



It is a privilege to be a member of the community of scholars
at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

As an Islander, I pledge to:

Strive for personal and intellectual growth and excellence

Demonstrate integrity and accountability

Lead with courage and innovation

Exhibit pride in my university and its traditions

Embrace our unique identities and

Commit to life-long learning.

With these values held true, we are ISLANDERS!

Concerned about the well-being or mental health of a fellow-student?

I-CARE can help!

Outreach, Support, Early Intervention

We have a team of professionals here on campus that works to assist students who may be struggling in a wide variety of areas. Let's go over some reasons why you might contact our I-CARE team and share information with them.

- You are concerned about a friend, roommate or classmate who is going through a difficult time or seems to be changing drastically.
- You see or hear something alarming, such as someone discussing giving up on life, or wanting to "end it all".
- You have information that just doesn't feel right to you and you think someone else should know.

To submit an online referral go to icare.tamucc.edu

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If you are concerned about someone in your life, or even just an acquaintance because they seem overwhelmed, extremely stressed out, depressed, maybe you have noticed they are cutting or you think they may have an issue with appropriate eating and work out habits, the I-CARE team wants you to contact them.

If you feel someone's health or safety is in immediate danger please call the University Police Department right away, do not hesitate to make that call.



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STEP UP!

We have a community here on the Island where people are courageous and they step up to lead and take charge, even when it isn't the easiest thing to do. This could be helping someone in need, asking a distressed person if they are ok, or even stepping in, or calling the University Police Department to help stop a dangerous situation. You are our partner in safety here on the Island. We want to have individuals here who help each other out, who aren't concerned with what they are going to get out of the situation, or what others will think of them. Remember, Islanders Lead, Step Up, and Take Action!



Helping a Friend

Please watch the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lpttb4p5XQ0>

- We have mentioned reaching out to students who are depressed and have suicidal thoughts.
- Suicide prevention is an important initiative on college campuses across the country.
- To help make you aware of the warning signs for people in distress and ways to reach out to them, the State requires that all public institutions of higher education provide mental health and suicide prevention resources to incoming students.
- This requirement by the State highlights how important this issue is.
- This short video above covers the warning signs that someone is in distress and what you can do to help.
- The next slide covers some resources that are available on and off campus.

Mental Health Resources

- Knowing what these resources are now can help you be better prepared to help yourself or to help a friend later.
- Contact the University Police Department for situations where there is an immediate threat to the safety of students and/or the campus community.
- The Counseling Center is available to students. The Counseling Center also has an after-hours crisis counselor available 24/7.

University Police Department

(361) 825-4444

<http://police.tamucc.edu>

University Counseling Center

(361) 825-2703

<http://counseling.tamucc.edu>

crisis counselor available 24/7

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

(800) 273-8255

phone line available 24/7/365

Lifeline Crisis Chat

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/gethelp/lifelinechat.aspx>

Crisis Text Line

Text 'START' to 741-741

The Trevor Project for LGBTQ youth

Trevor Lifeline

(866) 488-7386

Trevor Text

Text 'Trevor' to (202) 304-1200

Risk Reducing Behaviors

Tips for staying safe

Who is really your friend?

- You can't trust everyone you meet. Don't give someone details about your life just because they have a class with you or know your roommate.

• Going new places

- Research new places and always tell someone where you are going and what time you expect to return.

• Talk it out

- College will be a transition, it will be stressful, talk it out – it is healthy to do this. Just make sure you do it with people you can trust. Not with strangers, online or thru social media.

• Monitor your public life. Do not post:

- Your location all day, every day.
- Your work schedule.
- When you plan to be out of town.

• Know when to make the call.

- We have a staffed police department on our campus 24 hours a day. Our officers are certified by the state of Texas and they are able to write citations, make arrests and take reports. They are also available to provide on campus escorts so that if you are on campus somewhere late at night you can call UPD to have an officer escort you to the library, your residence hall, etc.

