

Security & Fire Safety Report

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Introduction

Mountain State College (MSC) shall apply reasonable measures to reduce the risk of crime on campus. These policies and procedures recognize that the safety and security of the public and property on campus depends in large part upon the efforts of the faculty, staff, and students who must be aware of safety and security policies and abide by them. Policies in this document apply to all College employees, students, and visitors.

Crime Statistics

Individuals can access crime statistics as a PDF via MSC's website at: <http://www.msc.edu/ASR>

Description of Contents

The Annual Security Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on-campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Mountain State College, and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The report also includes the enclosed institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning sexual assault and other matters.

Policy for Preparing Statistics

Crime statistics provided in this institution's annual report are based upon incidents reported by campus security authorities and local police agencies, if available. This institution annually reports statistics for the three most recent calendar years concerning the occurrence on campus and on public property of certain crimes reported to local law enforcement authorities.

Request a Copy

You can obtain a copy of the Annual Security Report by contacting MSC at 304-485-5487 or email: admin@msc.edu

Reporting Procedures & Contact

Individuals can report criminal actions, emergencies, and requests for ambulance service by telephoning 911 or by contacting the Parkersburg City Police at 304-428-2677. This information is made available to provide MSC students and employees with specific information about resources that are available if they become the victim of a crime and does not infer that they are "reporting entities" for MSC.

To report a non-emergency security or public safety related matter call 304-485-5487 or report to the front office.

Policy for Timely Warning

Crimes should be reported to MSC to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to students and employees when appropriate.

The College does not have procedures for voluntary, confidential reporting of crime statistics. Violations of the law will be referred to law enforcement agencies and when appropriate, to the College Disciplinary Committee for review.

Whenever a report of a violent crime against a person or major crime against property on campus that represents an ongoing threat to the safety of students, faculty, and staff is received, the institution will issue a timely warning. These warnings are dated, and provide details of the crime, a description of the suspect if known, information on whom to contact about the case.

Campus crime alerts will be issued through email announcements, in-class announcements, the posting of flyers in campus buildings, or other proper means.

Awareness & Crime Prevention Programs

MSC does not provide residential housing to students and does not have institutional security crime/prevention programs. However, we encourage new students and continuing students and employees to be aware of their surroundings and their responsibility for their own security and the security of others.

Security and Access to Facilities

During business hours, the campus and facilities of MSC are restricted to students, faculty, staff, guests and invitees of the institution, except when the campus is open to the public for a specific purpose and at a designated time. During non-business hours access to all College facilities are secured by key and security system.

Campus Law Enforcement

MSC does not employ campus law enforcement.

Weapons

MSC prohibits the possession, carrying and use of weapons, ammunition, or explosives on MSC property. The only exception is for authorized law-enforcement officers. Failure to follow the MSC weapons policy will result in disciplinary action against violators.

Possession/Use/Sale of Alcohol & Illegal Drugs

The MSC campus is "Drug and Alcohol Free."

Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by anyone under the age of twenty-one (21) is a violation of West Virginia law. Individuals buying or giving alcohol anyone under the age of twenty-one (21) also violates WV law.

The possession, sale, manufacture, or distribution of any controlled substance is illegal under both state and federal laws. Violators are subject to College disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, fine and imprisonment.

Drug and Alcohol Counseling Programs

Support Groups:

Alcoholics Anonymous
1-800-333-5051

Co-Dependents Anonymous
Marietta Memorial Hospital
Contact Stephanie: 740-525-2727

Narcotics Anonymous
304-344-4442

AA Meetings

(Call to verify first due to COVID-19)

George Street Meeting
1030 George Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101
Meets: Saturday-12:00 PM

Belpre Big Book
Belpre Congregational Church
228 Main St, Belpre, Ohio 45714
Meets: Tuesday-8:30 PM

Low Bottom Group: St. Johns Methodist Church
3911 Grand Central Ave, Vienna, WV 26105
Meets: Friday 6:30 PM

