

# **EL CAMINO COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*"Working in Partnership with Our Campus Community"*



## **SAFETY AND SECURITY IN THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009**

**The following information is being provided in accordance with The  
Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime  
Statistics Act of 1990**

## PURPOSE OF THIS BOOKLET

In 1998, the federal government passed the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, formerly known as *Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act* of 1990. This law requires colleges and universities receiving federal funding to disclose the reported instances of criminal activity on their campus.

The law specifically requires the reporting of violent crime, burglary, and motor vehicle theft, as well as a summary of arrests and disciplinary referrals for liquor law, drug abuse and weapons violations.

In compliance with the above law the El Camino Community College District Police Department has produced this booklet containing the required information as well as valuable safety and crime prevention information.

This information is posted on the El Camino College Police Department web site at: <http://www.elcamino.edu/police> and is available in printed form in the lobby of the El Camino Police Department. Copies of the brochure will also be mailed out upon request made by phone or e-mail.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact the El Camino Police Department at (310) 660-3100 or via electronic mail at [www.elcamino.edu/police/inquiryform.asp](http://www.elcamino.edu/police/inquiryform.asp)

## HOW WE PREPARE OUR ANNUAL CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT - "*Safety and Security in the Campus Community*"

The preparation of the Annual Campus Security Report, "*Safety and Security in the Campus Community*" is an on-going process. Every effort is made to ensure that the report is complete, accurate and in compliance with the law. This process includes the gathering of crime statistics from those individuals who have been identified on our campus as having a significant responsibility for student and campus activities and local law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction on or about the campus.

After we have collected crime statistics from the other sources, they are reconciled and compared to the records maintained by the police department to ensure that all offenses have been counted and there are no incidents being counted twice.

When all statistical information and policy changes have been received, the police department prepares the Annual Security Report and distributes the information in both a printed and on-line form. The required statistical data is also submitted to the Department of Education.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY IN THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

At the El Camino Community College District, the safety and well being of our students, faculty and staff are always at the top of our agenda. However, a truly safe campus can only be achieved through the cooperation of all students, faculty, and staff. This information is a part of our effort to ensure that this collaborative

endeavor is effective. We hope that you will read it carefully and use the information to help foster a safe environment for yourself and others on campus.

### EL CAMINO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The El Camino Community College District has a dedicated, full service police department available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The police department is located at the corner of Redondo Beach Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd. in Parking Lot K. The police department is open 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. The El Camino Police Department has the primary law enforcement jurisdiction on the campus and on all properties owned and operated by the district.

The department is empowered as a full service state law enforcement agency and fully subscribes to the standards of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.)

Officers receive the same basic training as city and county law enforcement officers throughout the state, plus additional training to meet the unique needs of a campus environment.

The department also employs police cadets and community service officers who provide a wide variety of support and service functions that assist the department in the delivery of quality law enforcement services to the campus community.

The department works closely with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies with which the department regularly meets and exchanges information critical to our mission of delivering quality law enforcement services and maintaining a safe and secure environment.

### CRIME STATISTICS

Under the federal "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act," formerly the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act, the El Camino Community College District must annually distribute statistics on the reported occurrences of the following offenses:

- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Sex Offenses
- Forcible (rape, sodomy, rape with a foreign object, and forcible fondling, sexual battery)
- Non-Forcible (incest and statutory rape)
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson
- Hate Crimes (where there is evidence of victim selection based on actual or perceived race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability)

- Arrests or persons referred for campus disciplinary action for liquor law violations, drug abuse violations and weapons possession.

These offenses must be reported according to their occurrence in the following location categories:

- El Camino College Campus
- Public Property Reasonably Contiguous to the Campus
- Non-Campus Buildings

### CAMPUS CRIME REPORTING PROCEDURES

Working together, safety at El Camino College is everyone's business. No community, of course, can be totally risk free in today's society. Students, faculty and visitors are partners in creating an atmosphere that is safe and conducive for teaching and learning. The El Camino Police Department encourages the reporting of any crime or suspicious activity by contacting the police department.

The El Camino Police Department is the primary agency for reporting and investigating all crimes that occur on the El Camino Campus. Any instances of criminal activity occurring on the El Camino College campus should be reported to the El Camino Police Department.

