ALAMANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2023 Annual Security Report
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**Nondiscrimination Policy**

In compliance with Title IX and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Alamance Community College does not discriminate in administering its programs and activities. No person shall be denied access to admission, employment or fair treatment, or in any way be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, national origin or disability. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries of non-discrimination policies:

TIX Coordinator S-108 Alamance Community College, 1247 Jimmie Kerr Road | PO Box 8000 | Graham, NC 27253 | 336.506.4138
Message from the Director of Public Safety

Dear Members of the ACC Community,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the annual crime report for the Department of Public Safety at Alamance Community College. As Director of Public Safety, I am honored to lead a team of dedicated professionals committed to ensuring the safety and security of our college community. At ACC, our mission is not only to uphold the law but also to cultivate an environment that promotes crime prevention, training, planning, and communication. We understand that a safe and secure campus is paramount to fostering an optimal learning and working environment for our students, faculty, and staff.

In this annual crime report, you will find a comprehensive overview of the initiatives, achievements, and challenges that Public Safety has encountered over the past year. We are proud to share the strides we have made in enhancing campus safety, building strong partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, and implementing innovative strategies to address emerging security concerns.

Our commitment to community policing remains at the forefront of our approach. We strive to engage with all members of the ACC community, creating an open dialogue that allows us to better understand your needs, address your concerns, and collaboratively develop solutions to ensure your safety and security.

I would like to express my gratitude to the ACC community for your continuous support, cooperation, and trust in our department. Together, we can create an environment where everyone feels safe, respected, and empowered to pursue their educational and professional goals.

As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to excellence, continuous improvement, and providing the best possible services to our community. We are excited about the future and the opportunities that lie ahead as we work together to build a safer and more secure campus environment.

Thank you for your time, and I encourage you to explore this annual crime report to gain insight into the achievements and progress we have made together.

Sincerely,

James Armstrong
Chief of Police
Director of Public Safety
Alamance Community College
james.armstrong@alamancecc.edu
Annual Security Report

Public Safety

Alamance Community College Public Safety is founded on a philosophy that advocates a proactive rather than a reactive approach to the safety of the college’s students and facilities. Public Safety officers have a presence within college buildings and patrol parking areas. The Director of Public Safety regularly informs faculty and staff of issues pertaining to safety and security. Students and faculty/staff are encouraged to report to the Department of Public Safety any suspicious activity. Policies regarding controlled substances, facility usage, sexual harassment, and response to assault can be found in the Curriculum Student Handbook College’s Handbook. Yearly crime statistics are published on the College Website. Annual Security Report. Information on sexual assault prevention programs is available through the Student Development Office.

The Alamance Community College Public Safety is staffed with both sworn, unsworn officers, and civilian support staff. Sworn Officers have powers of arrest as law enforcement officers, both on campus and off, and unsworn officers provide crime prevention and assistance on the campus. The college maintains a strong working relationship with all Police/Sheriff Agencies who have jurisdiction in Alamance County. The Public Safety officers do have the authority to ask individuals for identification and investigate incidents occurring on campus. The Alamance Community College Public Safety Department has the means to contact emergency services when needed and can initiate disciplinary proceedings against students for violating the code of conduct. All campuses use cameras to record activity to aid in the investigation of incidents that occur on campus. These cameras are not monitored 24/7, but do continuously record activity. The Carrington-Scott Campus has Public Safety officers on duty 24 hours a day. In an emergency ask any College employee for assistance or contact the College’s Information Desk. Alamance Community College Police and Public Safety Officers have direct contact with Alamance County Dispatch Center. Public Safety Offices are located in the following locations:

Carrington-Scott Security Office: Room A07 in the Main Building

Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety Office: Room M378 in Main Building

Police Investigator’s Office: Room 386A in Main Building

Dillingham Center Security: Front Desk Office Phone: (336) 506-4300

Emergencies: 911 or 4286 (if calling from an internal College telephone) (336) 506-4286 (if calling from cell or external telephone)

24-Hour Public Safety Officer Cell Phone: (336) 260-9203

Many services are handled by the receptionist/telecommunicator at the Information Desk. Receptionists/telecommunicators can help you with class locations, directions to specific areas, parking permits, and lost and found. Unclaimed lost and found items may be disposed of if not retrieved within a 180 day period. In accordance with N.C.G.S 15.11.1 to 15.17.

The Alamance Community College Public Safety Department prepares this report in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Police and Crime Statistics Act using information maintained by Alamance Community College Public Safety, information provided by other College offices such as the Office of Student Success, other Campus Security Authorities, and information provided by law enforcement agencies. Officers, both sworn and security, enter all reports of crime incidents made directly to the department through a computer-based incident/records management system. After an officer enters the report in the system, it is reviewed to ensure it is appropriately classified in the correct crime category. A member of Public Safety periodically examines the data to ensure that all reported crimes are recorded in accordance with the crime definitions outlined in the Safe Campus Act Handbook. The statistics reported here reflect the number of criminal incidents reported to and by the various authorities. The statistics reported for the sub-categories on liquor laws, drug laws, and weapons offenses represented the number of people arrested or referred to campus judicial authorities for respective violations, not the number of offenses documented.

Reporting Crimes and Other Emergencies

The College offers multiple ways for campus community members and visitors to report crimes, serious incidents, and other emergencies to appropriate College officials. It is critical that all incidents be reported to Public Safety for the safety of the entire College community. This also helps to ensure a timely investigation, and appropriate follow-up actions which include issuing a timely warning or emergency notification. You can contact Alamance Community College Public Safety/Police at 336-506-4286.

Criminal incidents occurring off campus involving students/faculty/staff participating in a College function should be reported immediately to local law enforcement and to the Director of Public Safety as soon as possible.

Crimes in progress and other emergencies can also be reported to Alamance County Dispatch Center by calling 911 or their non-emergency number 336-570-6777.

Voluntary, Confidential, Reporting

We encourage College community members to report crimes promptly to Public Safety/Police and/or the appropriate police agency, if off campus, when the victim of a crime elects to or is unable to make such a report. We also encourage College community members to participate in and support crime prevention efforts.

If you are the victim of a crime, or want to report a crime, but do not want to pursue action within the College or criminal justice system, we ask that you still consider filing an anonymous report. You may be able to remain anonymous depending upon the circumstances of the crime you are reporting. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the Annual Security Report (ASR).
Reporting to College Public Safety/Police

We encourage members of the College community to report all crimes and other emergencies to Public Safety/Police in a timely manner. Public Safety has a dispatch communication center that is available by phone at 336-506-4286 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m with the exceptions of summer hours (Friday until 12:00 p.m.) and on days when the College has been designated as closed. A Public Safety officer is available on the Main Campus, 24/7, 365 days a year, and can be reached by phone at 336-260-9203. Public Safety should be notified of every crime to ensure the College can address security concerns and so they may alert the campus if there is a threat to the College community.

Anonymous Reporting

To report a crime anonymously, submit a tip through ACC Safe App, a mobile app which can be downloaded for free to any smartphone. You can also report a crime online at Anonymous Crime Report. Or you can submit a tip through App P3 Tips, a mobile app for Crimestoppers which can be downloaded for free to any smartphone. You may also call 336-229-7100, the Alamance County Crime Stoppers Line or report online at www.p3tips.com.
Reporting to Other Campus Security Authorities

While the College prefers that community members promptly report all crimes and other emergencies directly to Public Safety, some may prefer to report to other individuals or Campus offices. The Clery Act designates many College personnel as “Campus Security Authorities (CSA). The Act defines these individuals as an “official or an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including, but not limited to, student housing, student discipline, and campus judicial proceedings. An official is defined as any person who has the authority and the duty to take action or respond to particular issues on behalf of the institution.” CSA’s report allegations of Clery Act Crimes to the Public Safety Department.

The College has identified many CSAs and designated the following offices as locations where campus community members may report crimes:

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Pastoral and Professional Counselors

According to the Clery Act, pastoral and professional counselors who are appropriately credentialed and hired by Alamance Community College to serve in a counseling role are not considered Campus Security Authorities when they are acting in the role of counselor. The College encourages pastoral and professional counselors to notify those whom they are counseling of the voluntary, confidential reporting options available to them.

Campus Police and Security

Public Safety Department at a Glance

The Alamance Community College Public Safety Department is committed to providing an equitable and inclusive model of service and outreach to ensure that every member of Alamance Community College can safely learn and work on a campus in an environment of mutual respect and support. The department is committed to building trust and partnership with students, faculty, and staff across campus.

Role, Authority, and Training

The Alamance Community College Public Safety/Police Department protects and serves the campus community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The department has safety and security programs including:

- First Aid
- AED
- CPR
- Investigations
- Crime Prevention
- Security Technology
- Threat Assessment
- Special Event Management
- Parking
- Bloodborne Pathogen training
- Narcan training

Campus Police and Security Policies, Crime Prevention & Safety Awareness Programs

Alamance Community College Department of Public Safety has established a number of policies and procedures related to ensuring a reasonably safe campus community. These practices include:

- Security Personnel patrol the Main Campus 24 hours a day/365 days a year
- Security Personnel are present at the Dillingham Campus Monday through Friday, from 7a-10p, and Saturdays 7a-5p for scheduled classes.
- Code of Conduct: Faculty/Staff and Student
- Standardized Operation Procedures
Traffic Control
Visitor Management

Crime Prevention Programs

The Alamance Community College Public Safety Department is committed to raising the level of crime awareness on campus in an effort to prevent criminal activity. The following are some of the programs offered by the department:

Emergency Phones and Call Boxes:
Emergency phones and call boxes are located throughout most campus buildings and in each parking lot. These phones and call boxes provide individuals on campus with access to the Public Safety Department in the event of an emergency.

Security Escort Program:
The security escort service is provided by Public Safety officers when they are available. Escorts are available to the parking areas, or to and from classes, and can be requested at the Information Desk in the lobby of the Main Building. Some waiting time may be necessary.

CCV (Close Circuit Video):
The Alamance Community College campuses have more than 225 surveillance cameras. These cameras have a deterrent effect and also aid in the investigation of incidents that occur on campus. Please note these cameras are not monitored 24/7/365.

Security Awareness Program
Public Safety Officers can be requested to present security related information to various groups on campus. In the past, members of security have spoken at faculty/staff meetings, professional development sessions, employee orientations, and classes. Topics may include college safety, security procedures, crime prevention strategies, safely dealing with persons in mental crisis, and gang awareness. The Public Safety Department has also invited members from outside agencies with specialized knowledge to give presentations on campus. To arrange a presentation contact the Public Safety Director at 336-506-4202.