Prohibited Behaviors

Staying out of the Associate Dean of Students' Office

Five common violations of the Student Code of Conduct include:

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Academic Misconduct
- Weapons
- Sexual Misconduct, Gender/Sex Based Discrimination

It is each student's responsibility to ensure that they do not violate the expectations set up by the University. These are contained within 3 documents, the Student Code of Conduct, Academic Misconduct Case Procedures and The Student Sexual Misconduct Process. These can be found online at judicialaffairs.tamucc.edu

Prohibited Behavior Under the *Student Code of Conduct*:

Alcohol:

- Any of the following: possession, purchase, use, consumption, manufacture, sale, distribution, being in the proximity or being under the influence of alcohol and/or empty alcohol containers by anyone under 21 years of age.
- Providing alcoholic beverages to an individual who is under the age of 21.
- The possession, use, consumption, manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcohol in violation of any applicable law and/or University policy or procedure.
- Unauthorized possession, use, consumption, manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcohol in any building, facility, or property under University control.
- Any use or possession of alcohol and/or empty alcohol containers in a common area of on-campus housing if the student, roommate, or any guests are under 21 years of age.
- Intoxicated behavior that causes a public or private disturbance. Indicators of this may include slurred speech, loud and/or inappropriate behavior, loss of coordination, and/or glassy or bloodshot eyes.
- Unauthorized possession of keg(s) in any building, facility or property under University control.

Note: *The presence of any prohibited item in a location which is under your control, such as an apartment, residence hall space or vehicle is also defined as possession.*

Note: *For information regarding the 911 Lifeline Law please see Article VI.*

Prohibited Behavior Under the *Student Code of Conduct*:

Drugs:

- Any of the following: possession, purchase, use, manufacture, sale, distribution, being in the proximity or being under the influence of any illegal and/or synthetic drug(s).
- Improper or illegal use, possession, distribution, sale, transfer, or manufacture of controlled substances; to include, but not limited to, prescription drugs.
- Possession or being in the proximity of any paraphernalia associated with the use and/or possession of any illegal drug(s).

Note: *The presence of any prohibited item in a location which is under your control, such as an apartment, residence hall space or vehicle is also defined as possession.*

Prohibited Behavior Under the *Student Code of Conduct*:

Academic Misconduct: engaging in an act that violates the standards of the academic integrity policy as described in the Student Code of Conduct and Procedure for Academic Misconduct Cases. Any behavior specifically prohibited by a faculty member in the course syllabus or class discussion may be considered as academic misconduct. Additionally, possessing, using, buying, stealing, transporting, selling or soliciting in whole or in part items including, but not limited to the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solutions or possession at any time of current or previous test materials without the instructor's permission will be considered academic misconduct.

- a. Cheating: intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices or materials in any academic exercise.
- b. Plagiarism: Intentionally, knowingly, or carelessly presenting the work of another as one's own without proper acknowledgement of the source, with the exception of information that is generally accepted as common knowledge.
- c. Multiple Submissions: submission of substantial portions of the same work (including oral reports) for credit more than once without authorization from the instructors for which the student submits the work.

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- d. Collusion: Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of academic dishonest. This includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another individual in progressing forward on academic assignments.
- e. Fabrication, Falsification, or Misrepresentation: intentional altering or investing of any information or citation that is used in assessing academic work.

Prohibited Behavior Under the *Student Code of Conduct*:

Unauthorized Firearms, Weapons and Explosives: Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly possessing an unauthorized firearm, illegal knife or prohibited weapon on the physical premises of the University, to include any buildings or passenger transportation vehicles under the direct control of the University. Prohibited weapons include, but are not limited to, unauthorized firearms and fireworks, pellet guns, bb guns, air-soft guns, tasers, stun guns, slingshots, martial arts devices, illegal knives and clubs.

Concealed Handguns: Any violation of University Rule 34.06.03.C1 regarding carrying concealed handguns on campus, including, but not limited to, display of the handgun, carrying in a prohibited area, leaving the handgun unattended and/or possession of the handgun when its placement is not on your person.

When alcohol and intimate behaviors collide

Occasionally individuals choose to participate in possibly risky behavior by combining alcohol and other behaviors. Alcohol and/or drug use does not excuse any behavior and participating in intimate behavior while under the influence may pose several risks to yourself and those around you. There are many things you should be aware of moving forward.

