Annual Security and Fire Safety Report
2023

In accordance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, now known as The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, Illinois College provides the following information relating to crime statistics and security measures to prospective students, matriculated students and employees. It is our goal to provide an accurate assessment of the crime situation on campus.

Introduction
Safety and security issues are extremely important concerns of parents, students, faculty, staff, and visitors to our campus. As an academic community made up of approximately 1000 students plus a faculty and staff population of around 250, Illinois College understands this concern. We accept the responsibility for providing a learning and living environment that is as free as possible from any threats to the safety or well-being for all of us who live and work here.

Jacksonville is a rural community with a population of around 20,000 residents, and Illinois College is located in a residential neighborhood on the west side of the city. Historically Jacksonville has been described as a pleasant place to live where crime statistics are low. However, being aware of the potential for criminal activity provides us with the opportunity to be proactive in our approach to the safety and security of our campus.

The Illinois College Department of Public Safety works closely with the Jacksonville Police Department and the Morgan County Sheriff’s Department and they are known by name by most of our students and staff. We know we must be vigilant and attentive to ensuring that our campus continues to be safe and the members of the academic community are instrumental in enabling us to be the kind of campus and community where criminal activity will not be tolerated.

Department of Public Safety
Campus safety and security procedures are coordinated by the Department of Public Safety that consists of five full-time officers and an Executive Director of Residential Life and Campus Safety. Our Public Safety officers are unarmed, have no official police or arrest powers and are assigned to the Division of Student Life. They have high visibility and are known to faculty, staff and students. The Department of Public Safety office is located on the ground floor of Gardner Hall.

Public Safety officers conduct foot, golf cart, and vehicle patrols of the campus 24 hours a day when
school is in session. The Public Safety Officers enforce all policies and procedures included in the student handbook (Blue Book). Officers carry a cellular phone which allows students and staff to immediately contact the Public Safety officers. This also allows our Public Safety personnel to be in contact with the police department, fire department and/or emergency services when needed. Officers also carry a digital radio transceiver that allows instant contact with other officers, campus staff, and the Jacksonville Police Department.

Illinois College maintains a good working relationship with the Jacksonville Police Department and Morgan County Sheriff’s Department. Officers from both departments are used by the College for larger events where extra security is needed. The Jacksonville Police Department is called to investigate all major criminal offenses. Currently, the College has a written memorandum of understanding with this agency and the Morgan County State’s Attorney.

REPORTING A CRIME
Students and employees are encouraged and required to report all criminal incidents and emergencies to:

Department of Public Safety
   Gardner Hall 016
   217.245.3111
Dean of Students
   Tanner Hall
   217.245.3574
   Lincoln Hall - HUB
   217.245.3116
Office of Residential Life
   Caine Student Center
   217.245.3012
Jacksonville Police Department
   200 West Douglas Street
   Jacksonville, Illinois 62650
   911 for emergencies
   217.479.4630 for non-emergency

Victims of a crime are encouraged to file a police report along with reporting to the above persons or organizations. The Department of Public Safety will assist with this if requested. Criminal incidents reported to the above persons or organizations will be used for preparing the annual disclosure of crime statistics. The College has a policy for voluntary confidential reporting for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics concerning sexual misconduct violations.

TIMELY WARNING NOTICES
To aid in the prevention of similar crimes, timely warning crime alerts are posted as quickly as possible relating to crimes of criminal homicide, murder and non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft and arson that are reported to a campus security authority or local police and are considered by the College to represent a threat to students and staff. The College may not provide timely warnings on those crimes
reported to a pastoral or professional counselor. Alerts are posted by one or more of the following means: all-campus email, Illinois College Department of Public Safety homepage, flyers on red paper (red paper is reserved for emergency messages) and IC Alert.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

All members of the Illinois College community are required to notify the Department of Public Safety of any situation or incident on campus that involves a significant emergency or dangerous situation that may involve an immediate or ongoing threat to the health and safety of the students and/or employees on campus. The Illinois College Incident Management Team (IMT), comprises members from the Office of the President, Residential Life, Information Technology, Health Services, Facilities Management, Athletics, Marketing and Communications, Human Resources, and Public Safety. The IMT has the responsibility of responding to and summoning the necessary resources, to mitigate, investigate, and document any situation that may cause a significant emergency or dangerous situation. The Department of Public Safety and/or Jacksonville Police Department has a responsibility to respond to such incidents to determine if the situation does in fact pose a threat to the campus community. If that is the case Federal Law requires that the College immediately notify the campus community or the appropriate segments of the community that may be affected by the situation. The IMT will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the appropriate segment or segments of the campus community to receive a notification, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless the notification will, in the professional judgment of the responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist victims or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

The College participates in a monthly tornado warning test with the National Weather Service and tests the emergency response and evacuation or shelter in place procedures at least once per calendar year. The Department of Public Safety documents a description of the exercise, the date and time of the exercise, and whether it was announced or unannounced. Emergency procedures are published annually in the Illinois College Blue Book.

**NOTIFICATION ABOUT IMMEDIATE THREATS**

In the event of a serious incident which poses an immediate threat to members of the Illinois College community, the College has various systems in place for communicating information quickly to those individuals. Some or all of these methods of communication may be activated by the Department of Public Safety in the event of an immediate threat to the Illinois College campus community. These methods of communication include network emails, emergency text messages thru IC Alert, emergency messages on computer screens, an outdoor warning siren, and information posted on the Illinois College website at [www.ic.edu](http://www.ic.edu).

**IC Alert**

IC Alert is an emergency notification system that sends important messages from the College to mobile phones and email as well as pop-ups messages to campus computers. It is only used during an active emergency or unexpected closing of the College or its activities. Illinois College employs this text and email messaging service as another solution for communicating swiftly and effectively with our campus community in the event of an active emergency. It is only used to send emergency/life-threatening or unexpected campus closure alerts.
WORKPLACE/CAMPUS VIOLENCE
Illinois College will not tolerate violence or threats on campus or in connection with college events. Individuals who violate this policy statement may be subject to disciplinary action up to, and including, employment termination or expulsion. Individuals who intentionally bring false charges against another may also be subject to disciplinary action up to and including employment termination or expulsion.

SAFETY IN RESIDENCE HALLS & CAMPUS BUILDINGS
Access to residence halls is limited to students and their guests. Access to the residence halls by College employees is on an “as needed” basis and incorporates strict access control procedures.

Residence hall safety measures include:
- Locked entrance doors with card access
- Security cameras on all entrance/exit doors
- Locking room doors and windows
- Door peepholes
- Trained residential life staff
- Fire alarm systems with smoke detectors in bedrooms monitored by an off-campus monitoring company
- Emergency procedures and fire evacuation plans posted on the door of each resident’s room
- Carbon monoxide detectors where required by law
- Requirement that students always escort their guests
- Designated shelter areas

Students, faculty, and employees at Illinois College have access to academic, recreational and administrative facilities on campus. The public can attend cultural and recreational events on campus with their access limited to the facilities in which these events are held.

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING STUDENTS WHO RESIDE IN ON-CAMPUS HOUSING
If a member of the campus community has reason to believe that a student who resides on-campus is missing, he or she should immediately notify the Department of Public Safety at 217.245.3111. Public Safety will generate a missing person incident report and initiate an investigation. After investigating the missing person report, should the Department of Public Safety determine that the student is missing and has been missing for 24 hours or more, Illinois College will notify the Jacksonville Police Department and the student’s emergency contact. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, Illinois College will notify the student’s parent or legal guardian immediately after the Department of Public Safety has determined that the student is missing. In addition to registering an emergency contact, students residing in on-campus housing have the option to identify confidentially an individual to be contacted by Illinois College in the event the student is determined to be missing. If a student has identified such an individual, Illinois College will notify that individual as soon as practical after the student is determined to be missing. A student’s confidential contact information will be accessible only by authorized campus officials and law enforcement as appropriate.
SAFETY OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
The College’s buildings and grounds are monitored and patrolled by Public Safety. The Facilities Management department maintains the buildings and grounds with a concern for safety and security. They inspect campus facilities to provide prompt repair service and respond quickly to reports of potential hazards. The campus lighting is normal for the size and nature of the College and the Facilities Management staff monitor campus safety as well as lighting improvements when needed and/or recommended. The Facilities Management staff maintains an after-hours call out schedule whereby maintenance personnel can be called to campus after hours to address and repair any safety concerns that need immediate attention.