You may contact the police department by calling (310) 660-3100, dialing 3100 from an on-campus District telephone, dialing 911 from any campus pay phone, using one of the many "Blue Phones" that are located throughout the campus or by coming into the police department which is located in Parking Lot K at the corner of Redondo Beach Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd.

When a crime is reported to the El Camino College Police Department, a police officer will take a report outlining the circumstances of the incident, as well as any other pertinent information. The report is forwarded to the investigations unit, where the investigator reviews the report and evidence with the intent to determine the cause and perpetrator(s) of the crime.

In all instances of criminal activity, the police department works to determine the exact nature and perpetrator(s) of the crime for the purpose of developing a viable criminal case to be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

In all cases where a student is considered a suspect, the police department will also forward the case information to the Director of Student Development for review and action as a possible violation of the Standards of Student Conduct.

The police department does accept voluntary, confidential reports. The police department does encourage professional counselors to inform persons they are counseling, of the desirability to make a formal crime report with the police department.

## GENERAL BUSINESS LINE

El Camino Police Department (310) 660-3100 or dial extension 3100 from any District telephone.

## EMERGENCIES

Dial 9-911 from any District telephone or press the "POLICE" button on your telephone, pick up any of the red phones located in many of the buildings, press the button on any of the "POLICE" phones located in the parking lots and along many of the campus walkways or call (310) 660-3100 from a cellular telephone.

## WHAT POLICE WILL WANT TO KNOW WHEN YOU CALL

Police need to know basic information about the crime or incident you are reporting. Expect to hear these types of questions:

Where:

- Where are you now?
- Where did the crime happen?
- If the suspects are gone, where did they go? In what direction?
- Did they use a car or some other transportation? Did you get a license number?

What:

- What exactly happened or is happening? Describe the situation in complete detail.
- What are the suspect's physical characteristics? (race, sex, height, weight, hair color, etc.)
- What was the suspect wearing?

When:

- When did the crime happen? Is it still in progress? (This is very important and will determine the level of response.)

Who:

- Who are you? What phone number and location are you calling from?
- Don't hang up the phone until the dispatcher tells you to do so. You may be put on hold while the dispatcher contacts emergency responders.

## CRIME PREVENTION

One of the essential ingredients of any successful crime prevention program is an informed public. It is the El Camino Police Department's intent to inform students

and staff of any criminal activity or security problems that may pose a reasonable threat to their physical safety. Such information will normally be distributed to students through this brochure and other campus publications.

Because a critical element of a campus safety program is training, the El Camino College Office of Safety and Health will present safety programs, seminars and discussions on such topics as sexual assault awareness and personal safety on and off campus. You may reach the Office of Safety and Health by calling (310) 660-3374.

All effective crime prevention programs include some measure of people watching out for one another. All staff and students are asked to stay alert and aware of what is going on around them, and remain security conscious and involved.

### CAMPUS SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The El Camino Police Department provides a wide variety of safety services as part of our efforts to provide quality police services to the campus community. Some of these programs and services include, but are not limited to, the following:

#### Police Department Patrols

The El Camino College Police Department uses uniformed and non-uniformed officers to patrol the campus and surrounding areas in cars, on bicycles, and on foot 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. These patrols are conducted on all roadways and walkways of the campus, as well as in and through the buildings.

#### Campus Police Telephones

There are police phones located throughout the campus that provide members of the campus community with direct access to the police department. These phones ring into the police department dispatch center and are operational 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The police department conducts a regular inspection of the police phones to insure that they are in good working order and works closely with the Facilities Planning and Services Division to arrange for repair of telephones that are found to be in need of service.

#### Campus Courtesy Shuttle

The El Camino Police Department operates a campus courtesy shuttle service on campus Monday through Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. You may obtain this service by calling (310) 660-3100 from any pay phone on campus or by calling from any of the "Police" phones.

#### Campus Escort Service

The El Camino Police Department provides an escort service to anyone on campus. A cadet, C.S.O. or police officer will escort you on campus if you feel your safety is in question. You may obtain this service by calling (310) 660-3100 from any pay phone or by calling from any of the "Police" phones.

