

## Emergencies on Campus

There has been some discussion on who to call regarding emergencies on campus. The majority of emergencies that the college deals with are medical followed by alarming or disruptive behavior. Dangerous behavior requiring law enforcement response is rare but they do occur.

**Medical Calls** range from *mild* medical such as twisted ankles and scrapped knees to *more serious* medical such as bleeding, feeling faint, sick to the stomach or mild seizures to the *most serious* medical such as major bleeding, strong seizures, broken limb/s, bump on the head, difficulty breathing, stroke and chest pains. For any of the *most serious* medical **911** must be called followed by a call to Campus Security, **ext 2400** or [\(805\) 730-4200](tel:(805)730-4200) so that security can assist the medical emergency crew to the proper location. The *more serious* medical is a judgment call depending on your knowledge of the student and their medical situation and general medical knowledge but always call security and be prepared to call 911. For *mild* medical call security so that we can at least document the incident and offer the individual a ride to Health & Wellness Office. Remember that even your mild medical incidents can quickly turn into a serious medical incident as pain or anxiety sets in causing a person to slip into shock.

**Alarming or Disruptive Behavior** can range from odd yet harmless, verbally aggressive/threatening, out of touch with reality, under the influence, refusing to cooperate and suicidal. Disruptive behavior is easily to recognize but some alarming behavior may be very subtle such as a change in participation during class or what is written in class papers. For very alarming, disruptive and aggressive behavioral issues call Campus Security, **ext 2400** or [\(805\) 730-4200](tel:(805)730-4200). Security will respond to take a report and direct the individual to the appropriate person or department. Some important things to remember:

- 1.) Very few suffering from mental illness are dangerous.
- 2.) **Do Not** send those who are under the influence or those acting in an aggressive manner to Health Services.
- 3.) If you feel that someone is suffering from a crisis, undergoing depression, has a sudden change in behavior or physical appearance, suicidal or anything that your gut feeling is telling you that they need help contact Health Services **ext 2298** or better yet physically walk them to Health Services if they agree to go. Remember to contact Campus Security if you suspect that the individual is suicidal because Security and Health Services often coordinates a plan of action in handling such incidents.

**Dangerous Behavior** can be described as behavior that puts the person and/or others at physical risk. Whenever observing such behavior call **911** immediately. Also call 911 if observing any criminal activity. When calling 911 please call or have someone else call Campus Security, **ext 2400** or [\(805\) 730-4200](tel:(805)730-4200). When calling 911 and Campus Security please include the following information;

- 1.) Speak slowly and give precise information to who you are and where the incident is taking place.
- 2.) How many suspects are involved and their description, (physical and clothing).
- 3.) If the suspects are fleeing record the direction they are going, mode of transportation, (make, model & color) and if possible a license plate number.
- 4.) **Do Not** approach or pursue the suspect/s due to the risk of personal injury that may occur.

For further information regarding distressed students and suicide prevention please contact Health Services at ext 2298.