Threat Assessment Team
Alamance Community College has established a Threat Assessment Team led by the Vice president of Student Services. The objective of the Threat Assessment Team is to put in place a structured process for evaluating potentially threatening situations that occur at the College. This multidisciplinary team is comprised of the Director of Public Safety, Vice President of Student Services, and the Disability Services Coordinator.
C.A.R.E Team

This year Alamance Community College has established a C.A.R.E (Campus Assessment Response and Education) team. This team is a cross-functional, multidisciplinary group focused on prevention and early intervention to address situations of concern involving the College community.

Working Relationship with Local, State, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

Alamance Community College Public Safety Department maintains a cooperative relationship with, State Highway Patrol, State Bureau of Investigation and surrounding law enforcement agencies. This includes dedicated liaisons, radio interoperability, training programs, special event coordination, and investigations.

Alamance Community College has a Memorandum of Understanding with area law enforcement agencies to aid efficient investigative operations of alleged criminal incidents on our campuses.

Alamance Community College does not have any recognized student organizations with noncampus locations.

Daily Crime Log

Alamance Community College Public Safety Department maintains a Daily Crime Log for the past 60 days of all crimes reported to Public Safety and is available for view during normal business hours to members of the public. Upon request, Public Safety will provide a copy of the Daily Crime Log beyond 60 days for viewing within 48 hours of notice. This log identifies the type, location, and time of each criminal incident reported to Public Safety.

Timely Warnings

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure the issuance of Timely Warnings regarding crimes reported on or near campus that pose a serious or ongoing threat to the campus community. This procedure complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Police and Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) by establishing procedures for the College regarding the justification and delivery of Timely Warnings of serious or ongoing threats.

Procedure

- The decision to broadcast a Timely Warning will be made on a case-by-case basis in light of the individual facts, including factors such as the nature of the crime, the continuing danger or risk to the campus community and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts. The intent of the notification is to prevent similar crimes by alerting the community of the incident and providing information
on what actions people can take to diminish their chances of being victimized.

- Crimes on or near campus which may prompt the issuance of a Timely Warning include, but are not limited to: criminal homicide, sexual offenses, aggravated assault, robbery, crimes involving force or violence, and arson.

**Notification Process**

- The senior officer on duty shall inform the Director of Public Safety when practical of any crime that may pose an ongoing or serious threat to the personal safety of students, faculty, staff and/or visitors.
- The Director of Public Safety shall contact the Senior Vice President of Facilities if time allows and consult to determine if a Timely Warning should be issued.
- If practical, the Senior Vice President of Facilities will notify the Office of the President and the Executive Vice President.
- If a Timely Warning is to be issued, the Director of Public Safety or designee will develop a notice which may contain the following information when available: nature of the crime or immediate threat, location of the incident, time of the incident, description of any suspect(s) and steps community members should take to protect themselves.
- The Timely Warning shall be reviewed by at least one other person if available and if time allows prior to the transmission to the College community via ACC Emergency Notification System or other means of communications to all students, faculty, and staff.
- Updates to the College community about any particular case resulting in a Timely Warning may be distributed via group email and other College communication channels.
- Public Safety will maintain records of all Timely Warnings which will include the nature, date, time, person who sent/authorized and general location of the incident.
- In a situation that poses an imminent and exigent threat to the campus community where time is of the essence (e.g., Active Shooter), the highest-ranking on-duty public safety person has authority to authorize immediate broadcast of an Alert.

Alamance Community College is not required to provide a timely warning with respect to crimes reported to a pastoral or professional counselor.

**Emergency Management at Alamance Community College**

The Department of Public Safety is responsible for the Emergency Response Plan (ERP). This plan is an all-hazards disaster response and emergency management plan that complies with FEMA guidelines for Higher Education and includes planning, mitigation, response, and recovery actions.

**Priorities**

- Life, safety, infrastructure integrity, and environmental protection during an emergency
- Coordination with college departments to develop, maintain, test and evaluate the Public Safety Emergency Plan
• Cooperation, integration, and mutual aid with local, state and federal planning, response, and public safety agencies.

A summary of the College’s emergency response plan is located at Emergency Response Plan. Paper copies are also distributed throughout the college.

Drills, Exercises, and Training

To ensure the College’s emergency management plans remain current and actionable, the College conducts periodic preparedness exercises. These exercises may include tabletop, functional, or full-scale exercises. The College conducts after-action reviews following all emergency management exercises and significant real-world events.

Procedures for Disseminating Emergency Information to the Campus Community

The Director of Public Safety or his designee(s) may initiate the College’s emergency notification system prior to or during violent or hazardous incidents that pose an immediate danger to the campus community to notify members immediately to reduce the likelihood of injuries or casualties. Immediate notification to the campus about a seriously violent or extremely hazardous incident can be accomplished through a variety of communication methods to include the use of text, voice messaging, emails, speakers, and message display boards. When emergency notification systems are activated college officials will notify local law enforcement agencies of the emergency. If the event is an active shooter, campus members are to protect themselves by utilizing the Run, Hide, Fight technique. They will evacuate the affected area if it is safe to do so or by employing the “shelter-in-place” practice. As a last resort they will need to use self-defense methods to protect themselves and others.

“Shelter-in-place” means to take immediate shelter or cover wherever you happen to be at the time of the notification. Community members should remain in a “shelter-in-place” status until the “All Clear” is communicated by emergency response personnel. College authorities may instruct you to “shelter-in-place” if a condition exists that is potentially life-threatening and poses an immediate threat to the health and personal safety of the campus community.

Immediate threats would include but are not limited to active shooter incidents, tornadoes, earthquakes, terrorist attacks, and hazardous materials incidents.

Confirming the Existence of an Emergency

The Department of Public Safety may become aware of a critical incident or other emergency that potentially impacts the health and/or safety of the campus community. Generally, Public Safety becomes aware of these events through ACC Communications.
Once the Department of Public Safety confirms that there is an emergency or dangerous situation that poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of the campus community, responders will notify the highest ranking person of the Department of Public Safety to issue an emergency notification.

The College’s authorized persons shall immediately initiate all or some portions of the College’s emergency notification system. If in the judgment of first responders, issuing a notification may compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to or otherwise mitigate the emergency, the College may delay issuing an emergency notification. Once the condition that compromises response efforts is no longer present, the College shall issue the emergency notification to the campus community, provided there is still a continued threat to campus safety.

Emergency Notification Process

Alamance Community College is committed to ensuring that the campus community receives timely, accurate and useful information in the event of a significant emergency or dangerous situation on or near campus that may pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of the campus community members. Various systems are in place to communicate information quickly in the event of a situation that poses an immediate threat to campus. Some or all of these methods of communication may be activated in the event of a campus emergency.

Methods of communication include the campus emergency notification system (AlertAware), the College’s email system, building fire alarm systems, electronic message boards, verbal announcements and announcements made over our public address system. The College may post updates during a critical incident on the ACC homepage or via Public Information and Marketing. If the situation warrants, the College may establish a telephone call in system to communicate with the College community during an emergency situation. The College will also issue updates through various media outlets.

Determining the Contents of the Emergency Notification

Alamance Community College has developed templates for a variety of emergencies and hazards anticipated or possible on campus to expedite incident messaging. These templates are designed to be easily processed by AlertAware to update incident-specific information. If an emergency occurs and a template message does not apply, the message will be crafted by the individual(s) responsible for authorizing the broadcast with input from Public Information and Marketing (when practical). The goal of emergency notification is to ensure that the campus community is aware of the situation and is informed on how to best protect themselves.
Testing the System

Alamance Community College conducts a College-wide test of the ACC Emergency Notification system tested at various times throughout the Academic year.

Enrolling in the College’s Emergency Notification System

The ACC Alert system (AlertAware) is considered an opt-in/opt-out system. Members of the campus are automatically enrolled to receive notifications. Members of the campus are encouraged to update their contact information. Information on how to update contact information can be found online at: AlertAware Sign-In For questions about emergency notifications, email publicsafety@alamancecc.edu

Security and Access to College Facilities

Alamance Community College Campus is open from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., Monday Thru Thursday, 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, and weekends for those enrolled in specific courses. During Summer hours the college closes at noon on Friday.

Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policies

How to Report

If you or someone you know has experienced sex/gender-based discrimination and/or sexual misconduct, you may report the incident(s) or file a complaint.

Any person may report sexual harassment, sex/gender-based discrimination and/or sexual harassment, whether or not the person reporting is the person who is the victim of alleged misconduct.

Students or applicants for admission can report online using the Crime Reporting Form on the ACC webpage Title IX Discrimination/Harassment Reporting Form or contact the following resources at any time:

Director of Public Safety: James Armstrong; jearmstrong533@alamancecc.edu; 336-506-4202, Main Campus: M-378
Assistant Vice President of Student Success: Dr. Carolyn Disque; csdisque793@alamancecc.edu; 336-506-4138, Main Campus: S-108
Disability Services Coordinator: Tianna Holloway, thholloway068@alamancecc.edu; 336-506-4130; Main Campus: M-244

Alamance Community College (the “College” or “ACC”) is committed to providing an educational environment in which all employees and students, without regard to sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, have a right to work and learn free from sexual harassment and sexual violence. Sexual misconduct is prohibited, and the College will promptly, fairly, and impartially address complaints through its Title IX
procedures or when a sexual misconduct complaint falls outside the jurisdiction of Title IX. The College will apply its student conduct procedures or grievance procedures as appropriate to the particular complaint. This policy applies to sexual misconduct that occurs within the scope of the College’s educational programs and activities (both on-campus and off campus) against a person in the United States. The College will provide supportive measures as well as complaint resolution options to its students, applicants, and employees who are alleged victims.

Sexual harassment and sexual violence are deemed forms of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (and Title IX Final Rule 2020) which prohibits sex discrimination against students and employees in educational institutions which receive federal funds and by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits sex discrimination in employment and by North Carolina General Statutes 136-16.

