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Safety Is A Shared Responsibility

Bakersfield College is committed to providing students a safe and supportive learning environment. We do this by recognizing that safety is a shared responsibility. Each person has a responsibility to contribute to the safety of our college by understanding how to be aware of crime or suspicious activity, reporting that to the right place, and actively assisting to prevent future crime.

Our motto is: “If you see something, say something, so we can do something.” Report any crimes or suspicious activity to College Safety at (661) 395-4554 or 911 using the 5Ws: WHO did you see, WHAT did you see, WHEN did you see it, WHERE did you see it, and WHY is it suspicious.

Information contained within this handbook provides students, employees, and members of our communities with safety resources, such as helpful information, emergency contact numbers, assistance organizations, and much more.

Safety Tips

When Walking Around Campus

- Familiarize yourself with the layout of the campus. Survey the campus while classes are in session and after dark to see that buildings, walkways, facilities, and parking lots are adequately secured and well lit.
- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- At night, stick to well-lit areas and avoid alleyways or "short cuts" through isolated areas.
- Plan the safest route to your destination. Choose well-lit, busy pathways, and streets.
- Share your class schedule with trusted friends, colleagues, parents, etc. When you are away, let them know when you will return. Be wary of sharing this information with strangers.
- Travel in pairs and groups to avoid going out alone at night.
- Call for a Safety Escort 24/7 as needed at (661) 395-4554.
- If you are being followed, change direction and go to the nearest open and occupied building or space with other people around. Immediately call College Safety at (661) 395-4554. Note the description of the person following you.
- Walk near curbs and avoid shrubbery or other places of potential concealment. Always face the traffic when waking near curbs.
- Carry personal items (like purses and backpacks) close to your body and keep a firm grip on them. Carry wallets inside coat pockets or front pant pockets.
- Keep your keys separate from your purse or backpack so that you can access things like vehicles quickly.
- Don't overload your person with too many things to carry.
- Avoid wearing shoes that restrict your movements.
- Walk with a confident stride. Keep your head up and look around.
- If a motorist stops and asks for directions, keep your distance from the car.
- Wear bright colors to improve your visibility.
- Change your route and schedule occasionally.
- Carry a charged cell phone with you.
- Consider carrying a whistle or shrill alarm to summon help, if needed. (Whistles are available in College Safety.)
- Avoid wearing headphones so that you can hear your surroundings.
If You Are Attacked

- Use your instincts but be realistic about your ability to fight off someone. Good instincts are running, screaming, kicking, hitting, or biting.
- If a weapon is displayed, don't resist. Give up any property possessions to save your life.
- Try to remember as many details as possible and alert College Safety or 911 immediately.
- Your goal should be to escape safely and survive. Cooperate if you think that resisting may lead to further harm. Avoid making any sudden moves.
- Remember every situation is different. You are the only one who can decide the appropriate course of action.
- Constantly play the "what if" game to think about what you would do during a threatening situation. This will help prepare you to respond instinctively when a threat is encountered.
- After an incident, never feel guilty about what you did or did not do. College Safety or local law enforcement can help provide you with mental health resources, if needed.

Motor Vehicle Safety

- Park in well lighted areas. Avoid parking between large vans or trucks.
- Keep all items inside of your vehicle out of sight, especially valuables.
- Service your vehicle regularly to avoid breakdowns.
- Keep your vehicle locked at all times and consider an alarm system.
- Have your key ready when you approach your car.
- Before getting in your vehicle, check the front and back seats and under the vehicle.
- Always carry a charged cellphone.
- Never let fuel level get below 1/4 tank.
- Drive on well-traveled streets and keep your car in gear while it is stopped. Allow at least one car length space between your car and the car in front of you so that you can escape should someone try to get into your car.
- Be aware of your surroundings and check your rearview mirror often.
- Keep doors locked and windows shut to reduce thief temptation.
- If you do not know the location of your destination, put the information in your phone or ask others before you get to your car.
- If you get lost or suspect you are being followed, do not pull over until you find a well-lit public area. Then call the 911 immediately.
- Always carry an emergency kit in your vehicle with first aid supplies, flares, flashlight, jumper cables, blanket, etc.
- Never pick up hitchhikers.
- Beware of people who yell, honk, and point at your car as if something is wrong. If your car breaks down, stay inside and lock the doors. If anyone approaches to help, crack the window and ask them to call 911. Ask uniformed people to show identification.
- Beware of people who motion and ask you to stop and lend assistance. If you want to assist someone whose car has broken down, go to the nearest phone or use your cell phone and call 911.
- Beware of people who may bump your vehicle from behind. If you think you were bumped intentionally, signal the other person to follow you to the nearest public area or police station.
- If someone confronts you with a weapon & wants your vehicle, give it up. No car is worth your life.

