

SAFETY AT WHEATON COLLEGE



Campus Security Report 2009

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Wheaton College Public Safety Department staff pledges to provide police, security and related services that assist the Community members in maintaining a safe and well-ordered campus environment in which the educational mission of the College can be realized. The Public Safety staff will at all times show respect for all individuals and their rights, uphold the law, strive for excellence in every service we provide and act with the highest integrity. We are committed to providing a comprehensive program of policing, security, crime prevention, fire safety, emergency medical service, parking and traffic enforcement, and other related services to insure a safe and orderly environment for the Wheaton community, guests and visitors.

THE JEANNE CLERY DISCLOSURE OF CAMPUS SECURITY POLICY AND CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS ACT

Federal laws require educational institutions to publish annual reports regarding certain criminal activity on campus as well as provide crime & safety education programs. This pamphlet is intended to make information available to employees, students, and other interested parties so they can make informed decisions regarding safety and to be aware of programs, which enhance personal and campus safety. More information can be obtained from the Director of Public Safety, the Dean of Students, or the Dean of Student Life.

CRIME REPORTING, INVESTIGATIONS, & PROSECUTION

The Public Safety Department employs special state police officers who are empowered under M.G.L. c.22C, s.63 with the “...*same power...as regular police officers...*” and who are trained and ready to respond to emergencies, investigate reports of crime, and assist victims of crime. Criminal activity, which occurs on campus, should be reported to Public Safety. Victims can also make such reports to the Norton Police Department, the Dean of Students or the Dean of Student Life. The Public Safety Department works closely with these departments to investigate and resolve reports of criminal activity on campus and in the immediate area of the campus. The College has administrative and judicial means to address acts committed by students or employees that may be used in lieu of or in conjunction with external legal actions. Victims who wish to pursue criminal prosecution will be supported and assisted in a reasonable manner. The College is also sensitive to the confidentiality and needs of victims of crime, particularly the victims of sexual assault, and is prepared to assist victims in obtaining medical, counseling and legal help.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY SERVICES

Students and employees of Wheaton College are encouraged to be aware of crime prevention programs and to promote practices, which enhance campus security. Campus facilities are intended for the use of staff, students and their invited guests. Residence halls are locked at all times, while other facilities are locked during non-business hours. Doors should not be propped, and visitors should be with their hosts, especially while they are in residence halls.

The Public Safety Department provides a number of crime prevention and safety awareness programs, which are presented at advertised times or upon request. Contact the Public Safety Department for more information. Several programs are described below.

Residence Hall Staff Training: This training includes crime prevention, safety awareness, and policies and procedures to deal with safety concerns and reports of crime.

Community Relations Officer: The Public Safety Department employs an officer whose main focus is to develop, coordinate, and implement various safety and security programs for the campus by working closely with student and staff organizations, and College and Town officials.

Liaison Officers: Officers are assigned as liaisons to residence halls on campus and hold internal discussions with students regarding safety services, safety awareness, and crime prevention. Literature is available and individual concerns are addressed.

Rape Aggression Defense Training: Certified trainers teach women how to prevent being victimized, and provide options for defending themselves, if bothered or attacked.

Safe walk: An on-campus escort will be provided by a Public Safety Officer or a Student Patroller upon request.

Emergency Telephones: Several emergency telephones are located on campus (highlighted by a blue light), which can be used to report problems and emergencies, or to request an escort.

Safety Alerts: Notices about serious incidents of crime on or near campus are published, distributed and posted in conspicuous locations as warranted. These notices include safety tips to prevent the recurrence of these crimes.

The Wheaton Wire: Highlights of the Public Safety “Daily Log” and articles regarding safety and security are published in the student newspaper. Notices regarding crime prevention programs as well as Public Safety activities are also included.

Lighting and Security Surveys: Public Safety personnel conduct regular lighting and security surveys, in which problems are reported immediately to the Physical Plant.

Safety Literature and Videos: Public Safety posts and distributes literature, videos, and other materials regarding safety awareness, crime prevention, fire safety, and public safety services. This material is also available in the Public Safety Department, Human Resources Office and Student Life Office.

SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICIES & PROGRAMS

Education: A variety of programs, literature, and videos are available to educate students about sexual assault. Additional Information is provided by the Offices of Student Life, the Counseling Center, and the Health Center; programs are publicized in the *Wheaton Wire*, and the Orientation brochure. Literature is available throughout the campus. The Public Safety Department sponsors Rape Aggression Defense classes each semester.

