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Disclosure of Crime Statistics

Clery Act

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Acts, formerly the Campus Security Act of 1990, This Act requires North Georgia Technical College (NGTC) to disclose to the public specific crime-related information on an annual basis. In compliance with this legislation, the college must report campus crime statistics, campus offenses, and security measures to all students and employees by October 1 of each year.

The North Georgia Technical College (NGTC) Campus Police prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. The report is available and can be located on our website at: www.northgatech.edu. This report is prepared in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies surrounding our main campus, branch campuses, and learning centers.

Campus crime, arrest, and referral statistics include those reported to the NGTC Police, designated campus officials (including, but not limited to, directors, deans, department heads, student affairs, and advisors to students/student organizations), and local law enforcement agencies.

Each year, an e-mail notification will be sent to all enrolled students that will provide the web site address to access this report. Faculty and Staff will receive a similar notification. Copies of the report may also be obtained from the Office of the Chief of Police located in the Clegg Center Building.
Crime Statistics - Definitions

North Georgia Technical College reports statistics on the following crimes and offenses annually based on the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Handbook:

**Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter**
The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

**Negligent Manslaughter**
The killing of another person through gross negligence. Gross negligence is the intentional failure to perform a manifest duty in reckless disregard of the consequences as affecting the life or property of another.

**Sex Offenses – Forcible**
Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

**Forcible Rape**
Is penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

**Forcible Sodomy**
Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

**Sexual Assault with an Object**
The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. An object or instrument is anything used by the offender other than the offender's genitalia.

**Forcible Fondling**
The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or, not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

**Sex Offenses – Non-forcible**
Unlawful non-forcible sexual intercourse.

**Incest**
Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

**Statutory Rape**
Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.
Robbery
Taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault
An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

Burglary
The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft.

Motor Vehicle Theft
The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Arson
Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Liquor Law Violations
The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness.

Drug Abuse Violations
The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing and making of narcotic drugs.

Illegal Weapons Possession
The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices or other deadly weapons. This classification encompasses weapons offenses that are regulatory in nature.

Domestic Violence
The term "domestic violence" includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.
Dating Violence
The term "dating violence" means violence committed by a person —
(A) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
(B) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
(i) the length of the relationship.
(ii) the type of relationship.
(iii) the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Sexual Assault
Any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by federal, tribal, or state law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

Stalking
Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to —
(A) fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or
(B) suffer substantial emotional distress.

Hate Crimes
A criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias. Bias is a
preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their race, gender, gender identity, religion, disability, sexual
orientation, ethnicity/national origin.

Race
A preformed negative attitude toward a group of persons who possess common physical characteristics (e.g., color of skin, eyes,
and/or hair; facial features, etc.) genetically transmitted by descent and heredity, which distinguish them as a distinct division of
humankind (e.g., Asians, blacks, whites).

Gender
A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons because those persons are male or female.

Gender Identity
A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their actual or perceived gender identity, e.g. bias
toward transgender or gender non-conforming individuals.

Religion
A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and
purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being (e.g. Catholics, Jews, Protestants, atheists).

Sexual Orientation
A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to,
members of their own sex or members of the opposite sex (e.g., gays, lesbians, heterosexuals).
Ethnicity/National Origin
A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their physical or mental impairments/challenges, whether such a disability is temporary or permanent, congenital or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age or illness.

Larceny-Theft
The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. (Larceny and theft mean the same thing in the UCR.) Constructive possession is the condition in which a person does not have physical custody or possession, but is in a position to exercise dominion or control over a thing.

Simple Assault
An unlawful physical attach by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration or loss of consciousness.

Intimidation
To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it.

On-Campus
Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls; and Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to paragraph (1) of this definition, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as food or other retail vendor).

Public Property
All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

Non-Campus Building or Property
Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.
Procedures for Reporting Incidents

To report a crime:
- Emergencies Dial 911 then Campus Police (706) 499-5341
- Non-emergencies call Campus Police (706) 499-5341
- Student Affairs Office (706)754-7803 located in the Clegg Center
- Resident Life Director (706)754-7730 located in the Carlton Center

The safety of students, visitors, faculty, and staff is a top priority of NGTC. Campus Police officers are responsible for completing crime and accident reports and for responding to emergencies. They are also responsible for enforcing other regulations such as parking, the use of controlled substances, weapons, and under age drinking. Police officers file incident reports by their nature, date, time, general location, and disposition of the complaint. The Campus Police Chief maintains a record of the incident reports for a maximum of three years, and the college shall make the incident reports available to the public within two business days of receiving a written request unless disclosure of such information would:

- Be prohibited by law;
- Jeopardize the confidentiality of the victim;
- Jeopardize an on-going criminal investigation;
- Jeopardize the safety of an individual;
- Cause a suspect to flee or evade detection; or
- Result in the destruction of evidence.

