

CRIME PREVENTION: YOU CAN HELP

DSCC is concerned about the safety and security of employees, students and visitors on campus. By using good security habits, you can assist us in safeguarding individuals, your property and College property.

Active cooperation from the public is the key to reducing criminal opportunity. With your help, your risk of becoming a crime victim is reduced.

SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

You can help prevent crime if you report and are aware of:

- suspicious persons
- questionable actions
- dangerous conditions

REPORTING CRIME

For emergencies, call 911.

If you are the victim or a witness of any crime, no matter how minor it may appear to you, call DSCC Security at:

Dyersburg Campus

- Dial 910 or 731-589-3250

DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

- Dial 1397 or 901-201-1344

•If you are the victim or a witness of any crime at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County or the DSCC Henry County Center, report the information to the front desk.

•Your promptness in reporting a crime increases the chance of the suspect being apprehended and preventing future criminal activity.

•DSCC Security notifies appropriate police departments of all felony crimes and provides a monthly crime report to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. A summary of the most recent crime statistics is included in the Annual Security Report available at dsc.edu/security.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Personal Safety

•Be alert to your surroundings at all times.

•Report any suspicious person to the emergency contact listed for your location on the front of this brochure.

•Keep windows and doors secure.

•Walk with a friend using well-lighted and heavily traveled walkways.

•If you sense danger, yell or scream, or create a commotion.

•Never let an attacker take you to a second location. Second locations are where the most savage crimes take place.

Walking/Working at Night

•Use the buddy system while on campus or at a center. Park and walk with other employees or students to your vehicle. If this is not possible, contact security at 731-589-3250 in Dyersburg, 901-201-1344 in Covington or the administrative office at Paris at 731-407-7300.

•Walk near the curb and avoid walkways that pass close to shrubbery, dark doorways and other places of concealment.

•Avoid shortcuts and stay in well-lit areas.

Money & Credit Cards

•Do not leave your purse or wallet lying in a visible place. Keep it locked in a secure location whenever possible. Carry only the amount of money you will need.

•Lock your door when you leave the room. It takes about eight seconds for someone to walk into an open room and remove an item.

•Make a list of all credit cards and their numbers, and put the list in a safe place. If possible keep your credit cards separate from your wallet.

Keys

•Do not loan your keys to anyone. Keys can be lost or duplicated.

•If you are entrusted with a key to a specific area,

make sure the door is locked when you leave. Remember, as long as you hold a key to any given area, you are given the responsibility of keeping that area secure.

Safety In Your Vehicle

•Look in the back seat before getting in to see if anyone is hiding there, even if the door is locked.

•Have your keys in hand, so you don't have to linger before entering the vehicle.

•Do not pick up hitchhikers.

•If you suspect that someone is following you, drive to the nearest business and sound your horn.

•Always lock your vehicle upon entering and leaving.

Fire

•Activate fire alarm.

•Evacuate the building as directed.

Sexual Assault

•DO NOT activate fire alarm.

•Contact security and the DSCC Title IX coordinator or the Dean of Student Services

Bomb Threats or Chemical/Gas Leak or Toxic Fume Release

•DO NOT activate fire alarm.

•Evacuate the building as directed.

Suicidal Crisis Intervention or Homicidal Crisis Intervention or Intruder

•DO NOT activate fire alarm.

•Follow Emergency Plan as directed.

Earthquake

•Evacuate the building as directed.

Tornado Watch/Warning

•Find the designated shelter area.

CAMPUS SEX CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act and the Tennessee College and University Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2002 require convicted "Sexual Offenders" to register with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). For requirements and information, please access <http://www.tn.gov/tbi/general-information/tennessee-sex-offender-registry.html>

Children

Children at the centers or on campus must be under the supervision of an adult at all times.

Security Personnel

•A full-time Security Officer is on duty on the Dyersburg campus weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and may be contacted by calling 731-589-3250. On Saturday and Sunday, a Security Officer is on duty from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

•The DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County has a Security Officer on duty Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to Noon.

•Temporary security personnel are also employed for special events as needed.

•Campus Security officers are noncommissioned and do not carry weapons.