I. Definitions And Prohibited Conduct

- Prohibited conduct includes sexual harassment as defined in Title IX Final Rule 2020:
- An employee of the College conditioning educational aid, benefit or service on an individual’s participation in unwelcome sexual conduct (quid pro quo harassment)
- Offenses defined in the Clery Act and the US Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking) on the basis of sex as prohibited in Title IX Final Rule 2020.
- Unwelcome conduct that a reasonable person would find so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it denies a person equal educational access.
- VAWA and Clery Act offenses
- Any form of sexual violence defined as a criminal sex crime in North Carolina G.S. 14-27.1 and G.S. 50B – 1 (including rape, sexual battery and sexual coercion).
- Prohibited conduct includes unwelcome verbal and/or physical conduct of a sexual nature or with sexual implications, based on sex or sexual stereotyping, when the conduct is sufficiently severe or pervasive as to create a hostile work or learning environment when evaluated from the standpoint of a “reasonable person” and consistent with First Amendment protections of free speech and academic freedom.

II. Reporting Options

Any person may report sexual misconduct (harassment or violence) to one or more of the following: the Title IX Coordinator, a College “responsible employee,” a College “counselor/advisor,” their employment supervisor, a College Public Safety official, a local law enforcement officer, a local medical professional, a local mental health professional or a pastoral counselor. A report may be made in person, by mail, by telephone, or by email. Upon receipt of a complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will determine whether the complaint meets the condition of the Title IX Final Rule 2020. If so, the Title IX response process will be initiated. If not, the complaint will be referred to the appropriate student conduct or employee grievance contact person. In all cases, the Title IX Coordinator will contact the complainant confidentially to discuss the availability of supportive measures and to
explain the process for filing a formal complaint. Supportive measures are individualized reasonably available services designed to ensure equal educational access, protect safety, or deter sexual harassment; and the steps taken must be non-punitive, nondisciplinary, and not unreasonably burdensome to the accused party.

College “responsible employees” are all faculty members, administrators, and support staff (including student employees and contracted service providers) except the Title IX Coordinator and designated “counselors/advisors”; all student services staff members except designated “counselors/advisors”; and ACC Public Safety staff. A “responsible employee” shall report to the College’s Title IX Coordinator or designee relevant details of instances of sexual misconduct made known to him or her, and he/she shall inform the complainant of his/her right to file a Title IX complaint with the College and to report a crime to ACC Public Safety and/or local law enforcement.

College “counselors/advisors” are not considered “responsible employees” for reporting purposes but are counselors/advisors whom students or employees may consult confidentially for support and information. These designated individuals are the Director of Student Success, Coordinator of Disability Services and counselor trainees working under the supervision of a professional counselor, ACC-selected/appointed sexual assault responders designated and appointed for a term of service by the Vice President of Student Services and ACC-approved third parties providing confidential counseling services on the campuses or by referral. These “counselors/advisors” are not required to report incidents except as described below, and they will provide information about support services students can use whether or not they file a complaint on-campus or with off-campus authorities. “Counselors/advisors” will report incidents under certain specific circumstances, including an informed consent release by the complainant, a threat of harm to self or others, a court order, or harm to minors. (NCGS 14-27.5)

There is no time limit to invoking this policy to respond to alleged sexual misconduct. However, complainants are encouraged to report allegations of sexual misconduct immediately in order to maximize the College’s ability to obtain the relevant information and witness testimony needed to complete a thorough and impartial investigation. The College will strive to resolve complaints within 60 days of the initial report (not including appeal processes) unless fact-finding is delayed to defer to law enforcement evidence gathering, or if other “good cause” delays or special circumstances such as College break periods apply. Complainant and respondent (accused) will be notified in writing of extensions and delays.

A third party complaint, made on behalf of someone else who has been the victim of sexual misconduct/harassment/violence, will be investigated by ACC. Complainants should be aware it may be difficult to keep the victim’s identity confidential during the investigation because of the circumstances of the charge.

III. Confidentiality

In general, the College will obtain consent from the complainant before beginning a Title IX or other
investigation. The College will keep confidential the identity of complainants, respondents (accused persons), and witnesses except as permitted by FERPA, as required by law, or as potential criminal conduct. College officials reserve the authority to determine, consistent with State and local law, whether appropriate law enforcement authorities should be notified. If the College determines the alleged perpetrator poses a serious and immediate threat to the College community, the Director of Public Safety will be called upon to issue a timely warning to the community as required by the Clery Act. Such a warning does not include information that identifies the victim.

If the complainant requests confidentiality or asks that the complaint not be pursued, the College will take reasonable steps to investigate and respond to the complainant consistent with the complainant’s request. The College will inform the complainant that its ability to respond may be limited. The College’s Title IX Coordinator or designee will evaluate the complainant’s request for confidentiality in the context of ACC’s obligation to provide a safe environment for students and employees, and will inform the complainant prior to starting an investigation if it cannot ensure confidentiality. At minimum in every case of reported sexual harassment and sexual violence, an anonymous report of the incident must be provided by the Title IX Coordinator to ACC Public Safety staff in order to comply with campus crime reporting (Clery Act) requirements.

The College will maintain as confidential any accommodations or protective measures provided to students or employees, to the extent that confidentiality does not impair the ability of the College to provide the protective measures and does not infringe on the due process rights of an accused person.

IV. Retaliation

Those who make complaints or otherwise participate in investigative and/or disciplinary processes under this policy are protected from retaliatory acts. No employee or student may engage in interference, coercion, restraint, or reprisal against any person alleging sexual misconduct. Perpetrators of retaliation will face disciplinary action. Likewise, claims of sexual misconduct that are substantiated as malicious or frivolous may result in disciplinary action against the instigator.

V. Informal Resolution Options

The complainant has the right to end an informal resolution at any time and pursue formal resolution.

1. Confidential consultation with the Title IX Coordinator or designee for support, information, and/or exploration of possible actions.

2. Confidential counseling and referral: “Counselors/ advisors” as designated in this policy may counsel a student confidentially to provide support, information, referral, and/or exploration of possible actions.

3. For complaints subject to the Title IX, the two parties can agree to engage in an informal resolution process in lieu of a formal investigation, except in cases that allege quid pro quo harassment. Both parties must give voluntary, informed and written consent. Informal resolution options are not available under the Title IX when the accused
person is an employee

4. Informal voluntary mediation, contingent on the availability of qualified mediators and on the voluntary, informed and written consent of both parties. This option is available only for complaints of sexual violence including but not limited to rape, sexual abuse, sexual assault and sexual battery.

VI. Formal Resolution Options

The complainant has the right to pursue the applicable following options individually or simultaneously: A formal complaint is a document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator, alleging sexual misconduct and requesting that the College investigate the allegation of sexual misconduct.

At the time of filing a formal complaint, the complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in, the educational program or activities of the College. The document must be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, or by electronic submission (Title IX Discrimination/Harassment Incident Report Form). If the allegations in a formal complaint do not meet the definition of sexual harassment in the Title IX Final Rule 2020, or did not occur in the College’s educational program and activities against a person in the United States, then the Title IX Coordinator will dismiss the complaint and will refer the complaint to the College’s Student Code of Conduct procedures (if the accused person is student) or to the employee grievance procedure policy (if the accused person is an employee or contracted employee.) The Title IX Coordinator will notify the parties in writing when a complaint is dismissed for Title IX purposes and the reasons for the dismissal.

1. If the case is addressed under the Title IX, it will be investigated and adjudicated under the College’s Title IX procedures. A description of the Title IX investigation and grievance procedures may be obtained from the Title IX Coordinator. Adjudication includes the provision of a live hearing with cross examination. Both parties have the right to appeal a determination regarding responsibility, or the dismissal of the allegations in a formal complaint, on the following bases: procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter, newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the complaint, or Title IX personnel had a conflict of interest or bias that affected the outcome of the matter.

2. If the case is dismissed under Title IX, and the accused is an Alamance Community College student, the College will follow its student grievance procedures/student conduct process as described in the student handbook, including appeal procedures described. Note that the:

- investigation and resolution will be prompt, fair and impartial
- standard of evidence for a finding of “responsible” is preponderance of the evidence;
- accuser and accused are entitled to have an advisor of their respective choice present at a disciplinary proceeding and any related meetings. An advisor serves on a consulting (non-participatory) basis in a disciplinary hearing; and,
- sanctions assigned to a student found responsible include one or more of the following: oral warning, written warning, educational or community service sanction, general probation, restrictive probation,
3. If the case is dismissed under the Title IX Final Rule 2020 and the accused is an Alamance Community College employee or contracted employee, the College will follow its employee grievance procedures, including appeal procedures. An employee found responsible will be assigned one or more of the following disciplinary sanctions: oral warning, written warning, special training appropriate to the findings, probation, suspension or dismissal.

4. File a criminal complaint with the applicable local law enforcement agency. Public Safety staff will assist with this process.

5. File a complaint directly with the appropriate Federal or North Carolina agency (ex. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Office of Civil Rights). Contact information may be obtained from the Title IX Coordinator.

VII. NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME

For cases adjudicated under Title IX Final Rule 2020, a written determination by the decision-maker addressing criteria described in the Final Rule must be sent simultaneously to the parties along with information about how to file an appeal.

For cases adjudicated under the Student Code of Conduct or the employee grievance procedures, the College will notify the accused in writing whether or not it found that sexual misconduct occurred, all disciplinary sanctions assigned in the case, and information about how to file an appeal. The College will notify the complainant in writing of the finding whether or not sexual misconduct occurred, any individual remedies offered to the complainant, other steps the College has taken to eliminate a hostile environment and prevent recurrence, and information about how to file an appeal. The College will disclose to the complainant matters about disciplinary sanction(s) assigned to the accused that are directly related to the complainant’s participation in the College’s educational program and activities.

Names of any other persons, such as a victim/survivor or witness, will be included only with the consent of those persons. The College will not require a party to abide by a nondisclosure agreement that would prevent the re-disclosure of information related to the outcome of the proceeding.

VIII. TRAINING AND EDUCATION

The College expects all employees and students to participate in training and education on sexual harassment and sexual violence topics at regular intervals. Training and education topics and content provided by the College will be consistent with Title IX and Campus SaVE Act regulations and recommendations. Employees in specific roles will participate in specialized training. Those roles include Title IX Coordinator, responsible employees, counselors/advisors, complaint investigators, hearing officials, grievance committee members, and Public Safety staff. The sexual misconduct policy and procedures will be published in key College publications (ex. General Catalog, Student Handbook, Employee Handbook, College website) and made widely available to members of the College community.
Sex Offender Information

In accordance with the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000, the College is providing to the campus community a link to the National Sex Offender Public Website and North Carolina Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry (“Registry”), where they can obtain information for their local sheriff’s office and/or sign up to receive email alerts when registered sex offenders report an address in the local area.