Phones for emergency purposes are in lobbies, foyers, and entries to some buildings. These phones are primarily for emergency services (911) and the Department of Public Safety (217.245.3111) but will make local and on-campus calls as well.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR NON-CAMPUS LOCATIONS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
There was one non-campus location used for student housing during 2022. The College also has two non-campus properties that are used primarily for biology field trips. These locations are monitored by the agencies having jurisdiction over them. The College has no non-campus student organizations.

THE STUDENT’S AND STAFF’S RESPONSIBILITY
The cooperation and involvement of students and staff themselves in a campus safety program are necessary. Students and staff must accept responsibility for their own personal safety and the security of their belongings by taking simple common-sense precautions. For example, any student or staff may feel more comfortable using the escort service when traveling around campus late at night. Room and office doors should be locked at night or when the room or office is left unoccupied. Outside doors should never be propped open. Bicycles should be secured with a sturdy lock to the provided bike racks. Students and staff with motor vehicles must have a parking permit enabling them to park in designated parking lots on campus. Vehicles always need to be locked and any valuables should be locked in the trunk. Students should report any suspicious looking individuals who do not belong in their residence halls or any unusual incidents in and around the residence halls or elsewhere on campus to the Department of Public Safety.

SECURITY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
Patrol
The Department of Public Safety provides 24-hour coverage for the campus by foot, cart and vehicle patrols.

Escort
An escort to any location on campus may be obtained by calling the Department of Public Safety, and a member of the office will provide this service.

Parking
The Department of Public Safety is responsible for parking enforcement on campus. Parking permits are required to park anywhere on campus.
Lighting
Outside lighting is checked regularly and improperly working or burned out lights are reported to Facilities Management for repair. The Facilities Management department has staff on call 24-hours a day to provide emergency repairs that pose a safety or security concern.

Room Lockouts
If a student is locked out of his or her residence hall room and cannot locate a member of the Residential Life staff or the Department of Public Safety will assist in gaining room access.

Vehicle Services
The Department of Public Safety will provide referrals for roadside service from local automotive road service companies for jump-starts and vehicle lock-outs.

Other Services
The Department of Public Safety will also provide help in obtaining emergency and medical assistance and assist with filing police reports if needed.

ALCOHOL, DRUG AND WEAPONS POLICIES
Illinois College includes in the Blue Book policies specifically related to the use/abuse of alcohol; the use, sale or distribution of illegal drugs or controlled substances, and the possession/use of firearms or other dangerous weapons on campus. Students 21 years of age or older may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their individual residence hall room and no public consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted on campus. Firearms or other dangerous weapons are prohibited on campus as is the use, possession or sale of illegal drugs or controlled substances. Violators are subject to disciplinary action and criminal prosecution. Educational programming is provided each year including Voices for Change - Alcohol and Other Drugs.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY
The College complies with the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act. Illinois State Police establish and maintain a statewide Sex Offender Database identifying persons who have been convicted of certain sex offenses and/or crimes against children and must register as a sex offender. Registered sex offenders, their address, and other identifying information can be viewed on the Illinois State Police web page or the Morgan County Sheriff’s website.

GENDER BASED, SEXUAL & INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMMING
Students:
Every year, students are provided with a variety of educational programming and information pertaining to safety and security including:

- All new students and athletes are required to complete an online sexual assault awareness program called Voices for Change - Consent.
- Ongoing awareness messages presented through educational public service announcements that are shown prior to movies students view on our IC Movies website
- Safe IC (the Illinois College threat assessment team) awareness and how to make reports
- Training for the entire Residential Life staff pertaining to sexual assault awareness and
response

- Annual RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incent National Network) Day on campus to raise awareness for sexual violence issues.
- Convocations, educational sessions for students, which focus on sexual violence. These could include speakers, film reviews, or a combination of the two.

Employees:
All new employees must complete an orientation program which provides information on policies and resources regarding violence prevention including:
- Sexual Harassment training
- Explanation of the policies regarding interpersonal relationships in the workplace
- Availability of the Employee Assistance Program
- Access to the Title IX policy in the Employee Handbook as well as notice they are a mandated reporter
- Availability of resources for concerns and reporting procedures related to violence in the workplace
- Safe IC (the Illinois College threat assessment team) awareness and how to make reports

All current employees complete Title IX training every year through an online training module and have access to the policy in the Employee Handbook.

SAFE IC
SAFE IC stands for "Stabilization Assistance & Follow-Up Enhancement Intervention Committee." It is a multidisciplinary team that meets to identify, assess, and respond to behavior that may pose a threat of harm to Illinois College students, employees, and invitees, thereby encouraging an environment of increased safety. SAFE IC is designed to provide a coordinated referral system, a detailed behavioral assessment process, an internal communications structure, an intentional intervention strategy, and a comprehensive monitoring system to allow for follow-up and support.

Case referrals to SAFE IC are made in the following manner:
- Referral from the Office of the Provost
- Referral from Human Resources
- Referral from the Counseling/Health Services Offices
- Referral from Supervisors/Administrators
- Referral from colleagues/friends
- SAFE IC Referral Form
- Contact with a SAFE IC member
- In emergencies: contact Department of Public Safety | 217.245.3111

The membership of SAFE IC will include a representative from the following campus departments:
- Dean of Students (faculty, staff and student issues)
- Executive Director of Residential Life and Campus Safety (faculty, staff and student issues)
- Director of Student Health and Wellbeing (student issues)
- Dean of Faculty (faculty issues)
- Human Resources (faculty or staff issues)
- Associate Provost, Student Success & Director, Center for Academic Excellence (student issues)
- Health & Wellbeing Program Coordinator (student issues)
- Administrative Coordinator for Student Success (student issues)
# ILLINOIS COLLEGE POLICY ON DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND TITLE IX SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

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Statement of Nondiscrimination

Illinois College adheres to all federal and state civil rights laws banning discrimination in institutions of higher education, including Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (“Title IX”), the Violence Against Women Act, and the Illinois Human Rights Act as well as the Illinois Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act. The College does not discriminate against an employee, applicant for employment, student, or applicant for admission on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, pregnancy, ethnicity, national identity, citizenship status, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, veteran or military status, predisposing genetic characteristics or any other protected category under applicable local, state, or federal law and in accordance with the College’s Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Values Statement and Strategic Plan as well as the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and all other applicable state and federal laws.

The College is committed to the principles of equal opportunity and seeks to establish and maintain an environment which ensures equal access to education for all College community members including students, applicants for admission, employees, applicants for employment, guests, and visitors. The College does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity operated by the College including, but not limited to, admissions, employment, recruitment, compensation, and athletics as well as access to housing and facilities, classes and schools, counseling, employment assistance to students, health and insurance benefits and services, and fringe benefits. The College is required by Title IX and the regulations thereunder not to discriminate in such a manner.

For additional information or inquiries about the application of Title IX and the regulations thereunder, contact the College’s Title IX Coordinator and/or the Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Education.

Jurisdiction of Illinois College

This Policy applies to the education program and activities of the College, to conduct that takes place on the campus or on property owned or controlled by the College, at College-sponsored events, or in buildings owned or controlled by College’s recognized student organizations. The Respondent must be a member of the Illinois College community in order for its policies to apply.

This Policy can also be applicable to the effects of off-campus misconduct that effectively deprive someone of access to the College’s educational program. The College may also extend jurisdiction to off-campus and/or to online conduct when the Title IX Coordinator determines that the conduct affects a substantial College interest.

Regardless of where the conduct occurred, the College will address notice/complaints to determine whether the conduct occurred in the context of its employment or educational
program or activity and/or has continuing effects on campus or in an off-campus sponsored program or activity. A substantial College interest includes:
   a. Any action that constitutes a criminal offense as defined by law. This includes, but is not limited to, single or repeat violations of any local, state, or federal law;
   b. Any situation in which it is determined that the Respondent poses an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual;
   c. Any situation that significantly impinges upon the rights, property, or achievements of oneself or others or significantly breaches the peace and/or causes social disorder; and/or
   d. Any situation that is detrimental to the educational interests or mission of the College.

