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Three Rivers College is committed to the safety and security of its students, faculty, staff, and visitors. To support this effort, the College has adopted the following workplace violence regulation. The College will not tolerate violent or threatening behavior directed at students, faculty, staff, visitors, or property. This includes any acts of violence, harassment, or threats made on College property, or at College sponsored events; and refers to acts or threats of violence made directly or indirectly, by words or gestures or symbols. Workplace violence is any action that threatens the physical safety and/or psychological well-being of others or oneself. There are three levels of workplace violence: verbal aggression, unreasonable behavior, and physical acts. Examples of the three levels of workplace violence are as follows:

Verbal aggression: constantly refusing to cooperate, spreading rumors to harm others, being aggressively argumentative, and exhibiting belligerent behavior toward others.

Unreasonable behavior: refusing to obey policies and procedures, sabotaging equipment and/or stealing property for revenge, and sending sexual or violent notes to coworkers or managers.

Physical acts: suicidal or homicidal threats, physical fights, destruction of property, or commission of a murder, rape, or arson.

#### **Prohibited Behavior**

The following non exhaustive list of workplace violence prohibited under the terms of this regulation:

- The use of physical force with the intent to cause harm;
- Threats of physical force or violence, which can be reasonably expected to intimidate, coerce, or cause fear of harm;
- Acts or threats of violence made directly or indirectly by words, gestures or symbols;
- Property crimes that would reasonably be anticipated to have the effect of intimidating or causing fear of harm.

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#### **Procedures**

Violators of this regulation who are employees or students may be referred to counseling services, subject to disciplinary action which may include termination, and may also be subject to arrest and/or prosecution. If this regulation is violated by a member of the general public, the College may bar that individual from College owned or controlled property, terminate any business relationship (or the company they represent), and further prosecute the individual to the extent that the law permits.

Students and employees of the College are encouraged to report any acts of workplace violence as described in this regulation. The local police should be notified immediately to report a violent incident at any of the Three Rivers College properties or College sponsored events. If face to face reporting is not possible, another method of reporting a workplace violence incident is through the college website on an Incident Report Form.

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