The Act requires the College to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement information provided by North Carolina concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. The Act also requires sex offenders already required to register in North Carolina to provide notice to each institution of higher education in North Carolina at which the person is employed, carries a vocation, or is a student. North Carolina law requires sex offenders who have been convicted of certain offenses to register with their county’s sheriff. Information about sex offenders is then entered into the Registry database by the sheriff’s office and transmitted to the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation. The N.C. State Bureau of Investigation collects information submitted by sheriffs in all counties in the state and makes it available to the public via the Registry. www.nsopw.gov  

Required Reporting

All Alamance Community College staff and faculty, except for the on-campus confidential resources, are required to report instances of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator. ACC employees who are required to report to the Title IX Coordinator include the following:

- Faculty
- Office of Student Success
- Campus Police and Security Department
- Faculty Advisors
- Academic Advisors
- Program Advisors
- Student Activities Coordinator
- PACE/TRIO Coaches

Reporting a Potential Violation of the Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policies

Complaints of violations of Alamance Community College’s Title IX and Sexual Misconduct policies may be reported at any time. A complaint may be filed at any time, regardless of the length of time between the alleged misconduct and the decision to file a complaint.

Complainants are encouraged to make reports as soon as possible after the alleged conduct occurs in order to best preserve any evidence for Alamance Community College to investigate the facts, determine the issues, and provide an appropriate remedy or disciplinary action regardless of a police report being filed. However, this does
not mean that the desired resolution is impossible, individuals are encouraged to meet with the Title IX Coordinator at any time to discuss options.

Complainants also are encouraged to report incidents of sexual violence to the local police department by calling 911 or Alamance Community College Department of Public Safety at 336-506-4286.

Filing an anonymous complaint

A complainant can file an anonymous complaint using the reporting form on the Title IX Discrimination/Harassment Reporting Form. The purpose of an anonymous report is to comply with the complainant’s wish to keep the matter private, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of the complainant and others. With such information, the College can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving individuals, determine where there is a pattern of misconduct with regard to a particular location, method, or individual, and alert the campus community to potential danger.

If the Complainant decides to file a complaint anonymously and is a victim of alleged sexual misconduct, the College encourages the individual to seek out the available medical and mental health resources listed in the ACC Student Handbook. Individuals who wish to make a formal complaint at a later date may contact the Title IX Coordinator at any time.

Jurisdiction

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

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

Regardless of where the conduct occurred, ACC 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 ACC interest includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Any action that constitutes a criminal offense as defined by law. This includes, but is not limited to, single or repeated violations of any local, state, or federal law;
- Any situation in which it is determined that ACC poses an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual;
- 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.

Definitions: Violations of College Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policy

The Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) regards sexual harassment, a specific form of discriminatory harassment, as an unlawful discriminatory practice. Sexual harassment, as an umbrella category, includes the offenses of sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

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.

ACC takes all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously.

- When an incident involving an allegation of sexual misconduct is against a student, the definitions below serve as potential Title IX and Sexual Misconduct policy violations and conduct that the College prohibits.
- When an incident involving an allegation of sexual misconduct is against a faculty member or staff member, the applicable Title IX policy can be found at ACC Policy and Procedure Manual.

Complainant is an individual who is the reported victim of conduct that could constitute sexual misconduct.

Respondent is an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual misconduct.

ACC has adopted the following definition of sexual harassment in order to address the unique environment of an academic community.

**Dating Violence, defined as:**

- Violence,
- On the basis of sex,
- Committed by a person,
- Who is in or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the complainant.
  - The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the complainant’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, defined as:**

- Violence,
- On the basis of sex,
- Committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the complainant.
• By a person with whom the complainant shares a child in common, or
• By a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabited with, the complainant as a spouse or intimate partner, or
• By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the complainant under the domestic or family violence laws of North Carolina, or
• By any other person against an adult or youth complainant who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of North Carolina.

“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.”

Stalking, defined as:
• Engaging in a course of conduct,
• On the basis of sex,
• Directed at a specific person, that
  o Would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person’s safety, or
  o The safety of other, or
  o 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 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.
• Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the complainant.
• Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily require, medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

Sexual Assault, defined as:
Sex Offenses, Forcible: Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the complainant, including instances in which the complainant is incapable of giving consent.

  Forcible Rape
• Penetration, no matter how slight,
• Of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or
• Oral penetration by a sex organ or another person,
• Without the consent of the Complainant.

  Forcible Sodomy
• Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person,
• Forcibly,
• and/or against that person’s will(non-consensually), or
• Not forcibly or against the person’s will in instances in which the complainant is incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Sexual Assault with an Object
• The use of an object or instrument to penetrate,
• However slightly,
• The genital or anal opening of the body of another person,
• Forcibly,
• and/or against that person’s will (non-consensually)
• Or not forcibly or against the person’s will in instances in which the complainant is incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Forcible Fondling
• The touching of the private body parts of another person (buttocks, groin, breast, etc.)
• For the purpose of sexual gratification,
• Forcibly,
• and/or against that person’s will (non-consensually),
• Or not forcibly or against the person’s will in instances in which the complainant is incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Sex Offenses, Non-forcible:
Incest:
• Non-forcible sexual intercourse,
• Between persons who are related to each other,
• Within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by North Carolina law.

Statutory Rape:
• Non-forcible sexual intercourse
• With a person who is under the statutory age of consent of North Carolina.

Sexual Harassment
Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to ACC’s education program or activity.

Quid Pro Quo Sexual harassment
Quid Pro Quo is defined as an employee of ACC conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of ACC on an individual’s participation in unwelcome sexual conduct.

Consent
Consent is:
• Voluntary,
• Freely given,
• Informed,
Positive cooperation in act and attitude,
Revocable at any time, and
Ongoing throughout a sexual encounter.

Consent to sexual activity on one occasion is not consent to engage in sexual activity on another occasion. A current or previous dating or marital relationship shall not be sufficient to constitute consent. Consent to some form of sexual activity does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity. Persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law cannot consent to sexual intercourse with each other.

Consent may not be assumed. If there is any ambiguity or confusion a person involved should stop the activity and clarity and confirm consent. Once consent is withdrawn, the sexual activity must stop immediately.

Consent is not freely given if:

- It is obtained through the use of force, through the fear of or the threat of force, intimidation, coercion, or by kidnap;
- The individual has acted or spoken in a manner which expresses they refuse to give consent.
- The complainant was unable to give consent for any of the following reasons:
  - The individual is unable to make an informed decision due to incapacitation;
  - The individual is unconscious, asleep, or suffering from shock;
  - The individual is under the statutory age of consent; or
  - The individual has a permanent or temporary mental disorder or development or physical disability, and therefore legally unable to give consent.

Coercion is the practice of forcing another party to act in an involuntary manner by use of intimidation or threats or some other form of undue pressure or force. Coercion may include the use of emotional manipulation to persuade someone to do something the person does not want to do.

Incapacitation is the state where someone cannot make rational, reasonable decisions due to a lack of capacity to give knowing consent (e.g., to understand the “who, what, when, where, why, and how” of the sexual interaction) due to alcohol, prescribed medication, predatory drugs, or other drugs.

**Prohibition of Retaliation**

Retaliation is defined as intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX or against an individual for engaging in protected activity. Protected activity consists of (1) making a report or complaint about conduct reasonably believed to constitute a violation of the College’s Title IX and Sexual Misconduct policies, or (2) testifying, assisting, or participating in any manner in an investigation or other proceeding related to such a complaint. Retaliation is prohibited under ACC’s Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Policy.
Violations of the ACC’s Sexual Misconduct Policy

In addition to the forms of sexual harassment described above, which fall within the coverage of Title IX, ACC additionally prohibits the following offenses as forms of discrimination outside of Title IX.

Sex/Gender-Based Harassment

Sex/Gender-Based Harassment is defined as unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe or pervasive, or objectively offensive that it unreasonably interferes with an individual’s performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or abusive working or learning environment.

Conduct may appear to be consensual may also be unacceptable and deemed harassment.

Supportive Measures

Supportive measures are non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge. Supportive measures are available to both the complainants and respondents before or after the filing of a formal complaint, or where no formal complaint has been filed.

The College will maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the parties, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the College to provide the supportive measures.

These supportive measures may include, but are not limited to:

- Referral to counseling, medical, and/or other healthcare services;
- Referral to community-based service providers;
- Visa and immigration assistance;
- Student financial aid counseling;
- Education to the community or community subgroup(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;
- Timely warnings;
- Class schedule modifications, withdrawals, or leaves of absence;
- Increased campus police and security to monitor certain areas of the campus;
- Any other actions deemed appropriate by the Title IX Coordinator.

No Contact orders

A No Contact order may be imposed at the request of a party or the discretion of a Title IX Coordinator. When a No
Contact Order is put in place, the party must refrain from:

- Approaching one another at any time;
- Calling one another at any time;
- Communicating electronically (email, text, social media);
- Other terms outlined in the No Contact order that may be required specific to the terms of the case.

A No Contact directive implies no judgment or discipline. When a No Contact directive is issued, individuals may be temporarily removed from a shared classroom as a means to create space for the situation to be resolved.

**Interim Actions and Emergency Removals**

If an individual files a report with the College, interim actions or emergency removal may be necessary, including, but not limited to, temporary exclusion from ACC programs and activities or leave from part or all of the ACC campus.

ACC may consider removing a respondent from ACC’s education program or activity on an emergency basis, the Title IX Coordinator may refer a consideration for emergency removal to the Threat Assessment Team, which will conduct the individualized safety and risk analysis.

