
Rio Salado College Campus Safety Policies and Annual Crime Statistics Disclosure Summary

The information contained in this document was prepared under the guidelines established by **20 United States Code, section 1092 (f)**, known as the “Jeanne Clery, Disclosure of College Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act,” and the **Code of Federal Regulations**. The information represents a general description of Rio Salado College security/safety policies and programs, and the crime statistics for the most recent calendar year and the two preceding calendar years; however, the information is not intended to serve as a contractual agreement between the college and the recipient.

Introduction

Rio Salado College enjoys good relations with its neighbors and maintains a highly visible Public Safety Program (PSP) that provides for the safety of the college community. However, no community can be totally risk free in today's society. To lessen the chances of crimes occurring within the college community, everyone's cooperation and vigilance is needed. All members of the college community are encouraged to immediately report all suspected crimes, unusual or suspicious activities, and emergencies to the PSP staff at the 1st floor reception desk.

Public Safety Program

Public Safety: The PSP is housed on the 6th floor, Room #6050 of the Rio Salado College Tower at 2323 W. 14th Street, Tempe, AZ. 85281. The normal operating hours of the PSP staff is 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays or as College activities are scheduled. The telephone number is **480-377-4555**. The Tempe location is closed only if there are no classes or activities scheduled on Sundays or designated holidays.

The PSP staff maintains a visible presence and proactively patrol college parking lots and buildings on a regular basis. The department's telephone number is **480-377-4555**.

Security and Access to College Facilities

Rio Salado College strives to maintain a safe and secure college environment for students, staff and visitors. This includes the monitoring of cameras, and assisting in the locking of offices, departments and classrooms when not in use. When staff discovers defective doors or locks, interior/exterior lighting problems, or other safety hazards, they immediately submit a helpdesk request to Maintenance and Operations to correct the problem. To further improve safety, the college encourages all of its community members to take an active part and immediately report any observation of a suspected crime, unusual or suspicious activity, emergency, or hazardous condition to **480-377-4555** or ***555** from a Rio Salado College telephone.

The college does not own, maintain or control: a) dormitories or other residential facilities; b) off site facilities for recognized student organizations; and c) non-college buildings or properties that are used for educational purposes.

The college is open Monday through Friday between 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday between 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. If no classes or college functions are scheduled, the college is closed on Sundays and on designated holidays. During the summer months, the college is open the same hours.

Reporting Crime and Emergencies

Crime or Other Emergency in Progress: Students, employees and others are encouraged to report all criminal activity and emergencies occurring on college property. A report may be filed with the PSP staff by either visiting the 1st floor reception desk or calling **480-377-4555**. In emergency situations, 9-1-1 may be called first, followed by an immediate notification to the PSP staff at **480-377-4555**.

Reports of a past crime or incident may be made to any of the following:

1. Law Enforcement Authority:

- a. The College Dispatch Desk: In person or by calling **480-377-4555**.
- b. The Tempe Police Department: In person at a local precinct or by calling **480-350-8311**.

2. Security Authority:

Director of Public Safety: **480-377-4556**

The Importance of Reporting All Crime: The importance of reporting crime, suspected crime, and unusual or suspicious activity to the PSP staff or security authority cannot be over emphasized. The reports provide a basis for making timely warnings when a crime may present a threat to other members of the college community and also assist the college in providing a full disclosure in the annual crime statistics report. In addition, such action by a victim or witness will assist in making the college environment a safer place for the entire community.

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Voluntary and Confidential Reporting: Rio Salado College does not have a policy or procedure that would allow a victim or witness to report crime on a voluntary and confidential basis. However, the PSP staff accepts and investigates all reported incidents, whether or not a victim or witness provides a name or other identifying information.

Confidential Reporting to a Counselor: Rio Salado College does not have a policy or procedure that encourages a victim or a witness to receive counseling. If the victim chooses to receive counseling, there is not a policy or procedure in place that requires the counselor to report the crime. When counselors do not have the permission of the victim, they can only report the occurrence of a number/statistic to the law enforcement authority. In general, the counseling session is perceived as confidential; however, the counselor is obligated to report to the appropriate authority if the information obtained is life threatening.

