

STUDENT - 500

Campus Safety and Security Policy (500.17)

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The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of a college environment, which is safe and free of crime. Programs of crime prevention, college security procedures, and programs to prevent drug and alcohol abuse have been implemented to promote a crime-free environment. Information regarding these programs is available from your college office of student services. The college environment includes all students, employees and other persons participating in Illinois Eastern classes, programs, services and other activities and events. Illinois Eastern administration monitors and evaluates campus safety on an ongoing basis.

Campus Security Authorities

Campus Security Authorities (CSA) are responsible for reporting any and all crimes reported to them to the designated officials at IECC. The following positions, and the respective individuals that assume these positions, are classified as a CSA at IECC: President, Assistant to the President, Dean of Instruction, Assistant to the Dean of Instruction, Athletic Director, Athletic Coach, Student Organization Advisor, Retention Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, Sexual Misconduct Investigators, and Members of the Threat Assessment and Behavioral Intervention Team (TABIT).

Reporting a Crime

Illinois Eastern encourages all students and employees to report all on-campus **INCIDENTS** of criminal activity, including but not limited to, murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft, along with on-campus **ARRESTS** for liquor law violations, drug law violations, and weapons possessions to the President or his/her designee. Reports may be made in person to the President's Office at each respective campus, or to any Campus Security Authority (CSA) during regular hours of operation, or to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Students and employees are encouraged to report all crimes considered to be a threat to students and employees so that Illinois Eastern can determine if preventive measures can be implemented to prevent recurrence of a particular crime. Reporting is also requested for evening classes and college events occurring at locations other than college property.

Any crime reported to IECC officials will require appropriate attention in order to adhere with state and federal regulations and/or the possible issuance of timely warnings. IECC does not have confidential crime reporting options.

Crime report documentation and records are maintained in a centralized office location upon receipt of reports from CSAs, College officials, and/or local law enforcement agencies.

Response to a Report

College officials will cooperate with local law enforcement officials during an ongoing criminal investigation on an as needed basis. In the interim, College officials can ensure victims are provided with on-campus resources and/or information about any off-campus services, as necessary.

College officials may also convene the Student Disciplinary Committee or TABIT in response to an incident that has occurred on campus, if applicable, for review and for potential action, as appropriate. Upon written request, IECC will release the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator to the victim of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for this purpose.

Timely Warning Notices

Illinois Eastern will monitor and cooperate with law enforcement agencies in an effort to keep students and employees apprised of reported crimes and arrests of students and employees which occur in the College community. A Timely Warning notice will be distributed to the College community when a crime is reported that poses a serious or continuing threat to the campus community. Timely Warning notices will be distributed using the Emergency Notifications in the ReGroup System or through the Student Portal.

Timely Warnings are usually distributed for the following Uniformed Crime Reporting Program (UCR)/National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) classifications: major incidents of arson, murder/non negligent manslaughter, and robbery. Cases of aggravated assault and sex offenses are considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on the facts of the case and the information known by the appropriate College officials. For example, if an assault occurs between two students who have a disagreement, there may be no on-going threat to other College community members and a Timely Warning would not be distributed. In cases involving sexual assault, they are often reported long after the incident occurred, thus there is no ability to distribute a "timely" warning notice to the community. Sex offenses will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on when and where the incident occurred, when it was reported, and the amount of information known by College officials. Cases involving property crimes will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and alerts will typically be sent if there is a discernible pattern of crime.

The President or his/her designee reviews all reports to determine if there is an on-going threat to the community and if the distribution of a Timely Warning is warranted. If warranted, the President, or his/her designee, will distribute the Timely Warnings using the systems identified above. Timely Warnings will be provided to students and employees in a manner that is timely, that withholds the names of victims as confidential, and that will aid in the prevention of similar occurrences.

Security, Access, and Maintenance of Campus Facilities

Illinois Eastern custodial and maintenance staff or other college personnel are responsible for the security, access, and maintenance of all college buildings and grounds. Lighting, landscaping, and other safety-related aspects of the campuses are continually monitored, maintained, and repaired.

As such, custodial and maintenance staff or other college personnel will be present on campus during all times that classes are in session. IECC buildings and facilities are generally intended for the use and benefit of the students and employees. However, the facilities are open and accessible during normal business hours and into the evening and weekend hours depending on class schedules and events. Visitors and guests seeking to utilize College facilities are required to make prior arrangements with the appropriate College officials.

IECC does not possess a campus security department or campus law enforcement; therefore, each College is routinely patrolled by local law enforcement agencies to evaluate and monitor security-related matters. There is no memorandum of understanding regarding any topic, including the investigation of criminal incidents, in place between IECC, the Colleges, and local law enforcement agencies. IECC maintains a working relationship among College officials and state and local law enforcement agencies for the investigation of alleged criminal offenses.

Firearms at IECC

The possession and/or use of firearms, ammunition, fireworks, dangerous materials, or combustible materials, except by law enforcement officials when being used for approved course work or when the Concealed Carry Policy (100.28) applies, is strictly prohibited on campuses and in any Illinois Eastern Community Colleges building. Violators will be reported to local law enforcement agencies and can face immediate expulsion or dismissal from the College.

Drugs and Alcohol at IECC

The possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by anyone while participating in Illinois Eastern classes, programs, services and other activities and events is strictly prohibited. Violators will be reported to local law enforcement agencies and can face immediate expulsion or dismissal from the College. See Substance Abuse (100.9) and Drug-Free Workplace (400.19) Policies for additional information on the prohibition of alcohol and drug use on IECC campuses.

Annual Security Report Development and Dissemination

The Annual Security Report (ASR) will be prepared by the Program Director of Grants, Compliance, & Outreach, published prior to October 1st on the District's website, and be made available to all students, prospective students, employees, and prospective employees. Each year, an email notification is sent to all enrolled students, faculty, and staff with a direct link to access the report. An overview of the contents of the ASR and a direct link are included in employee application forms and in the automated email response to admission applications and the acceptance letter to ensure all prospective employees and prospective students are provided the information. The ASR will contain information for the previous calendar year and crime statistics for the three previous calendar years. A hard copy of the ASR can be requested from the Student Services Office at any of the Colleges or from the Human Resources Office for prospective employees.