Title IX – Gender/Sex Based Discrimination

What is consent? Please watch this important video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laMtr-rUEmY>

Consent - *must be freely and actively given through mutually understood terms of actions. A person is deemed incapable of giving consent when the person is a minor, is coerced, physically helpless, under the influence of alcohol or drugs to the point of being unable to make a rational decision, unconscious or asleep. A person always retains the right to revoke consent through clear and direct verbal or non-verbal communication at any time during a sexual act. An individual who is mentally incapacitated, unconscious, or unaware that the sexual misconduct is occurring is considered unable to give consent.*

Prohibited Behavior Under the *Student Code of Conduct* *Gender/Sex Based Discrimination*

Gender Based Discrimination – Additional Information

All students attending Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi are expected to abide by all University rules, policies and procedures. Specifically, students should take time to read through the *Student Code of Conduct*, the *Student Sexual Misconduct Process* and the *Academic Misconduct Procedures*. Students are strongly encouraged to read through each of these documents themselves, which can be found online at judicialaffairs.tamucc.edu.

Federal mandates do require that the University specifically provide additional education to students surrounding issues of gender discrimination. The following definitions are taken directly from the 2016-2017 *Student Code of Conduct* and should be reviewed by each student.

Prohibited Behaviors:

Harassment: Conduct including, but not limited to, physical, verbal, graphic, written, or electronic behavior that is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent so as to unreasonably interfere with, deny or limit someone's ability – physically or mentally – to participate in or benefit from the University's educational programs, services and/or activities. This includes, but is not limited to, behavior that is aggressive in nature and intended to hurt and/or control another individual (see University Rules and Procedures 34.01.99.C1).

Prohibited Behavior Under the *Student Code of Conduct* *Gender/Sex Based Discrimination*

Stalking: Behavior in which an individual willingly, maliciously and repeatedly engages in a knowing course of conduct directed at a specific person and/or group which reasonably and seriously alarms, torments, or terrorizes the person(s). This conduct makes the victim fear:

Bodily injury or death of self.

Bodily injury or death of another individual.

That an offense will be committed against their property.

Retaliation: Any behavior and/or adverse action taken against a person and/or group because of participation in a complaint or investigation.

Dating Violence: Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.

Domestic Violence: The willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior perpetrated by a person with whom: the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim.

Prohibited Behavior Under the *Student Code of Conduct* *Gender/Sex Based Discrimination*

Sexual Misconduct: Behavior and/or action that includes but is not limited to:

Sexual Harassment: Unwelcome, gender-based verbal or physical conduct that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it has the effect of unreasonably interfering with, denying or limiting someone's ability – physically or mentally – to participate in or benefit from the University's education program, services and/or activities.

Non-Consensual Sexual Contact: Any intentional sexual touching, however slight, with any object, by a man or a woman upon a man or a woman that is without consent and/or by force.

Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse/Sexual Assault: Any sexual intercourse, however slight, with any object, by a man or woman upon a man or woman that is without consent and/or by force.

Sexual Exploitation: Taking non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another individual for advantage or benefit, or to benefit or advantage anyone other than the one being exploited and that behavior does not otherwise constitute one of the other sexual misconduct offenses. Behaviors which may be included in this category include, but are not limited to: invasion of sexual privacy, prostituting another individual, non-consensual video or audio-taping of sexual activity, going beyond the boundaries of consent, engaging in voyeurism, knowingly transmitting an STI or HIV to another person, exposing one's genitals in non-consensual circumstances; inducing another to expose their genitals, sexually-based stalking and/or bullying.

Prohibited Behavior Under the *Student Code of Conduct* *Gender/Sex Based Discrimination*

Students, who have been a victim, know someone who has been a victim, or students who have been accused of any of the prohibited behaviors listed may need assistance in coping with the impacts of these incidents. The Associate Dean of Students' Office is located in the University Center, room 206 and is available for assistance with reporting and to answer any questions you may have. You may also call the office at 361-825-6219. The next slide contains resources are also available to provide assistance as needed.