**Resources and Prevention Programs and Initiatives**

Alamance Community College is committed to operating educational programs and activities that are free from sex-based and gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct by maintaining a diverse community in an atmosphere of mutual respect and appreciation of differences. The Title IX Office, in partnership with Student Success, offers educational resources for students, faculty, staff, and other members of the ACC community. If you have any question about unhealthy relationships, abusive behavior, resources, or ACC prevention programs and initiatives please contact the Title IX Coordinator: 336-506-4138, Main Campus: S-108; 1247 Jimmie Kerr Rd, Graham, NC 27253

**Warning Signs of Unhealthy Relationships and Abusive Behavior**

Someone may be in an emotionally abusive relationship if their partner:

- Calls them names, insults them; or acts jealous or possessive;
- Does not trust them and acts jealous or possessive;
- Tries to isolate them from family or friends. Monitors where they go, who they call and who they spend time with;
- Monitors and/or controls their social media accounts (what they post, who they are friends with/connected to, etc.);
- Checks their partner’s cell phone for text messages and/or calls;
- Threatens to commit suicide if the other partner wants to dissolve the relationship;
- Does not want them to work;
- Controls finances or refuses to share money;
- Punishes them by withholding affection;
- Expects them to ask permission to spend time with friends, spend money, wear certain clothes or makeup, etc.;
- Threatens to hurt them, their friends, family, or pets;
- Humiliates them in any way.

Someone may be in a physically abusive relationship if their partner has ever:
- Damaged property when angry (thrown objects, punched walls, kicked doors, etc.);
- Pushed, slapped, bitten, kicked, or choked them;
- Abandoned them in a dangerous or unfamiliar place;
- Scared them by driving recklessly;
- Used a weapon to threaten or hurt them;
- Forced them to leave their home;
- Trapped them in their home or kept them from leaving;
- Prevented them from calling police or seeking medical attention;
- Used physical force in sexual situations.

Someone may be in a sexually abusive relationship if their partner:
- Views people as objects and believes in rigid gender roles;
- Accuses them of cheating or is often jealous of their outside relationships;
- Wants them to dress in a sexual way;
- Insults them in sexual ways or calls them sexual names;
- Has ever forced or manipulated them into having sex or performing sexual acts;
- Held them down during sex;
- Demanded sex when they were sick, tired, or after physically harming them;
- Hurt them with weapons or objects during sex;
- Involved other people in sexual activities with them;
- Ignored their feelings regarding sex.

Someone may experience stalking through:
Non-consensual communication through various forms including, but not limited to, in-person communication, telephone calls, voice messages, written letters, and gifts, or through text messages, email messages, social networking site postings, instant messages, posting of pictures or information on websites that are undesired and/or place another person in fear or cause emotional distress;
- Following, pursuing, waiting, or showing up uninvited at a workplace, place of residence, classroom, or other locations frequented by a victim;
- Surveillance and other types of observation, whether by physical proximity or electronic means;
- Trespassing;
- Vandalism;
- Non-consensual touching;
- Direct physical and/or verbal threats against a victim or a victim’s loved ones;
• Gathering of information about a complainant from family, friends, coworkers, and/or classmates;
• Manipulative and controlling behaviors such as threats to harm oneself, or threats to harm someone close to the complainant;
• Defamation or slander against the complainant.

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

• Direct propositions of a sexual nature;
• Sexual innuendos and other seductive behavior, including subtle pressure for sexual activity such as repeated, unwanted requests for dates, and repeated inappropriate personal comments, staring, or touching;
• Direct or implied threats that submission to sexual advances will be a condition of employment, promotion, grades, etc.;
• Conduct (not legitimately related to the subject matter of a course or curriculum, if one is involved) that has the effect of discomforting, humiliating or both, and that includes one or more of the following:
  ○ Unnecessary or unwanted touching, patting, massaging, hugging or brushing against a person’s body or other conduct of a physical nature;
  ○ Remarks of a sexual nature about a person’s clothing or body;
  ○ Insulting sounds or gestures, whistles, or catcalls;
  ○ Invading someone’s personal space or blocking their path;
  ○ Unwelcome and inappropriate letters, telephone calls, electronic mail, or other communications;
  ○ Displaying sexual suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons or posters (e.g. screensavers).
• A consensual romantic or sexual relationship which:
  ○ Causes adverse treatment of third parties;
  ○ Or creates a hostile or intimidating working or learning environment for third parties.

Prevention Programs and Initiatives

Programing, initiatives, and strategies informed by research or assessed for value, effectiveness, or outcome that is intended to stop dating violence, domestic violence, non-consensual sexual penetration, and stalking before they occur through the promotion of positive and healthy behaviors that foster healthy, mutually respectful relationships and sexuality, encourage safe bystander intervention, and seek to change behavior and social norms in healthy and safe directions.

Campaigns that are sustained over time focus on increasing awareness or understanding of topics relevant to non-consensual sexual penetration, dating violence, and stalking prevention. These programs will occur at different levels throughout the institution (i.e. faculty, incoming students) and will utilize a range of strategies.

Awareness Programs

Awareness programs include programs, campaigns, or initiatives that increase audience knowledge of the issues of non-consensual sexual penetration, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and share information and resources to prevent dating/domestic violence promote safety, and reduce violence.
Bystander Intervention

Every member of the Alamance Community College community can play a role in facilitating safe and positive options. If community members look at potentially harmful situations through the lens of a bystander, there are options to intervene to prevent harm or intervene in situations of potential harm when there is a risk of domestic violence, dating violence, non-consensual sexual penetration, or stalking. Everyone has options to intervene when they see something they think could be potentially harmful.

- **Direct:** Approach the situation directly. Say, “what’s going on?” or “where are you going?”
- **Delegate:** Contact the Department of Public Safety or find their friend to intervene.
- **Distract:** Do something to take attention away from the situation. Say, “the police are coming,” or do something to distract.

Remember, you have options. If we all take one small action, we can create an environment that is intolerant of harmful behavior.

Risk Reduction

Every individual at Alamance Community College should expect to be treated with respect in their relationships. ACC is committed to the safety and welfare of all persons. When such relationships are no longer healthy or become violent or demeaning, we want every individual to call for assistance and support. We encourage our entire community to be an active bystander. When you see something, say or do something. At ACC, we want to have a community that is safe and one where all students are encouraged to look out for the wellbeing of their fellow students.

Ways to reduce the Risk of misconduct

The goal of these risk reduction strategies is to raise the awareness that sexual misconduct and sex/gender-based violence happens at Alamance Community College. As you are reading these risk reduction strategies, please remember that if someone is assaulted, it is never their fault.

In social situations:
- Be an active bystander: direct, delegate, or distract when you see something potentially harmful.
- Get clear, unambiguous consent for every aspect of sexual activity.
- If someone says no or looks uncomfortable, stop what is happening.
- Communicate boundaries and expectations.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel safe, uncomfortable, or worried for any reason don’t ignore these feelings. Go with your gut and get out of the situation.
- Have a backup plan. Sometimes plans change quickly. You might realize it’s not safe for you to drive home, or the group you arrived with might decide to go somewhere you don’t feel comfortable. Download a ride share app, like Uber, or keep the number for a reliable cab company saved in your phone and cash on hand in case you decide to leave.
- When alcohol is involved:
- Keep an eye on your friends. If you are going out in a group, plan to arrive together and leave together. If you
leave early, let your friends know. If you’re at a party, check in with them during the night to see how they’re doing. If something doesn’t look right, step in. Don’t be afraid to let a friend know if something is making you uncomfortable or if you are worried about their safety.

- Know what you’re drinking. Don’t recognize an ingredient? Use your phone to look it up. Consider avoiding large-batch drinks like punches or “jungle juice” that may have a deceptively high alcohol content. There is no way to know exactly what was used to create these drinks.
- Don’t leave a drink unattended. That includes when you use the bathroom, go dancing, or leave to make a phone call. Either take the drink with you or throw it out. Avoid using the same cup to refill your drink.
- Don’t accept drinks from people you don’t know or trust. This can be challenging in some settings, like a party or a date. If you choose to accept a drink from someone you’ve just met, try to go with the person to the bar to order it, watch it being poured, and carry it yourself.
- Check in with yourself. You might have heard the expression “know your limits.” Whether you drink regularly or not, check in with yourself periodically to register how you feel.
- Be aware of sudden changes in the way your body feels. Do you feel more intoxicated than you should? Some drugs are odorless, colorless, and/or tasteless, and can be added to your drink without you noticing. If you feel uncomfortable, tell a friend and have them take you to a safe place. If you suspect you or a friend has been drugged, call 911, and be upfront with healthcare professionals so they can administer the right tests.
- Ask yourself, “Would I do this if I was sober?” Alcohol can have an effect on your overall judgment. You wouldn’t drive, make medical decisions, or ride a bike while intoxicated.

Consent cannot be given by a person who is incapacitated. Therefore, it is imperative to be able to determine the difference between incapacitation and intoxication. Incapacitation is a state beyond drunkenness or intoxication. Please review the definition of consent above. Like any safety tips, these are not foolproof or a guarantee, but ACC encourages you to consider using one or many of them in social situations.

Resources for Students

ACC has many resources available if you have been or are currently a victim of relationship violence. If you are still in a violent relationship, resources are available to help you safety plan (please see Center for Relationship Abuse Awareness).

On-Campus Confidential Resources

Counseling: Director of Wellness and Student Support, 336-506-4146, M-233A

Confidential Off-Campus Resources

RHA Health Services; 2732 Anne Elizabeth Drive, Burlington, NC 27215; 336-229-5905; https://rhahealthservices.org

Faculty/Staff Counseling and Wellness Referral Form: (If a student is experiencing personal and/or social difficulties, Faculty/Staff Counseling and Wellness Referral Form)
Employees: Employee Assistance Counseling Program: ARMC, 1238 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington, NC 27215; 336-538-7481; eacp@conehealth.com

The National Dating Abuse Hotline can be reached at 1(866) 331-9474 and offers a variety of services, including peer counseling and text counseling, to determine whether a relationship is healthy and safe.

**Non-Confidential Off-Campus Resource**

Graham Police Department  
216 S. Maple Street  
Graham, NC 27253  
336-570-6711  
[https://www.cityofgraham.com/police/](https://www.cityofgraham.com/police/)

Burlington Police Department  
267 W. Front Street  
Burlington, NC 27215  
336-229-3500  
[https://www.burlingtonnc.gov/2209/Police-Department/](https://www.burlingtonnc.gov/2209/Police-Department/)

Alamance County Sheriff’s Department  
109 S. Maple Street  
Graham, NC 27253  
336-570-6300  

**Personal Safety**

Despite security and law enforcement’s efforts, serious crimes do occur on campuses. It is important to report any suspicious activity to security or police and always remain alert and vigilant.

One of the most under-reported crimes is Sexual Assault. We provide the following information to assist those from becoming a victim.