Sexual Assault Procedures, Reporting and Prevention

Reporting a Sexual Assault: Any student, employee or visitor who is the victim of a sex offense, forcible or non-forcible, is encouraged to report the assault to college authorities or the Tempe Police Department. If a victim so chooses, he/she may be assisted by college authorities in reporting the assault to the proper law enforcement authorities. After making the report, the victim is not obligated to continue with legal or college disciplinary action. The assault may be reported in person at:

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Preserving Evidence of a Sexual Assault: After a sexual assault, it is very important that the victim receive a medical examination for health and evidentiary reasons. A victim should not wash, use the toilet, or change clothes before seeing trained medical personnel. If clothes are changed, those worn during the assault should be placed in a paper bag and taken along to the examination. Even if the victim is certain that he/she will not prosecute, it is important to gather as much evidence as possible just in case the victim decides to pursue criminal charges at a later date.

Coping with Sexual Assault: Victims of sexual assault may find it helpful to discuss their experience with a counselor. College counselors are available to provide services to students who have been victims of sexual assault. The counselor can assess the victim's psychological needs and help him or her deal with difficulties in their academic progress. The counselor can also refer the victim to outside agencies and provide information about on-and-off site reporting, prosecution procedures, and the college disciplinary process. College counselors may be contacted by calling the Counseling Office at **480-517-8785**. For more information, please visit: www.riosalado.edu/counseling

Victims of a sexual assault may also receive free, confidential, twenty-four hour counseling by calling the Rape Abuse Incest National Network (RAINN) at **1-800-656-4673**, extension 1. Trained counselors are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

How to Reduce the Risk of Sexual Assault (reproduced from the RAINN web pages):

1. When you go to a party, go with a group of friends.
2. Arrive together, watch out for each other, and leave together.
3. Don't leave your beverage unattended or accept a drink from an open container.
4. Don't allow yourself to be isolated with someone you don't know or trust.
5. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
6. Trust your instincts.
7. Think about the level of intimacy you want in a relationship, and clearly state your limits.

Prevention Programs: College Staff Development will conduct presentations relating to crime prevention and safety policies during orientations and at other times, when requested by staff or students. Crime prevention materials are made available to all incoming students.

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College Response to a Sexual Assault: Sexual assault is a criminal act, which subjects the perpetrator to criminal and civil penalties in state and federal courts. Besides the sanctions that can be imposed in court, Rio Salado College will respond administratively if a sexual assault or other criminal offense involves a student or employee as the offender. Students and employees are subject to applicable District policies and disciplinary procedures, including policies prohibiting sexual harassment. Sanctions may include suspension or expulsion for student offenders or termination of employment for employees.

Victims may commence a disciplinary action by submitting a written, signed statement detailing the incident to the Director of the Public Safety Department at **480-377-4555**. The accuser and accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during the disciplinary hearing, and in the case of sexual assault, both the accuser and accused shall be informed of the outcome.

Illicit Drugs and Alcohol Policy

District Policy: The Maricopa Community College District supports the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Public Law 101-226, and complies with and supports all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to controlled substances, including alcohol. The possession, sale or consumption of an alcoholic beverage in any premises owned and/or leased/rented by the District for approved educational purposes is prohibited.

College Response to Alcohol and Drug Violations: Besides the sanctions imposed by federal and state courts concerning controlled substance violation(s), Rio Salado College will respond administratively when the offense involves a student or employee as the offender. Students and employees are subject to applicable District policies and disciplinary procedures. Sanctions may include suspension or expulsion for student offenders or termination of employment for employees.

Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention: Rio Salado College presently does not sponsor and/or participate in the following drug prevention activities.

College community members who may have an alcohol or drug problem can receive assistance by calling:

- Al-Anon at **1-800-356-9996**
- American Council on Alcoholism at **1-800-527-5344**
- National Institute on Drug Abuse Hotline at **1-800-662-4357**
- DRUGHELP at **1-800-378-4435**

Responding to Criminal Activity and Emergencies

Generally, a Public Safety staff member is immediately dispatched to all college related incidents. A Public Safety staff member and, if necessary, a Tempe Police officer will respond to each report of criminal activity. The Tempe Fire Department responds to reports of fire or medical emergencies.

