

CAMPUS VIOLENCE POLICY

I. Purpose of the policy

The Sitting Bull College is committed to providing a safe learning, living and working environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors. In this regard, SBC will take reasonable action to provide an environment free from violence, threats of violence, harassment, intimidation and other disruptive behavior.

II. Policy Statement

SBC will not tolerate violence, threats, harassment, intimidation and other disruptive behavior on its campus by students or visitors. Such behavior may include oral or written statements, gestures, or expressions that communicate a direct or indirect threat of physical harm or intimidation. Individuals who commit such acts may be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, removal from the premises; exclusion from the premises; criminal prosecution; corrective and/or disciplinary action; suspension or expulsion.

III. Definitions

STALKING

Stalking is a more severe form of harassment which is being more commonly reported. It involves pestering an individual, either in person or in writing or electronic formats or on the telephone. Stalking can also involve following an individual or spying on them, alarming the recipient or causing them distress and may involve violence or fear of violence.

PHYSICAL ASSAULT

Physical assault of any kind is a criminal offense. An assault is an act of violence against your person causing bodily harm. This includes the fear or threat of a violent act against your person.

IV. Procedures

In order to implement this policy and maintain a safe campus environment, SBC urges individuals who experience or witness violent behavior on campus to report it immediately to Campus Security.

- **Assaults or threats of physical harm that require immediate police attention, should contact BIA Law Enforcement by dialing 911 and Campus Security as soon as possible.**
- Campus Security is available to help persons assess the severity of the circumstances and the need for police involvement. Campus Security should be contacted regarding any situation that causes concern about personal safety or well-being.

Reports of any incident will be taken seriously by the Campus Security Department and dealt with appropriately. Information regarding incidents of violent conduct and threats of violence will be investigated, and if warranted, criminal charges will be levied or disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable procedures.

Students of SBC who receive threats of bodily harm or who are targets of harassing or stalking behavior are urged to contact Campus Security and to make use of services offered by Student Counseling.

Every effort will be made to respect the privacy of all individuals involved in these matters. However, the necessity to protect public safety may require the disclosure of otherwise confidential information.

In some cases, reported behaviors may not constitute violations of criminal law which require police action, but may be violations of SBC policy. Any student accused of these violent acts will be referred to the Vice President of Operations for disciplinary action accompanied by a detailed report of the incident.