

SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC SAFETY

The safety of members of the campus community is a priority. Public safety personnel ensure the safety and security of each campus by regulating building access, patrolling campus property and monitoring parking areas. Emergency Blue Light Stations are accessible on each campus. PCOM students should request a safety escort if there is a concern.

In compliance with the Clery Act, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Department of Public Safety maintains a daily log that contains specific information pertaining to any crimes that occur within the College's jurisdiction that is reported. The daily crime log may be viewed online at <https://www.pcom.edu/about/departments/security/daily-crime-logs.html>. More information is posted on <https://www.pcom.edu/about/departments/security/> (<https://catalog.pcom.edu/www.pcom.edu/about/departments/security/>)

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Department of Security and Public Safety maintains a daily crime log that contains specific information pertaining to any and all crimes that occur within the College jurisdiction that are reported. The daily crime log may be viewed on the Philadelphia Campus at Rowland Hall, Suite #232, on the Georgia Campus at the Security front desk or on the South Georgia Campus at the Security front desk.

Certain information may be withheld from the crime log under specified circumstances, primarily information that would be jeopardizing the success of an investigation or the safety of a person in the investigation. The Security and Public Safety Department makes the crime log for the most recent 60-day period open to public inspection. While crime logs containing material more than 60 days old are retained for seven years for public inspection upon two days' notice.

More information is posted on <https://www.pcom.edu/about/departments/security/> (<https://catalog.pcom.edu/www.pcom.edu/about/departments/security/>)

PCOM Emergency Notification System (P.E.N.S)

PCOM has implemented an emergency notification system (Omnilert P.E.N.S.) that will inform students, faculty and staff in the event of an emergency through phone text-messaging or email.

P.E.N.S. is a web-based mass notification system that allows College administrators to send alerts to all users who are enrolled in the service, ensuring timely notification in the event of an emergency. All students, are automatically enrolled in the P.E.N.S. system for email notifications to their PCOM email address as well as SMS/Text messages to their cell phone number of record in Banner to receive notification for events on their respective campuses. Students who regularly travel to other PCOM campuses can enroll to receive alerts for other campuses by contacting the ITS Service Desk at 215-871-6110 or support@pcom.edu or support@pcom.edu.

Security Cameras

An extensive network of video cameras covers most locations on the campuses and in parking facilities. Video is maintained based on area activity.

Campus Emergency Exit Plans

Exit plans are clearly marked on signs posted on each campus. Students should acquaint themselves with posted evacuation procedures.

FIRE DRILLS

As a part of our continuing safety program, fire drills are held at regular intervals. All students are expected to cooperate fully during fire drills. When the fire alarm is sounded, exit quickly and calmly using the nearest emergency escape routes and marked exits. Proceed to the designated evacuation areas; **always leave immediately**. Everyone must remain outside until signaled to return. No one is to congregate in the lobby areas or in the area outside of the doors to the buildings. Assist persons requiring evacuation assistance to get to designated areas. Be alert for trapped, injured, or other persons needing assistance.

Elevators are not to be used. Fire stairs are fire-rated for several hours and may be used as a temporary safe haven for anyone trapped on an upper floor.

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE: DIAL 911

Philadelphia Campus: 215-871-6351 or 6351 from a campus phone

PCOM Georgia Campus: 678-225-7451 or 7451 from a campus phone

PCOM South Georgia: 229-668-3290 or 3290 from a campus phone

Emergency School Closing

Emergency closings and delayed openings are posted on the PCOM website home page, P.E.N.S. and at the top of the page on PCOM's portal.

STUDENTS ON CLINICAL ROTATIONS OR INTERNSHIPS:

If a PCOM campus is closed or delayed, this does not mean that your site is closed or delayed. Contact the site directly to see if there are any delays or cancellations.

Emergency Phones and Security Escort

Emergency Blue Light Stations are installed in strategic locations throughout each campus. Students should familiarize themselves with these locations. Each phone has an emergency button that when pressed automatically contacts Public Safety. An open line on any emergency phone will activate a priority response, and a security officer will be sent to check the area. Cooperation is essential to help maintain the integrity of the emergency phone systems, which should be used only for emergency situations.

In addition, public safety can provide an escort or transport when requested, contact the Security Desk for this service.