Bicycle Safety

- Always inspect your bike prior to riding.
- Use a bike light when riding a bicycle at night.
- Wear a helmet at all times.
- Obey all traffic laws. You must stop at intersections. Pedestrians have the right of way. Ride with
traffic on the right side of the roadway.

- Pay attention to your surroundings. Warn pedestrians when you are passing them.
- Take extra care when passing parking lot exits or driving through them. Use caution when passing parked cars, as doors may open suddenly.
- Give proper hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Before leaving a lane, give a hand signal. Leave the lane only when safe to do so.
- Secure your bicycle with a heavy-duty U-lock. These are typically the safest option. When possible lock the bike frame to a bike rack or other stationary object. Avoid securing your bike at the wheels.
- Do not park your bicycle in a doorway, on stairs, or blocking any handicapped access. Use a bike rack.

**Safety At Work**

- Add the College Safety number to your contacts list: (661) 395-4554.
- If you're working late, let someone know where you are and how long you expect to be. Plan in advance to have a coworker stay with you.
- Keep your purse or wallet locked in a drawer or filing cabinet at all times. Keep money, check books, or other valuable items out of sight.
- Politely ask strangers who they are visiting and offer to provide assistance. If you are suspicious of the person, contact College Safety immediately.
- Check the identification of any maintenance or repair personnel.
- Keep emergency phone numbers posted near your phone.
- Know your office emergency evacuation plan.
- Be cautious if using restrooms, elevators, or stairwells that are isolated or poorly lit. Go with a friend.
- Report any suspicious behavior to your supervisor and College Safety immediately.

**People Aren’t Suspicious—Behavior Is**

The following categories of behaviors may help you become more aware of your surroundings. Reporting this activity can help stop situations from escalating or possibly prevent serious situations from happening.

**Suspicious Behavior**

- Wandering around campus areas attempting to open multiple doors
- Seeming nervous and looking over shoulders
- Entering restricted areas when not authorized or following immediately behind others into restricted areas while doors are open
- Claiming to represent a utility company, but not wearing a uniform, does not produce identification upon request, or does not have a company logo vehicle
- Carrying property at an unusual hour or location, especially if they are attempting to hide the item
- Using binoculars or other devices to peer into windows
- Driving a vehicle slowly, aimlessly, and or frequently around campus
- Sitting in a vehicle for extended periods of time or conducting transactions from a vehicle
- Abruptly changing behavior when seen
- Dressing inappropriately for the weather or occasion (ex. Having a coat on when the temperature is very warm, etc.)
- Leaving packages, bags, boxes, or other items behind
- Exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms
- Unusual noises like screaming, yelling, gunshots, glass breaking, etc.
- Individuals in heated arguments, yelling or cursing at each other, etc.
Concerning Behavior

- Having a preoccupation with high-profile, violent incidents
- Responding disproportionately to a given situation
- Lacking concern for the safety or wellbeing of others
- Having a romantic obsession, usually unrequited
- Having an obsessive fondness or fascination with firearms
- Refusing to accept personal responsibility for one’s own actions; usually blaming others for one’s own mistakes
- Holding grudges
- Sharply declining in job or academic performance, including frequent absences
- Personality, mood, or behavior changes
- Cutting social ties
- Crying excessively with little cause
- Allowing personal grooming habits to decline
- Feeling severely stressed (academic, job, financial, family, relationship, etc. problems)
- Abusing drugs or alcohol

Escalating Behavior

- Failing to recognize appropriate boundaries in the classroom or at work
- Intimidating, belligerent, or defiant behavior
- Confrontational, angry, unpredictable, or agitated behavior
- Reckless, antisocial, or violent behavior, including towards people or animals
- Making direct or indirect threats about harming or killing one’s self or others
- Stalking

Terrorism Behavior

Safety is a shared responsibility. Staying vigilant and saying something when you see suspicious activity can help protect everyone. More information about terrorism-related suspicious activity can be found on the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security webpage](https://www.dhs.gov/).