NGTC employs police to provide police services on the NGTC campuses. These officers have the authority to make arrests.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking on any campus of NGTC you should report this to the Campus Police and the Vice President of Student Affairs immediately. In the event of accidents or injuries, other medical emergencies, or crime-related incidents, someone witnessing the incident should notify the nearest instructor or Staff member immediately. This procedure does not prohibit or impede the reporting of an emergency directly to the appropriate party (i.e., police, fire, ambulance, hospital, etc.). A college administrator will secure professional emergency care if needed.

College officials notify the campus police or local law enforcement when someone commits a crime on campus or at college-sponsored events. In case of accidents or injuries, other medical emergencies, or crime-related incidents involving students, visitors, or employees, the persons involved must complete and return witness incident report forms to the campus police to be forwarded to the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Faculty advisors of chartered campus organizations must report criminal incidents committed by students while participating in college-sponsored activities both on and off campuses and properties. The advisors must submit these reports in writing to the Vice President of Student Affairs.
Campus Facilities and Security Access

The Maintenance Department maintains college buildings and grounds with concern for safety and security. This department inspects campus facilities regularly and promptly makes repairs. Students and employees must call the NGTC Campus Police at (706) 499-5341 or (706) 754-7731 to report any hazard. The Maintenance Department routinely inspects college facilities to review lighting and environmental safety. Most campus facilities are open to the public during the day and evening hours (excluding Bryant Hall) when classes are in session. Members of the maintenance staff and Campus Police on the NGTC campuses unlock and lock buildings each day.

Emergency Action Plan

Each classroom and laboratory contains a posted emergency action plan for fire or hazardous weather conditions. The plan includes evacuation instructions in case of emergency. In the event of fire, personal injury, or criminal action, someone witnessing the incident should notify the nearest instructor or staff member immediately. That person should also notify the Campus Police (706-499-5341). If the situation is a dire emergency, an employee should call 911 before contacting a vice president or director. A student who experiences any personal injury must complete and submit an incident report to the Campus Police as soon as possible.

Personal Safety and Crime Prevention

All members of the campus community share responsibility for ensuring their personal safety and securing their personal property. The College places a priority on safety and security through its commitment to providing a safe and secure environment. The majority of crimes occurring on college campuses across the United States are preventable crimes of opportunity.

Following these safety tips helps reduce the chance of becoming a victim of crime:

- Avoid dark, secluded places when alone.
- Walk with others, making sure to stay in well-lit areas.
- Lock car doors while on campus and keep valuables locked in the automobile trunks and/or out of sight.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you can be expected to return.
- Vary your route and schedule if you exercise outdoors on a regular basis.
- Do not overload yourself with books or other items. Keep your hands free.
- Carry a purse close to your body, preferably in front. If it has a shoulder strap, be prepared to let it go if snatched.
- When confronted by thieves, give them what they want. Do not pursue the thieves. Get a detailed description and call 911 then Campus Police at (706) 499-5341.
- Never leave laptop computers, textbooks, cellular telephones, book bags, purses, or other valuables unattended in classrooms, the library, common study areas, or outdoor spaces.
- Head to an area with other people present if a stranger approaches you and you feel concerned or uncomfortable. Students and employees should participate in safety seminars offered throughout the academic year.
- Remember “IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING”.

Safety Escorts

Students who would like safety escorts from classes to their vehicles should contact NGTC Campus Police at (706) 499-5341.
Weapons

NGTC and the Technical College System of Georgia are committed to providing all employees, students, volunteers, visitors, vendors, and contractors a safe and secure workplace and academic setting by expressly prohibiting the possession of a firearm, weapon, or explosive compound or material on any campus and center or within the designated school safety zone, which is defined as being in, on, or within 1,000 feet of any technical college campus or center or other designated worksites. This policy extends to any college-sanctioned function. Unless otherwise provided by law, it is unlawful for individuals to carry, possess, or have under their control any firearm, weapon, or unlawful explosive compound while within a school safety zone, a technical college building, on technical college property, at a college-sanctioned function, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by the college.

Such buildings include any public-owned, public-leased, or public-operated building that houses any governmental or educational function.