If the Respondent is unknown or is not a member of the College community, the Title IX Coordinator will assist the Complainant in identifying appropriate campus and local resources and support options and/or, when criminal conduct is alleged, in contacting local or campus law enforcement if the individual would like to file a police report.

Further, even when the Respondent is not a member of Illinois College’s community, supportive measures, remedies, and resources may be accessible to the Complainant by contacting the Title IX Coordinator.

In addition, the College may take other actions, as appropriate, to protect the Complainant against third parties, such as barring individuals from College property and/or events.

All vendors serving the College through third-party contracts are subject to the policies and procedures of their employers or to these policies and procedures to which their employer has agreed to be bound by their contracts.

When the Respondent is enrolled in or employed by another institution, the Title IX Coordinator can assist the Complainant in liaising with the appropriate individual at that institution, as it may be possible to allege violations through that institution’s policies.

Similarly, the Title IX Coordinator may be able to advocate for a student or employee Complainant who experiences discrimination in an externship, study abroad program, or other environment external to the College where sexual harassment or nondiscrimination policies and procedures of the facilitating or host organization may give recourse to the Complainant.

Definitions
   ● **Actual Knowledge** means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment delivered to Illinois College’s Title IX Coordinator. Such notice includes reports sent to the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, by telephone, by email,
telephone call, in-person, or by using the College online report form which can be found here.

- **Administrative Process (Process B)** means a process of resolution designated by Illinois College to address conduct that falls within the policies included below and is dismissed under the provisions in Title IX thus not needing to comply with requirements of the Title IX regulations (34 CFR Part 106.45).

- **Advisor** means a person chosen by a party or appointed by the institution to accompany the party to meetings related to the Resolution Process, to advise the party on that process, and to conduct questioning for the party at the hearing, if any.

- **Business Day** means a day when Illinois College is in normal business operation.

- **Calendar Day** means day on the calendar including weekends and holidays.

- **Complainant** means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute harassment or discrimination based on a protected class; or retaliation for engaging in a protected activity.

- **Confidential Resource** means an employee who is not a Mandated Reporter of notice of harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation (irrespective of Clery Act Campus Security Authority status).

- **Education Program or Activity** means locations, events, or circumstances where Illinois College exercises substantial control over both the Respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment or discrimination occurs and also includes any building owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the Illinois College. The College’s education program or activity also extends to operations which include computer and internet networks, digital platforms, and computer hardware or software owned or operated by, or used in the operations of the College.

- **Final Determination** means a conclusion by the preponderance of evidence that the alleged conduct occurred and whether it did or did not violate policy.

- **Finding** means a conclusion by the preponderance of evidence that the conduct did or did not occur as alleged.

- **Formal Complaint** means a document filed/signed by a Complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging gender based, sexual or interpersonal violence or retaliation against a Respondent and requesting that the College investigate the allegation. At the time of filing a Formal Complaint, the Complainant must be
participating in or attempting to participate in an education program or activity at the College.

- **Formal Grievance Process (Process A)** means a method of formal resolution designated by Illinois College to address conduct that falls within the policies included below, and which complies with the requirements of the Title IX regulations (34 CFR Part 106.45).

- **Grievance Process Pool** includes any Investigators, Hearing Decision-makers, Appeal Decision-makers, and College-appointed Advisors who may perform any or all of these roles (though not at the same time or with respect to the same case).

- **Hearing Panel** refers to those who have decision-making and sanctioning authority within Illinois College’s Formal Grievance process.

- **Informal Resolution** means a complaint resolution agreed to by the Parties and approved by the Title IX Coordinator that occurs prior to a Final Determination being reached. Informal resolution is not available for employee on student complaints.

- **Investigator** means the person or persons charged by Illinois College with gathering facts about an alleged violation of this Policy, assessing relevance and credibility, synthesizing the evidence, and compiling this information into an investigation report and file of directly related evidence.

- **Mandated Reporter** means an employee of Illinois College who is obligated by policy to share knowledge, notice, and/or reports of harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation with the Title IX Coordinator and/or the Executive Director of Residence Life & Campus Safety.¹

- **Notice** means that an employee, student, or third-party informs (reports) the Title IX Coordinator or other Official with Authority of the alleged occurrence of harassing, discriminatory, and/or retaliatory conduct.

- **Official with Authority (OWA)** means an employee of the College explicitly vested with the responsibility to implement corrective measures for harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation on behalf of the College.

- **Parties** include the Complainant(s) and Respondent(s), collectively.

- **Recipient** means Illinois College as a postsecondary education program that is a recipient of federal funding.

¹ Not to be confused with Mandatory Reporters, who are mandated by state law to report child abuse, elder abuse, and/or abuse of individuals with disabilities to appropriate officials, though these responsibilities may overlap with those who have mandated reporting responsibility in this Policy.
- **Remedies** are post-final determination actions directed to the Complainant and/or the community as mechanisms to address safety, prevent recurrence, and restore access to the College’s educational program.

- **Respondent** means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute harassment or discrimination based on a protected class; or retaliation for engaging in a protected activity under this Policy.

- **Resolution** means the result of an Informal Resolution or Formal Grievance Process.

- **Sanction** means a consequence imposed by the College on a Respondent who is found to have violated this policy.

- **Sexual Harassment** is the umbrella category including the offenses of sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and domestic violence. See section [here](#) for greater detail.

- **Standard of Evidence** means the standard used to determine if a policy violation occurred. The College uses a “preponderance of evidence” standard, which means that the evidence demonstrates that it is more likely than not that the alleged conduct or policy violation occurred.

- **Student** means any individual who has accepted an offer of admission, or who is registered or enrolled for credit or non-credit bearing coursework, and who maintains an ongoing educational relationship with Illinois College.

- **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972** (29 USC 1681-1688) provides, “No person in the United States, shall on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

  Essentially, Title IX provides that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training or other education program or activity operated by Illinois College. Title IX also provides that no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in employment, or recruitment, consideration, or selection therefore, whether full-time or part-time, under any education program or activity operated by the College. Illinois College acknowledges its obligations under Title IX and is committed to complying with all Title IX requirements.

- **Title IX Coordinator** is the official designated by Illinois College to ensure compliance with Title IX and Title IX program. References to the Coordinator throughout this
policy may also encompass a designee of the Coordinator for specific tasks.

- **VAWA:** Violence Against Women Act classifies dating violence, domestic violence and stalking as crimes. The VAWA reauthorization of 2013 amended the Clery Act to require institutions to compile statistics for incidents of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to include certain policies, procedures, and programs pertaining to these incidents in their annual security reports.

### The Illinois College Title IX Coordinator

The Title IX Coordinator oversees implementation of Illinois College’s Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Plan and the Illinois College Policy on Discrimination, Harassment, and Title IX Sexual Misconduct.

The Title IX Coordinator has the primary responsibility for coordinating Illinois College’s efforts related to the intake, investigation, resolution, and implementation of supportive measures to stop, remediate, and prevent discrimination, harassment, and retaliation prohibited under this Policy.

#### Independence and Conflict of Interest

The Title IX Coordinator manages the Title IX Team and acts with independence and authority free from bias and conflicts of interest. The Title IX Coordinator oversees all resolutions under this policy and these procedures. The members of the Title IX Team are vetted and trained to ensure they are not biased for or against any party in a specific case, or for or against Complainants and/or Respondents, generally.

To raise any concern involving bias or conflict of interest by the Title IX Coordinator, contact Provost O’Connell at 217.245.3010 or catharine.oconnell@ic.edu. Concerns of bias or a potential conflict of interest by any other Title IX Team member should be raised with the Title IX Coordinator.

Reports of misconduct or discrimination committed by the Title IX Coordinator should be reported to contact Provost O’Connell at 217.245.3010 or catharine.oconnell@ic.edu or designee. Reports of misconduct or discrimination committed by any other Title IX Team member should be reported to the Title IX Coordinator.