When you witness suspicious, concerning, or escalating behavior immediately call College Safety at **(661) 395-4554** or **911** using the 5Ws: WHO did you see, WHAT did you see, WHEN did you see it, WHERE did you see it, and WHY is it suspicious.

Keep a safe distance from the person until authorities arrive. Only keep an eye on the person if it is safe to do so. If the person attempts to leave the scene, do not attempt to detain them, but do try to make note of how they leave, including vehicle information (make, model, color, etc.), or if they’re on foot, what direction they headed, etc. Take a photo of the person with your cellphone if you are able to do so.

ATM Safety

- Avoid using ATM in the dark. If you need to, do not go alone.
- Avoid ATMs that are not visible from a street or public space.
- Be aware of people loitering or sitting in vehicles near the ATMs.
- Prepare your transaction ahead of time. Do not spend too much time at the machine.
- Do not give out your Personal Identification Number (PIN) to anyone. Memorize it and do not keep a written copy of it in your wallet. Cover the keypad when entering your PIN.
- Park close to the ATM in a well-lighted area.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- If you see anyone or anything suspicious, cancel your transition and leave immediately.
- Do not count or visually display any money you receive from the ATM. Immediately put your
money into your purse/wallet and leave the area.

- If you are using a drive-up ATM, be sure passenger windows are rolled up and all doors are locked. If you leave your car and walk to the ATM, lock your car.
- Never give any information about your ATM card or PIN over the telephone.

**Online Safety**

- Never give your password to anyone.
- Change your password frequently.
- Do not use the same password for multiple accounts.
- Make a password that is at least 15 characters long, that includes lower case and capital letters, numbers, and special characters.
- Consider using a password manager to keep your passwords secure (iCloud Keychain on Mac/iOS, 1Password on several platforms, etc.)
- Do not allow others access to your accounts.
- Monitor your access time by keeping track of when and how long you were on a computer system. Many services offer a way to track your logins and devices connected.
- Be wary of anonymous emailers.
- Do not put personal information on social media sites. This includes where you live, your phone number, license plate numbers, etc.
- Never leave your computer, laptop, tablet, or cellphone unattended.
- Engrave or label markings on your devices and store their serial numbers in a safe place. This can be used as evidence if property is stolen.
- Shop online only with companies that you know. Check with the Better Business Bureau for more details.
- Use a secure browser that can help notify you of unsecured websites.
- Websites that begin with “https” are secured with encryption. Those that begin with “http” are not.
- Update your virus software regularly or when new versions are available.
- Do not download files sent to you by strangers or click on links from people you don’t know.
- Make certain that all your personal information is deleted from your devices prior to disposing or selling them.

**Dating Safety**

- Check out a first date or blind date with friends first. Go with other friends on your first date or meet in public spaces.
- Keep your phone on you at all times. Have enough money to take a taxi home, Uber, or Lyft home.
- Have clear and honest communication on the expectations of your date.
- Trust your instincts about situations to avoid.
- If you are unsure about a situation, ask. You are responsible for your communications with others.
- Be firm and assertive.
- If you go out with other friends, don’t get separated. Watch out for each other.
- Do not lose self-control or impair your judgment by the use or abuse of alcohol or drugs.
- Only yes means yes. All sexual contact requires affirmative consent.
- If someone is unable to give consent, it is considered sexual assault or rape.
- Never leave drinks unattended.
- Never take a drink or beverage from someone you just met.
- Do not give out personal information on your first date.
- Always let a friend know who you are going out with and where you will be.
- Choose a well-lit, well populated area to meet.
- Drive yourself to the location and back home.
Party Safety

