Be Safe on Campus

While crime rates at the Maricopa Community Colleges are relatively low compared to surrounding neighborhoods, no amount of crime is acceptable. Maricopa Community Colleges’ Department of Public Safety (DPS) offers professional, community-oriented services to provide a safe and secure campus for students, employees, and visitors. DPS has jurisdiction and operates as the primary police authority on all college-owned properties.

All crimes occurring on Maricopa County Community College District properties should be reported to Public Safety. The Department of Public Safety is a full authority police agency and employs highly trained and skilled police officers. The District’s Public Safety Communications Center is staffed 24 hours/seven days a week.

The Department’s dedicated men and women are committed to acting in an open and transparent manner. Harassment, threats and violence are not tolerated. Also, drugs, alcohol, tobacco and weapons are prohibited on all Maricopa Community Colleges’ properties. Each of the 10 Maricopa Community Colleges’ is a designed “Safe Place” that provides a haven and connections for youth in crisis.

A Daily Crime Log is produced for each college and is available for review at the local Public Safety office. Annual crime statistics for each college are available at: www.maricopa.edu/safety. Crime statistics are reported individually for each college.

Department of Public Safety

District Operations 24 Hours
Communications Center

(Non-Emergency) 480-784-0900
(Emergency) 480-784-0911

Local Public Safety Offices

Local Public Safety office phones may be transferred to District operations after hours.

Chandler-Gilbert 480-732-7280
Estrella Mountain 623-935-8915
Gateway 602-286-8911
Glendale 623-845-3535
Mesa 480-461-7046
Paradise Valley 602-787-7900
Phoenix College 602-285-7254
Rio Salado College 480-377-4555
Scottsdale 480-423-6175
South Mountain 602-243-8100

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The Maricopa County Community College District is an EEO/AA institution and an equal opportunity employer of protected veterans and individuals with disabilities.
Crime Prevention Tips

Protect Yourself
• Enter DPS’s emergency (480-784-0911) and non-emergency (480-784-0900) numbers into your mobile phone.
• Report suspicious or threatening behaviors to DPS.
• Do not be an easy target. Avoid distractions, especially when walking alone. Be attentive and aware of your surroundings at all times.
• Use the buddy system at night or call DPS for a safety escort.
• Have your keys ready as you approach your vehicle. Always check inside before opening the door.
• Remember, if you see something, say something!

Protect Your Stuff
• Many thefts are crimes of opportunity; don’t leave your things unattended.
• Always lock your car and do not leave valuable items inside. If you must, make sure they are not in plain sight.
• Secure your bicycle with a high-quality lock.

Protect Your Identity
• Use caution when on social media websites and do not reveal too much information.
• Do not respond to Internet or phone requests, and never use a debit card to make purchases on the phone or online.
• Store documents with personal information in a safe place; shred them when they are no longer needed.

Prepare for Emergencies
The Maricopa Community Colleges have a robust emergency preparedness program, known as the Maricopa Emergency Management System (MEMS). It uses a comprehensive communications system, including a mix of audible and visual methods, to inform people on campus about emergencies. Instructions in an emergency will most likely use one of the following common terms:

• Emergency Notification: Issued with safety instructions when immediate danger (e.g., active shooter) is present.
• Timeline Warning: Cautionary alert with safety instructions when a potential or general threat exists, such as a sexual assault on campus.
• Evacuate: Leave where you are, typically in response to a fire or hazardous materials type incident.
• Lock Down: Barricade yourself inside a building or room until further notice.
• Shelter in Place: Stay where you are, usually during a serious environmental/weather related event.

Please keep contact information you have on file with Maricopa Community Colleges up-to-date, especially your mobile number as that is often the quickest way to reach you. Learn about Maricopa Community Colleges’ emergency notification and response procedures online at maricopa.edu/mems.