

## Safety and Security Information

### Northern Maine Community College Security and Safety Campus Crime Report 2019

The following policies and procedures are provided as part of Northern Maine Community College's commitment to safety and security on campus and are in compliance with the Cleary Act of 1998. Northern Maine Community College is a public college located in the city of Presque Isle, Maine. NMCC is one of seven campuses that comprise the Maine Community College System. There are approximately 900 students currently enrolled at the college and the campus employs approximately 100 faculty and staff. The college has been firmly committed to honest and timely reporting of all crime statistics and remains so under the Jeanne Cleary Act of 1998.

#### Overview

Northern Maine Community College strives to provide a safe and secure environment for its students and employees. Numerous programs occur throughout the year which help attendees become more aware of crime and more importantly, how to help prevent it.

Annually, programs such as: Acquaintance/Date Rape, Operating Under the Influence (OUI) and Alcohol & Drug Education Programs occur on campus. Also, programs regarding self-defense, women's issues, harassment, preventing theft in the dorm and others occur on campus. All members of the campus community are encouraged to attend; look for notices in *Towards Excellence*, college email, the campus [calendar of events](#), and on campus bulletin boards.

Adding significantly to the campus' overall sense of security are the college's own Security Officers. While empowered to control and/or apprehend individuals violating laws or policies governing the safety of individuals on campus, Security personnel work closely and cooperatively with the Presque Isle Police and Fire Departments. The campus security staff also maintains radio contact with the local and State Police.

Even though NMCC strives to maintain a safe and secure environment, students and employees must know how to act and who to call in an emergency situation. Students in campus residences are instructed to contact the Presque Isle Police Department or any residential life employee who will, in turn, notify the appropriate emergency officials in accordance with campus and department policy. The residential life office is located on the first floor of Andrews Hall; the telephone number is (207) 768-2797. All other emergencies and reports of crime are to be made directly to the Presque Isle Police Department who will, in turn, notify the appropriate College official. **Remember – any emergency situation should be reported directly to the Presque Isle Police Department** who will in turn, contact NMCC personnel.

#### Emergency telephone numbers include:

**Presque Isle Police Department:** 911 or (207) 764-4476

**Presque Isle Fire Department:** 911 or (207) 768-7411

**Crown Ambulance Service:** 911 or (207) 764-6363

Anyone with questions regarding campus security and the crime awareness report are urged to contact the dean of students' office. Specific campus policies regarding conduct are found in NMCC's student handbook, catalog, Faculty & Staff Handbook, housing contract, MCCS Policy and Procedure Manual, alcohol and drug flyer, and sexual harassment brochure.

## Reporting of Criminal Actions or Emergencies

The Presque Isle Police Department, in association with the Maine State Police, is responsible for law enforcement and emergency police response at Northern Maine Community College. NMCC security personnel act in a supportive role to these two lead agencies. All emergencies or occurring criminal actions should be reported directly to the Presque Isle Police Department (911 or (207) 764-4476). The Presque Isle Police Department is located at 43 North Street, Presque Isle and is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The campus security office is located in the Akeley Student Center. Campus security can be reached at any time by dialing (207) 551-5765 (cellular). Campus security responds to all reports of criminal action or emergencies and initiates whatever action is necessary to resolve emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Crimes, not of an emergency nature, may be reported to several campus offices which will, in turn, assist the individual filing the report. The dean of students' office (207) 768-2792, the director of physical plant and technology (207) 768-2706, the director of residential life (207) 768-2795 and the campus security office (207) 760-1108 are all equipped to assist those reporting non-emergency crimes on campus.

## Procedures Victims Should Follow Should an offense Occur

Any victim of rape or sexual assault should immediately contact either NMCC campus security, the director of residential life or the Presque Isle Police Department, which will immediately respond to assist the victim in getting medical attention, then investigate the crime. At all times, the victim's rights will be protected and the victim will have input into the course of investigation. Counseling services will be provided if the victim is receptive to such services.

Counseling services are provided on the NMCC campus, free of charge, to any NMCC-registered student who is a victim of a rape or sexual assault and desires this service. The counseling office is located in Suite 104 of the A.K. Christie Building on campus (tel. (207) 768-2839). Other services are available at the location and telephone numbers listed.

Aroostook Mental Health Center Helpline	1-888-568-1112
Battered Women's Project	1-800-439-2323 or 769-8251
Sexual Assault Helpline	(207) 762-4851

## Notification of Options for Changing Living Areas or Academic Situations

Any victim of a rape or sexual assault has the right to request a change in living areas or academic situations. If an immediate threat is felt by a person, that person can and will be reassigned a room on a temporary basis until such time as the threat is removed or eliminated.

## Possible Disciplinary Sanctions for Rape and Sexual Assault

Any person found to have committed the offense of rape or sexual assault by the Northern Maine Community College Disciplinary Committee and/or the Maine Criminal Justice System will be subject to severe disciplinary sanctions which may include immediate suspension or dismissal.

