

SAFETY & SECURITY

Emergencies

In case of an emergency, a staff/faculty member should be contacted immediately. If a rescue squad is needed, call 9-1-1. Campus Safety & Security Department should also be contacted; dial 8499 from any campus phone or call (419) 995-8499 from any cell phone. There are also outside Emergency Call Box Phones that are located throughout campus.

These are easily identifiable at night because they have a blue location light. Simply press the call button and you'll be connected to the Campus Safety & Security Department. If the fire alarm sounds while on campus, students should walk calmly and silently to the nearest exit and leave the building. Do not use the elevators. Remain outside the building until the all-clear sounds. The College utilizes the Rhodes Alert Emergency Notification System to notify people of emergencies via text, phone, and email. Students may sign up for Rhodes Alert by clicking here.

School Closing/Delays

The College will remain open except under extreme weather conditions or emergency situations. School closings and delays will be communicated via Rhodes Alert, posted on the College's homepage, reported to local television and radio stations. Students may sign up for Rhodes Alert to receive this information via text, email, or phone.

Lost or Stolen Articles

Do not leave books or other personal articles unattended. The College is not responsible for any personal articles which are lost or stolen. Lost articles should be turned in to the Campus Safety & Security Department, located in 140 Technology Education Lab. Any thefts should be reported immediately to the Campus Safety & Security Department at (419) 995-8499.

Campus Parking Rules and Regulations

Parking is permitted in all paved and gravel parking lots designated for student parking. Parking is not permitted in fire lanes; within 10 feet of a fire hydrant; along yellow-painted curbs; within 20 feet of a crosswalk; within 30 feet of an intersection, stop sign or other traffic control device; alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction, outside designated parking lanes or any place where signs prohibit parking.

Students are not permitted to park vehicles in visitor parking areas. Only vehicles displaying a state of Ohio handicap placard shall be parked in handicap parking areas. Illegal parking in handicap zones, whether on public or private property, is a minor misdemeanor punishable under state law.

Vehicle registration is mandatory. No vehicle shall be parked on campus which does not display a campus parking decal, except for visitors to the campus. Vehicles may be registered at the Campus Safety & Security Department, 140 Technology Education Lab or the Office of Admissions, 148 Public Service Bldg.

Campus traffic and parking regulations are derived from Ohio Traffic Laws and were developed for the safety of all persons on campus and to ensure the orderly flow of traffic and uncongested parking. Parking violations may result in a fine and/or the vehicle being towed and impounded with the owner having to pay all costs associated therewith. Unpaid fines may result in registration for future classes being withheld.

Fines can be paid online via CashNet or by credit card, cash or cashiers check at the Business Office, 222 Public Service Building.

For more information, contact the Campus Safety & Security Director at 140 Technology Education Lab: (419) 995-8499.

Campus Environment

Students have the right to a campus and classroom environment that is safe, secure, and conducive to learning. In support of this, the student has the right to express his/her concerns if it negatively affects his/her environment. For classroom issues, the student should first contact the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome of this discussion, then he/she has the right to contact the program chair of the department in which this course is housed. For student services issues, the student should first contact the department chair or the Office of Student Affairs. If there is a reason to believe there is immediate danger, the student should contact the Campus Safety & Security Department either in person (140 Technology Education Lab), by campus phone (8499) or cell phone (419) 995-8499. More information can be found on the Security webpage.

Tobacco-Free

Rhodes State College is a tobacco-free campus. The Tobacco-Free Policy at Rhodes State College requires that all faculty, students, staff, visitors, and contractors not use tobacco products on campus, either inside or out. The College strives to enhance the general health and well-being of its faculty, staff, students, and visitors. The College desires to support individuals to be tobacco-free, to achieve their highest state of health, and to launch students into their careers at a high level of health and wellbeing. To support this commitment, smoking and the use of tobacco and tobacco products are prohibited in or on all college-owned or leased property including vehicles.