

EXPECTATIONS FOR CIVILITY AND SAFETY

Tidewater Community College is committed to maintaining a social and physical environment conducive to carrying out its educational mission. Therefore, all students and visitors to the campus are expected to observe the following standards for civility and safety.

Civility

- Be moderate in speaking. Loud, obscene, argumentative, or threatening speech is disruptive to teaching and learning and is offensive to others. It has no place in an academic setting.
- Resolve any disagreements in a positive, non-combative manner. Request the assistance of college authorities if needed.
- Show respect for the comfort of others in an educational setting by observing acceptable standards for personal cleanliness and dress.
- Unless authorized by the college, do not solicit for money or sell items or services on campus.
- Post only materials that have been approved by college authorities.
- Handle only your own possessions. Turn in any lost items or money to college authorities.

Safety

- Keep halls and walkways clear and fully accessible at all times.
- Weapons and other hazardous items are not permitted on college grounds and must be left elsewhere.
- In emergency instances, comply promptly with directions given by college authorities. Activate emergency signals, such as fire alarms, only for genuine cause.
- Observe restrictions and regulations for the possession and use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.

All members of the college community and visitors to campus must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws. Direct any questions to the campus Provost or Campus Dean of Student Services.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in making Tidewater Community College a place where we all can be comfortable and secure in pursuing our educational goals.