To help you be more alert and aware of your environment to prevent crimes on campus, here are personal safety tips:
- Share your class/work schedule with a close friend, as well as with your family.
- When possible, travel in groups, especially after dark.
- Inscribe your name or your state’s driver’s license number into all valuables, e.g., NJ 12345678.
- Record all the serial numbers of your valuables.
- Program the emergency campus number (336-260-9203) into your phone.
Never take your personal safety for granted. Be vigilant and cautious at all times. Know your environment.

Know where the Emergency Call Boxes are located. The campus has these blue light call boxes strategically located throughout the campus.

If you see something, say something…do not assume someone else will do it.

Victim’s Rights
As a victim of crime, you have rights. Also, you can expect to receive information, practical and emotional support, and be able to participate in the criminal justice process. These standards were created to make sure that you are treated with dignity and respect at all times, regardless of your gender, age, marital status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability or religion.

You have the right to be informed…
- About basic services available to you in your county
- About certain court events, including information on bail, escape of offender or the release of an offender
- About the details of the final disposition of the case

You have the right to receive…
- Notice of the arrest of the offender
- Information about restitution and assistance with compensation
- Accompaniment to all criminal proceedings by a family member, a victim advocate or a support person

You have the right to provide input…
- Into the sentencing decision and to receive help in preparing an oral and/or written victim impact statement
- Into post sentencing decisions

*For more information about your detailed rights or to file a complaint if you believe your rights have been violated, go to the North Carolina Department of Safety Website https://www.ncdps.gov/ and click on “Victim Services.”

Frequently Asked Questions
What to do if you believe you have been sexually assaulted:
- Your safety is priority. Go to a safe place and/or call 911 if you need immediate medical or police assistance.
- Even if you do not feel it is an emergency, consider calling Public Safety at 336-578-4286 or Wellness and Student Support at 336-506-4146. Get support from someone you trust, whether it is a friend or a family member.

Preserving Evidence after a Sexual Assault:
- You will want to make sure that you consider preserving evidence. Do not shower, eat, drink, and try not to urinate; additionally, do not change clothes. If you have already changed clothes, place the original clothes in a paper bag (plastic may destroy evidence). If you have not changed, keep the original clothes on and
bring an extra set to wear home from the hospital. Most importantly, if you have been sexually assaulted, consider a Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) and blood tests for drugs. This type of medical testing and preservation will assist the student in having the option of criminal prosecution.

- Medical examinations can be provided by hospitals without making a police report. This option allows a person to have evidence collected and preserved without giving his/her name to the police, or feeling obligated to pursue criminal charges.

As far as reporting the assault, you may choose to do this at any time or in the future. You may report this incident to police, the Title IX Coordinator, ACC Public Safety or staff, and/or the Student Success Center. If you are unsure about whether or not to report the assault, consider calling Wellness and Student Support at 336-506-4146.

**The Office of Student Success**

The Office of Student Success is dedicated to promoting a safe, orderly, and civil College community and to encouraging and inspiring students to become good citizens by engaging in personal responsibility, ethical decision making, and demonstrating respect for the rights and safety of others.

**The College Code of Conduct**

The office of Student Success is responsible for administering the College Code of Conduct, which articulates the behavioral standards and the equitable procedures employed by the College to respond to allegations of student misconduct.

The College Code of Conduct is administered at all College campuses on College property and may also address off-campus student misconduct when a student’s behavior affects a substantial college interest.

Students who are found responsible for violations may be subject to sanctions ranging from Disciplinary Warning, Disciplinary Probation, Suspension or Expulsion from the College.

In most cases, the Office of Student Success will also assign developmental and educational interventions designed to promote greater awareness and improved decision-making for students and to further deter future misconduct.

In instances where there is reasonable cause to believe a student is an immediate threat to the safety of themselves, others, property or is an immediate threat to disrupt essential campus operations, the Office of Student Success may assign an Interim Suspension and/or other actions, designed to protect the health and safety of the community and members therein.

Any individual or entity may submit reports alleging student misconduct to the Office of Student Success or designee at the campus where the incident occurred.
The Office of Student Success also provides outreach programming designed to inform and educate students and to promote Alamance Community College principles. Please visit the Student Handbook on the ACC Website @ Student Handbook to find information on ACC Code of Conduct, Student Records Policy and links to all policy and procedural guidelines related to the Student Conduct Process.

Additional Information Regarding the College Code of Conduct
Alamance Community College is obligated to provide all students with the College regulations, policies, procedures governing student conduct. ACC policies and procedures, including ACC Code of Conduct, is published in the Handbook: Code of Conduct.

If you have additional questions, special needs, or wish to request a hard copy of this information, please contact the Vice President of Student Success at 336-506-4138.

The publication, as well as college regulations and policies and procedures governing student conduct, is available on the ACC Website: Alamance Community College

Missing Student Notification Policy
Alamance Community College does not have residential housing facilities. Therefore, there is not a Missing Student Notification Policy.

Crime Prevention and Safety Awareness Programs
In an effort to promote safety awareness ACC Department of Public Safety maintains a strong working relationship with the community. This relationship includes offering a variety of safety and security programs and services and crime prevention programming. Public Safety programs are coordinated by the Director of Public Safety.

Programs Conducted by Public Safety and the Office of Student Success

- Alcohol Awareness
- Safety Awareness
- Dating/Domestic/Stalking Violence Awareness

Alcohol And Drugs On Campus
The illegal use of controlled substances, substances that cause impairment, and abuse of alcohol are harmful to the health, well-being, and safety of the College’s employees and students. The College is committed to maintaining a safe workplace and an educational environment free from the influence of illegal controlled substances and substances that cause impairment.
All visitors, guests, students and employees are prohibited from unlawfully possessing, using, being under the influence of, manufacturing, dispensing, selling or distributing alcohol, illegal or unauthorized controlled substances, or drug paraphernalia. Using or being under the influence of substances that cause impairment is also prohibited. Violation of this prohibition could lead to the visitor or guest being asked to leave campus and/or campus authorities contacting the Department of Public Safety or local law enforcement.

The College is committed to providing each of its students a drug-free and alcohol-free environment in which to attend classes and study. From a safety perspective, the use of drugs or alcohol may impair the well-being of students, interfere with the College’s educational environment, and result in damage to College property.

All students shall adhere to the following:

A. All students are prohibited from unlawfully possessing, using, being under the influence of, manufacturing, dispensing, transmitting, selling, or distributing alcohol, illegal, or unauthorized controlled substances or impairing substances at any College location.

1. Controlled Substance means any substance listed in 21 CFR Part 1308 and other federal regulations, as well as those listed in Article V, Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Generally, the term means any drug that has a high potential for abuse and including but not limited to heroin, marijuana, cocaine, PCP, GHB, methamphetamine, and crack. This term also includes any state, or local laws and legal drugs that have been obtained illegally or without a prescription by a licensed healthcare provider or are not intended for human consumption.

2. Alcohol means any beverage containing at least one-half of one percent (0.5%) alcohol by volume, including malt beverages, unfortified wine, fortified wine, spirituous liquor, and mixed beverages.

3. Impairing Substances include any substance taken that may cause impairment, including but not limited to bath salts, inhalants, or synthetic herbs.

4. College Location means in any College building or on any College premises; in any College-owned vehicle or in any other College-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from College or College activities; and on College property at any College sponsored or College-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip, where students are under the College’s jurisdiction.

5. Reasonable Suspicion is the legal standard required before the College can require a student to take a drug or alcohol test. Some of the factors that constitute reasonable suspicion are: a) direct observation of drug use or possession; b) direct observation of the physical symptoms of being under the influence of drugs; c) impairment of motor functions; d) pattern of abnormal or erratic conduct or behavior; or e) reports from reliable sources or credible sources (anonymous tips may only be considered if they can be independently corroborated).

B. Student use of drugs as prescribed by a licensed physician is not a violation of policy; however, individuals shall be held strictly accountable for their behavior while under the influence of prescribed drugs.

C. Students may be required to be tested for substances, including controlled substances or alcohol, based on individualized, reasonable suspicion. The required observations for reasonable suspicion testing shall be made by an administrator, supervisor, or other trained official, and the person who makes the determination that
reasonable suspicion exists shall not be the same person who conducts the test. This section does not apply to law enforcement officers serving the College through the local departments. Law enforcement officers must adhere to their normal standards when conducting a search.

D. The College does not differentiate between drug users, drug pushers, or sellers. Any student in violation of Section A herein will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion and referral for prosecution.

E. A student who violates the terms of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Policy 5.3.2 – Standards of Student Conduct. At his or her discretion, the Assistant Vice President of Student Success may require any student who violates the terms of this policy to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse rehabilitation program or an alcohol abuse rehabilitation program sponsored by an approved private or governmental institution as a precondition of continued enrollment at the College.

F. Each student is required to inform the College in writing within five (5) days after he or she is convicted for violation of any federal, state, or local criminal drug statute or alcoholic beverage control statute where such violation occurred while on or at a College location. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action.

G. When required by state or Federal regulations, the Student Services office will notify the appropriate government agency within ten days of receiving notice from the student or otherwise receiving actual notice of such a conviction.

H. In addition to this Policy, students employed by the College, including students employed under the College’s Work Study Program, shall adhere to the requirements in Policy 3.4.2 – Employees - Drugs and Alcohol on Campus

North Carolina Alcohol Laws

Underage Drinking

North Carolina General Statutes 18-102: It is illegal for anyone under 21 years of age to attempt to purchase, purchase, consume, possess, or knowingly and intentionally transport any liquor, malt, or brewed beverage. It is also illegal to lie about age to obtain alcohol and to carry a false identification card.

North Carolina General Statutes: 18B-102

All members of the College community are expected to comply with North Carolina statutes prohibiting the use of alcoholic beverages by persons younger than 21 years of age.

Specifically, it is against the law:

- To sell or give beer, wine, liquor or mixed beverages to anyone younger than 21 years of age;
- For a person younger than 21 years of age to purchase or possess beer, wine, liquor or mixed beverages;
- To use fraudulent identification or to permit the use of one’s identification by another in order to obtain alcohol illegally.
Sanctions

Any person younger than 21 who aids or abets another in violation of the above regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to $500, or imprisonment for up to six months or both. Any person 21 years old or older who aids or abets another in violation of the above regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to $2,000, or imprisonment or both. Any person who aids or abets another in securing alcohol may be liable for personal injuries or property damages resulting from misconduct by those who are intoxicated. Organizations and officers may also have such liabilities. Upon conviction, a report is sent to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles. Any person convicted of violating the above regulations may automatically have his/her driver’s license revoked for a period of one year.