### Administrative Contact Information

Complaints or notice of alleged policy violations, or inquiries about or concerns regarding this policy or procedures may be made **internally** to:
Illinois College has authorized the administrators listed in the section below on **Officials with Authority** (OWAs) to address and correct harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation. In addition to the Title IX Team members listed above, these OWAs may also accept notice or Formal Complaints on behalf of the College.

Illinois College has also classified all employees, including Resident Assistance and Hall Directors, as Mandated Reporters of any knowledge they have that a member of the community is experiencing harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation. The section below on **Mandated Reporting** details employee responsibilities accordingly.

Inquiries about or concerns regarding this Policy and procedures may be made externally to:

Office for Civil Rights (OCR)
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-1100
Customer Service Hotline #: (800) 421-3481
Facsimile: (202) 453-6012
TDD#: (877) 521-2172
Email: [OCR@ed.gov](mailto:OCR@ed.gov)
Notice of Complaints of Discrimination, Harassment, Title IX Sexual Misconduct and/or Retaliation

Notice of complaints of discrimination, harassment, Title IX Sexual Misconduct and/or retaliation may be made using any of the following options:

1. File a report with, or give verbal notice to, the Title IX Coordinator, Deputy Coordinators, or Officials with Authority (contact information here). Such a report may be made at any time, including during non-business hours, by using the phone number or email address, or by mail, to the office listed for the Title IX Coordinator or any other official listed.

2. Report online, using the form linked at www.ic.edu/sexualmisconduct/report.

Anonymous reports are accepted but can give rise to a need to investigate. The College tries to provide supportive measures to all Complainants, which may be impossible with an anonymous report that does not identify a Complainant.

Because reporting carries no obligation to initiate a formal response, and as the College respects Complainant requests to dismiss complaints unless there is a compelling threat to health and/or safety, the Complainant is largely in control and should not fear a loss of privacy by making a report that allows the College to discuss and/or provide supportive measures.
Mandated Reporters
Illinois College has also classified most employees, including Residential Assistants and Hall Directors, as Mandated Reporters of any knowledge they have that a member of the community is experiencing harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation. Such personnel who receive reports of violations of this policy, with the exception of those who are designated as Confidential Resources, are considered Mandated Reporters and are required to promptly forward all details of behaviors under this policy that they observe or have knowledge of, even if not reported to them by a Complainant or third-party.

Employees must also promptly share all details of behaviors under this Policy that they observe or have knowledge of, even if not reported to them by a Complainant or third party.

Complainants may want to carefully consider whether they share personally identifiable details with non-confidential Mandated Reporters, as those details must be shared with the Title IX Coordinator.

Generally, disclosures in climate surveys, classroom writing assignments or discussions, human subjects research, or at events such as “Take Back the Night” marches or speak-outs do not provide notice that must be reported to the Title IX Coordinator by employees, unless the Complainant clearly indicates that they desire a report to be made or a seek a specific response from the College.

Failure of a Mandated Reporter, as described above in this section, to report an incident of harassment or discrimination of which they become aware is a violation of Illinois College policy and Illinois law and can be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, as well as criminal and civil penalties, for failure to comply.

Confidential Resources
If you wish to report a violation of this policy but would like your information to remain confidential you may choose to report to any of the individuals listed on the website at www.ic.edu/sexualmisconduct/report. These employees are specifically trained professionals who are available to survivors, or those who know a survivor, to answer questions, provide information, and help navigate the options available at the College as well as in the Jacksonville community. These individuals have a confidentiality privilege to protect the personal identification of you and can fulfill their reporting requirements by making general reports for statistical purposes and pattern tracking, but do not divulge personally identifiable information. Please note that if you report to a confidential employee and request confidentiality, your information will not be shared with the Title IX Coordinator and an investigation will not be initiated.

Officials with Authority
Illinois College has determined that the following administrators are Officials with Authority to address and correct harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation. These Officials with Authority listed below may also accept notice or complaints on behalf of the College:
Reporting to Law Enforcement
An individual has the right to report an incident exclusively to the College, exclusively to local law enforcement, or to both the College and local law enforcement. Illinois College employees can assist the reporting party in contacting local law enforcement, if explicitly requested by the reporting party. However, reporting an incident of sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and domestic violence to the College does not in any way equate to reporting the incident to local law enforcement.

Should an individual report an incident of sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence to both the College and local law enforcement, the College will cooperate with law enforcement in accordance with any existing memorandums of understanding (MOUs).

The College policy, definitions, and standard of proof differ from Illinois criminal law. Neither law enforcement’s determination whether to prosecute a respondent nor the outcome of any criminal prosecution will determine whether sexual misconduct or sexual harassment has occurred under this College policy. Proceedings under this Policy may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following civil or criminal proceedings off campus.

Care/Support Providers
In addition to reporting the matter to the Title IX Coordinator or an employee, individuals may also need to address immediate physical and/or emotional trauma associated with the harassment or assault. Importantly, a Complainant should contact any of the following immediate care providers:

- Emergency Call 911
- Jacksonville Police Department - 217.479.4630
- Passavant Hospital - 217.245.9541
- Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault (24/7 hotline) – 217.753.8081
- Chesley Health and Wellness Center – 217.245.3038 (after hours via Campus Public Safety)
- UWILL Teletherapy (24/7 virtual therapy) - Accessible through SSO at login.ic.edu
- Illinois College Public Safety, Gardner Hall, Room 16 – 217.245.3111
  - The College’s Office of Public Safety can also reach the Title IX Coordinator after hours

There are also support resources outside the College community. The Chesley Health & Wellness Center maintains a list of local therapists, including psychologists, social workers and
psychiatrists in private practice. While the cost of counseling outside the College is not covered for students by the College, many students have insurance benefits that will cover all or part of the cost of such counseling.

Supportive Measures

Illinois College will offer and implement appropriate and reasonable supportive measures to the parties upon notice of alleged harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation.

Supportive measures are non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the parties to restore or preserve access to the College’s education program or activity, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the College’s educational environment, and/or deter harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation.

The Title IX Coordinator or their designee promptly makes supportive measures available to the parties upon receiving notice or a complaint. At the time that supportive measures are offered, the College will inform the Complainant, in writing, that they may file a Formal Complaint with the College either at that time or in the future, if they have not done so already. The Title IX Coordinator or their designee works with the Complainant to ensure that their wishes are taken into account with respect to the supportive measures that are planned and implemented.

Illinois College will maintain the privacy of the supportive measures, provided that privacy does not impair the College’s ability to provide the supportive measures. The College will act to ensure as minimal an academic/occupational impact on the parties as possible. The College will implement measures in a way that does not unreasonably burden the other party.

These actions may include, but are not limited to:

- Referral to counseling, medical, and/or other healthcare services
- Referral to the Employee Assistance Program
- Referral to community-based service providers
- Visa and immigration assistance
- Student financial aid counseling
- Education to the community or community subgroup(s)
- Altering campus housing assignment(s)
- Altering work arrangements for employees or student-employees
- Safety planning
- Providing campus safety escorts
- Providing transportation accommodations
- Implementing contact limitations (no contact orders) between the parties
- Academic support, extensions of deadlines, or other course/program-related adjustments
- Trespass orders
- Timely warnings in accordance with the Illinois College Clery Policy
- Class schedule modifications, withdrawals, or leaves of absence
Increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus

Any other actions deemed appropriate by the Title IX Coordinator or designee

Violations of no contact orders or other restrictions may be referred to appropriate student or employee conduct processes for enforcement or added as collateral misconduct allegations to an ongoing complaint under this Policy.

Emergency Removal

The College can act to remove a Respondent entirely or partially from its education program or activities on an emergency basis when an individualized safety and risk analysis has determined that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual justifies removal. This risk analysis is performed by the Title IX Coordinator in conjunction with SAFE IC using its standard objective violence risk assessment procedures.

When an emergency removal is imposed, the student or employee will be given notice of the action and the option to request to meet with the Title IX Coordinator prior to such action/removal being imposed, or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible, to show cause why the action/removal should not be implemented or should be modified.

