

Campus Safety Bulletin

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“WSSU SAFETY INITIATIVE –
RAM ASSIST”



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EMERGENCIES
CALL “2911”
(336) 750-2911**

WSSU has several safety initiatives to help improve and maintain safety on campus. Ram ASSIST (Assessment of Safety, behaviorS & Intervention Support Team) is one initiative that's here to assist & support our students. WSSU Ram ASSIST provides assessment and intervention of troubling, disruptive and threatening behavior in an effort to avert activity that compromises the retention of a safe and secure learning environment for the campus community. We realize that students can be successful if connected to the appropriate resources.

Some of the objectives of Ram ASSIST are to:

- Educate/train the university community about the criteria to identify behaviors of concerns
- Review information that has been brought to the attention of the team
- Identify person/type of behaviors being described.
- Assess risk level of the behavior (using a preventative model)
- Determine appropriate intervention to address assessed behaviors
- Monitor progress of the intervention plan
- Recommend, as appropriate, additional actions by the university administration

Examples of behaviors that should be reported to Ram ASSIST are:

- Emotional outbursts (yelling or screaming or anger management issues)
- Verbal or written threats of any nature, without a clear attention
- Intimidating or harassing others
- Shift in attitude/behavioral/ emotional well being
- Material written or spoken in coursework suggesting possibly harming self or others (submit examples of writing)
- Harassment of others including sexual harassment
- Disturbing or threatening phone calls or messages (save messages on campus voice mails)
- Disruptive behavior on campus (including in classrooms)
- Concerns of physical abuse of student including self-mutilation
- Any other overt behavior that you may feel uncomfortable with, but is not necessarily an immediate physical threat

If you see a student exhibiting a behavior that is of concern and you are not sure what to do, please call the Office of the Dean of Students at 336-750-3356, or the University Counseling Center at 336-750-3270 where a member of Ram ASSIST can provide assistance. Information will be treated confidentially. You can also use the online behavior referral form. Also remember LiveSafe is another option for reporting safety concerns.