

# Okanagan College

## Security

Security elements employed at Okanagan College are varied. Policies have been drafted which are intended to govern activities of all those who work, attend or visit Okanagan College to ensure a secure and harmonious workplace free from harassment or criminality in any form. Security Programs initiated by the College come under the direction of the Manager for Security Services in Facilities Management whose office is located at Kelowna Campus, and can be reached by calling 250-862-5444.

## Who are we?

Okanagan College out sources our onsite security contract to bonded, private security companies. Kelowna Campus has manpower coverage 24 – 7 while Vernon, Penticton and Salmon Arm all have limited coverage as required.

Security can be contacted by cell phone at the following numbers:

Kelowna Campus	250-317-2435
Kalamalka Campus	250- 307-4574
Penticton Campus	250-486-3879

Security can provide general information, direction or “safe walk” to your car or to any point on campus on request at any time at Kelowna campus and when security is available at other campuses.

EMERGENCY contact for Security from any campus can be made by dialing “6699” from any local or from any “CAMPUS PHONE” conspicuously placed at each campus.

## Security Systems

Okanagan College has incorporated technology to fortify its security efforts with use of Card Access for controlled areas and after hour accessibility, zone alarm security and video security at all campuses which are monitored at Kelowna Campus via internet.

## **You can report it.**

**We all share in the responsibility of securing our immediate environment:**

**Report any suspicious or criminal activity immediately to security by phone or in person. Any other incidents or concerns you wish to bring to the attention of the manager for Security Services can be done simply by going to the Okanagan College web page and typing “Incident Report” in the search field. When you open the form fill in the fields with as much detail as you can and submit. Provide your telephone contact number and your email address for response or follow-up communication otherwise, the “incident report” arrives anonymously.**

## **You are never alone!**

**With so many individuals either working or attending Okanagan College occasionally some may require special consideration : Those who find themselves in a relationship or involved with person(s) that have created a potentially volatile or threatening environment that may even require police and/or court intervention. In some instances court restraining orders are issued generally where one party has been threatened or fears for their safety or well being.**

**Often these situations leave those involved feeling lost or alone with their plight and are quite often silent about their situation or even embarrassed to seek assistance or some extra level of security. Okanagan College would like to encourage those, who attend our institution who find themselves in a potentially violent relationship, to share this information with Security Services, so in a time of crisis or immediate threat of violence, security can better respond and offer assistance or protection. Assistance and support can be provided in many ways from counseling and direction to security escort or providing a safe room on campus.**

**Such information provided is understandably sensitive and is shared on an absolute need to know basis only. You may convey the particulars of your situation through an on line “Incident Report” which has only one recipient reader; the Manager for Security Services or through contacting Okanagan College Campus Counseling Services at any Campus.**