This meeting is not a hearing on the merits of the allegation(s), but rather is an administrative process intended to determine solely whether the interim removal is appropriate. When this meeting is not requested within three (3) business days of notification, objections to the emergency removal will be deemed waived. A Complainant and their Advisor may be permitted to participate in this meeting if the SAFE IC Co-Chairs and the Title IX Coordinator determine it is equitable to do so. This section also applies to any restrictions that a coach or athletic administrator may place on a student-athlete arising from allegations related to Title IX. There is no appeal process for emergency removal decisions.

A Respondent may be accompanied by an Advisor of their choice when meeting with the Title IX Coordinator for the show cause meeting. The Respondent will be given access to a written summary of the basis for the emergency removal prior to the meeting to allow for adequate preparation.

The Title IX Coordinator, in consultation with the Director of Human Resources (employees) and/or the Dean of Students (students), has discretion under this policy to implement or modify an emergency removal and to determine the conditions and duration. Violation of an emergency removal under this policy will be grounds for discipline, which may include suspension or termination.

The College will implement the least restrictive emergency actions possible in light of the circumstances and safety concerns. As determined by the Title IX Coordinator, these actions could include, but are not limited to: removing a student from a residence hall, temporarily re-assigning an employee, restricting a student’s or employee’s access to or use of facilities or equipment, allowing a student to withdraw or take grades of incomplete without financial
penalty, authorizing an administrative leave, and suspending a student’s participation in extracurricular activities, student employment, student organizational leadership, or intercollegiate/intramural athletics.

At the discretion of the Title IX Coordinator in consultation with the Dean of Faculty, alternative coursework options may be pursued to ensure as minimal an academic impact as possible on the parties.

Promptness
All allegations are acted upon promptly by Illinois College once it has received notice or a Formal Complaint. Typically, Formal Complaints can take 90 business days to resolve. There are always exceptions and extenuating circumstances that can cause a resolution to take longer, but the College will avoid all undue delays within its control.

Any time the general timeframes for resolution outlined in the College's procedures will be delayed, written notice will be provided to the parties of the delay, the cause of the delay, and an estimate of the anticipated additional time that will be needed as a result of the delay.

Confidentiality/Privacy
Every effort is made by the College to preserve the privacy of reports.² The College will not share the identity of any individual who has made a report or Formal Complaint of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation; any Complainant; any individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of sex discrimination; any Respondent; or any witness, except as permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or its implementing regulations, or as required by law; or to carry out the purposes of 34 CFR Part 106, including the conducting of any investigation, hearing, or grievance proceeding arising under these policies and procedures. The College reserves the right to designate which College officials have a legitimate educational interest in being informed about incidents that fall within this policy, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Information will be shared as necessary with Investigators, Decision-makers/Decision-makers, witnesses, and the parties. The circle of people with this knowledge will be kept as tight as possible to preserve the parties’ rights and privacy. The College may contact

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² For the purpose of this policy, privacy and confidentiality have distinct meanings. Privacy means that information related to a complaint will be shared with a limited number of College employees who “need to know” in order to assist in the assessment, investigation, and resolution of the report. All employees who are involved in the College’s response to notice under this policy receive specific training and guidance about sharing and safeguarding private information in accordance with state and federal law. The privacy of student education records will be protected in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), as outlined in Illinois College’s FERPA policy. The privacy of employee records will be protected in accordance with Human Resources policies. Confidentiality exists in the context of laws that protect certain relationships, including those who provide services related to medical and clinical care, mental health providers, counselors, and ordained clergy. The law creates a privilege between certain health care providers, mental health care providers, attorneys, clergy, spouses, and others, with their patients, clients, parishioners, and spouses.
parents/guardians to inform them of situations in which there is a significant and articulable health and/or a safety risk; but will usually consult with the student first before doing so.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, should the report concern an instance of interpersonal violence and/or sexual violence involving a minor (under the age of 17), then in that event, the College shall investigate the report without regard to the request for confidentiality and shall inform local, state and/or federal law enforcement officials of such incident as required by law.

When a Complainant Does Not Wish to Proceed
If a Complainant does not wish for their name to be shared, does not wish for an investigation to take place, or does not want a Formal Complaint to be pursued, they may make such a request to the Title IX Coordinator, who will evaluate that request in light of the duty to ensure the safety of the campus and to comply with state or federal law.

The Title IX Coordinator has ultimate discretion over whether the College proceeds when the Complainant does not wish to do so, and the Title IX Coordinator may sign a Formal Complaint to initiate a grievance process upon completion of an appropriate violence risk assessment.

The Title IX Coordinator’s decision should be based on results of the violence risk assessment that show a compelling risk to health and/or safety that requires the College to pursue formal action to protect the community.

A compelling risk to health and/or safety may result from evidence of patterns of misconduct, predatory conduct, threats, abuse of minors, use of weapons, and/or violence. The College may be compelled to act on alleged employee misconduct irrespective of a Complainant’s wishes.

The Title IX Coordinator must also consider the effect that non-participation by the Complainant may have on the availability of evidence and the College’s ability to pursue a Formal Grievance Process fairly and effectively.

When the Title IX Coordinator executes the written complaint, they do not become the Complainant. The Complainant is the individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute a violation of this policy.

When the College proceeds, the Complainant (and/or their Advisor) may have as much or as little involvement in the process as they wish. The Complainant retains all rights of a Complainant under this Policy irrespective of their level of participation. Typically, when the Complainant chooses not to participate, the Advisor may be appointed as proxy for the Complainant throughout the process, acting to ensure and protect the rights of the Complainant.

Note that the College’s ability to remedy and respond to notice may be limited if the Complainant does not want the College to proceed with an investigation and/or grievance
process. The goal is to provide the Complainant with as much control over the process as possible, while balancing the College’s obligation to protect its community.

In cases in which the Complainant requests confidentiality/no formal action and the circumstances allow the College to honor that request, the College will offer Informal Resolution options (see below), supportive measures, and remedies to the Complainant and the community, but will not otherwise pursue formal action.

If the Complainant elects to take no action, they can change that decision if they decide to pursue a Formal Complaint at a later date. Upon making a Formal Complaint, a Complainant has the right, and can expect, to have allegations taken seriously by the College and to have the incidents investigated and properly resolved through these procedures.

Time Limits on Reporting
There is no time limitation on providing notice/Formal Complaints to the Title IX Coordinator. However, if the Respondent is no longer subject to the College’s jurisdiction and/or significant time has passed, the ability to investigate, respond, and provide remedies may be more limited or impossible.

Acting on notice/Formal Complaints significantly impacted by the passage of time (including, but not limited to, the rescission or revision of policy) is at the discretion of the Title IX Coordinator, who may document allegations for future reference, offer supportive measures and/or remedies, and/or engage in informal or formal action, as appropriate.

When notice/complaint is affected by a significant time delay, the College will typically apply the Policy in place at the time of the alleged misconduct and the procedures in place at the time of notice/complaint

Online Harassment and Misconduct
The policies include online and cyber manifestations of any of the behaviors prohibited below, when those behaviors occur in or have an effect on the College’s education program and activities or use Illinois College networks, technology, or equipment.

While the College may not control websites, social media, and other venues in which harassing communications are made, when such communications are reported to the College, it will engage in a variety of means to address and mitigate the effects.

Members of the community are encouraged to be good digital citizens and to refrain from online misconduct, such as feeding anonymous gossip sites, sharing inappropriate content via Snaps or other social media, unwelcome sexting, revenge porn, breaches of privacy, or otherwise using the ease of transmission and/or anonymity of the Internet or other technology to harm another member of the College community.
Otherwise, such communications are considered speech protected by the First Amendment. Supportive measures for Complainants will be provided, but protected speech cannot legally be subjected to discipline.

Off-campus harassing speech by employees, whether online or in person, may be regulated by the College only when such speech is made in an employee’s official or work-related capacity.

Discriminatory Harassment Policy
Students, staff, administrators, and faculty are entitled to an employment and educational environment that is free of discriminatory harassment. The College’s harassment policy is not meant to inhibit or prohibit educational content or discussions inside or outside of the classroom that include germane, but controversial or sensitive subject matters protected by academic freedom. When speech or conduct is protected by academic freedom and/or the First Amendment, it will not be considered a violation of Recipient policy, though supportive measures will be offered to those impacted.