4204 Group: Recovery Point
4204 Emerson Ave. Parkersburg WV
Meets: Monday/Wednesday/Saturday 6:00 PM

Addiction Counseling Programs

(Call to verify first due to COVID-19)

Groups Recover Together
4421 Emerson Ave Ste 205
Parkersburg, WV 26104
681-214-5398

New Hope Creation Center-Brandi's Legacy
1417 Lancaster Street
Marietta, OH 45750
740-371-5091

Oriana House
100 Front St. Marietta OH 45750
740-373-5176

Westbrook Health Services
212 7th St Parkersburg WV 26101
304-485-1721

Recovery Point
4204 Emerson Ave
Parkersburg WV 26104
304-916-1881

Procedures for Campus Disciplinary Action in Cases of Alleged Sex Offense

The accuser and the accused are entitled to have others present during a disciplinary proceeding. Both the accuser and the accused will be informed of the outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding that is brought alleging a sex offense.

Following final determination of an institutional disciplinary proceeding regarding rape, acquaintance rape or other forcible or non-forcible sex offense, the accuser may choose to change his/her class schedule from on-campus to on-line. The accused may be allowed to change class schedule or may be suspended for a specified amount of time or dismissed.

Prevention of Sexual Violence

MSC is dedicated to maintaining a safe environment for students and employees. If a sex offense were to occur on campus, the institution would fully cooperate with all relevant law enforcement entities, and the perpetrator may be subject to criminal and/or civil liability. To enhance personal safety students are advised to walk with friends or someone they know well.

Procedures victims should follow

There has not been a sex offense on campus. However, in the event such an offense occurs you should take the following steps:

Get to a safe place as soon as possible

After experiencing a traumatizing event such as rape, it is important to find a place where you feel comfortable and safe from harm. This location could be a friend's home, the police station, or the local hospital.

Call the police as soon as possible

At the request of the student, College personnel will assist in notifying the appropriate law enforcement authorities. If you call 911 or 304-428-2677, local police will respond to your call. By calling the police you are reporting the crime that was committed against you as well as seeking protection of the police. To reach the Wood County State Police, call 304-420-4600 or the Wood County Sheriff's Department, call 304-424-1834.

Call someone who can be with you

You may wish to call a friend or family member to accompany you to the hospital or police station.

Preserve all physical evidence

If possible, do not bathe, douche, eat, drink, smoke, urinate, brush your teeth, or change your clothes. Do not disturb anything in the area where the assault occurred. If you have changed your clothes, take the clothes you were wearing at the time of the rape to the hospital in a paper bag; a plastic bag may destroy evidence.

Seek medical attention

You may have sustained injuries from the attack or contracted a sexually transmitted disease; therefore, the sooner you seek medical

attention the better. The Camden Clark Medical Center Emergency Room is located at 800 Garfield Avenue, Parkersburg, WV; Phone: 304-424-2111.

Counseling

Whether or not you report the assault or prosecute, a trained counselor can help you deal with the emotional trauma of an assault. Local counseling information is available at the Family Crisis Intervention Center 24-Hour Hotline by calling 304-428-2333 or EVE, Inc. in Marietta at 740-374-5820 or the National Sexual Assault hotline 800-656-HOPE (4573) or go online at www.rainn.org.

Registered Sex Offenders

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (CSCPA) of 2000 is a federal law that provides for the tracking of convicted sex offenders enrolled at, or employed by, institutions of higher education. The federal law requires state law enforcement agencies to provide this information to the campus community.

Individuals may obtain a West Virginia registration list of sexual offenders from the front office at 1508 Spring St. The CSCPA further amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) to clarify that nothing in the Act can prohibit an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution concerning registered sex offenders.

Residential Housing

MSC does not have on-campus or off-campus residential housing.

Non-Campus Organizations and Housing

MSC does not have any off-campus student organizations.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Emergency exits for each room are identified by appropriate signage.