Misdemeanor Sentences

North Carolina punishes misdemeanants according to the level (Class) of the crime. Repeat offenders are subject to jail time (not shown)

- Class 1: up to 45 days of “community punishment” (probation), plus the possibility of a fine, to be determined by the judge
- Class 2: up to 30 days of community punishment, plus the possibility of a fine of up to $1,000
- Class 3: up to 10 days of community punishment, plus the possibility of a fine of up to $299. (North Carolina Gen. Stat. Ann Section 15A-1340.23)

Carrying False I.D.

It is illegal for anyone under 21 years of age to possess an identification card falsely identifying that person by name, age, date of birth, or photograph as being 21 or older to attempt to obtain liquor, malt or brewed beverage by using the identification card of another or by using an identification card that has not been lawfully issued to or in the name of the person who possesses the card.

Driving while Impaired

N.C.G.S. 20-138: In North Carolina, the illegal level for D.W.I. is .08% Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) and .02% BAC for minors (under 21 years of age). Also, drivers with any amount of a Scheduled Controlled Substance not medically prescribed may not drive, operate, or be in actual physical control of a vehicle.

United States Statutes

It is a violation of federal law to possess, manufacture, or distribute a controlled substance. A student or employee found responsible for possessing a controlled substance may be subject to some or all of the following sanctions under federal law. Portions of the summary which follow were provided by the federal government. Although the summary represents a good-faith effort to provide information, Alamance Community College does not guarantee that it is error-free or exhaustive.

- **18 U.S.C. 922.g.:** Conviction: ineligibility to receive or purchase a firearm.
- **21 U.S.C. 884.a.:** First conviction: imprisonment for up to one year, a fine of at least $1,000 but not more than $100,000 or both.
- After one prior drug conviction: Imprisonment for a least fifteen days but not more than two years, a fine of at least $2,500 but not more than $350,000 or both.
After two or more prior drug convictions: Imprisonment for at least ninety days but not more than three years, a fine of at least $5,000 but not more than $250,000 or both. See special sentencing provisions for possession of crack cocaine.

- **21 U.S.C. 844.a.**: A civil fine of up to $10,000.
- **21 U.S.C. 853.1.**: Denial of federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses, up to one year for first offense, up to five years for second and subsequent offenses.
- **21 U.S.C. 853.a.2 and 88a.a.7.**: Forfeiture of personal and real property used to possess or to facilitate possession of a controlled substance if that offense is punishable by more than one-year imprisonment. See special sentencing provisions for the possession of crack cocaine.
- **21 U.S.C.. 881.a.**: Forfeiture of vehicles, boats, aircraft or any other conveyance used to transport or conceal a controlled substance. (Vehicles may be impounded in cases involving any controlled substance in any amount.)
- **Special sentencing provisions for possession of crack cocaine**: Mandatory at least five years in prison, not to exceed twenty years, and fine of up to $25,000 or both, if (a) first conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceeds five grams; (b) second crack conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceeds three grams; (c) third or subsequent crack conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceeds one gram.
- **Miscellaneous**: Authorization to revoke certain federal licenses and benefits, e.g. Pilot licenses, public housing tenancy, are vested within the authorities of individual federal agencies.

**Alcohol & Drugs Health Risks**

**Alcohol:**
This depressant slows down your heart, nervous system, and brain, and high doses of alcohol can cause you to stop breathing. Prolonged immoderate use can cause artery disease, heart failure, and liver damage including cancer, cirrhosis, and hepatitis. Women may develop alcohol-related health problems sooner than men, and from drinking less alcohol than men. Because alcohol affects nearly every organ in the body, long-term heavy drinking increases the risk for many serious health problems.

**Marijuana:**
Because it damages short-term memory and decreases concentration and learning abilities, marijuana is particularly detrimental to students. It contains more than 400 chemicals and has 2 ½ times as much tar as tobacco. Extensive research has been devoted to studying the dangers and potential harm associated with the use of this drug. Research shows that marijuana users experience the same health problems as tobacco smokers, such as bronchitis, emphysema, bronchial asthma, and throat and lung cancer; tend to have more chest colds than non-users; and are at greater risk of getting lung infections like pneumonia. Studies show that someone who smokes five joints per day may be taking in as many cancer-causing chemicals as someone who smokes a full pack of cigarettes every day. Effects also include increased heart rate, dryness of the mouth, reddening of the eyes, and impaired motor skills, and concentration.

**Anabolic steroids:**
Steroids have side effects ranging from insomnia to death. Using them increases your risk of cancer and cardiovascular, kidney, and liver disease. Users may exhibit aggressive, combative behavior, and use may cause
impotence, sterility, or fetal damage.

**Amphetamines:**
These drugs cause acute psychoses and malnutrition. They also can make you nervous, hyperactive, and sleepless and can elevate your pulse rate and blood pressure.

**Methamphetamines:**
Meth is a highly addictive drug that targets the functioning of the central nervous system. Short term effects include increased wakefulness, increased physical activity, decreased appetite, increased respiration, rapid heartbeat, irregular heartbeat, increased blood pressure, hypothermia, irritability, paranoia, insomnia, confusion, tremors, and aggressiveness. Long term health effects include irreversible damage to blood vessels in the brain, stroke, severe reduction in motor skills with symptoms similar to those of Parkinson’s disease, impaired verbal learning, memory impairment, and decreased ability to regulate emotions. Many of the long term effects persist after use of the drug is discontinued.

**Barbiturates:**
Both physiologically and psychologically addictive, these drugs can cause death in high doses. Infants born to barbiturate users may suffer congenital deformities. Other effects include nausea, dizziness, lethargy, allergic reactions, and possible breathing difficulties.

**Cocaine:**
Anyone who uses cocaine – even a first-time user – may have seizures, heart fibrillation, and strokes that can result in death. Habitual users experience irritability, paranoia, and hallucinations. Use causes tumors, chronic fatigue, dangerous weight loss, sexual impotence, and insomnia and affects respiration, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels.

**Heroin and opium:**
An overdose of these psychologically and physiologically addictive drugs can cause death. Users feel sluggish and fall asleep at inappropriate and dangerous times. Intravenous users risk contracting Hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, and other infections.

**LSD:**
LSD causes hallucinations, perception distortions, and anxiety. Users cannot function normally and are accident-prone. LSD also can cause elevated body temperature and respiration and a rapid heartbeat.

**MDMA (Ecstasy):**
This drug produces both stimulant and psychedelic effects including increased heart rate, elevated blood pressure, nervousness, and hyperactivity. Because users may experience feelings of increased confidence, sensitivity, arousal, and confusion, use of Ecstasy makes them more vulnerable to crime, especially robbery, sexual assault, and other unwanted sexual encounters.

**Oxycodone and other narcotics:**
These are safe and effective treatments for pain when prescribed by a doctor and used as directed. However, they are opioids, and therefore are psychologically and physiologically addictive. They can cause death by stopping breathing. Because of their medical uses, these drugs are frequently manufactured in a time-release (sustained
release, long-acting, extended-release) form. If users circumvent the time-release formulation, they may take a larger dose than intended, overdose, and suffer serious complications or death. Combining narcotics with alcohol or other drugs significantly increases the risk to life and well-being.

**Psilocybin:**
This substance, found in certain mushrooms, causes hallucinations and perception distortions. Users cannot function normally and are accident-prone. This drug also can produce anxiety, elevated body temperature, rapid heartbeat, and elevated respiration.

**Other**
Many medications and drugs, including those which are prescribed for you, have the potential for abuse. As members of the college community, we are responsible not only for ourselves but also for each other. While they are not always related to substance abuse, the following traits often are related: and, regardless of the cause, they are ordinarily indicative of a need for help:
- Withdrawal from social situations;
- Increased boredom or drowsiness;
- Change in personal appearance;
- Change in friends;
- A defeatist attitude (easily discouraged);
- Low frustration tolerance (outbursts);
- Violent behavior or vandalism;
- Terse replies to questions or conversation;
- Sad or forlorn expression;
- Lying;
- Poor classroom attendance;
- Dropping grades or poor work;
- Apathy or loss of interest.

**Positive Response**
When negative behaviors, such as those listed above, become manifest in persons you know, you should:
- Express concern and caring;
- Be ready to listen;
- Communicate a desire to help;
- Make concrete suggestions about finding help or coping with specific problems;
- Encourage the person to seek professional help;
- Ask for assistance from campus resources;
- Be persistent.

**Negative Response**
When negative behaviors, such as those listed above, become manifest in persons you know, you should not:
- Take the situation lightly or as a joke;
Be offended if the person tries to “put you off;”
Take “I don’t have a problem” as an answer;
Try to assist the person without asking for professional help;
Promote guilt feeling about grades, et cetera;
Gossip.

Policies Specific to Faculty and Staff
All College employees are prohibited from unlawfully possessing, using, being under the influence of, manufacturing, dispensing, selling, or distributing alcohol, illegal or unauthorized controlled substances, or drug paraphernalia. Using, or being under the influence of substances that cause impairment, is prohibited for all employees. Violation of this prohibition could lead to disciplinary action. For more information regarding employees, including student employees, consult Policy 3.4.2. ACC Policies and Procedures.

North Carolina Controlled Substances Laws
Possession of less than one and a half couches of Marijuana: NCGS 90-95
A person is unlawful when he unknowingly, knowingly or intentionally possesses less than 1 and a half ounces of marijuana (Hashish), a Schedule VI substance, and is not authorized by law to possess such substance (North Carolina does not recognize marijuana use for any reasons), and is outlined under the Controlled Substances, Drugs, Device, and Cosmetic Act of 1972.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: NCGS 90-95
A person is unlawful when he possesses, with the intent to use, drug paraphernalia which is used for packaging, manufacturing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance in violation of the Controlled Substances, Drugs, Device, and Cosmetic Act of 1972.

Synthetic Marijuana
Effective March 1, 2011, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency classified synthetic marijuana as an illegal substance. This drug may also be known as Spice, K2, Demon, Wicked, Black Magic, Voodoo Spice, Dab and Ninja Aroma. Individuals found responsible for manufacturing, possessing, importing-exporting, or distributing these substances will face criminal and civil penalties. College students engaging in these activities will also be held responsible under the College’s illegal substances policy.