### Crime Prevention/Awareness Presentations

The El Camino Police Department Community Oriented Policing Unit (C.O.P.S.) is comprised of officers who will come and speak to your office, class, club, or organization. The officers speak about the myths and realities of crime on campus and how you can stay safe. If you would like to have an officer speak to your organization, please contact the Community Oriented Policing Unit at (310) 660-3100 or stop by the police department.

### Police Advisory Committee

The El Camino Police Department has a police advisory committee that meets on a monthly basis to discuss the delivery of police services to the campus community. The committee is made up of members of the campus community and they assist the District and Chief of Police with setting priorities and in the delivery of police services to the campus community.

### Crime Prevention Month Activities

In recognition of National Campus Safety Awareness Month in September and National Crime Prevention Month in October, the police department sponsors several crime prevention activities. The activities are normally held in the center of campus and flyers are posted around campus announcing the events. Some of the activities have included: Vehicle Security Fair, Law Enforcement Expo and Recruitment Fair, Driving Under the Influence Workshop. We invite members of the campus community to participate in these activities and learn how one can be better prepared.

### Crime Prevention Literature

The El Camino Police Department maintains a wide variety of crime prevention material in the lobby of the police department. This material deals with a wide variety of topics such as: personal safety, sexual assault awareness, home security, vehicle security, domestic violence prevention, etc. Please stop in the police department or stop by the police department information booth on campus and avail yourself of this valuable information.

### El Camino Police Department Web Site

The El Camino Police Department maintains a web site to provide the campus community with information about the police department and the services provided. We also maintain the Crime Awareness and Campus Security information on this site for access by students, employees and prospective students and employees. This information is regularly updated to keep the campus community informed.

### Police Beat in El Camino "Union" Campus Newspaper

The El Camino Police Department works closely with the student newspaper, the "Union," to report all criminal and unusual incidents that have occurred on campus. We consider our relationship with the student newspaper a real asset to the campus community and an excellent way to keep the campus informed about what type of

incidents have occurred on campus. We applaud our student newspaper staff for assisting us in getting this important information out to the campus community.

### Campus Lighting

The campus is on a continual quest. The police department completes a regular inspection of campus lighting and works closely with the Facilities, Planning and Services Division to repair inoperative lighting and to install additional lighting where a need has been identified.

### C.O.P.S. - Community Oriented Policing Information Booth

The El Camino College Police Department Community Oriented Policing Unit sets up a table on the inner-campus periodically throughout the semester to be available to the campus community. We encourage members of our campus community to stop by the table, meet our department personnel, and avail themselves of the crime prevention information on display. We look forward to meeting you.

### HOW WE REPORT CRIME TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

In addition to the yearly statistics provided in this brochure and on our web site, our department will make periodic reports, or Crime Alerts, to the campus community of recent crimes that may affect the quality of life in the greater campus community. These reports are intended to raise awareness regarding criminal activity so that the community can increase or implement personal safety strategies.

Crime Alerts will be distributed through the following means:

- The El Camino Police Department Web Site at [www.elcamino.edu/Police](http://www.elcamino.edu/Police)
- Flyers posted on the kiosks located around campus
- Flyers distributed to the various offices and divisions on campus

### VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

The El Camino Police Department is committed to assisting victims of crimes. The Community Oriented Policing Unit offers many services and referrals to professional psychological/social service agencies, accompaniment to court (if needed) and by providing support and information.

### ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

Most campus buildings are open from 6:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Campus Police may question anyone who does not appear to have authorization to be in a building after hours. Campus buildings are locked after normal hours and on holidays. Staff and faculty are asked to contact Campus Police when entering a building or facility after normal hours.

It is the responsibility of those using rooms and offices to lock doors, turn-off lighting, and close all windows upon leaving. Campus Police personnel will check

areas after hours but the primary responsibility for security lies with the user of the facility.

We cannot stress enough the importance of making sure campus facilities are secured when not in use. By working together we can prevent a vast majority of thefts and vandalism that occur to campus facilities left unsecured.