A. Discriminatory Harassment
   is defined as unwelcome conduct by any member or group of the community on the basis of actual or perceived membership in a class protected by policy or law.

   The College does not tolerate discriminatory harassment of any employee, student, visitor, or guest. The College will act to remedy all forms of harassment when reported, whether or not the harassment rises to the level of creating a “hostile environment.” A hostile environment is one that unreasonably interferes with, limits, or effectively denies an individual’s educational or employment access, benefits, or opportunities. This discriminatory effect results from harassing verbal, written, graphic, or physical conduct that is severe or pervasive and objectively offensive.

   When discriminatory harassment rises to the level of creating a hostile environment, the College may also impose sanctions on the Respondent through application of the appropriate grievance procedure.

   The College reserves the right to address offensive conduct and/or harassment that 1) does not rise to the level of creating a hostile environment, or 2) that is of a generic nature and not based on a protected status. Such conduct may be addressed through respectful conversation, remedial actions, education, effective alternate resolution, and/or other resolution mechanisms.

B. Title IX Sexual Harassment
   The Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR), the Equal Employment

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3 This definition of hostile environment is based on Federal Register / Vol. 59, No. 47 / Thursday, March 10, 1994: Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, Racial Incidents and Harassment Against Students At Educational Recipients Investigative Guidance.
Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and the State of Illinois regard Sexual Harassment, a specific form of discriminatory harassment, as an unlawful discriminatory practice.

Acts of sexual harassment may be committed by any person upon any other person, regardless of the sex, sexual orientation, and/or gender identity of those involved.

Sexual Harassment, as an umbrella category, includes the offenses of quid pro quo sexual harassment, hostile environment sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, and is defined as:

Conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. **Quid Pro Quo**
   An Illinois College employee conditioning provision of an aid, benefit or service of the College on an individual’s participation in unwelcome sexual conduct.

   For example, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature by a person having power or authority over another constitutes sexual harassment when submission to such sexual conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of rating or evaluating an individual’s educational or employment progress, development, or performance.

   Quid pro quo harassment does not need to be severe and pervasive because the abuse of authority in the form of even a single instance is inherently offensive and serious enough to jeopardize equal educational access.

2. **Sexual Harassment (Hostile Environment)**
   Unwelcome conduct, determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, and pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the College’s education program or activity.\(^4\)

3. **Sexual Assault**
   i. **Sex Offenses, Forcible:** Any sexual act directed against a Complainant, without their consent, including instances where the Complainant is incapable of giving consent. Forcible sex offenses include:
      a. **Rape:** (Except Statutory) Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person forcibly and/or against that person’s will or not forcibly or against the person’s will in instances where the Complainant

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\(^4\) Unwelcomeness is subjective and determined by the Complainant (except when the Complainant is below the age of consent). Severity, pervasiveness, and objective offensiveness are evaluated based on the totality of the circumstances from the perspective of a reasonable person in the same or similar circumstances (“in the shoes of the Complainant”), including the context in which the alleged incident occurred and any similar, previous patterns that may be evidenced.
is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

b. **Sodomy:** Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will or not forcibly or against the person’s will in instances where the Complainant is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age\(^5\) or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

c. **Sexual Assault with an Object:** To use 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 in instances where the Complainant is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

d. **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 in instances where the Complainant is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

ii. **Sex Offenses, Non-forcible:**

a. **Incest:** Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the 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. In Illinois, the age of consent is 17.

4. **Dating Violence**

Violence, on the basis of sex, committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the Complainant and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

1. The length of the relationship
2. The type of relationship
3. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship
4. For the purposes of this definition dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.

\(^5\) Per Illinois state law.
5. Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

5. Domestic Violence
Includes felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction includes the use or attempted use of physical abuse or sexual abuse, or a pattern of any other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power and control over a victim, including verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse that may or may not constitute criminal behavior, by a person who:

1. is a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the Complainant, or
2. is a person similarly situated to a spouse of the Complainant; or
3. is cohabitating, or has cohabitated, with the Complainant as a spouse or intimate partner; or
4. shares a child in common with the Complainant; or
5. commits acts against a youth or adult victim who is protected from those acts under the family or domestic violence laws of Illinois.

6. Stalking
Engaging in a course of conduct, on the basis of sex, directed at the Complainant, that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress.
For the purposes of this definition:

1. Course of conduct means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts in which the Respondent directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person’s property.
2. Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the Complainant.
3. Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may but does not necessarily require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

Illinois College reserves the right to impose any level of sanction, ranging from a reprimand up to and including suspension or expulsion/termination, for any offense under this policy.

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6 To categorize an incident as Domestic Violence, the relationship between the Respondent and the Complainant must be more than just two people living together as roommates. The people cohabitating must be current or former spouses or have an intimate relationship.
C. Other Discriminatory and Harassing Offenses

In addition to the forms of sexual harassment described above, which fall within the coverage of Title IX, the College additionally prohibits the following offenses as forms of discrimination outside of Title IX when the act is based upon the Complainant’s actual or perceived membership in a protected class.

1. Sexual Exploitation

Defined as taking non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for their own benefit or for the benefit of anyone other than the person being exploited, and that conduct does not otherwise constitute Sexual Harassment under this Policy.

Examples of Sexual Exploitation include, but are not limited to:

- Sexual voyeurism (such as observing or allowing others to observe a person undressing or using the bathroom or engaging in sexual acts, without the consent of the person being observed)
- Invasion of sexual privacy
- Taking pictures, video, or audio recording of another in a sexual act, or in any other sexually-related activity when there is a reasonable expectation of privacy during the activity, without the consent of all involved in the activity, or exceeding the boundaries of consent (such as allowing another person to hide in a closet and observe sexual activity, or disseminating sexual pictures without the photographed person’s consent), including the making or posting of revenge pornography
- Prostituting another person
- Engaging in sexual activity with another person while knowingly infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or a sexually transmitted disease (STD) or infection (STI), without informing the other person of the infection
- Causing or attempting to cause the incapacitation of another person (through alcohol, drugs, or any other means) for the purpose of compromising that person’s ability to give consent to sexual activity, or for the purpose of making that person vulnerable to non-consensual sexual activity
- Misappropriation of another person’s identity on apps, websites, or other venues designed for dating or sexual connections
- Forcing a person to take an action against that person’s will by threatening to show, post, or share information, video, audio, or an image that depicts the person’s nudity or sexual activity
- Knowingly soliciting a minor for sexual activity
- Engaging in sex trafficking
- Creation, possession, or dissemination of child pornography
2. Harm/Endangerment
Threatening or causing physical harm, extreme verbal, emotional, or psychological abuse, or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person or damages their property.

3. Discrimination
Actions that deprive, limit, or deny other members of the community of educational or employment access, benefits, or opportunities, including disparate treatment.

4. Intimidation
Implied threats or acts that cause an unreasonable fear of harm in another.

5. Hazing
Acts likely to cause physical or psychological harm or social ostracism to any person within the Illinois College community, when related to the admission, initiation, pledging, joining, or any other group-affiliation activity (as defined further in the Hazing Policy);

6. Bullying
Repeated and/or severe aggressive behavior likely to intimidate or intentionally hurt, control, or physically or mentally diminish another person. It is not speech or conduct otherwise protected by the First Amendment.

Violation of any other College policies may constitute a Civil Rights Offense when a violation is motivated by actual or perceived membership in a protected class, and the result is a discriminatory limitation or denial of employment or educational access, benefits, or opportunities.

Sanctions for the above-listed Civil Rights Offenses range from reprimand through expulsion/termination.

D. Force, Coercion, Consent, and Incapacitation
As used in the offenses above, the following definitions and understandings apply:

**Force:** The use of physical violence and/or physical imposition to gain sexual access. Force also includes threats, intimidation (implied threats), and coercion that is intended to overcome resistance or produce consent (e.g., “Have sex with me or I’ll hit you,” “Okay, don’t hit me, I’ll do what you want.”).

