

Campus Safety Bulletin

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A Collaborative Approach to
Campus Safety



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Campus Safety



WSSU has sworn officers policing a campus with over 8,000 occupants daily during the academic year. However, without a strong partnership with our students, faculty and staff, there could not be the safe environment we seek to maintain. So, let's work together to increase awareness and encourage safe practices.

Safety Begins with YOU

Though not all situations resulting in victimization are avoidable, each individual must make safe, sound decisions to help circumvent jeopardizing his or her wellbeing and that of others.

- On March 18th at the University of Central Florida, a resident student saw his roommate with a gun and immediately contacted Campus Police.
 - The student with the gun allegedly activated the fire alarm in his residence hall in what is believed to be an effort to corral multiple students in one location and randomly open fire on them.
 - The witness' quick actions diverted what would have been a routine fire alarm response to an imminent active shooter response, and potentially saved dozens of lives.

Oftentimes students, and even faculty or staff, witness activity that causes them to feel unsafe, but are reluctant to address it. Public safety officials rely on eye witness reports to alert them to both potential and actual incidents.

- You are that first line of defense, and should not be hesitant to say something when you see something of concern.

Campus Safety Initiative & Resources

This month, we are rolling out a campaign called "See Something, Say Something" to promote collaborative efforts in our campus safety program and to highlight safety resources available to students, faculty and staff. These resources include:

RamALERT – WSSU's Emergency Notification System used in the event of a campus emergency or threat to quickly warn faculty, staff, and students of the situation and any appropriate precautions they should take. Ensure that you are signed up to receive mobile text and voice notifications (www.wssu.edu/ramalert).

Ram ASSIST – WSSU's threat assessment team that provides assessment and intervention of troubling, disruptive and threatening behavior in an effort to avert activity that could affect our ability to maintain a safe and secure learning environment for the campus community. If you witness these behaviors among students, report it to the team (www.wssu.edu/ramassist).

If you have an emergency on campus, call 750-2911. For non-emergencies, call 750-2900.

Together We Preserve Campus Safety