#### KEYS TO DISTRICT FACILITIES

Keys are provided to staff members on a need-to-enter basis as determined by the appropriate manager. Lost or stolen keys must be reported immediately to Campus Police and the employee's manager or supervisor. Keys may not be loaned to other staff members or to students. Campus Police will confiscate any keys, which have not been specifically issued to a particular individual. Unauthorized duplication and illegal possession of keys is a misdemeanor.

#### MAINTENANCE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

The El Camino College Facilities Planning and Services Division (FPS) is responsible for the maintenance of district facilities. The Police Department and FPS Division work closely to insure the district facilities are maintained for safety and security.

#### DISTRICT PROPERTY

No district property may be removed from campus without expressed permission from the District. Unauthorized removal of property from campus is a violation of the law and District policy.

#### SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

In accordance with Public Law 101-226, "Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989," the Board of Trustees of the El Camino Community College District prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on El Camino College property or at any El Camino College sponsored or sanctioned activity.

In accordance with Board Policy 3550 "Drug Free environment and Prevention Program", El Camino College has a substance abuse education program, which includes special presentations, health classes, workshops and programs.

Any student or employee in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from El Camino College or termination from employment for violations of District Policy.

The possession, use or sale of alcoholic beverages by anyone on El Camino College property is a misdemeanor as per California Business and Professions Code 25608 and a violation of the El Camino Community College District Standards of Conduct.

Use, sale or possession of any illegal drug is a violation of California state law and the policy of the El Camino Community College District.

Any person found in violation of laws pertaining to alcohol or drugs may be subject to arrest by the Campus Police Department. Criminal prosecution is separate from any administrative discipline that may be imposed by the District.

### WEAPONS POSSESSION

It is a serious violation of the law to possess a firearm or certain knives on District property. Section 626.9 of the California Penal Code makes it a felony to bring or to possess a firearm or certain knives on the grounds or within buildings of the El Camino Community College District without the written permission of the president of the District or the president's designee.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE INFORMATION

If you have been sexually assaulted, it is important that you seek help immediately. The District has provided a number of ways for you to get assistance, and you can choose the one(s) that you feel most comfortable with.

This section outlines the procedures the campus follows in responding to reports of sexual assault. It assumes that the incident occurred on or near campus. Many of the procedures and services described here also apply if the incident happens off campus or if the individual reporting the assault is not a student or staff member.

The emergency telephone numbers are 9-911 (from campus extensions), 911 from pay telephones (no coins required), or (310) 660-3100 from a cellular telephone. Police officers have your well being as their primary concern. Members of the police department have had specialized training in handling sexual assault cases and treat you with respect and sensitivity. They will ensure that you are taken promptly to a physician for medical care and, if appropriate, collection of vital evidence required for proof of possible criminal activity.

- ✓ When an incident is reported to the Campus Health Center, the individual to whom the report is made shall inform the victim of her or his option to notify the El Camino College Police Department or the local police department of the incident.
- ✓ The victim shall also be informed of the importance of preserving evidence required for proof of possible criminal activity and of the availability of the institutional personnel to assist the victim in notifying the authorities of the incident, upon the victim's request. The victim shall also be informed of the existing on and off campus counseling, mental health, and other resources availability.
- ✓ The victim is informed that medical evidence can be collected at the same time as medical care is provided.
- ✓ Under these circumstances, the victim is informed that the State will bear the cost of the medical exam and is instructed not to bathe, shower, or douche so that important medical evidence can be preserved.
- ✓ Although the victim is not required to notify the law enforcement agency regarding the incident, the person to whom the report is being made shall contact the police department to inform them that a sexual assault may have occurred so that they can coordinate the campus' response to the incident.