The following are applicable exemptions to the weapons restrictions:

- Participants in organized sport shooting events or firearm training courses.
- Persons participating in military training programs conducted by the armed forces of the United States or the Georgia Department of Defense.
- Persons participating in law enforcement training conducted by a certified police academy.
- Peace officers, law enforcement officers, prosecuting attorneys, campus police, and medical examiners employed by the state when acting in the performance of their official duties or en-route to or from their official duties.
- A weapon that is in a locked compartment of a motor vehicle or a locked firearms rack which is on a motor vehicle when that vehicle is being used by an adult over 21 who is not a student attending the college in order to bring or pick up a student at the college.
- Teachers and other school personnel who are otherwise authorized to possess or carry weapons provided the weapon is in a locked compartment of a motor vehicle or in a located container or a locked firearms rack which is on a motor vehicle. Unless otherwise provided by law, it is an express violation of college policy for any individuals to use, possess, manufacture, distribute, maintain, transport, or receive any of the following on any technical college campus, on technical college property, at a college-sanctioned function, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by the college.
- Any firearm whether operable or inoperable as defined in O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1 or any facsimile thereof including, but not limited to, paintball guns, BB guns, potato guns, air soft guns, or any device that propels a projectile of any kind.
- A dangerous weapon, machine gun, sawed-off shotgun or rifle, shotgun, or silencer as defined on O.C.G.A. §16-11-121.
- A weapon that is operable or inoperable as defined in O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1 or any facsimile thereof including, but not limited to, any knife with a blade that is two or more inches in length (e.g., switchblade, ballistic knife, straight-edge razor or razor blade, any bludgeon-type instrument (e.g., blackjack, bat, or club), any flailing instrument (e.g., nun chuck or fighting chain), stun gun or Taser, or weapon designed to be thrown (e.g., throwing star or oriental dart).
- Any bacteriological weapon, biological weapon, destructive device, detonator, explosive, incendiary, over-pressure device, or poison gas as defined in O.C.G.A. §16-7-80.
- Any explosive compound or material as defined in O.C.G.A. §16-7-81.
- Any hoax device, replica of a destructive device or configuration or explosive materials with the appearance of a destructive device including, but not limited to, fake bombs and packages containing substances with the appearance of chemical explosives or toxic materials.

Any employee or student who violates the provisions of this weapons policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. From a legal perspective, any person who violates this restriction shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of up to $10,000 and/or imprisonment for between two and ten years. Vendors or contractors who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to the termination of their business relationship with the college.
Alcohol & Drug-Free Campus Policy

In accordance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, the College implemented a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. College standards of conduct clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance, or other illegal or dangerous drugs on campus or as part of any student-sponsored activities. College policies prohibit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages and illicit drugs on the campuses, in college facilities, or at college-related functions. College policies also prohibit students under the influence of alcohol or nonprescription drugs from appearing on the campuses, at clinical facilities, or at student-related functions and activities. As noted in the Student Code of Conduct, the college will impose sanctions up to and including dismissal and referral for prosecution for the violation of these standards. The Office of Student Affairs at NGTC assists students with drug- or alcohol-related problems by referring them to appropriate community resources designed to address these problems.

Criminal Sanctions

Federal law prohibits the possession, manufacture, or distribution of various controlled substances. Penalties for these offenses vary depending upon the severity of the convictions, but may include imprisonment of up to 40 years with large fines. Penalties double when the offenses occur within 1,000 feet of a postsecondary educational institution. Georgia law states that public educational institutions shall, as of the date of conviction, suspend students convicted of any felony offense involving the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug except for cases in which the institution previously took disciplinary action against the students for the same offense. Such suspension shall be effective as of the date of conviction even though the educational institution may not complete all administrative actions necessary to implement such suspension until a later date. Except for cases in which the institution previously imposed sanctions for the term, quarter, semester, or other similar period for which students were enrolled as of the date of conviction, students shall forfeit any right to any academic credit otherwise earned or earnable for that term, quarter, semester, or other similar period. The educational institution shall subsequently revoke any such academic credit granted prior to the completion of administrative actions necessary to implement such suspensions. Georgia law specifies that college-sanctioned student organizations that, through its officers, agents, or responsible members, knowingly permits or authorizes the sale, distribution, serving, possession, consumption, or use of marijuana, a controlled substance, or dangerous drug in violation of state laws at any function shall have its recognition withdrawn. Furthermore, state laws also specify that the college must expel that organization from campus for a minimum of one calendar year from the year of determination of guilt. The Georgia Penal Code prohibits the possession of alcohol by a person under the age of 21 or providing alcohol to such a person. State laws also specify fines for violators in the amount of $1,000 and a prison sentence of 12 months.