Reporting Options:

Title IX Coordinator - <http://edcs.tamucc.edu/TitleIX.html> - (361) 825-5826

Office of Judicial Affairs – <http://judicialaffairs.tamucc.edu/> – (361) 825-6219

University Police Department - <http://police.tamucc.edu/> - (361) 825-4444

Confidential Reporting:

University Health Center - <http://healthcenter.tamucc.edu/> - (361) 825-2601

University Counseling Center - <http://counseling.tamucc.edu/> - (361) 825-2703

Prohibited Behavior Under the *Student Code of Conduct* *Gender/Sex Based Discrimination*

Other Resources:

Office of the Associate Dean of Students – (361) 825-6219

University Crime Victim's Liaison (UPD) -

<http://police.tamucc.edu/crimevictims/crimeVictims.html> - (361) 825-3791

Women's Shelter of South Texas - www.thewomensshelter.org – (361) 881-8888 ext. 107

Texas Advocacy Project - <https://www.texasadvocacyproject.org/>

- Family Violence Legal Line: 800-374-HOPE
- Family Law Hotline: 800-777-FAIR
- Sexual Assault Legal Hotline: 888-296-SAFE

State database for domestic violence resources -

<http://www.aardvarc.org/dv/states/txdv.shtml>Resource and Survival Guide: Sexual Assault
- http://judicialaffairs.tamucc.edu/assets/Sexual%20Assault%20Brochure_draft3.pdf

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(361) 825-2703

<http://counseling.tamucc.edu>

Health Center

(361) 825-2601

<http://healthcenter.tamucc.edu>

Title IX Coordinators

Mr. Samuel Ramirez

(361) 825-2765

Ms. Rosie Ruiz

(361) 825-2530

<http://edcs.tamucc.edu>

I-CARE

(361) 825-6219

<http://icare.tamucc.edu/>

Online Reporting

<http://incidentreportformtamucc.edu>

This is what you can expect to see when you enter the online reporting system. Please fill out each field to the best of your ability. There is also the option to upload documentation if applicable.



Incident Reporting Form

IMPORTANT: If the immediate safety of any individual is in question please contact UPD immediately at 361.825.4444. Otherwise, please fill out all of the information listed below to the best of your ability. You may be contacted to provide additional details. Please note that intentionally filing a false report has consequences and students who participate in such action may be held liable under the Student Code of Conduct.

Background Information

Your full name:	<input type="text"/>	
Your position/title:	<input type="text"/>	
Your phone number:	<input type="text"/>	
Your email address:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Email me a copy of this report
Your physical address:	<input type="text"/>	
* Nature of this report:	<input type="text"/>	
Urgency of this report:	<input type="text" value="Normal"/>	
* Date of incident:	<input type="text"/>  <i>must be formatted YYYY-MM-DD</i>	
Time of incident:	<input type="text"/> : <input type="text"/> : <input type="text"/>	
* Location of incident:	<input type="text" value="Please select a location ..."/>	
Specific location:	<input type="text"/>	

Hurricane Safety/Evacuation

- Have a plan before you need a plan
- Work your plan

HAVE A PLAN!

- Know where you are going
- Know how you will get there
- Communicate with home

If you need help evacuating:

Off-Campus Students

- Follow the city evacuation plan
- Register with 211

Resident Students

- University Assisted Evacuation

ON-CAMPUS RESIDENT ASSISTED EVACUATION



Campus Carry

- Started August 1, 2016
- Requires a License to Carry
 - 21 Years Old
 - No Felony Convictions (some misdemeanors)
 - Training Class
 - Firearm Competency Demonstration

Restrictions

- ▶ Must be in your control at all times (not in a locker, office, etc)
- ▶ Look for signs to indicate restricted areas



- ▶ ECDC
- ▶ University Health Center
- ▶ University Counseling Center
- ▶ Athletic Events
- ▶ Laboratories with Signs Posted
- ▶ Judicial Affairs

What to Do

If Carrying...

- Know the law and where you can and cannot go
- Inform UPD immediately if approached

If someone else is carrying...

- If you see a gun, Call UPD (361-825-4444)
 - UPD will engage and address the issue