What To Do and Available Options: The College encourages all victims of sexual assault or rape to report to the police and pursue criminal charges. This can be done separately or in conjunction with campus disciplinary options. The Department of Public Safety is available to assist any student in filing a criminal complaint. Should a rape occur, a victim should not bathe, douche, or otherwise clean her/himself; nor should the area where the attack occurred be cleaned or disturbed. Rather, the victim should go to a safe place, call the Norton Police at 911, Public Safety at X-3333, or the New Hope Hotline at 1-800-323-4673 and then avail her/himself of the following options: go to a hospital to be examined and treated; seek counseling at the College Counseling Center or New Hope in Attleboro; and/or talk with a member of the College’s Sexual Assault Response Team. Except as required in formal hearings, a victim’s name and reports are kept strictly confidential. College disciplinary options include: a formal hearing with the College Hearing Board, obtaining a campus “no contact” order from the Dean of Students to restrict contact on campus with the accused, and/or confronting the accused in writing or through a mediated meeting, if appropriate. The College will approve reasonable requests to modify a complainant’s class schedule or residential arrangements, when appropriate.

All victims are encouraged to pursue formal disciplinary proceedings through the College's judicial process. For more information see the student handbook on line at <http://www.wheatoncollege.edu/student/handbook>. In this case, the accused and the accuser have equal rights with regard to presenting evidence, calling witnesses and notifications of outcomes and sanctions. Sanctions imposed by the College Hearing Board for rape/sexual assault include probation or a recommendation to the President for suspension or expulsion.

Services: The College's "Sexual Assault Response Team" comprised of staff, faculty, and students is available to assist victims of sexual assault. Members of the team are listed on the insert in the "Responding to Sexual Assault" brochure. Students are encouraged to seek help from any member of the Team or from others prepared to work with victims of sexual assault, including the Dean of Students, the Dean of Student Life, Area Coordinators, the Health or Counseling Centers, or the Public Safety Department. Confidential assistance is also available through the New Hope Rape and Sexual Assault Information line in Attleboro (508-223-4636). For more information on sexual assault refer to the student handbook located at <http://www.wheatoncollege.edu/student/handbook>

CAMPUS SEX CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires colleges and universities to issue a statement advising the campus community how to obtain information concerning registered sex offenders from the appropriate state law enforcement agencies. In addition the act requires registered sex offenders to provide to appropriate state officials notice of each institution of higher education in that state at which the offender is employed, carries on a vocation, or is employed.

Members of the Wheaton community may request information about sex offenders in Massachusetts at the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board, telephone (978) 740-6400 or <http://www.state.ma.us/sorb> or the Norton Police Department at (508) 285-3310.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Wheaton College seeks to ensure the health and well being of all members of the Wheaton community. The College's policies on alcohol and drugs reflect its commitment to educate students, provide counseling for those concerned about alcohol or drug use and inform students and staff about sanctions related to the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and drugs.

Education: Programs are sponsored by the Health Center, Counseling Center, The Student Life Office, and B.A.C.H.U.S. Local chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous and ALANON also hold regular meetings near the campus, and literature is also available from these resources. Also, the College has a drug and alcohol counselor available to students in the Counseling Center.

Prohibitions and Sanctions: The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally permitted only at registered events or places, and only by those 21 years or older. The unlawful possession or use of drugs is strictly prohibited.

Violations of these policies are enforced by College officials and/or the College Hearing Board; criminal prosecution may also be sought. College sanctions can include fines, social probation, suspension, or separation from the College. Criminal sanctions are determined by the court. (Refer to the *Staff Handbook*, *Student Handbook*, and *Alcohol Policy* for more information).

PROHIBITED ITEMS ON CAMPUS

The General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts prohibit the possession of any of the following on the campus of any college or university: any firearm, stiletto, dagger, dirk knife, any knife having a double-edge blade, a switch knife or any knife having an automatic spring release, any knife having a blade of over one and one-half inches, a sling shot, black jack, metallic knuckles or knuckles of any substance with a similar effect as metallic knuckles. Only police officers are authorized to possess firearms on campus. The possession or storage of any dangerous weapon on Wheaton College property is unlawful and may lead to judicial/criminal action against the offender. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts firearms laws are strictly enforced. In Massachusetts conviction for the illegal possession of a firearm carries a mandatory one-year jail sentence.