- ✓ After the El Camino Police Department is contacted, a uniformed officer will be dispatched to take the report. The victim may request a male or female officer to take the report and this request will be accommodated whenever possible.
- ✓ With the consent of the victim, a full police report will be taken by a campus police officer who accompanies the victim to the hospital. At the request of the victim, a friend, family member or other designated person may be present.
- ✓ The officer will accompany the victim to the hospital. The officer will advise the victim regarding hospital procedures and the availability of assistance through the Campus Health Center and the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center.
- ✓ An El Camino Police Officer will be assigned to further investigate the criminal allegations and explain the legal process to the victim. The officer shall present a completed written investigation to the District Attorney's office for review and filing of criminal charges.
- ✓ If the victim is unwilling to report the matter to the police or to be transported to the hospital by the police, he or she is then urged to seek assistance immediately from the Campus Health Center or the Sexual Assault Crisis Agency for coordination of medical care and assistance counseling, and other available support alternatives.
- ✓ The victim is also informed that he or she may seek the assistance of the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center or other resource for advocacy support and assistance throughout the complaint process.
- ✓ If the victim is a student, he or she may request changes in his or her academic situation or that of the alleged assailant, after the victim has made a report of an assault, and the District shall grant any reasonable request for such change.
- ✓ When a student reports being sexually assaulted by another student, the Dean of Enrollment Services shall conduct a timely investigation of the allegations into a possible violation of the Standards of Student Conduct in the case and interview any witnesses as needed.
- ✓ The individual charged with sexual assault is entitled to due process and will be given notice and a full opportunity to respond to the allegation made against her or him. The individual can seek representation, may have the same opportunity as the student who reported being assaulted to have a non-participating observer present during the proceedings, and is entitled to information about the campus policy on rape and sexual assault and the procedures that will be followed to address the issues.
- ✓ If the District imposes disciplinary sanctions, the student who reports being sexually assaulted is informed of the outcome, and the charged student may appeal the action as set forth in the Standards for Student Conduct.

#### Megan's Law ~ Sex Offender Registration Requirements & Information

The State of California requires sex offenders to register with the police in the jurisdiction in which they reside. The State makes this information available to law

enforcement agencies. The information is available to the public at some local police departments and sheriff's offices.

California state law also requires sex offenders that are enrolled, employed, or carrying on a vocation with or without compensation at an institution of higher education to register with the college/university police.

California law and CA DOJ's Megan's web allows the public to view information about "serious" and "high risk" sexual offenders that may be residing in their community. This enables the public to be aware of potential risks in their community. The public can then make informed decisions when taking safety precautions to protect themselves and their children from sex offenders.

The El Camino College Police Department does not provide public access to the Department of Justice (DOJ) Megan's Law program. There are several agencies in the local community where a member of the public can access this information. This program makes available to the public information regarding specified sex offenders via the Megan's Web program, in accordance with existing federal and state laws.

Public access to viewing the Megan's Web program is generally by appointment, and it is recommended that you call the agency before going to find out what hours the information is accessible.

Individuals are required to show a photo ID as well as sign a statement attesting that he/she is not a registered sex offender, understands the purpose of the release of information, and understands it is unlawful to use the information obtained to commit a crime against any sex offender registrant or engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of any registrant.

The statement is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act. A copy of the statement may be made available to law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes.

To make an appointment for more information about the viewing of the Megan's Law program, please contact the following agencies that make this information available to the public.

L. A. County Sheriff's Department  
(310) 671-7531/(562) 465-7825

Manhattan Beach Police Department  
(310) 802-5100

Redondo Beach Police Department  
(310) 379-2477 ext: 2635

In addition to viewing the Megan's Law program, you may call the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Sex Offender Identification Line at 1-900-448-3000. The 900 fee based telephone service provides information about California's registered sex offenders for a flat rate of \$10.00 for information on up to two subjects. Parents concerned about an individual's behavior around a child and organizations and groups that provide child related services may use this information specifically to protect children who may be put at risk. When you dial the number

you will hear a message about the service and will then be connected with a specialist from DOJ who will perform a records check on the person(s) you are inquiring about. It is illegal to use the information obtained from the DOJ information line or Megan's Web to discriminate or harass any sex offender registrant. To use the California Sex Offender Information Line you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Provide your name
- Have a reasonable suspicion that a person is at risk; and
- Provide the state and county you are calling from

In addition, you must provide a name(s) and at least one of the following about the subjects(s) you are checking:

- An exact address; or
- Exact date of birth; or
- CA Drivers License, identification, or Social Security number; or
- A complete description of the subject

### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS ON AND OFF CAMPUS

#### On Campus

- Be especially aware of your surroundings at times when you may be less alert and more vulnerable to an attack; e.g., during exams, when you are upset, sick, or tired.
- Use discretion and caution when taking shortcuts through isolated parts of campus.
- Know the location of emergency phones on routes to and from class.
- Keep personal belongings in view while in class, the library or lab.
- Wherever you are, on campus or off, if you see or hear someone who might be in trouble, your options include running, yelling, confronting, and calling the police.
- Learn self-defense techniques by enrolling in a self-defense class.
- Use the Escort service by calling Campus Police.
- Ride the campus courtesy shuttle from 6:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday evenings.