Use of Tobacco Products

In an effort to establish a healthier, cleaner educational environment, NGTC is a tobacco-free/smoke-free campus. The use of tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) in any form will be banned from all campuses of the college. This ban extends to all outdoor areas including parking lots. Smoking will be permitted inside of personal vehicles.
Sexual Assault and Other Crimes

It is important for all students, faculty, and staff members to know where to turn for help and what to do if they or someone they know becomes the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault. Whether the assailants are strangers, acquaintances, close friends, or dates, everyone needs to know how to get necessary treatment, counseling, and other services. Domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault are criminal offenses subject to prosecution under the law. These acts are also violations of the Student Conduct Code. Studies show that “acquaintance rape” occurs more frequently among college-age students than among any other group. This form of rape is one of the most unrecognized and under-reported crimes because few people identify it as a crime punishable by law.

Reducing Risk

Steps to take to reduce your risk of being a victim of sex crimes include:

- See the Personal Safety and Crime Prevention section for steps to follow for your own personal safety.
- Consider your alternatives if confronted by a rapist. Practice possible responses to situations so that you can recall them, even under the stress of a real encounter. Realizing that you could be a victim is the first step in self-protection.
- Use awareness and common sense to avoid potentially dangerous situations.
- Participate in a self-defense training class. With regard to date rape and acquaintance rape, remember the following precautions:
  - Know your own sexual values, expectations, wishes, and intentions, and communicate them clearly and openly.
  - Be observant of your acquaintance’s or date’s attitudes toward you.
  - Avoid using mood-altering chemicals such as drugs and alcohol. Studies have shown that being under the influence of alcohol or drugs contributes to increased incidences of date rape.
  - Be assertive about your needs and rights. Reinforce your verbal “no” with physical resistance, unless you feel this will further endanger you. Tell your assailant that he or she is committing a sexual act to which you do not consent and that he or she is breaking the law.

If you are a Victim

You need to remember to take the following steps if someone attacks you:

- Be aware of your capabilities and limitations. Your judgment and thinking will be your best weapons.
- Evaluate the situation for possible avenues of escape.
- Your first concern should be for your safety and survival. Use your judgment to do what is necessary to save your life. That may mean making a scene and drawing attention to yourself so that the assailant leaves. It may buy you enough time to escape. This action may mean fighting back. It may mean not physically resisting.
- If you choose not to physically resist the attack, it does not mean that you have asked to be raped. It means that you did what you needed to do to survive.
- Remember—there is no one “right” way to respond. The person under attack is the best judge of which options will work well in that situation.
If someone assaults or attempts to assault you or someone you know, you should take the following steps:

- Get to a safe place as soon as you can.
- Try to preserve all physical evidence. Do not bathe, douche, use the toilet, or change clothing.
- If the attack occurred on campus, contact 911 then Campus Police (706) 499-5341. If the attack occurred off campus, immediately contact a local law enforcement agency by dialing 911.
- Get medical attention as soon as possible to determine the presence of physical injury, sexually transmittable diseases, or pregnancy. Medical personal can also obtain evidence to assist in criminal prosecution.
- Sex crimes can cause psychological after-effects. Counseling is a good idea, whether or not you think you need it.
- Remember, sex crimes are never the victim’s fault. For assistance, contact the Campus Police Department at (706) 499-5341 or (706) 754-7731.

**Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act**

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act amended the Jacob Wetterling Crimes against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act to require certain convicted sex offenders to notify states of each institution of higher education at which the individual is a student or employee. The act also requires states to make such information available promptly to law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction of the location of the applicable institutions of higher education. The act also specifies that local law enforcement officials must enter this information into appropriate state records or data systems. The act also requires institutions to notify the campus community where they can obtain from law enforcement agencies’ information concerning registered sex offenders.

