

**Approved By:** President

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1. **Summary:** This policy outlines the appropriate actions and limitations college constituents should observe when in contact with vagrant persons on campus.
2. **Rationale:** This policy is necessary to ensure the safety of individuals on the College's campus.
3. **Entities Affected:** students, faculty, staff
4. **Definitions:** Not applicable.
5. **Policy:** Contact with vagrants and homeless persons is a natural part of the urban setting of Criswell College. Members of the Criswell College community are to respond in a Christ-like way to such persons, yet without jeopardizing the safety and security of the campus. Therefore, all employees and students are to follow these guidelines when approached by or observing a homeless person or vagrant on or around the campus:
  1. Do not offer promises of meals on campus or any place on campus to "hang out" or sleep. Any assistance given to a vagrant and homeless person is to be handled off-campus.
  2. If approached outside, do not bring individuals into the buildings, but ask them to stay where they are while assistance is sought. For the safety and security of those on campus, vagrants and homeless persons are not to come inside any campus building. (n.b. If a campus administrator or faculty member brings a vagrant or homeless person inside a campus building, (s)he must be accompanied by that campus administrator or faculty member at all times.)
  3. Immediately contact the Campus Police (x1333) or receptionist in the main lobby. If there is a medical emergency, contact the Campus Police (x1333) or the Dallas emergency responders (9-1-1).

The College is prepared to assist these individuals in finding resources to meet their needs, which includes referring them to the Dallas Life Foundation or other appropriate agencies.

6. **Procedure:**
  1. **Implementation:** Not applicable.
  2. **Responsibility for Compliance:** Chief Business Officer
  3. **Notification:** This policy will be posted on the College's website.

For the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research only:

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Related policies:	

Policy History

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