#### Using ATM Machines

- If you feel threatened while using the ATM, push the cancel button to cancel your transaction. Just walk away and complete your transaction later.
- Avoid using an ATM at night. Most ATM crimes occur between 7:00 PM and Midnight.
- If you must use an ATM at night take another person with you.
- Check around the ATM first to make sure no one is lurking in the shadows.
- Use machines that can be clearly seen from a street or public area.
- Use machines that are inside buildings or in well-lighted areas.

#### In an Apartment.....At Home

- Install and use locks on your doors and windows.

- Have your locks changed, re-keyed or add a new lock when you move into a new house or apartment.
- Keep doors locked day or night whether you are home or not.
- Know who is at the door before opening it. Demand I.D's from anyone you don't know.
- If someone comes to your door and asks to use your phone to call for help, offer instead to make the call.
- If you live in an apartment, be alert when in the laundry or garage area by yourself.
- Close your blinds and shades at night.
- Give your home a "someone home" look. Put radio and lights on a timer.
- Have good lighting around entrances.
- Develop an escape plan for use in case of an intruder or fire.
- Leave spare keys with a friend, not in accessible places.
- Know your neighbors and know which ones you can trust in an emergency.
- Keep emergency numbers near the phone.

### On the Street...While Walking

- Act confident. Look and be alert about the people around you.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Cross the street or change direction if you think you are being followed.
- Be careful when people ask you for directions. Reply from a distance rather than getting too close to a car.
- Travel with a friend whenever possible to reduce the chances of being attacked. This includes going to public restrooms.
- Wear clothes and shoes that give freedom of movement.
- Vary your route if possible.
- Consider carrying pepper spray for personal protection. Know how to use it and have it readily available when out in public.
- Notice cars that pull up beside you or pass you more than once.
- Keep one hand free when walking.
- Carry change for bus fare or a telephone call.
- Do not hesitate to get attention however you can if you are in trouble. Do not be afraid to make a scene.
- If you travel a regular route at night, become familiar with stores that stay open, gas stations, and other places where there will be people.
- If you use a wheelchair, try to check your destinations ahead of time for accessible entrances.
- For an emergency, use a public phone to dial 911 (no coin is necessary).

### Driving a Car

- Have your keys in your hand as you approach your car.
- Lock your doors when driving and after parking.
- Check the back seat and floor.
- Always keep at least a half tank of gas in your car.
- Maintain the car in good running condition.
- Keep your valuables out of sight, under the seat, in the glove compartment or trunk.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Try to be especially alert in parking structures.
- Avoid parking next to vans, as you can be pulled in through the sliding door.

- If you have car trouble, signal for help by raising the hood or tying a handkerchief to the door. Remain in the car with doors locked until identifiable help arrives.
- Should another motorist offer to help, roll down window only an inch and ask him or her to call the police or auto club.
- Keep an emergency kit containing a flashlight, flares, telephone change, distress signs and other essentials in your car.

### On the Telephone

- Be wary of telephone surveys.
- List only your first initial and last name in the telephone directory.
- Think about the information you give out over the telephone and to people you don't know well. Tell roommates and housemates not to give information by phone about who is home, who is out, how long anyone is expected to be out.
- Never reveal your number to a wrong number caller.
- If you receive a threatening or obscene phone call, hang up. Blow a loud whistle or leave the phone off the hook. Contact the police and make a report.
- Answering machines may be used to screen calls. Your outgoing message should not say that you are away from home.

### On an Elevator

- Check the inside of an elevator before entering. Wait for the next elevator if you are unsure of the people inside.
- When riding an elevator, stand by the control board. If you feel in danger, press all the buttons and get off the elevator as soon as possible.
- All elevators on the El Camino College campus are equipped with emergency phones.