CRIMES REPORTED ON & ADJACENT TO CAMPUS, 2006 - 2008

The following crimes were reported “on campus” or on “public property” adjacent to the campus in 2006 - 2008. The statistics for “In Residences” are included in those statistics for “On Campus,” and they are not in addition to the statistics for “On Campus”. Wheaton College does not have “Non-campus buildings or property” which is not part of the “campus.” Therefore, no crime statistics for that category are shown.

The “campus” has the following boundaries for the purposes of this report:

- Pine Street from E. Main Street south to 27 Pine Street,
- 27 Pine Street west to 34 Taunton Avenue,
- 34 Taunton Avenue north to E. Main Street (including 9 Taunton Avenue),
- Mansfield Avenue from E. Main Street north to 27 Mansfield Avenue,
- 27 Mansfield Avenue east along the north edge of the baseball field, “ropes course,” “Old Observatory” property, and Lot 2 to Elm Street,
- Elm Street (north side of Lot 2) south to E. Main Street.

“Public Property” adjacent to the campus is defined as the following streets and areas adjacent to the campus as defined above:

Pine Street	Mansfield Avenue	Library Square
Taunton Avenue	East Main Street	
<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>

Criminal Homicide: (Murder, Non-negligent Manslaughter, and Negligent Manslaughter)

On Campus	0	0	0
In Residences	0	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0

Sex Offenses

Forcible: “Any 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.”

On Campus	8	2	2
In Residences	7	2	2
Public Property	0	0	0

Non-forcible: “Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.”

On Campus	0	0	0
In Residences	0	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0

2006 2007 2008

Robbery: “*The taking or attempting to take anything of value...from...a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence....*”
(Does not include “larceny;” items stolen from unlocked, unattended rooms).

On Campus	0	0	0
In Residences	0	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0

Aggravated Assault: “*An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting serious or aggravated bodily injury.*”

On Campus	1	0	0
In Residences	0	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0

Burglary: “*The unlawful entry into another structure (building, room) to commit a felony or theft.*” (Includes instances where items of any value were stolen, as well as items stolen from unlocked, unattended rooms).

On Campus	32	14	5
In Residences	22	7	4
Public Property	0	0	0

Motor Vehicle Theft: “*The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.*” (Does not include vandalism or theft from a motor vehicle).

On Campus	0	1	0
In Residences	0	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0

Arson: “*Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn,... a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.*”

On Campus	1	1	2
In Residences	0	1	2
Public Property	0	0	0

Hate Crimes: “*Any of the crimes, above; or any other crime involving bodily injury...(where) the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim’s actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability.*”

On Campus	0	0	0
In Residences	0	0	0
Public Property	0	0	0

Disciplinary Referrals/Arrests 06-08

2006	On Campus Property	Public Property	Optional Total	**Residential Facilities
Liquor Law Arrests	1	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	291	0	0	254
Drug Law Arrests	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	72	0	0	62
Illegal Weapons Possession Arrests	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	0	0	0	0
Optional Total	0	0	0	0

2007	On Campus Property	Public Property	Optional Total	**Residential Facilities
Liquor Law Arrests	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	289	0	0	268
Drug Law Arrests	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	44	0	0	44
Illegal Weapons Possession Arrests	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	0	0	0	0
Optional Total	0	0	0	0

2008	On Campus Property	Public Property	Optional Total	**Residential Facilities
Liquor Law Arrests	0	1	0	0
Liquor Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	178	0	0	165
Drug Law Arrests	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	53	0	0	41
Illegal Weapons Possession Arrests	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	0	0	0	0
Optional Total	0	0	0	0

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Campus Telephone Numbers

Public Safety Emergency from on campus.....	3333
Emergency from off campus.....	(508) 285-5051
Business line.....	(508) 286-8213
Counseling Center.....	(508) 286-3905
Dean of Students.....	(508) 286-8218
Physical Plant.....	(508) 286-3876
Wheaton College.....	(508) 285-7722

Off-Campus Numbers

Norton Police, Fire, Emergency.....	911
Norton Medical Center.....	(508) 286-5400
Sturdy Memorial Hospital.....	(508) 222-5200
New Hope: Rape Crisis Hotline.....	(800) 323-4673
Suicide Hotline (Samaritans).....	(617) 247-0220