- Not drinking is always an option. You can control the amount you drink.
- Intoxication seriously impairs your physical and mental abilities and makes you an easy target for becoming a crime victim.
- Drinking impairs our ability to make good decisions about our safety.
- Individuals and groups under the influence of alcohol tend to take part in dangerous or illegal activities that sober individuals might not ever consider.
- If you drink, don't drive. Always have a designated driver or an alternate means of transportation such as Lyft and Uber.
- Alcoholism is a serious disease. If you or someone close to you needs help contact the Student Health & Wellness Center.
- Tell someone where you are going and who you are going with.
- Never leave your drink unattended.
- Never accept drinks from others that you haven't seen prepared yourself.
- Attend parties with friends and look out for one another.
- If you think your drink has been tampered with, let others know and go to the hospital immediately.

Identity Safety

Private Records
Destroy credit card statements, solicitations, medical documents, bills, and other documents that contain any private information. Shred this paperwork using a "cross-cut" shredder so thieves can't find your data when they rummage through your garbage. Don't leave a paper trail. Never leave ATM, credit card, or gas station receipts behind.

Postal Mail
Empty your mailbox quickly. Keep it locked or get a PO Box so criminals don't have a chance to steal your important information. Never mail bill payments and checks from an unsecured mailbox. Instead, mail them from a secured box or the post office itself.

Social Security Number
Never carry your social security card with you. Your SSN is the primary target for identity thieves because it gives them access to your credit report and bank accounts. There are very few entities that have an actual, legitimate need for your SSN. These might include tax agencies, banks, brokerage firms, employers, etc. Beware of scam tactics that people might use to obtain this information. For example, the IRS will never contact you over the phone demanding your personal information. They will always communicate with you by official letter.

Know Who You're Dealing With
Whenever you are contacted by individuals asking for your personal or financial information, do not respond. Scammers are sly and will identify themselves as calling on behalf banks, credit card companies, e-commerce businesses, etc. Legitimate companies do not contact you and ask you to provide personal data such as PINs, usernames, passwords, bank account information, etc. If you think the request might be legitimate, contact the company yourself by calling their customer service number.

Do Not Call Registry
Take your name off telemarketer lists. Contact the national Do Not Call Registry at 1 (888) 382-1222 or donotcall.gov. You also can reduce credit card solicitations for up to five years by contacting an opt-out service run by the three major credit bureaus called Opt Out Prescreen at 1 (888) 5-OPT-OUT or optoutprescreen.com. You'll need to provide your Social Security Number as an identifier.

Personal Information
Ask questions whenever anyone asks you for personal data. How will the information be used? Why
must I provide this data? Ask anyone who does require your Social Security Number what their privacy policy is and whether you can arrange for the organization not to share your information with anyone else.

Credit Report
Each year, obtain and thoroughly review your credit report from the three major credit bureaus to look for suspicious activity. If you spot something, alert the appropriate company or creditor immediately.
- Equifax (800-685-1111)
- Experian (888-397-3742)
- TransUnion (800-916-8800)
- annualcreditreport.com

Bank & Credit Card Statements
Look for unauthorized charges or withdrawals and report them immediately. Make sure you recognize the merchants, locations, and purchases listed before paying the bill. If you don't need or use department store or bank-issued credit cards, consider closing the accounts. Keep track of your billing dates and cycles and follow up when there are any discrepancies.

Passwords
Be aware of how ID thieves can get your password information. They can obtain it by stealing records, bribing employees with access to records, hacking into computers, sending spam emails with erroneous links, rummaging through trash, posing as people online or on the phone, phishing, etc. Never enter your password on a site that looks unfamiliar or strange. Never use the same password for multiple accounts. Create passwords that are at least 15 characters long with lower case and capital letters, numbers, and special characters. Never write a password down. Use a trusted password manager to keep track, like the built-in iOS password manager, 1Password, LastPass, Google Passwords, etc.