Sexual activity that is forced is, by definition, non-consensual, but non-consensual sexual activity is not necessarily forced. Silence or the absence of resistance alone is not consent. Consent is not demonstrated by the absence of resistance. While resistance is not required or necessary, it is a clear demonstration of non-consent.
**Coercion:** Unreasonable pressure for sexual activity. Coercive conduct differs from seductive conduct based on factors such as the type and/or extent of the pressure used to obtain consent. When someone makes clear that they do not want to engage in certain sexual activity, that they want to stop, or that they do not want to go past a certain point of sexual interaction, continued pressure beyond that point can be coercive.

**Consent:** According to Illinois Law, consent is a freely given agreement to the act of sexual penetration or sexual conduct in question.

- The lack of verbal or physical resistance, or submission by the Complainant resulting from the use of drugs, force, or threat by the Respondent shall not constitute consent.
- The manner of dress of the Complainant at the time of the offense shall not constitute consent.
- A person who initially consents to sexual penetration or sexual conduct is not deemed to have consented to any sexual penetration or sexual conduct that occurs after they withdraw consent during the course of that sexual penetration or sexual conduct.
- A person’s consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not constitute consent to engage in sexual activity with another person.
- A person can withdraw consent at any time.
- A person cannot consent to sexual activity if that person is unable to understand the nature of the activity or give knowing consent due to circumstances, including without limitation:
  - The person is incapacitated due to the use or influence of alcohol or drugs.
  - The person is asleep or unconscious.
  - The person is incapacitated due to a mental disability.

Since individuals may perceive and experience the same interaction in different ways, it is the responsibility of each party to determine that the other has consented before engaging in the activity.

If consent is not clearly provided prior to engaging in the activity, consent may be ratified by word or action at some point during the interaction or thereafter, but clear communication from the outset is strongly encouraged.

For consent to be valid, there must be a clear expression in words or actions that the other individual consented to that specific sexual conduct.

Consent can also be withdrawn once given, as long as the withdrawal is reasonably and clearly communicated. If consent is withdrawn, that sexual activity should cease within a reasonable time.

Consent to some sexual contact (such as kissing or fondling) cannot be presumed to be
consent for other sexual activity (such as intercourse). A current or previous intimate relationship is not sufficient to constitute consent.

Proof of consent or non-consent is not a burden placed on either party involved in an incident. Instead, the burden remains on the College to determine whether its policy has been violated. The existence of consent is based on the totality of the circumstances evaluated from the perspective of a reasonable person in the same or similar circumstances, including the context in which the alleged incident occurred and any similar, previous patterns that may be evidenced.

Consent in relationships must also be considered in context. When parties consent to BDSM or other forms of kink, non-consent may be shown by the use of a safe word. Resistance, force, violence, or even saying “no” may be part of the kink and thus consensual, so the College’s evaluation of communication in kink situations should be guided by reasonableness, rather than strict adherence to policy that assumes non-kink relationships as a default.

**Incapacitation:** A person cannot consent if they are unable to understand what is happening or are disoriented, helpless, asleep, or unconscious, for any reason, including by alcohol or other drugs. As stated above, a Respondent violates this policy if they engage in sexual activity with someone who is incapable of giving consent.

It is a defense to a sexual assault policy violation that the Respondent neither knew nor should have known the Complainant to be physically or mentally incapacitated. “Should have known” is an objective, reasonable person standard which assumes that a reasonable person is both sober and exercising sound judgment.

Incapacitation occurs when someone cannot make rational, reasonable decisions because they lack the capacity to give knowing/informed consent (e.g., to understand the “who, what, when, where, why, or how” of their sexual interaction).

Incapacitation is determined through consideration of all relevant indicators of an individual’s state and is not synonymous with intoxication, impairment, blackout, and/or being drunk.

This Policy also covers a person whose incapacity results from a temporary or permanent physical or mental health condition, involuntary physical restraint, and/or the consumption of incapacitating drugs.

**Retaliation**
Protected activity under this Policy includes reporting an incident that may implicate this policy, participating in the grievance process, supporting a Complainant or Respondent,

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7 Bondage, discipline/dominance, submission/sadism, and masochism.
assisting in providing information relevant to an investigation, and/or acting in good faith to oppose conduct that constitutes a violation of this Policy.

Acts of alleged retaliation should be reported immediately to the Title IX Coordinator and will be promptly investigated. The College is prepared to take appropriate steps to protect individuals who fear that they may be subjected to retaliation.

It is prohibited for the College or any member of College’s community to take materially adverse action by intimidating, threatening, coercing, harassing, or discriminating against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by law or policy, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this Policy and procedure.

Charges against an individual for code of conduct violations that do not involve sex discrimination or sexual harassment but arise out of the same facts or circumstances as a report or complaint of sex discrimination, or a report or complaint of sexual harassment, for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX, constitutes retaliation.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute retaliation.

Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding under this Policy and procedure does not constitute retaliation, provided that a determination regarding responsibility, alone, is not sufficient to conclude that any party has made a materially false statement in bad faith.

Related Policies

Amnesty for Complainants and Witnesses
Illinois College encourages the reporting of misconduct and crimes by Complainants and witnesses. Sometimes, Complainants or witnesses are hesitant to report to College officials or participate in grievance processes because they fear that they themselves may be in violation of certain policies, such as underage drinking or use of illicit drugs at the time of the incident. Respondents may hesitate to be forthcoming during the process for the same reasons.

It is in the best interests of the College community that Complainants choose to report misconduct to College officials, that witnesses come forward to share what they know, and that all parties be forthcoming during the process. Illinois College provides amnesty to any student who reports, in good faith, any alleged violations of this policy and witnesses participating in the grievance process. The Complainant and witnesses will not receive a disciplinary sanction by the College for a student conduct violation, such as underage drinking, that is revealed in the course of a report, unless the College determines that the violation was an action that places the health or safety of any other person at risk.
Amnesty does not apply to more serious allegations such as physical abuse of another or illicit drug distribution. The decision not to offer amnesty to a Respondent is based on neither sex nor gender, but on the fact that collateral misconduct is typically addressed for all students within a progressive discipline system, and the rationale for amnesty – the incentive to report serious misconduct – is rarely applicable to the Respondent with respect to a Complainant.

In addition to the foregoing, all faculty and staff who become aware of or suspect sexual abuse of a minor (under the age of 17) must report that information to the Title IX Coordinator who shall then inform local, state and/or federal law enforcement officials of such incident as required by law.

False Allegations and Evidence
Deliberately false and/or malicious accusations under this Policy, as opposed to allegations which, even if erroneous, are made in good faith, are a serious offense and will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Additionally, witnesses and parties knowingly providing false evidence, tampering with or destroying evidence after being directed to preserve such evidence, or deliberately misleading an official conducting an investigation can be subject to discipline under Illinois College policy.

Federal Statistical Reporting Obligations
Certain campus officials – those deemed Campus Security Authorities – have a duty to report the following for federal statistical reporting purposes (Clery Act):

a) All “primary crimes,” which include homicide, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson;

b) Hate crimes, which include any bias motivated primary crime as well as any bias motivated larceny or theft, simple assault, intimidation, or destruction/damage/vandalism of property;

c) VAWA8-based crimes, which include sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; and

d) Arrests and referrals for disciplinary action for weapons-related law violations, liquor-related law violations, and drug abuse-related law violations.

All personally identifiable information is kept private, but statistical information must be passed along to the Clery Coordinator regarding the type of incident and its general location (on or off-campus or in the surrounding area, but no addresses are given) for publication in the Annual Security Report and daily campus crime log.

Campus Security Authorities include: all faculty, Student Success staff, Residence Hall Directors and RAs, all athletic coaches, and Public Safety staff.

8 VAWA is the Violence Against Women Act, enacted in 1994 codified in part at 42 U.S.C. sections 13701 through 14040.
Federal Timely Warning Obligations
Parties reporting sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking should be aware that under the Clery Act, Illinois College must issue timely warnings for incidents reported to them that pose a serious or continuing threat of bodily harm or danger to members of the campus community.

The College will ensure that a Complainant’s name and other identifying information is not disclosed, while still providing enough information for community members to make safety decisions in light of the potential danger.