Campus and Center Facilities

•Phones which are located in hallways of each building at the Dyersburg campus, the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County and the DSCC Henry County Center may be used without charge to contact 911 in case of an emergency.

•Fire alarms, fire extinguishers, and exit maps are located on each floor. Drills to practice emergency procedures for fires, earthquakes, and tornadoes are scheduled each semester.

•All personnel and visitors on campus or at our centers are subject to the rules and regulations of the College, the Tennessee Board of Regents, and all applicable federal and state laws.

CAMPUS FACILITIES (cont'd)

• College facilities are restricted to faculty, staff, students and guests of the College except during scheduled events open to the public.

• College personnel are authorized to check identification.

• Please refer to the Student Handbook section of the *2023-2024 DSCC Catalog and Student Handbook* available online at <https://catalog.dsccl.edu> for a complete statement regarding student conduct and discipline.

• Safety and security have been considered in the landscaping and lighting on all College property. If you are aware of potentially unsafe conditions, you are encouraged to contact the Physical Plant Director at 731-286-3250 or 731-676-8932.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages on College property is prohibited.

WEAPONS STATEMENT

It is unlawful for a student or visitor to carry an open or concealed weapon on College property. It is not unlawful for these individuals to possess a weapon that is unloaded, securely locked, out of sight in their personal vehicle. This weapon must not be handled in any manner while on College property.

In July of 2016, it became legal for full-time faculty and staff Handgun Carry Permit holders to carry a **concealed** weapon on the college location to which they are assigned. Faculty and staff permit holders who wish to carry a weapon on a DSCC location must register with each of the local Police Departments in the cities they are employed. Please review each policy or code for full restrictions. TBR Policy 7:01:00:00, T.C.A. § 39-17-1309, T.C.A. § 39-1351.

ILLEGAL DRUGS

The College is committed to maintaining a drug-free environment in accordance with the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988. The unlawful use, possession, sale or distribution of any drug or controlled substance on College property is strictly prohibited.

IN AN EMERGENCY

Please refer to the emergency numbers for your location on the front of this brochure.

HATE CRIME

A hate crime is defined as a crime which in whole or part is motivated by the offender's bias toward the victim's status. A hate incident is an action in which a person is made aware that her/his status is offensive to another, but does not rise to the level of a crime. Hate crime and hate incidents are reportable to Security.

CRIME AT DSCC 2023 Annual Report

Pursuant to the Federal "Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act" of 1990 and the "Tennessee College and University Security Information Act" of 1989, a summary of the most recent crime statistics is included in the Annual Security Report available at dsccl.edu/security.



About DSCC

Dyersburg State Community College is an open access, learning-centered institution that serves nine counties in West Tennessee. Founded in 1969, DSCC's vision is to elevate the region's educational attainment thereby enhancing the quality of life in West Tennessee. The home campus of DSCC is in Dyersburg, and centers are located in Covington and Paris. DSCC offers Tennessee Transfer Pathways programs, career technical certificates and degrees, learning support courses, continuing education and public service programs. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the associate degree. Learning is enhanced by a variety of College organizations, state of the art technology and intercollegiate athletic programs.



Dyersburg State Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, ethnicity or national origin, sex, disability, age, status as a protected veteran or any other class protected by Federal or State laws and regulations and by Tennessee Board of Regents policies with respect to employment, programs, and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies: Equity Officer, equity@dsccl.edu, E.B. Eller Administration Building, Room 200, 1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024, Ph: 731-286-3316, or Director of Human Resources, Title IX Coordinator, aewest@dsccl.edu, E.B. Eller Administration Building, Room 200, 1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024, Ph: 731-286-3316. Dean of Student Services, Deputy Title IX Coordinator, fultz@dsccl.edu, Student Center, Room 123, 1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024, Ph: 731-286-3234. The Dyersburg State Community College policy on nondiscrimination can be found at <https://www.dsccl.edu/node/6332>. PUB 08_23_060

College Safety and Security



Emergency Telephone Numbers Emergency (All Locations)

911

You must inform the 911 operator of your location, i.e. building and room number.

Other Emergency Numbers:

[Dyersburg Campus](#)

Campus phone: dial 910

Campus Security: 731-589-3250

[DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County](#)

Center phone: dial 1397

Campus Security: 901-201-1344