Phone Safety
- Hang up as soon as you realize the nature of a call is nefarious. Do not try to find out who the caller is, even if you think it is a friend playing a joke.
- Use your voicemail to screen calls. You can also save or record an obscene phone call or message.
- If the calls occur frequently, keep a log of exactly when the call was received and what both parties said. Describe the type of voice and note any background noises.
- Consider changing your phone number and depersonalizing your voicemail greeting message or blocking phone numbers.
- Consider using phone applications to screen for spam calls.
- If the calls continue, contact College Safety or the police.
- Keep your cell phone keypad locked and the passcode private.
- Remember once a picture is sent out via text you cannot retrieve it.
- Do not share explicit pictures without proper consent.
- Don’t share private information via text.
- Keep Passwords private don’t share personal information.

Reporting Crime

How To Describe A Person
Depending on the situation and considering your personal safety, take a good look at the suspect, so that you will be better able to describe the suspect later. Make sure you focus on physical attributes,
rather than clothing, which can easily be changed or discarded.

These are some of the things to look for and to report upon:

- Sex, race, nationality, and age.
- Height (estimate in 2 inch increments; for example, 5' 8" to 5' 10")
- Weight (estimate in 10 pound increments; for example, 130 to 140 pounds)
- Build (large, medium, small, stocky, fat, slender, thin, etc.)
- Distinguishing features on parts of the body (tattoos, eyeglasses, etc.)
- Hair (color, thick, thin balding, fully bald, sideburns, etc.)
- Speech Characteristics (accents, lisp, etc.)
- Mustache or beard (including type of cut and color)
- Complexion
- Clothing type color, style (start at top and work down: hat, coat, shirt, pants, shoes, etc.)
- Weapons or other objects they have on their person

**How to Describe a Vehicle**

Be attentive to the details of vehicles. Try to make note of the following features and report them:

- Color, make, and model
- Body type, four-door, two-door, convertible, sports utility vehicle, truck, van, motorcycle, etc.
- License number (including state)
- Other identification, exterior attachments, damage, bumper stickers, window decals etc.
- Direction of travel and estimated rate of speed

Example: A black, 90's model Plymouth, four-door sedan, California license number C7V875DG, large dent on rear passenger door, and Los Angeles Lakers decal on rear window…

**Security Awareness & Crime Prevention**

Bakersfield College provides the following services and programs to ensure safety on campus and to educate the community about security issues.

**Annual Security Report (ASR)**

Bakersfield College is required to distribute its Annual Security Report (ASR) every October 1st. This report discloses the last three years of campus crime statistics, detailed information about efforts to improve campus safety, and several policy statements. The ASR can be found on our website at bakersfieldcollege.edu/college-safety/clery-act-compliance.

**Blackboard Emergency Notification System**

Bakersfield College uses the Blackboard Emergency Notification System (or BC Alert) that allows for the use of text messaging, emails, and phone calls to notify the campus community when there is a significant emergency or on-going threat to the health or safety of students or staff. To sign up for this service go to insidebc.kccd.edu, sign in, click MyBanWeb, click MyBanWeb Main Menu, click the Personal Information tab, and click on Update Telephone Numbers and Emergency Notification Preferences.

**Campus Advocate For Sexual Trauma/Violence**

The BC Campus Advocate provides crisis support for those that are experiencing sexual trauma/violence
or those that know of someone that is experiencing sexual trauma/violence. They help victims and survivors obtain emergency and follow-up medical care, make a safety plan, understand their rights, explore academic accommodations, provide legal resources, and more. All services are free and confidential. The Campus Advocate is located in Student Life and can be reached at (661) 395-4773.

**Escort Service**
When walking on our campuses, it is always a good idea to be in groups of two or more, especially when it is dark outside. If at any time you feel unsafe, College Safety provides a safety escort service. This service is offered 24/7 and can be requested by calling (661) 395-4554.

**CPR, AED, & First Aid Training**
This combined training program is designed to provide staff, students, and community members with basic CPR and first aid knowledge and skills. You’ll learn how to have the confidence needed to respond to unexpected emergencies. Upcoming trainings can be found at bakersfieldcollege.edu/calendar and searching for “CPR”.