Crime Awareness and Prevention Programs

Crime Awareness/Prevention Bulletin: The occurrence of crime considered to present a threat to members of the college community is reported on a timely basis through the "Crime Awareness/Prevention Bulletin." All college departments are notified through electronic mail. The bulletin provides information on the specific crime(s) that occurred and how to avoid becoming a victim.

Incident/Offense Report Information: The PSP staff publishes weekly information on all incidents, administrative and criminal, occurring on college property. The information is posted on the bulletin board outside the office of the Director, Public Safety Department and sent electronically to Administration of the College. In addition, the PSP staff maintains a **Daily Crime Log** that contains the date, time, location, nature and disposition of all crimes occurring at the college and on adjacent public property. Entries in the log are made within two business days of the incident report.

Crime Statistics: Statistics and security policies, collated in accordance to the guidelines established in the Clery Act (20 USC 1092 (f)), are published and distributed annually to all current students and employees, and when requested, to any applicant for enrollment or employment at the college. A copy will also be provided to anyone, upon request to the Director, Public Safety Department at **480-377-4555**.

Escort Service: An escort service is available to the students, faculty and staff of Rio Salado College. A request may be made to the 1st floor reception desk at **480-377-4555**. A staff member will respond and accompany you to your vehicle.

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Policies Regarding Weapons, Smoking and Children

Weapons: The possession or use of a firearm at the college is strictly forbidden. The Maricopa Community College District Governing Board promulgated the weapons policy under ARS 13-2911 C. Anyone violating the policy is subject to arrest under ARS 13-2911 C and/or subject to applicable college disciplinary procedures.

Smoking: Smoking is prohibited inside college buildings and within 25 feet of any entrance or exit door. College community members are requested to utilize the designated smoking areas for smoking. The designated areas are conveniently located and clearly marked.

Children on College Property: Children, under 18 years of age, may not attend a class unless they are officially registered for the class. Unregistered children are not allowed on college property unless participating in an authorized college program or under immediate supervision of an adult.

Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

Preparing the Annual Disclosure: The PSP staff has the responsibility of gathering the data used to prepare the annual college crime statistics. The data is obtained from reports made to the PSP staff, the Tempe Police Department, college security authorities and the college Counseling Department. In the case of the college departments, the data is gathered the same day that it's reported. Data is obtained annually from the Tempe Police Department and compared with the data gathered at the college. The resulting data is used to prepare the annual crime statistics report.

Rio Salado College's Annual Crime Statistics

The following statistics were gathered in accordance to the guidelines established under the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)). The crime definitions outlined in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident Based Reporting System, as modified by the Hate Crime Statistics Act, were utilized in compiling the numbers.

	On College Property			On Public Property		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
Offense:						
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-forcible Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests For:						
Liquor Law Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violation	0	0	3	0	0	0
Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals For:						
Liquor Law Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note:

1. The college interprets “**On Public Property**” to mean the near sidewalk, in the street, and on the far sidewalk surrounding the perimeter of the college property.
2. Based on available data, no hate crime occurred at the college or on public property from **2005** through **2010**.

The college does not own dormitories or other residential facilities. Nor does the college own or control a non-college building or property that is used for educational purposes.

Questions?

If you need more information about safety at Rio Salado College and to obtain the complete annual disclosure report, it can be accessed at www.rio.maricopa.edu/ci/safety or in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration desk, or inside the main College lobby or by contacting the Director, Public Safety Department at **480-377-4556**. If you need more information about security policies and safety at Rio Salado College, please contact the Director, Public Safety Department at **480-377-4556** or the Associate Dean of Students at **480-517-8541**. A college official will be glad to discuss your concerns.

Uniform Crime Reporting - Offense Definitions

Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter: The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Negligent Manslaughter: The killing of another person through gross negligence.

Forcible Sex Offenses: Any sexual act (Forcible Rape, Forcible Sodomy, Sexual Assault With An Object, Forcible Fondling) or an attempted sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will, or not forcibly or against the person’s will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Non-Forcible Sex Offense: Unlawful non-forcible sexual intercourse (Incest, Statutory Rape).

Robbery: The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault: An unlawful attack by one person on 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: The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

Arson: 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.

Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Weapons Law Violations: The violations of laws or ordinances dealing with weapons offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Drug Abuse Violations: Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzadrine).

Liquor Law Violations: The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor, drinking on a train or public conveyance; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned (drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition).