

Reporting Crimes During Remote Learning or Working

Now that the Florida Poly Community has had time away from campus and an opportunity to think and reflect, individuals may find it necessary to make an incident report. Some might be experiencing stressful or even harmful living situations due to imposed work restrictions, i.e. working from home, finances, etc. It is important to identify how and when you can report an alleged criminal offense or policy violation during this time.

This document has been designed to provide useful information, circumstances, and reporting avenues to make this process easier for you.

You can report any criminal activity to the local police jurisdiction in which you live or if it is an emergency, dial 911. If any criminal activity is committed on or off campus it still falls under disciplinary actions pertaining to the student/faculty/staff handbooks. If you are unsure what police jurisdiction you are in, you can report it to the [University Police](#) and we will provide you with the reference to the appropriate jurisdiction for you to report to.

While we are away from campus, you are encouraged to report any crime to law enforcement. Doing so enables the members of our campus to take advantage of all available resources. Even though we may not be on-campus, we are still available to help as your fellow Florida Poly Phoenixes.

Anonymous Witness Program

Another available option to report any criminal or policy violations is via the Anonymous Witness Program. This program is designed to provide students, faculty and staff the ability to report suspicious activity and crimes on campus while remaining anonymous. You can simply fill out the [Anonymous Witness Form](#). You will not be contacted, unless you provide contact information. All tips remain anonymous and confidential. Please keep in mind this program is intended to assist the Florida Polytechnic University Police Department and is not intended for crimes in progress or for emergencies. In those instances, please call 911 for an emergency or 863-874-8472.

Reporting Crimes

The University maintains crime statistics that have been reported to local police and campus security authorities for the University as well as certain non-campus properties and public property areas. This data must be disclosed for the three most recent calendar years. The following categories of crimes are examples of what should be reported:

- Homicide (i.e. murder and non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter)
- Sex offenses (i.e. rape, fondling, incest, statutory rape)
- Robbery
- Aggravated assault
- Burglary

- Motor vehicle theft
- Arson
- Domestic Violence
- Dating Violence
- Stalking
- Hate Crimes (race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability, national origin, gender identity)

Sex Offenses

If you are the survivor of a sexual battery, sexual assault, or date or acquaintance rape and you do not wish to report immediately to law enforcement, help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can call the Lakeland Police Department at (863) 834-6966 and ask to speak with a victim advocate. Every Police Department has an advocate that can assist you if you are in a different jurisdiction. An advocate can discuss all options so survivors can make an informed decision to receive appropriate referrals and resources specifically designed for this type of victimization. An advocate is always available to assist you with or without a police report.

Recommendations for Sexual Offenses:

- Call for an advocate.
- Consider filing a police report (recommended but not required).
- Do not change your clothing.
- Do not wash your body or clothes.
- Do not alter or change the scene of the crime.

Title IX

Maintaining a campus free of sex discrimination, including sexual misconduct and sexual harassment, is important for all students and employees.

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” – *Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 to the 1964 Civil Rights Act*

The Title IX coordinator is responsible for monitoring compliance with regulations and is responsible for receiving complaints of sexual harassment, including sexual assault, sexual violence, relationship (domestic/dating) violence, stalking or other sexual misconduct. Reports of sexual misconduct should be reported to the coordinator who monitors/ensures Florida Poly’s compliance with Title IX and responds to reports of sexual misconduct by providing outreach, resources and investigations. You can find more information on sexual misconduct here: [Florida Poly Title IX](#) .

For more information, you can also email [Michelle Disson](#), Title IX Coordinator, or call 863.874.8484. In addition, you can use the [Online Reporting Form](#).

Student Conduct Proceedings

In addition to reporting to law enforcement, victims also have the option to seek protective or disciplinary action directly with Florida Polytechnic University. Crimes involving our students can refer to the Student Code of Conduct for disciplinary action. The [Student Code of Conduct](#) can be viewed at any time, which outlines the rights, process, and details of the conduct process.

Information about Registered Sex Offenders

Under Florida Statute, Section 1006.695, the University is required to inform new students and employees of the existence of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Sexual Predator and Sexual Offender Registry website and the toll-free telephone number that gives access to sexual predator and sexual offender public information. This information is as follows:

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

[Sexual Offenders and Predators Search](#)

Toll-free number: 1-888-357-7332

For TTY Accessibility: 1-877-414-7234

This information is also available on the University Website.

See Something/Say Something

Across the nation, we are all part of communities. In cities, on farms, and in the suburbs, we share everyday moments with our neighbors, colleagues, family, and friends. It is easy to take for granted the routine moments in our every day—going to work or school, the grocery store, or the gas station; however, your every day is different than your neighbor's—filled with the moments that make it uniquely yours. If you see something you know should not be there—or someone's behavior does not seem quite right—say something, because only you know what is supposed to be in your everyday.

This is an uncertain time and we are all in this together. Informed, alert communities play a critical role in keeping our nation safe. "[If You See Something, Say Something](#)TM" engages the public in protecting our homeland through awareness—building partnerships, and other outreach.

Safety on or off campus is our concern, you can always contact the University Police Department. We are here to help and assist you during this uncertain time.

Stay Safe and Healthy,

Rick Holland

Chief of Police

863-874-8472, prompt 2

If it is an emergency dial 911.