## **Information Concerning Registered Sex Offenders Under Section 14071 (j) of Title 42**

The Presque Isle Police Department maintains a list of registered sex offenders in the Presque Isle community. Anyone desiring information on a specific known sex offender may receive that information by contacting the Presque Isle Police Department at (207) 764-4476. A date of birth of the sex offender will be needed.

The State of Maine maintains a list of registered sex offenders. The list is readily available on-line at the Maine Sex Registry (<http://sor.informe.org/sor/>).

Anyone without internet access who desires a complete list of the State's registered sex offenders may do so by submitting, in writing, a request to:

State Bureau of Identification  
Attn: SOR  
36 Hospital Street  
Augusta, ME 04333

Anyone desiring information on a specific known sex offender may receive that information by contacting the State Bureau of Identification at (207) 624-7100. A date of birth of the sex offender will be needed.

### **Access to campus Facilities**

Most NMCC campus building and facilities, with the exception of residence halls, are accessible to the campus community, guests and visitors during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

### **Access to Campus Residence Halls**

Exterior residence hall doors are locked at all times. Students must use an Access ID Card for access. Students are forbidden to remove exterior screens from their windows. First floor students are cautioned to keep their windows locked at all times.

### **Maintenance and Security of Campus Facilities**

NMCC maintains a strong commitment to maintaining a safe level of exterior lighting. Campus security officers routinely survey existing lights and recommend maintenance of existing light and additional illumination as required. Members of the campus community are encouraged to report any exterior lighting deficiencies to the campus maintenance department (207-768-2702) or if in the campus residence areas to the director of residential life (207-768-2795). Exterior doors on campus buildings are locked and secured each evening and security personnel check all buildings, including residence halls, throughout the night. The on-duty security officer will also survey and report any possible security problems with doors. This is given a high priority, and if the problem represents hazard a maintenance person will be called in immediately to make the necessary repairs or adjustments.

### **New Student Orientation and General Awareness Training**

New resident students are given awareness training during fall orientation and throughout the fall semester on crime prevention and reporting, and rape and assault awareness. The college's crime prevention efforts are based on the dual concepts of eliminating or minimizing criminal opportunities whenever and wherever possible, and encouraging students to be responsible for their own security and the security of others. The residential life staff is given security training during the week prior to school opening and is given refresher training during weekly staff meetings. Security is always a topic of concern among the staff because of the remoteness of the campus and the general complacency that can occur when serious incidences do not often happen. All members of the residence life staff are certified in first aid and CPR. Residential life also maintains an emergency telephone

on-call system and can provide immediate backup for any emergency call to outside emergency response authorities. The college is committed to maintaining a safe and secure campus environment so that education and personal development can continue to be our students' primary concern. Nevertheless, freedom from worry never means freedom from responsibility and awareness of the potential for crime.

### **Alcohol Awareness Program**

Northern Maine Community College along with the other colleges of the Maine Community College System view alcohol and substance abuse as a serious problem. In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities and the Drug Free Work Place Act, the college publishes and distributes annually a booklet which informs all students and employees of NMCC's substance abuse policy, sanctions for violation of the policy, and State and Federal alcohol and drug laws, offenses and sanctions. The booklet, 'Alcohol and Drugs, What every student and employee of the Maine Community College System should know about the use of alcohol and illegal drugs,' is available [online](#) or by contacting the office of the dean of students, (207) 768-2787 or the office of residential life, (207) 768-2795.

### **Alcohol Sanctions**

In general, the sanctions for underage drinking, providing alcohol to a minor, and behavior while intoxicated increase with the number of incidents and the severity of the incident. Sanctioning is administered by the director of residential life, the dean of students, or the college disciplinary committee. Sanctions include, but are not limited to, an alcohol education program, campus or community service, probation, suspension or cancellation of housing contract.

### **Law Enforcement Authority and Interagency Relationships**

Campus security and director of residential life maintain a close working relationship with the Presque Isle Police Department, the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department and the Maine State Police. College security personnel patrol the campus on foot and in a vehicle during evening hours. Their patrol routes are varied and the hours are random. They are in constant communication with each other and with appropriate authorities through hand-held, two-way radios and cellular phones. They are authorized to stop any individual on campus during the late evening hours to determine whether they can be of service to the person. They also operate as backup to the residence life staff. They do not carry weapons. Through interagency agreements between local law enforcement agencies and the security supervisor, any reports of criminal activities associated with student organizations off campus are shared or reported to the appropriate college personnel and departments.

### **Procedures for Campus Disciplinary Action**

1. The accuser and accused will have the same rights to have others present at any hearing, including the assistance of an advisor and/or legal counsel.
2. The accuser and accused will both be informed of the outcome of any such hearings when the charge is a violent act.