**Key Cards & Fire Systems**
Access to buildings is controlled through a combination of secured doors and access points and a key card system. College Safety works in conjunction with Maintenance & Operations to monitor and secure spaces on a daily basis.

Bakersfield College aims to prevent potential building fires with a complex monitoring system. College Safety monitors for any potential alarms and engages our local fire department, if needed.

**New Student Orientation**
At the New Student Orientation, you will have the opportunity to meet fellow Renegades, learn about our academic programs, understand Bakersfield College policies, find important academic dates, share important success tips, and engage in crime prevention discussions. Sign up at bakersfieldcollege.edu/orientation.

**Personal Safety**
Workshops and trainings on crime and violence prevention, crisis management, emergency planning, threat assessment, rape prevention, self-defense, fire prevention, and other personal safety topics are offered on campus. Find these trainings by searching at bakersfieldcollege.edu/calendar or by calling College Safety at (661) 395-4554.

**Rape Aggression Defense Training**
The Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program is a comprehensive, women-only course that uses realistic self-defense tactics and techniques to focus on awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and risk avoidance. The training utilizes the basics of hands-on defense. Offerings can be found at bakersfieldcollege.edu/calendar or by calling College Safety at (661) 395-4554.

**Sexual Misconduct & Title IX**
Title IX is a Federal civil rights law that protects people from sex discrimination in education settings for institutions that receive Federal funding. Transgender students and students who do not conform to gender stereotypes are also protected by Title IX. Bakersfield College has a zero-tolerance policy against sexual misconduct and we are committed to our obligations under local, state, and federal laws. Sexual
misconduct includes gender inequity, sexual harassment, stalking, sexual assault, and other acts of sexual violence. The College will take prompt action to eliminate sexual misconduct, address its effects, educate our communities, and prevent its recurrence. To report sexual misconduct, contact College Safety immediately at (661) 395-4554.

**Students of Concern (SOC) Team**
The Students of Concern (SOC) Team is a group of professionals that quickly identify and assess at-risk students to ensure the safety of our college. They evaluate cases and provide help and possible interventions before escalated issues arise. Their goal is to focus on promoting student success and retention.

SOC meets weekly to discuss cases received from instructors, Starfish alerts, Student Conduct referrals, Title IX, etc. They also attend various training courses so they can serve as a professional development resource. This provides our campus communities with important student resources, referral processes, suicidal student protocols, expanded informed consent, etc.

If you think there's a student on campus in crisis who could use help or who might be a potential risk to others, submit the concern to SOC on the Students of Concern Team webpage. Concerns can also be submitted by contacting Student Life at studentlife@bakersfieldcollege.edu or at (661) 395-4614 or by contacting any SOC intern on the webpage.

**Student Handbook**
The Bakersfield College Student handbook is an official College publication that provides information on College policies, rules, regulations, and the Student Code of Conduct. Each student is responsible for understanding the information contained in the handbook, which is a condition of your enrollment. Please take the opportunity to become familiar with the contents. You can find the current Student Handbook at bakersfieldcollege.edu/studenthandbook.

**Student Health & Wellness Center**
The Student Health & Wellness Center focuses on overall wellbeing to promote student health equity. The center provides students with access to high-value, student-centered, and culturally competent health services. Our hope is that reducing disparities will help increase academic success. For basic medical and mental health assistance, setup an appointment by calling (661) 395-4336 or emailing bcstudenthealth@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

**Active Shooter**
If an active shooter has entered any public space remember: RUN. HIDE. FIGHT.

**RUN**
- If possible exit the building or space immediately and safely.
- Notify anyone you may encounter to run away from the shooting.
- Run away from the area in a zigzag pattern that makes it hard for a shooter to track you.
- Call College Safety or 911 once you are safe.

**HIDE**
- If it’s not possible to get away from the active shooter, go to the nearest room, office, space and close and lock the door.
- If unable to lock the door use a wedge device or heavy furniture to block the door. A belt or other
objects may be able to wedge the door shut.

