

CAMPUS SAFETY

The Polk State College Campus Security Unit is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.



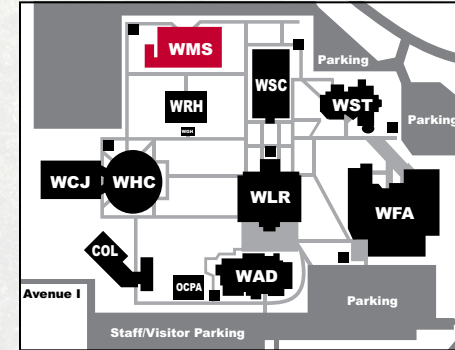
Crucial to ensuring the safety and security of Polk State's more than 11,000 students and employees are the Campus Security Unit's partnerships with local law enforcement agencies. Through these partnerships, the Campus Security Unit can provide crime prevention measures and swift responses to incidents both on campus and in surrounding neighborhoods.

Also critical for campus safety is the involvement of students, employees and campus visitors. In order for a crime to occur, perpetrators must have the ability and opportunity to commit a crime. Individuals can help remove opportunities for crimes to occur and maximize campus safety by following a few simple guidelines. Being safe can sometimes require a bit of inconvenience, but it is important to plan ahead and make safety a priority.

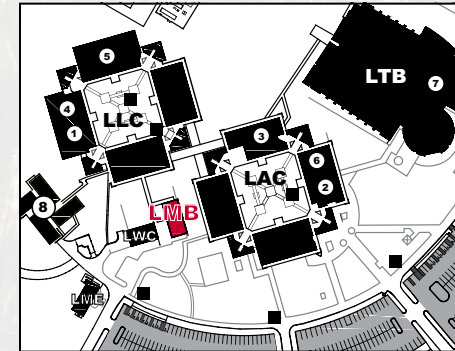
PRACTICE PERSONAL SAFETY:

- Program the contact number for Campus Security into your cell phone.
- Know the locations of campus blue-light emergency call boxes.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Trust your instincts when something feels wrong.
- Report suspicious, odd, or dangerous behavior.
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Do not leave belongings unattended.
- Protect access and security codes.
- Do not hand out contact information to strangers.
- Be a good friend and remain watchful for others.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Travel in groups after dark.
- Never offer rides to strangers.
- Don't drink and drive; designate a driver for safety.
- Leave if a party gets crazy.
- Never drink alone with someone you do not know.
- Do not take a ride with someone who is under the influence of alcohol or any other intoxicant.

CAMPUS SAFETY OFFICE LOCATIONS:



Winter Haven Campus
Multi-Services Building (WMS)



Lakeland Campus
Lakeland Modular Building (LMB)

Other Campus Locations/Centers

While there are campus security personnel present at our other Polk State locations/centers, there are no physical security offices. Should you need assistance, please call Polk State Campus Security.

Polk State Campus Security

863.297.1059

On-campus phone: 5059



CAMPUS SAFETY INFORMATION

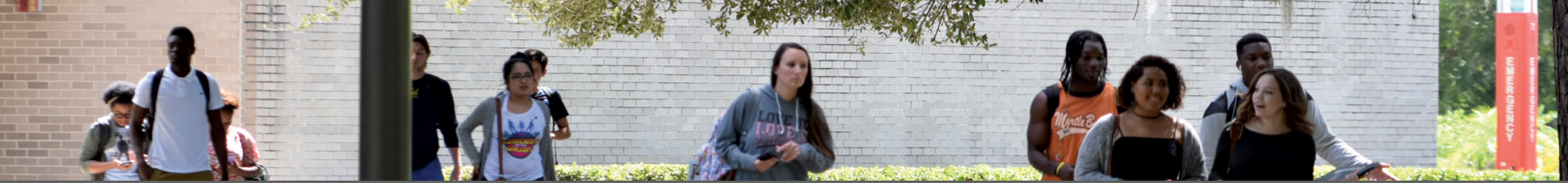
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CRIME STATISTICS:

Polk State College is committed to ensuring that students, employees, and community members have a safe and pleasant experience while at any Polk State campus or location. The Polk State Annual Security Report contains information regarding campus safety and security in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act, a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. To view the complete Polk State Annual Security Report, individuals may visit polk.edu/campus-safety-security

CLERY ACT SUMMARY:

- Colleges must publish an annual report disclosing campus security policies and three years' worth of selected crime statistics.
- Colleges must make timely warnings to the campus community about crimes that pose an ongoing threat to students and employees.
- Each institution with a police or security department must have a public crime log.
- The U.S. Department of Education collects and disseminates campus crime statistics.
- Campus sexual assault victims are provided certain basic rights.

PREPARATION FOR EMERGENCIES:

Polk State uses a comprehensive communications system, including a mix of audible and visual alerts, to inform people on campus about

emergencies. Emergency alerts will fall into the following categories:

- **Emergency Notification:** This is issued with safety instructions if an immediate danger (e.g., active shooter) is present on campus.
- **Timely Warning:** This is a cautionary alert provided with specific safety instructions in the event that a potential or general threat exists (e.g., if a sexual assault occurs on campus).
- **Evacuation:** This instructs individuals to leave a location immediately, typically in response to a fire or hazardous materials incident.
- **Lock-down:** This alert indicates that individuals should barricade themselves inside a building or room until further notice.
- **Shelter-in-place:** This alert instructs individuals to stay in a current location, usually during a serious environmental or weather-related event.

Individuals should make sure their contact information on file with the College is up-to-date. Cell phones are often the best way to communicate in an emergency, so individuals are encouraged to make sure this information is current.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

Under state law, no one under the age of 21 may purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages. Consumption of alcohol is forbidden in all public and common areas of campus. Polk State requires that a special permit be obtained for the consumption of alcohol on campus; this permit is issued at the

discretion of the president. Individuals found to be in violation are subject to the provisions of state law, Polk State policy, and the Student Code of Conduct.

ILLEGAL DRUGS:

Under state law, Polk State students and employees are not permitted to be under the influence of, or possess, manufacture, distribute, or sell illicit drugs while at Polk State-sponsored or approved events, on Polk State property, or in buildings used by the College for its educational or recreational programs. Students and employees found to be in violation are subject to arrest. Conviction may result in probation, fines, and imprisonment. Students are also subject to disciplinary action according to the Student Code of Conduct.

WEAPONS:

The possession or use of a lethal weapon on Polk State's premises is strictly prohibited. Lethal weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, ammunition, explosives, and other dangerous devices. Any person found in violation is subject to the provisions of state law, Polk State policy, and the Student Code of Conduct.

College rules and policies regarding conduct exist for the benefit and safety of the campus community. They are strictly enforced. All Polk State College policies and regulations are detailed in the Student Handbook, available at catalog.polk.edu

REPORTING CRIMES AND EMERGENCIES:

Crimes, incidents, safety concerns, and other emergencies on campus can be reported directly to the Campus Security Office by dialing extension

5059 from any Polk State campus telephone, or 863.297.1059 from off-campus phones. Additionally, there are several blue-light emergency call boxes strategically located throughout campus. In the event of an emergency, these call boxes can be used to directly contact Campus Security. By pressing the call button, the call box automatically connects the caller to Campus Security and also indicates the location of the call. The call immediately connects to the security guard on duty, who will then provide the appropriate service needed for the situation.

Students, employees, and visitors are encouraged to report all suspicious activities and persons observed on campus. Such calls should be made promptly to improve the ability of the Campus Security Office to investigate the situation, apprehend suspects, and prevent potential crimes. Upon receipt of a call, security officers respond immediately to the site of the emergency. All incidents are investigated and the officer files a report.



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