

College in reporting the crime, or to decline to report the crime to law enforcement. The College stresses the importance of going to a hospital, if necessary, for treatment and preservation of evidence as soon as practicable after an incident of sexual assault.

Clery Act Reporting

The Department of Public Safety prepares an Annual Security Report. The report compiles local Crime Statistics in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act and the Violence Against Women Act. The College must notify all faculty, staff, and enrolled students every year when the reports and statistics are available. Copies of the report may also be obtained in person by appointment only at the South Texas College Department of Public Safety, located at 2509 W. Pecan Blvd., McAllen, TX 78501 or by calling 956-872-4444.

In addition, copies of the Annual Security Report and Campus-Specific Crime Statistics can be found on the [Clery Act Website](#) and on the following link:

<https://www.southtexascollege.edu/stcdps/pdf/annual-security-report.pdf>

Campus-Specific Crime Statistics:

- [Mid-Valley Campus](#)
- [Nursing Allied Health Campus](#)
- [Pecan Campus](#)
- [Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence](#)
- [Starr County Campus](#)
- [Technology Campus](#)
- [South Texas College Cosmetology Center](#)

Statement on Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco, Firearms and Other Substances

In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 (Public Law 101-226) and Texas House Resolution 2253 and Senate Resolution 645 (passed in 1987), South Texas College forbids the unlawful manufacture, possession, sale, use or distribution of illegal drugs and alcoholic beverages at on-and off-campus college-sponsored events. Each of these statutes requires colleges and universities to clearly inform students that no illegal drugs (including unlawful possession of alcohol) will be allowed on campus (inside buildings and on campus property), and that students who are found guilty of such violation(s) will be penalized.

South Texas College also prohibits smoking, the use of tobacco products, and the use of e-cigarettes in all college buildings. The College, including all its facilities and grounds, is a smoke/tobacco free environment except in designated smoking/tobacco areas and parking lots. Violators of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action. Students seeking assistance or

educational materials about alcohol, drugs, tobacco or other substances should contact the office of Student Support Services.

Senate Bill 11, also known as Campus Carry, allows holders of a Texas License to Carry (LTC) or Concealed Handgun License (CHL) to bring concealed handguns to certain locations on the college campuses. License holders are referred to the following website for information on prohibited areas and gun free zones:

<https://www.southtexascollege.edu/about/notices/campus-carry.html>. Violators are subject to disciplinary action and criminal prosecution.

South Texas College Comprehensive Mission

Mission Statement

South Texas College is a comprehensive public higher education institution that transforms lives through innovative education, holistic learner support and community engagement. We empower our region and drive socioeconomic advancement through lifelong learning opportunities.

Vision Statement

Changing lives and transforming communities through higher education.

Core Values

Student Success:

We are committed to the personal, academic and career goals of each student.

Excellence:

We are committed to excellence and innovation in teaching, learning and services.

Opportunity:

We are committed to providing access and support for students to achieve their academic and career goals.

Caring:

We are committed to creating a campus culture that embodies respect, empathy, and genuine care for all.

Integrity:

We are committed to being respectful, professional, honest, accountable and transparent.