Drug Risks and Consequences
- Alcohol and other drug use during pregnancy increases the risk of physical harm to the fetus.
- Additional risks of harm may occur from toxic impurities present in street drugs.
- Additional risks of harm may occur from the use of prescription drugs in ways other than prescribed.
- Drugs taken by injection can increase the risk of infection (e.g., HIV, hepatitis, etc.) through needle contamination.

For More information visit: National Institute on Drug Abuse and Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
Drug/Alcohol Education and Prevention

Educational information on drug and alcohol issues will be available to all students on a continuing basis throughout the year. On a periodic basis, events will be scheduled featuring guest speakers, films, video presentations, etc. Any student wanting information or assistance should contact the Director of Wellness and Student Support, 336-506-4146, M-233A. Appropriate information or referral will be handled confidentially.

Drug/Alcohol Resource Guide

LOCAL
- Alcoholics Anonymous Hotline 1-888-237-3235
- Narcotics Anonymous Helpline 1-866-375-1272
- Substance Abuse Hotline (LME) 336-513-4444
- Residential Treatment Services 336-227-7417
- ARMC Behavioral Medicine Services 336-538-7893
- Cardinal Health Innovations (LME) 336-513-4222
- UNC Health Care Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program 919-966-6039

STATE AND NATIONAL
- Alcohol/Drug Council of N.C. Information and Referral Service 1-800-688-4232
- Drug-Free Workplace Help Line 1-800-967-5752
- American Council on Alcoholism Helpline 1-800-527-5344
- Al-Anon 1-800-449-1287
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (SAMHSA) 1-24

Resources for Faculty and Staff

If you are a Staff or Faculty member who is encountering difficulties because of substance abuse or other negative behaviors, you should seek help immediately.

Employees: Employee Assistance Counseling Program: ARMC, 1238 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington, NC 27215; 336-538-7481; eacp@conehealth.com

Drug Free Schools and Campuses Act (DFSCA) Regulations

The College is in Compliance with The Biennial Review for Academic Years 2019-2021 as Required by EDGAR 34 C.F.R. Part 86: https://www.alamancecc.edu/safety-and-security-site/

The Alamance Community College’s Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP) can be found here: DAAPP
Awareness & Prevention

Please Find below the programming dates for Clery related activities for the 2022 year.

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Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics


The Alamance Community College Public Safety Department prepares this report in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Police and Crime Statistics Act using information maintained by Alamance Community College Public Safety, information provided by other College offices such as the Office of Student Success, other Campus Security Authorities, and information provided by law enforcement agencies. Officers, both sworn and security, enter all reports of crime incidents made directly to the department through a computer-based incident/records management system. After an officer enters the report in the system, it is reviewed to ensure it is appropriately classified in the correct crime category. A member of Public Safety periodically examines the data to ensure that all reported crimes are recorded in accordance with the crime definitions outlined in the Safe Campus Act Handbook. The statistics reported here reflect the number of criminal incidents reported to and by the various authorities. The statistics reported for the sub-categories on liquor laws, drug laws, and weapons offenses represented the number of people arrested or referred to campus judicial authorities for respective violations, not the number of offenses documented.
Definition of Reportable Crimes

- **Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter:** defined as the willful killing of one human being by another.
- **Manslaughter by Negligence:** defined as the killing of another person through gross negligence.
- **Rape:** defined as 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, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.
- **Fondling:** Defined as the touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against the person’s will; or, not forcibly or against the person’s will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.
- **Incest:** Defined as the Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
- **Statutory Rape:** Defined as the Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.
- **Robbery:** Defined as taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force of violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.
- **Aggravated Assault:** Defined as an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
- **Burglary:** Defined as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.
- **Motor Vehicle Theft:** Defined as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.
- **Arson:** Defined as any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.
- **Hate Crimes:** Defined as an offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender’s bias against race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, cultural background, disability, or any other defining characteristic of an individual or group of individuals. Hate crimes includes all of the crimes listed above that manifest evidence that the victim was chosen based on one of the categories of bias listed, plus the following crimes:
  - **Larceny/Theft:** Includes pick-pocketing, purse snatching, shoplifting, theft from a building, theft from a motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle parts or accessories, and all other larceny.
  - **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 (except Arson):** 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.
Categories of Prejudice

- **Race:** A preformed negative attitude toward a group of persons who possess common physical characteristics genetically transmitted by descent and heredity which distinguish them as a distinct division of humankind.

- **Gender:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons because those persons are male or female.

- **Religion:** A preformed 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.

- **Sexual Orientation:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, members of their own sex or members of the opposite sex.

- **Ethnicity/national origin:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons of the same race or national origin who share common or similar traits, languages, customs, and traditions.

- **Disability:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their physical or mental impairments/challenges, whether such disability is temporary or permanent, congenital or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age or illness.

Policies cover all campuses unless otherwise stated.
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**Hate Crime Reporting**

In 2020 there was 1 hate crime of intimidation.

**Unfounded Crimes**

In 2022 there were 2 unfounded crimes. In 2021 there was 1 unfounded crime.

**Residences**

Alamance Community College does not have any residence halls or resident students. No missing students or fire report is required.

**Revision of Statistics**

For 2020, 1 (one) incident of Drug abuse Violation-Referral should have been reported because it was found on internal audit to meet the criteria. For 2021, 1 (one) unfounded case should have been reported because it was found on internal audit to meet the criteria.
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Hate Crime Reporting
There were no hate crimes reported for this campus for 2022, 2021, 2020

Unfounded Crimes
There were no unfounded crimes for this campus for 2022, 2021, 2020

Residences
Alamance Community College does not have any residence halls or resident students. No missing students or fire report is required.

Revision of Statistics
For the year 2021, for the line “Burglary”, the 2 burglaries were changed from noncampus to on campus because they were reported erroneously as noncampus.
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Non-Campus Properties Reported for 2022

In this year’s report, the following non-campus properties were reported on in accordance with the Clery Act based on location and use:

| 200 S. Main Street, Burlington, NC | 4751 NC-62, Burlington, NC |
| 2609 Tucker Street, Burlington, NC | 227 Williamson Street, Burlington, NC |
| 1535 S. Mebane Street, Burlington, NC | 3539 Alamance Road, Burlington, NC |
| 2235 Delaney Drive, Burlington, NC | 2640 S. Columbine Lane, Burlington, NC |
| 434 S. Flanner Street, Burlington, NC | 1521 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington, NC |
| 411-B W Fifth Street, Burlington, NC | 215 N. Broad Street, Burlington, NC |
| 2550 Buckingham Road, Burlington, NC | 1423 N. Church Street, Burlington, NC |
| 810 Wicker Street, Burlington, NC | 1410 Elder Way, Burlington, NC |
| 110 Stone Street, Haw River, NC | 2515 Cherry Lane, Haw River, NC |
| 1104 Southerland Street, Graham, NC | 129 Boggs Ranch Road, Graham, NC |
| 503 McGee Street, Graham, NC | 2610 Jim Minor Road, Mebane, NC |
| 633 Corregidor Street, Mebane, NC | 234 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC |
| 2220 West Broad Street, Athens, GA | 1615 Tynecastle Highway, Banner Elk, NC |
| 1722 Walnut Street, Cary, NC | 2775 Florida Plaza Boulevard, Kissimmee, FL |
| 105 San Drive, Pooler, GA | |

All non-campus locations for 2022 had no reported Clery crimes for the dates and times ACC students were present except for a Domestic Violence at 1722 Walnut Street, Cary, NC.
Non-Campus Properties Reported for 2021

1714 Carolina Mill Road, Burlington, NC
215 N Broad Street, Burlington, NC
2550 Buckingham Road, Burlington, NC
771 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington, NC
3520 Alamance Road, Burlington, NC
906 Anthony Street, Burlington, NC
2720 S. Mebane Street, Burlington, NC
1410 Elder Way, Burlington, NC
1535 S. Mebane Street, Burlington, NC
2040 S. Church Street, Burlington, NC
424 S. Flanner Street, Burlington, NC
1521 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington, NC
2164 Carolina Road, Burlington, NC
411 W. 5th Street, Burlington, NC
2806 Old NC 87 Hwy, Elon, NC
701 Manning Avenue, Elon, NC
229 Boggs Ranch Road, Gibsonville, NC
296 E. Crescent Square Drive, Graham, NC
110 W. Mcaden Street, Graham, NC
5624 Church Road, Graham, NC
7618 NC-87, Graham, NC
129 Quarry Road, Haw River, NC
110 Stone Street, Haw River, NC
1022 Corporate Park Drive, Mebane, NC
1067 Trollington Hawfields Road, Mebane, NC
2125 Senator Ralph Scott Parkway, Mebane, NC
1406 S. Mebane Street, Burlington, NC
200 S. Main Street, Burlington, NC
2700 York road, Burlington, NC
1860 Brookwood Avenue, Burlington, NC
120 Electric Avenue, Burlington, NC
810 Wicker Street, Burlington, NC
227 Williamson Street, Burlington, NC
4325 S. State Hwy 49, Burlington, NC
3539 Alamance Road, Burlington, NC
2640 S. Columbine Lane, Burlington, NC
1230 St. Marks Church Road, Burlington, NC
2172 Bellemont-Alamance Road, Burlington, NC
595 Altamahaw Union Ridge Road, Burlington, NC
8416 Snow Camp Road, Snow Camp, NC
100 Rego Drive, Elon, NC
218 Piedmont Avenue, Gibsonville, NC
3503 Swepsonville-Saxapahaw NC
1104 Southerland Street, Graham, NC
201 S. Main Street, Graham, NC
2744 Darrell Newton Drive, Graham, NC
128 Stone Quarry Road, Haw River, NC
3202 Caroline Drive, Haw River, NC
403 E. Main Street, Haw River, NC
1268 W. Holt Street, Mebane, NC
1469 Mebane Oaks Road, Mebane, NC
116 W. Center Street, Mebane, NC

All non-campus locations for 2021 had no reported Clery crimes for the dates and times ACC students were present except for a burglary at Triangle Grading located at 1521 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington, NC.

Non-Campus Properties Reported for 2020

342 S. Spring Street, Burlington, NC
849 Sharpe Road, Burlington, NC
128 Quarry Road, Haw River, NC
1423 N. Church Street, Burlington, NC
136 S. Fisher Street, Burlington, NC
1117 Chandler Avenue, Burlington, NC
109 S. Maple Street, Graham, NC

All non-campus locations for 2020 had no reported Clery crimes for the dates and times ACC students were present.