- Use windows to escape. If escape is not possible, block the window with heavy furniture or equipment.
- Stay low, move away from the door, keep quiet, and act as if no one is in the room.
- DO NOT answer the door.
- Call College Safety or 911 immediately.
- Provide information as needed.
- Wait for authorities to help you exit the building or space. Authorities will identify themselves properly so you know it is safe.
- Follow all instructions by authorities.
- Authorities may not know if the shooter is hiding among you. They may ask to search your belongings.

FIGHT

- If you are trapped with the shooter, use any means possible to fight against the assailant. Your life is on the line.
- Commit to your actions and act aggressively.
- Recruit others to ambush the shooter.
- Throw heavy objects, objects that obstruct their view, or anything else that can confuse them.

More information on active shooters can be found on our Emergency Preparedness website, bakersfieldcollege.edu/college-safety/emergency-preparedness, and on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website, ready.gov/active-shooter.

Sex Offenses

Affirmative Consent: Only Yes Means Yes

In 2014, The State of California enacted Senate Bill 967 setting the standard of affirmative consent for all colleges and universities. Consent means both parties are ready and willing to share that moment and that both of you have control over what that moment will be like. In other words, both people have to say “Yes” and to continue to say “Yes” as the interaction continues.

Affirmative consent means affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. It is the responsibility of each person involved in the sexual activity to ensure that they have the affirmative consent of the other or others to engage in the sexual activity. Lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent, nor does silence. Affirmative consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any time. The existence of a dating relationship between the persons involved, or the fact of past sexual relations between them, should never by itself be assumed to be an indicator of consent.

Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act

Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (Campus SaVE Act) promises prompt and effective responses by higher education institutions to incidents of sexual violence. The Campus SaVE Act increases transparency about incidents of sexual violence, guarantees victims’ rights, sets standards for campus disciplinary proceedings, and requires campus-wide prevention education programs.

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act requires annual reporting of statistics for various criminal offenses, including forcible and non-forcible sex offenses and aggravated assault.
Violence Against Women Act
The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is a landmark piece of legislation that sought to improve criminal justice and community-based responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in the United States. The passage of VAWA in 1994 has changed the landscape for victims who once suffered in silence. Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking have been able to access services, and a new generation of families and justice system professionals have come to understand that domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are crimes that our society will not tolerate. Parsed for clarity, these offenses are defined as follows.

Sexual Assault
An offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape.

Domestic Violence
Domestic violence includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed to a person by:
- A current or former spouse of the victim
- A person with whom the victim shares a child in common
- A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse
- A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under California law
- Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under California law

Dating Violence
Dating violence means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim. The existence of a romantic or intimate relationship will be determined based on the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Stalking
Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety and/or the safety of others, or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

Annual Security Report
The Clery Act requires colleges and universities receiving federal funding to publish an annual security report disclosing College Safety policies, three years of crime and fire statistics, to issue timely warnings to the campus community when crimes pose an immediate or ongoing threat, and to post a public crime log. The Annual Security Report is the way we let our communities know how we address safety and security for our College.

Bakersfield College publishes its Annual Security Report by October 1st of each year. The report is made available to our campus communities on our website at bakersfieldcollege.edu/college-safety/clery-act-compliance.
Important Resources

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Kern Community College District

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Recent Security Updates

Over the last year, College Safety, in partnership with the BC COVID-19 Team, has consolidated and centralized security to address the ongoing pandemic. Although our satellite campuses are closed to the in-person public and secured, (Delano Campus, BC SouthWest, Weill Institute, and Job Spot), we have also increased security presence at the Panorama Campus. We have combined that with implementing Governor Newsom’s guidance for higher education.

It is important to know that crimes can still be reported in a virtual/remote environment by calling College Safety at (661) 395-4554 or 911. Ethics concerns can still be reported by going to bakersfieldcollege.edu, scrolling to the bottom of the page, and clicking on Report Ethics Violation.

Over the next several months, we anticipate continuing to partner with the BC COVID-19 Team to address campus security needs, especially in the event our college communities are authorized to return to campus in-person.

For more information, please contact College Safety at (661) 395-4554.