Victims must be informed of their options to notify proper law enforcement authorities, and their option to be assisted in doing so. If a rape or sexual assault is reported to any college official other than the security supervisor, the victim will be informed of their option to notify proper law enforcement authorities and will be assisted in doing so if requested.

The entire Student Code of Conduct is included in the Student Handbook and is available in print form from the office of the dean of students or is available on the web at:

[https://my.nmcc.edu/ICS/Students/Forms\\_and\\_Documents/](https://my.nmcc.edu/ICS/Students/Forms_and_Documents/)

## Crime Definitions from the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook

### Selected Definitions:

**Murder:** The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

**Robbery:** The taking or attempting to take anything of value of the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Aggravated Assault:** An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. That injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife or other weapon is used which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if the crime were successfully completed.

**Burglary:** The FBI's Uniformed Crime Report Handbook defines Burglary as – Breaking and Entering as the “unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. “Each room is considered a “structure.”

**Motor Vehicle Theft:** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as a motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access, even though the vehicles are later abandoned – including joy riding.)

**Weapon Law Violations:** The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

**Drug Abuse Violations:** Violation of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substance includes: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

**Liquor Law Violations:** The violation of laws or ordinance prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

**Sex Offenses – Forcible:** Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

**Sex Offenses – Non-forcible:** Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

- A. **Incest:** Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
- B. **Statutory Rape:** Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

**NMCC Crime Statistics**  
**Criminal Offenses – On campus**

<i>Total occurrences On campus</i>			
<b>Crime</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2015</b>
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0
c. Rape	0	0	0
d. Fondling	0	0	0
e. Incest	0	0	0
f. Statutory rape	0	0	0
g. Robbery	0	0	0
h. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
i. Burglary	0	0	0
j. Motor vehicle theft <i>(Does not include theft from a motor vehicle)</i>	0	2	0
k. Arson	0	0	0

**VAWA Offenses – On Campus**

<b>Crime</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2015</b>
a. Domestic violence	0	1	0
b. Dating violence	0	0	0
c. Stalking	0	1	0

**Arrests – On Campus**

**Arrest (Definition):** Persons processed by arrest, citation or summons.

<b>Crime</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2015</b>
a. Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0
b. Drug abuse violations	0	0	1
c. Liquor law violations	0	0	0

**Disciplinary Actions – On Campus**

<b>Crime</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2015</b>
a. Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	0	1	2
b. Drug abuse violations	0	1	1
c. Liquor law violations	5	11	5

\*\* Student Code of Conduct offenses referred to and adjudicated by campus disciplinary officers.

**The US Department of Education – Office of Postsecondary Education** maintains a website with information regarding crimes committed on over 6000 colleges throughout the United States. (<http://ope.ed.gov/security/>)

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Northern Maine Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. Inquiries about the College's compliance with, and policies that prohibit discrimination on, these bases may be directed to:

Affirmative Action Officer  
NMCC  
33 Edgemont Drive  
Presque Isle, ME 04769  
Telephone (207) 769-2791  
Fax (207) 768-2848  
e-mail - [bharris@nmcc.edu](mailto:bharris@nmcc.edu)  
Internet - [www.nmcc.edu](http://www.nmcc.edu)

United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights  
33 Arch Street, Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02110  
Telephone (617) 289-0111  
TTY/TDD (617) 289-0063  
Fax (617) 289-0150  
e-mail - [OCR.Boston@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.Boston@ed.gov)  
Internet - <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=oc>

Maine Human Rights Commission (MHRC)  
51 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0015  
Telephone (207) 624-6050  
TTY/TDD (207) 624-6064  
Fax (207) 624-6063  
Internet – <http://www.state.me.us/mhrc/index.shtml>

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
475 Government Center  
Boston, MA 02203  
Telephone (617) 565-3200 or 1-800-669-4000  
TTY (617) 565-3204 or 1-800-669-6820  
Fax (617) 565-3196  
Internet – <http://www.eeoc.gov/>

The College also does not discriminate on the basis of sexual preference or marital, parental, or veteran's status. Inquiries about the College's policies that prohibit discrimination on these bases may be directed to the Affirmative Action Officer or MHRC identified above.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY**

MCCS policy recognizes that substance abuse is a complex problem that is not easily resolved solely by personal effort and may require professional assistance and treatment. Accordingly, each campus and the System Office have designated an individual to assist employees and students who seek referral for a substance abuse problem.

Students, faculty and staff members with substance abuse problems are encouraged to take advantage of available diagnostic, referral, counseling and prevention services. However, employees and students availing themselves of these services will not be granted special privileges and exemptions from standard personnel practices applicable to job performance requirements and from standard academic and student conduct requirements. The MCCS will not excuse acts of misconduct committed by employees and students whose judgment is impaired due to substance abuse.