Preservation of Evidence
Seeking medical care is important, regardless of whether you choose to report to the police. Medical attention will provide for physical exam, treatment and collection of any evidence of the assault. It is important to remember:

- Sexual assault can result in injury or illness that you may not immediately see or feel. It is important that you seek appropriate medical care promptly.
- Resist the urge to change clothes, bathe, douche, eat, drink or brush your teeth.
- Bring a change of clothes with you when you go to the emergency room. Your clothing will be kept as evidence.
- Do not go to the bathroom, if possible. This is so that physical evidence can be collected and preserved.

You do not need to decide immediately following an assault whether you want to pursue legal action but if you save the evidence, it offers you more options in the future when you are better able to decide. The staff at Passavant Hospital and on campus at the Chesley Health and Wellness Center are trained to collect and save this type of evidence for you, should you decide to use it in pursuing legal action in the future.

Revision of this Policy
This Policy, published on July 1, 2023, represents the current policy at Illinois College and supersedes any previous policy(ies) addressing harassment, sexual misconduct, discrimination, and/or retaliation and will be reviewed and updated annually by the Title IX Coordinator. The College reserves the right to make changes to this document as necessary and required by law. Any new language that is made within the past six (6) months is in red text.

During the Resolution Process, the Title IX Coordinator may make minor modifications to the procedures that do not materially jeopardize the fairness owed to any party, such as to accommodate summer schedules. The Title IX Coordinator may also vary procedures materially with notice (on the institutional website, with the appropriate effective date identified) upon
determining that changes to law or regulation require policy or procedural alterations not reflected in this Policy and procedures.

This document does not create legally enforceable protections beyond the protection of the background state and federal laws which frame such policies and codes, generally.
The Illinois College Department of Public Safety will continue to update the Annual Crime Report as guidelines are given. The following is a listing of crimes occurring on or near campus which have been reported to Public Safety or the Jacksonville Police Department for the past three calendar years.

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**Hate Crimes**

2022: No hate crimes reported.

2021: No hate crimes reported.

2020: No hate crimes reported.
UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING (UCR) DEFINITIONS

Murder
The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Manslaughter by Negligence
The killing of another human being through gross negligence.

Sexual Assault (Sex offenses)
Any sexual act directed against another person, without consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

   Rape
   The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus, with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. This offense includes the rape of both males and females

   Fondling
   The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

   Incest
   Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law

   Statutory rape
   Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Robbery
The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the control, custody or care of another 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 is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

Burglary
The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

Motor Vehicle Theft
The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Arson
The unlawful and intentional setting of a fire to any form of property. The malicious or fraudulent burning of property.
**Dating Violence**

Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party’s statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. For the purposes of this definition:

- Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.
- Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

**Domestic Violence**

A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed:

- By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
- By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- By a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred;
- By any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred

**Stalking**

Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

- Fear for the person’s safety or the safety of others; or
- Suffer substantial emotional distress.

For the purposes of this definition

- **Course of conduct:** means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts in which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person’s property.
- **Reasonable person:** means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.
- **Substantial emotional distress:** means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

**Liquor Law Violations**

The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness.

**Drug Law Violations**

The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing and making of narcotic drugs.
Weapons Possession
The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices or other deadly weapons. This classification encompasses weapons offenses that are regulatory in nature.

Hate Crimes
A criminal offense that manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator’s bias against the victim.

Although there are many possible categories of bias, under the Clery Act, only the following eight categories are reported:

- **Race**: A preformed negative attitude toward a group of persons who possess common physical characteristics, e.g., color of skin, eyes, and/or hair; facial features, etc., genetically transmitted by descent and heredity which distinguish them as a distinct division of humankind, e.g., Asians, blacks or African Americans, whites.
- **Religion**: A pre-formed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being, e.g., Catholics, Jews, Protestants, atheists.
- **Sexual Orientation**: A pre-formed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation. Sexual Orientation is the term for a person’s physical, romantic, and/or emotional attraction to members of the same and/or opposite sex, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and heterosexual (straight) individuals.
- **Gender**: A pre-formed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or group of persons based on their actual or perceived gender, e.g., male or female.
- **Gender Identity**: A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or group of persons based on their actual or perceived gender identity, e.g., bias against transgender or gender non-conforming individuals. Gender non-conforming describes a person who does not conform to the gender-based expectations of society, e.g., a woman dressed in traditionally male clothing or a man wearing makeup. A gender non-conforming person may or may not be a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender person but may be perceived as such.
- **Ethnicity**: A pre-formed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people whose members identify with each other, through a common heritage, often consisting of a common language, common culture (often including a shared religion) and/or ideology that stresses common ancestry. The concept of ethnicity differs from the closely related term “race” in that “race” refers to a grouping based mostly upon biological criteria, while “ethnicity” also encompasses additional cultural factors.
- **National Origin**: A pre-formed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people based on their actual or perceived country of birth. This bias may be against people that have a name or accent associated with a national origin group, participate in certain customs associated with a national origin group, or because they are married to or associate with people of a certain national origin.
- **Disability**: A pre-formed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their physical or mental impairments, whether such disability is temporary or permanent, congenital or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age or illness.
For Clery Act purposes, hate crimes include any of the following offenses that are motivated by bias.

- Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter
- Sexual Assault
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson
- Larceny/Theft - The unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another
- Simple Assault: an unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.
- Intimidation: to unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack
- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property: to willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it.

The first seven offenses are defined and discussed in the Criminal Offenses section earlier. In addition to those offenses, Larceny-Theft, Simple Assault, Intimidation, and Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property are included Clery Act statistics only if they are Hate Crimes.
FIRE SAFETY REPORT

All Illinois College residence halls have fire alarm systems that are monitored by an off-campus monitoring company. When an alarm is activated, this company immediately notifies the fire department and then the Illinois College Department of Public Safety. All fires or suspected fires should be reported first by calling emergency number 911 and then to the Department of Public Safety. All bedrooms are equipped with a smoke detector. College Avenue Apartments, Crampton Hall, Ellis Hall, Fayerweather House, Gardner Hall, Greene Hall, Mundinger Hall, Lincoln Hall, Pixley Hall and Turner Hall have fire sprinkler systems. There are currently no plans to equip the College houses with fire sprinkler systems. These houses have smoke detectors and occupy between 3 and 8 students. All residence halls are equipped with fire extinguishers, fire evacuation plans, and all residence life staff receive fire safety training each fall. Each residence hall has one mandatory supervised fire drill each semester. Residents are advised of fire safety and evacuation procedures at hall meetings conducted by the residential life staff in coordination with the Jacksonville Fire Department.

In the Illinois College Blue Book, under Residential Living, appliances used for cooking with open heating elements are prohibited. Candles, incense, halogen lamps or any other device with an open flame or heating element are not allowed in the residence halls. In addition, gasoline-operated machinery such as motorcycles and mopeds, and any other type of combustible items including live Christmas trees and wreaths are not allowed in the residence halls. Fireworks of any kind are also prohibited.

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**General Evacuation Procedures**

1. All building evacuations will occur when a fire alarm sounds and/or upon notification by the Department of Public Safety or other College official.
2. Be aware of all the marked exits from your area or building. Know the routes from your work, living or class area.
3. In the event of a fire and the alarm is not activated, activate the alarm on the way out of the building.
4. Call the fire department (911) and give as much information as possible.
5. If time allows, take your belongings and proceed quickly and quietly to the nearest exit. Alert others to do the same. Close all doors behind you.
   a. Before exiting a closed door, feel the door from top to bottom with the back of your hand. If the door is hot, do not open. Keep calm. If trapped in a room do the following if possible;
   b. Place towels or clothing, preferably wet under the door to keep smoke out.
   c. Clear the window of blinds, attract attention.
6. If you have a phone available contact 911 and report that you are trapped, give name and room.
7. Stay low; breathe fresh air near the ground.
8. Stay calm and await help.
9. If the door is cool, stay low and open the door slowly. Close the door quickly if smoke or fire is present. If it is clear, exit via the nearest stairwell. Stay low if smoke conditions exist. Report to your designated evacuation area if one is assigned.
10. If you encounter heavy smoke in a stairwell, go back and use an alternate route.
11. Never use elevators. Elevators will stop operating during a fire.
12. Assist handicapped in exiting the building.
13. Once outside, move to a clear area at least 200 feet away from the affected building(s). Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel.
14. Do not re-enter the building(s) until instructed by the fire department or the Department of Public Safety.