

Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act

The following statements are required to be distributed to all students and employees by provisions of the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 and the Connecticut Campus Safety Act.

A. It is the Policy of Northwestern Connecticut Community College that incidents of criminal action or other emergencies occurring on campus be reported to one of the following offices:

The Office of the Dean of Administration 860-738-6409
The Office of the Director of Human Resources 860-738-6325
The Office of the Dean of Academic and Student Affairs 860-738-6320
The Office of the President 860-738-6410

The College will assess the seriousness of all reported incidents and take appropriate action to protect the person and property of students, employees and guests. In the case of allegations of serious criminal acts, the College will seek the assistance of police authorities. Serious criminal acts include but are not limited to murder, rape or other sexual offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, arson, burglary, and motor vehicle theft.

B. In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that is judged by the Dean of Administration to constitute an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide "timely warning" will be issued. This warning will be issued through the College e-mail, bulletin boards, message boards and, if appropriate, the campus' student newspaper. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Dean of Administration by telephone 860-738-6409 or in person at Founders Hall (FH 105).

C. Northwestern is committed to free access to campus facilities by students and staff consistent with personal safety and preservation of personal property. During non-business hours, access to all College facilities is by key, if issued, or by admittance via the maintenance department.

D. All incidents of a criminal nature will be investigated by the College administration and, in appropriate cases, reported to local or state police authorities for disposition.

E. The College campus security procedures and practices can be found in Northwestern Connecticut Community College's Emergency Guidelines. Students and employees are encouraged to report situations and conditions which may compromise security and to be conscious of the need for mutual vigilance. The Campus Crime and Security Surveys are on file in the office of the Dean of Administration.

F. The College has no formal programs regarding crime prevention.

G. During the most recent calendar year ending on December 31, 2015 and during the preceding three calendar years, there were no incidents on campus reported to College authorities or local police agencies of the following criminal offenses: murder, rape or other sexual offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, arson, burglary, or motor vehicle theft.

H. There are no recognized off-campus student organizations; therefore, there is no policy for monitoring criminal activity at off-campus organizations.

I. There were no arrests on campus for crimes related to liquor law violations, drug abuse violations and weapons law violations.

J. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed on College premises except by those over 21

years of age at approved College social functions. Such functions are held in compliance with State law and Board of Trustees Policy.

K. No student or employee shall knowingly possess, use, distribute, transmit, sell or be under the influence of any controlled substance on the College campus or off the College campus at a College sponsored activity, function, or event. The College is committed to the enforcement of Federal and State drug laws.

L. The College's Health and Safety Committee offers programs addressing the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse are offered at various times during the academic year.

M. The Center for Student Development offers workshops on sexual harassment, date rape and healthy relationships. The Office of Continuing Education periodically offers courses in self defense.

N. If a rape or other sex offense occurs on campus, the crime victim should immediately contact local police authorities, preserve evidence of the criminal offense, which in the case of rape would include seeking immediate medical attention before bathing, and report the crime to a College official listing in paragraph A.

- The victim should report the crime to local police authorities; College personnel will assist the victim in making the report to police if the student so requests.
- Victims of sex offenses may seek counseling from the Susan B. Anthony Project in Torrington at 860-482-7133.
- The College will take reasonable action to change a victim's academic situation and to assist in changing a victim's living situation if requested by the victim.
- The College will take disciplinary action against perpetrators upon written complaint by a victim of a sex offense. Such action is provided by Board of Trustees Policy on Student Discipline. Both the accuser and the accused have the right to have others present during the disciplinary proceeding. Both the accuser and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding alleging a sex offense. Disciplinary sanctions may include suspension or expulsion from College.

O. Information on registered sex offenders can be found by going to www.ct.gov and search registered offenders.