

# Students-At-Significant Risks to the Health and Safety of Self or Others

## ROWAN UNIVERSITY POLICY

**Title:** *Students - At - Significant Risks to the Health and Safety of Self or Others*

**Subject:** *Student Life*

**Policy No:** *SL: 2016:17*

**Applies:** *University-Wide*

**Issuing Authority:** *President*

**Responsible Officer:** *Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students*

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### I. PURPOSE

The purpose for this policy is outline the University's guidelines to address, work with, and respond to students who present with significant risks to the health and safety to themselves and/or others.

### II. ACCOUNTABILITY

Under the direction of the President, the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students shall implement and all departments will ensure compliance with this policy.

### III. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all Rowan University students, faculty and staff.

### IV. POLICY

1. Rowan University strives to provide a healthy and safe atmosphere on its campus that is supportive to the academic mission of the University. In its commitment to providing a healthy and safe atmosphere, the University has guidelines it abides by in addressing, working with, and responding to students who present with significant risks to the health and safety to themselves and/or others.
2. All University faculty, staff, administrators, Wellness Center employees, and members of Public Safety, who come into contact with students enrolled at Rowan University, that present with significant risk to the health and safety of themselves or others will be referred to the appropriate entity for evaluation and /or treatment, management, or containment to ensure the safety of the individual and other students, staff, and faculty on campus.

### V. ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Students at Significant Risks to the Health and Safety of Self or Others
2. Attachment 2 - University Resources

#### ATTACHMENT 1 STUDENTS AT SIGNIFICANT RISKS TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF SELF OR OTHERS

1. Any staff person who becomes aware of a student that has expressed or is engaging in behavior that puts the health and safety of themselves or others at risk (ex. suicidal ideation, plan, intent behavior or homicidal ideation plan or intent, or behavior) should contact their direct supervisor immediately and report the situation.
2. If there is imminent and/or immediate danger, the staff person should contact the Police immediately at 911. Department of Public Safety & Emergency Management will be contacted for emergency response and/or transport of the student to the nearest emergency room or to the Department of Public Safety & Emergency Management or the Glassboro Police Department.
3. In any emergency situations requiring transportation to the emergency room for evaluation for hospitalization, the Assistant Vice President for Public Safety & Emergency Management and Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students will be informed.
4. In emergency situations, the student's parent(s) will be notified by the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, or his/her designee, and the identified significant concern over health and safety will be communicated to the parent.
5. If there is not imminent and/or immediate danger, the immediate supervisor will then contact the on-call counselor at Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) and they will notify the Vice President for Student Health & Wellness/Director of Counseling and Psychological Services. The student will be evaluated by CPS Staff. The Counseling & Psychological Service Staff will develop an appropriate disposition, including contacting Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management for transport to the nearest emergency room for evaluation for admission into the hospital, if necessary.
6. If the student is engaging in behavior or is threatening to engage in behavior that puts other students at risk, a Protective Health Withdrawal will be considered by the Assistant Vice President for Academic Enrichment and Director of EOF/MAP and Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students in efforts to ensure the health and safety of the student and campus. If a Protective Health Withdrawal (PHW) is initiated, the University and student will follow all procedures contained in the Protective Health Withdrawal policy.
7. If the student is engaging in, or is threatening to engage in behaviors that put themselves at risk, the student will be referred to CPS for evaluation with appropriate treatment recommendations communicated to the student. Treatment options range from counseling and/or medication management to referral to the nearest emergency room for evaluation for admission.
8. Counseling & Psychological Services will work with the Office of Residential Learning & University Housing and other departments on campus (with appropriate consent of the student) to ensure a safe and healthy living environment on campus for the student and others.
9. Any actual behaviors that are threatening to the health and safety of self or others will be evaluated by the Assistant Vice President for Civic Involvement as to whether they violate the Student Code of Conduct.

## **ATTACHMENT 2 UNIVERSITY RESOURCES**

Counseling and Psychological Services:	856-256-4333
Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management:	856-256-4922
Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Office:	856-256-4040
Vice President for Student Health & Wellness:	856-256-4466