, offices and other areas to lock access doors, turn off lights, and close windows. Facilities staff and RCCD Police will check many of the areas of the campus during off hours, but the primary responsibility for security lies with the user.

Keys

Keys are provided to staff members on a need-to-enter basis as determined by the supervisor. Lost keys must be reported immediately to a supervisor and to the RCCD Police Department.

Keys must never be loaned to other staff members or students. Riverside Community College District Police personnel will confiscate any keys which have not been specifically issued to a particular individual. Duplication and unlawful possession of District keys is a misdemeanor.

College Property

No District property may be removed from the campus without written permission from the department chairperson or area supervisor. Unauthorized removal of District property from the campus is a violation of law and may be prosecuted by the District.

Off-Campus Crime

The Riverside Police and the Riverside County Sheriff provide the District with crime data for the areas surrounding RCCD campuses. College personnel will notify persons using these facilities when a security problem arises.
Substance Abuse

The possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages by anyone on RCCD-controlled property is a misdemeanor per California Business and Professionals code 25608 and a violation of District Policy 6080 item 10, in the Student Code of Conduct. The use, sale or possession of any illegal drug is a violation of state law and any person found in violation may be subject to arrest by federal, state, local and college law enforcement authorities. Criminal prosecution is separate from any administrative discipline that may be imposed by the District.

Any student or employee in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the District or termination from employment.

The decision to take disciplinary action in any instance rests with the Board of Trustees after consideration of the recommendation of a site administrator and an administrative panel.

A complete list of legal sanctions is available in the office of the vice chancellor of Student Services.

The District provides information on drug treatment and prevention through Student Health Services. Contact Student Health Services for additional information.

The following facilities are secured by the RCCD Police Department: Riverside City College, Rubidoux Annex, Riverside System Offices (RCCSO) (NC), the Culinary Academy, the District Office on Spruce (NC), Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center, Distance Education (NC), Moreno Valley College, Norco College, University/Market Prop (NC), JFK Middle College HS and Economic Development Corona (NC), and The Center For Social Justice and Civil Liberties (NC). NC denotes a District property not used for the purposes of instruction. No oral or written representation by any employee is binding on the Riverside Community College District without the express approval of the Board of Trustees.
Precautions to Take at Home

- Be prepared to identify yourself as an employee to the police.
- If you are entrusted with a key to a specific area, never loan it to anyone. Keys can be easily lost, stolen or duplicated.
- Police escort services are available from the Riverside Community College District Police Department by calling (951) 222-8171.

- Walk with other employees to and from your car.
- If you receive an annoying or obscene phone call, check the background noises you may have heard. Call the College Police.
- If you receive obscene phone calls, quietly hang up and call the police.
- If you see or hear something or someone suspicious, call the police.

Crime Prevention in the Car

- Always keep your car in gear while stopped at traffic signals or stop signs.
- Never leave your purse in sight. Hide it under your seat or in the glove box.
- Always keep your car in gear while stopped at traffic signals or stop signs.
- If threatened, simply drive away. Always write down license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles.
- When arriving home, always leave your headlights on until you have opened the garage door or unlocked your front door.

Sexual Assault and Acquaintance Rape

- You have the right to sexual limits. It is your body and no one else can control that.
- If you are raped, you are never to blame. There are people who care and who are able to help you.

- What is Rape?
  - The crime of rape generally refers to non-consensual intercourse that is committed by physical force, threat or injury, or other duress. A lack of consent can include the victim's inability to give consent (usually 18 years of age). The most common type of rape is acquaintance rape. (Date rape is one type of acquaintance rape.)
  - Every two minutes, somewhere in America, someone is sexually assaulted.
  - One in six American women are victims of sexual assault, and one in 33 men are.
  - In 2007, there was an annual average of 248,300 victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault. (These figures do not include victims 12 years old or younger.)
  - About 44% of rape victims are under age 18, and 80% are under age 30.
  - Rape has decreased by 60% since 1993.

What Can You Do To Prevent Sexual Assault?

- You have the right to sexual limits. It is your body and no one has the right to force you to do something you don't want to do. Learn to feel comfortable with this right. Make your expectations clear.
- If you want someone touching you, let them know clearly and forcefully. If someone makes you uncomfortable, remove yourself from the situation.

Suggestions to help reduce your risk:

- There is strength in numbers or group dates. Go to parties or clubs with a friend and be responsible for each other. Don't split up. Have a pre-planned signal to let your friend know that you want to leave or need help.
- Control your alcohol. Don't let it control you. Drink responsibly or not at all, especially on first dates.
- Do not abuse any substance that might hinder your ability to say no.
- Don't be embarrassed or ashamed to say "no" or ask someone to stop. It is your body.
- Verbalize your expectations. Be up front. Talk about sexual boundaries. A potentially embarrassing conversation could save you from a traumatic situation.
- Trust your gut instinct. Guard your personal space. If someone makes you uncomfortable, remove yourself from the situation.

Sexual Violence and the Law

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What If It Happens to You or Someone You Know?

- If you or someone you know is assaulted, know what to do. If you are raped, you are never to blame. There are people who care and who are able to help you.

- Get to a safe place. Get help immediately. Call the police. DO NOT shower or change clothes. Go to the hospital.

- It is important to your health and well being to be checked for injuries and sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV.

- Retain any clothing of yours or the suspect's and materials that could provide evidence (e.g., bed sheeting, condoms, etc.).

- Call a rape crisis center.

- RCCD has a disciplinary procedure for cases of alleged sex offenses and sanctions that may be imposed. You will be informed of the outcome of these proceedings. Victims will also be afforded the ability to adjust academic schedule, if options are reasonably available.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Resources

For information about educational programs on sexual assault prevention, contact the following phone numbers:
- RCCD Police and Health Services will assist you in contacting any of the off-campus organizations.
- Police escort services are available on the campuses and off-site locations by dialing (951) 222-8171 for the RCCD Police Dispatch Center.
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The tables distinguish crimes committed on campus from those on public property. Public property is defined as the reasonably contiguous geographical area around the College/center or around a building the District controls and uses for educational purposes (e.g., thoroughfares, streets, parks, restaurants and public parking facilities).

#### 1. NC denotes a District property not used for the purposes of instruction.

#### NOTE: Uses for educational purposes (e.g., thoroughfares, streets, parks, restaurants and public parking facilities).

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