### On Public Transportation

- Check the bus schedule to avoid long waits at the bus stop. Become familiar with routes and timetables in your area.
- Wait for buses at well-lighted stops.
- If possible, join other people at a nearby stop.
- If someone bothers you on the bus, say loudly, "Leave me alone" or "No". Get up and find another seat. Tell the driver.
- Stay awake on public transportation if you are alone.
- Notice who else gets off at your stop. If you feel someone is following you, walk towards a populated area. Avoid walking directly home.
- Be aware that hitchhiking can be very dangerous.

### While Cycling

- Use reflectors, reflective tape, or other similar devices on cycling shoes, fenders, belts, frames, pedals and handlebars.

- Keep to the right. Ride with traffic, not against it.
- Use hand signals to indicate turning or stopping.
- Ride defensively.
- Use bicycle paths whenever possible.
- Walk your bicycle across busy intersections.
- Perform regular maintenance checks.
- Wear appropriate clothing.
- Park your bike in an open, well lighted, frequently traveled area.
- Secure it properly. The "U" bolt locks provide the best protection. Consult the Community Oriented Policing Unit of the El Camino College Police Department for more information.
- Report any suspicious person you may see loitering around bicycle racks.
- Always use a bike light and rear tail lamp when riding at night.

### While Jogging

- Be aware of your environment.
- If possible, consider jogging with a friend.
- Choose well-traveled running paths and be aware of any isolated areas you will run through.
- Vary your route.
- At night, wear light colored clothing or wear reflective markings.
- Tell your roommate or friend your route and expected time of return.
- If approached by a car while running alone, do not stop to give directions or answer questions. Leave the road and head for a populated area.
- Don't let yourself be surprised. Listening to your headset may make you unable to hear approaching traffic, emergency sirens or any other danger signals.

### If Attacked...Self-Defense

- If someone tries to grab your purse, let it go. Most injuries from robberies occur when people resist and refuse to comply with the robber's demands.
- If you are attacked, whether you resist and how you resist will depend on your personal resources and your personal values. Give some thought right now to what you would do in various situations that could arise. The more you have thought ahead, the more likely you will be to act in the way you've planned.
- Have you taken a self-defense class? Do you think you could hit or kick someone who is attacking you? Do you know how to get away from someone grabbing you? What objects could you use to defend yourself?
- In considering your reactions to different situations, keep these three basic rules in mind:
  - 1) Trust your instincts.
  - 2) Don't be afraid to be impolite or make a scene; this is especially important, even if it is someone you know.
  - 3) Try to remain calm--use your imagination and good judgment give yourself time to think.

### If You Are Sexually Assaulted

- Go to a safe place that has a phone.
- Call the police, rape crisis hotline, a friend or family member. Tell someone.

- DO NOT wash hands, bathe, shower, douche, change clothes or straighten up the area. This destroys evidence.
- Reporting is your choice. If you do not report, try to write down the details of the assault and save them in case you change your mind.
- Whether you report or not, get medical attention for treatment of external and/or internal injuries and test for sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy.
- Take time to recover. Get counseling.

**EL CAMINO COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CRIME STATISTICS REPORTED TO THE EL CAMINO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2005-2007**

Crime Definitions	El Camino College Campus			Public Property Areas Contingent to Campus			Non-Campus Buildings		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses									
Forcible Sex Offenses									
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Fondling	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses									
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	6	2	3	0	2	3	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	9	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Burglary	4	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Arson	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	15	30	1	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes (by prejudices)</b>									
Race	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gender	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Orientation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethnicity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Arrests</b>									
Liquor Law Violations	2	5	10	0	0	2	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	37	28	45	13	14	27	0	0	0
Weapon Violations	5	2	7	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Disciplinary Referrals*</b>									
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapon Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*In accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act we have requested crime and arrest data from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, Torrance Police Department and the Gardena Police Department for the public areas that surround the campus. All information obtained from these agencies has been included in the above statistical data.*

*\*All disciplinary referrals involving students were also handled by the Police Department and are included in the department arrest statistical totals*