**Georgia Sex Offender Registry**

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation maintains a searchable sex offender database to obtain this information. The address for this site is: [www.ganet.org/gbi/sosrch.cgi](http://www.ganet.org/gbi/sosrch.cgi)

**Preventing and Responding to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking**

North Georgia Technical College will not tolerate domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other forms of sexual misconduct. Offenders may be subject to appropriate campus adjudication processes, disciplinary action, and/or criminal proceedings. If you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other forms of sexual misconduct you should consider reporting it immediately to the NGTC Police at (706) 499-5341 or (706)754-7731. The College utilizes procedures that provide prompt, fair, and impartial investigation and resolution in cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Sexual violence is a form of sexual harassment, and services are available to students, faculty, and staff who experience sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and instances of stalking. In these situations, NGTC is committed to providing crisis intervention measures for students, faculty, and staff, as well as appropriate administrative response for the complainant and respondent; referring individuals to criminal authorities; and educating and promoting discussion on interpersonal abuse and violence issues. The College’s process does not preclude adjudication under state law. NGTC prohibits retaliation by its officers, employees, students, or agents against a person who exercises his or her rights or responsibilities under any provision of federal or state law, including Title IX and the Campus SaVE Act, or this policy.
Definitions Applicable to Georgia Law

- **Domestic Violence** – Georgia defines domestic violence as “family violence”, any commission of a battery, simple battery, simple assault, assault, stalking, criminal damage to property, unlawful restraint, criminal trespass, or any felony committed between the following persons:
  - current or former spouses;
  - persons who are parents of the same child;
  - parents and children;
  - stepparents and stepchildren;
  - foster parents and foster children; or
  - persons currently or formerly living in the same household. Georgia’s definition of family violence expressly excludes a parent’s “reasonable discipline” of a child that takes the form of corporal punishment, restraint, or detention.

- **Dating Violence** – Dating violence is defined as the physical, sexual, psychological, or emotional violence within a dating relationship.

- **Sexual Assault** – A person commits the offense of sexual battery when he/she intentionally makes physical contact with the intimate parts of the body of another person without the consent of that person.

- **Stalking** – A person commits the offense of stalking when he or she follows, places under surveillance, or contacts another person at or about a place or places without the consent of the other person for the purpose of harassing and intimidating the other person. For the purpose of this article, the terms "computer" and "computer network" shall have the same meanings as set out in Code Section §16-9-92; the term "contact" shall mean any communication including, without being limited to, communication in person, by telephone, by mail, by broadcast, by computer, by computer network, or by any other electronic device; and the place or places that contact by telephone, mail, broadcast, computer, computer network, or any other electronic device is deemed to occur shall be the place or places where such communication is received.

- **Consent** – Is when someone agrees, gives permission, or says yes enthusiastically to sexual activity with someone else. Central to the concept of consent is the understanding that every person has a right to control his/her body and to not be acted upon by someone else in a sexual manner unless he/she gives clear permission to do so. The person initiating the sexual activity is responsible for obtaining permission from the person or persons he/she wants to engage in sexual activity with. Consent is always freely given, and every person involved in a sexual situation must feel that they are able to say “yes” or “no” at any point during sexual activity. Absence of clear permission means you can’t touch someone, not that you can. In most cases, consent should be a clear verbal agreement. However, if a person is seeking consent from someone who cannot communicate verbally, he/she should obtain consent using another agreed upon method of communication. Non-verbal communication includes sign language, writing or typing messages, gestures, nodding or shaking one’s head, and blinking, to name just a few.
How to Be an Active Bystander

Bystanders play a critical role in the prevention of sexual and relationship violence. They are individuals who observe violence or witness the conditions that perpetuate violence. They are not directly involved but have the choice to intervene, speak up, or do something about it. North Georgia Technical College and Police want to promote a culture of community accountability where bystanders are actively engaged in the prevention of violence without causing further harm. We may not always know what to do even if we want to help. Below is a list of some ways to be an active bystander. If you or someone else is in immediate danger, dial 9-1-1. This could be when a person is yelling at or being physically abusive towards another and it is not safe for you to interrupt.

- Watch out for your friends and fellow students/employees. If you see someone who looks like they could be in trouble or need help, ask if they are OK.
- Confront and report people who seclude, hit on, and try to make out with, or have sex with people who are incapacitated.
- Speak up when someone discusses plans to take advantage of another person.
- Believe someone who discloses sexual assault, abusive behavior, or experience with stalking.
- Refer people to on- or off-campus resources listed in this document for support in health, counseling, or with legal assistance.

Discrimination or Harassment

NGTC affirms to all students their right to study and learn in an educational environment free of discrimination or harassment based on their race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam era, or citizenship status except in those special circumstances permitted or required by law. The College will not tolerate and will investigate and prosecute any Hate Crime Reports that are substantiated.

Emergency Messages

If immediate family members need to contact students on campus because of a medical emergency or death in the family, they can call the NGTC switchboard at (706) 754-7700. We will make every effort to contact the student.
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