

TCOM Accreditation Operating Procedures	Approved: July 2017
COCA Element 4.2 Security and Public Safety	Effective: July 2017 Revised: February 2024

Element 4.2:
A COM must ensure that adequate security systems are in place and publish and follow policies and procedures for security; student, faculty, and staff safety; and emergency and disaster preparedness at all COM-operated teaching locations and core and required training sites.

The COM’s policy must include methods of communication with students, faculty, and staff at all teaching and training locations.

Procedure Statement: HSC shall maintain a department of public safety (Police) that is responsible for maintaining a safe and secure environment for faculty, staff, students, and visitors to the campus and its operated facilities. HSC shall further maintain a plan for disaster preparedness that addresses ongoing business operations including delivery of the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree program.

Procedure		Responsible Party
1.	HSC shall maintain an on-campus force of trained and licensed professional safety officers.	HSC Chief of Police
2.	HSC police shall conduct a regular patrol of the campus and be available on site when called 24/7 including weekends and holidays.	HSC Chief of Police
3.	HSC police will work under the authority of the State of Texas and shall conduct their activities in cooperation with other state and local law enforcement agencies.	HSC Chief of Police
4.	HSC police shall ensure adequate security systems are in place.	HSC Chief of Police
5.	HSC shall maintain policies and procedures for security and student, faculty, and staff safety. Policies shall be published and accessible on a public webpage.	HSC Environmental Health and Safety Office HSC Chief of Police
6.	HSC shall maintain policies and plans for both emergency and disaster preparedness. All related information shall be published and accessible on a public webpage.	HSC Environmental Health and Safety Office
7.	All HSC students and employees shall receive periodic training or orientation to the campus emergency preparedness plan as appropriate for their responsibilities.	HSC Environmental Health and Safety Office
8.	HSC shall provide an annual security report in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Safety Policy and Campus Crim Statistics Act (Clery Act) and subsequent amendments specified in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) and the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).	HSC Clery Compliance Committee

Webpage links:

- [HSC Campus Safety and Security](#)
- [HSC Police Department](#)
- [HSC Policies \(PolicyTech\)](#)
 - [1.106 Disclosure of Campus Security and Crime Statistics – Annual Security Report](#)
 - [1.107 Title IX](#)
 - [4.201 Campus Operations](#)

- [4.203 Emergency Management Plan](#)
- [4.204 Carrying of Concealed Handguns on Campus](#)
- [4.207 Ionizing Radiation](#)
- [5.508 Drug-Free Workplace](#)
- [5.509 Drug and Alcohol Testing](#)
- [5.107 Campus and Workplace Violence](#)
- [7.101 Behavior Intervention and Withdrawal](#)
- [8.108 Use of Controlled Substances in Research](#)
- [9.101 Clinical Safety and Infection Control](#)
- [9.109 Immunizations and Health Screenings for Students](#)
- [HSC Environmental Health and Safety Office](#)
 - [Biological Safety Manual](#)
 - [Chemical Safety Manual](#)
 - [Fire Safety Manual](#)
 - [Occupational Safety Manual](#)
 - [Radiation Safety Manual](#)
- [TCOM Osteopathic Clinical Education Procedure Manual](#)
- [HSC Annual Security Report](#)