

**SECURITY POLICIES
SOUTH TEXAS CENTER – McAllen**

I. TIMELY WARNINGS

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Director of the South Texas Center, constitutes an on-going or continuing threat, a campus wide “timely warning” will be issued. The warning will be issued through emails and/or websites to students, faculty, and staff.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the appropriate local law enforcement agency may also post a notice on the campus-wide electronic bulletin board on the Health Science Center website at <http://ripley.tamhsc.edu/securityDB/> providing the Health Science Center with more immediate notification. The electronic bulletin board is immediately accessible via computer by all faculty, staff, and students. The following information provides emergency telephone numbers:

SOUTH TEXAS CENTER - MCALLEN	
Police	911
Police non-emergency	(956) 682-4321
Fire	911
Fire Non-Emergency	(956) 972-7500
Health Emergency	911
Tornado	911
Utility Failure	(877) 373-4558 or (866) 223-8508
Chemical Spill	911
Radiation Accident	911
Flood	911
Hostage/Terrorist Situation	911
Bomb Threat	911
Civil Disturbance	911
Telecommunications	(979) 845-0606

II. CONFIDENTIAL CRIME REPORTING

All inappropriate activity and crimes reported to The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center will be brought to the attention of the appropriate administrative or law enforcement agency.

III. POLICY FOR REPORTING THE ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF CRIME STATISTICS

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. The full text of this report can be located on the HSC website at <http://ripley.tamhsc.edu/securityDB/>. This report is prepared in cooperation with the

local law enforcement agencies surrounding our various campuses across the State of Texas.

Campus crime, arrest and referral statistics include those reported to law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over the specific campus location. The statistics may include crime statistics reported to Health Science Center officials (i.e. division vice presidents, deans, directors, department heads, faculty, and other employees

IV. GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING A CRIME

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guest are encouraged to report all non-emergency crimes and public safety related incidents to the following Security Department:

Dr. Juan Castro, Director, South Texas Center	(956) 668-6319
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The Director is to be notified of all reported crime incidents. After review by the Director, the appropriate System, HSC administrative office, or law enforcement office will be appraised of the incident.

V. POLICE AND SECURITY DEPARTMENTS AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

All major offenses such as rape, murder, aggravated assault, robbery, and auto theft are reported to the City of McAllen Police Department. The prosecution of all criminal offenses, both felony and misdemeanor, are conducted by the appropriate prosecuting attorney offices.

VI. GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING A CRIME OR EMERGENCY

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and other guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety incidents to the City of McAllen Police Department or the Chief of Security in a timely manner. Report crimes to the following departments or offices:

McAllen Police Department – McAllen	9-911
Director – McAllen	(214) 828-8335

All reports will be investigated. Violations of the law will be referred to law enforcement agencies. When a potentially dangerous threat to the Health Science Center arises, timely reports or warnings will be issued through e-mail announcements, the posting of flyers in common areas, in-class announcements, or other appropriate means.

VII. SECURITY AWARENESS PROGRAMS

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center will notify faculty, staff, and students through emails and bulletin boards of coming security awareness programs and information.

VII. DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center prohibits the illicit use, sale, attempted sale, conveyance, distribution, manufacture, cultivation, dispensation, purchase, attempted purchase, and possession of illegal drugs, intoxicants, or controlled substances, at any time and in any amount or in any manner. Illicit drugs include all drugs for which possession is illegal under federal or state law, including prescription drugs for which the individual does not have a valid prescription.

The purchase, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in facilities under the control of the HSC shall in all respects comply with state laws and with guidelines as defined in System Policy 34.03 and System Regulation 34.02.01.