

## **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Members of the Rhodes State faculty, staff, students and visitors are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings and to be responsible for their personal safety. Although we try to insure the safety of the campus population by making sure grounds are well lit and patrolled, crime does occur.

We publish crime statistics so that students, faculty, staff and our visitors will be aware of the potential for crime. We subscribe to the philosophy that publicizing crime and campus safety information will only help make the campus safer.

## **REPORTING CRIME**

The campus encourages prompt, accurate reporting of crimes or suspicious incidents. Any phone on campus may be used. **NO COINS REQUIRED--JUST DIAL 8499.** All **pay phones** are equipped to reach the country-wide **9-1-1** emergency system which connects you to all law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services and fire departments.

## **CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

Safety is a concern everywhere in society, and Rhodes State is no exception. There are many ways to promote security and avoid unsafe situations. An understanding of basic safety principles, a little caution and lots of common sense are your best protection.

Rhodes State College is committed to providing a safe environment for students, faculty, staff and other members and visitors of the campus community. Trees and shrubs are well maintained and trimmed back away from buildings and walkways. The parking lots and sidewalks are well lit for your comfort.

Crime prevention and awareness pamphlets and a variety of informational pamphlets ranging from date rape, personal safety, wellness and other topics are available from the Student Activities Office, Galvin Hall, Room 066. The Security Office works closely with Student Activities concerning matters of general safety.

The campus Communicator, a weekly newsletter provides necessary information to the campus population. For more information on campus safety, wellness and other programs available to you, please contact Student Activities, Galvin Hall, Room 066, (419) 995-8415 or the Security Office, Tech Lab, Room 140B, (419) 995-8078.

## **NOTICE TO CAMPUS COMMUNITY**

On July 1, 1997, a new law went into effect concerning Sex Offender Registration and Notification. Under that law, convicted sex offenders must register for a period of time with their local county sheriffs. Sex offenders are classified as 1) sexually oriented offenders, 2) habitual sex offenders, and 3) sexual predators. The local Sheriff's office is required to notify various entities on the Rhodes State College and OSU-Lima Campus when a sexual predator or a habitual sex offender, who the court determines is subject to community notification, moves into a specific geographical location. The Safety/Security Department maintains a binder of currently registered sex offenders living in the immediate area. You can contact the Allen County Sheriff's office directly at (419) 227-3535 for more information. For more information, go to the Security website at [www.RhodesState.edu/security](http://www.RhodesState.edu/security).

### **Safety Steps to Follow:**

- Lock your doors when driving and parked
- Park near well-lit areas
- Scan the area when you approach your car
- Have keys ready
- Look in the back seat before you get inside
- Travel in groups or buddy system
- Be alert!

**Report any suspicious behavior to  
(419) 995-8499.**

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION**

Rhodes State prohibits the illegal use, production, manufacture, sale, distribution and/or possession of alcohol, drugs or controlled substances on campus. In addition, the misuse of substances which present physical or psychological hazards to individuals is prohibited. Penalties for violations of these regulations are set forth in the Code of Student Conduct found in the Rhodes State catalog. Specific details concerning Rhodes State policies, including sanctions, are also outlined in the drug-free campus brochure available on Rhodes State's website at [www.RhodesState.edu](http://www.RhodesState.edu) and copies are available through the Student Affairs Office located in the Public Service Building, 2nd floor.

## **STUDENT ESCORT SERVICE**

During the evening hours, the parking lots and sidewalks are well lit for your comfort. If you don't feel comfortable walking alone, call the Security Office at ext. 8499 and someone will escort you to your vehicle. Alternatives include walking with a friend or in groups.

## **CAMPUS BUILDINGS**

Most campus academic facilities are open from 7 a.m. until the last evening class lets out. The campus technical training centers and computer labs maintain standard hours of operation. These areas are monitored by lab assistants with posted hours for daily and weekend usage.

The physical facilities director is responsible for maintenance of buildings and grounds. Campus lighting and general conditions are constantly being evaluated regarding safety. A program to upgrade lighting, roads and walkways has been implemented. Physical Plant on campus is staffed by sixteen full-time employees.

This information is provided by Rhodes State College as part of its commitment to safety on campus and in compliance with the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990. For more information on the safety programs outlined in this document, please call the Security Office at (419) 995-8078. It is in the interest of your safety that you become familiar with this material.

We trust your stay or visit to our campus will be rewarding. If we can be of assistance to you, please call us at (419) 995-8078 or visit the Security Office in Technical Education Laboratory (Tech Lab), Room. 140B.

### THE CAMPUS

The campus is the home of two institutions, Rhodes State College and The Ohio State University at Lima. The non-residential 565-acre campus has eight public buildings.

Rhodes State's enrollment is over 4,300 students who are enrolled in day, evening and weekend classes. Over 250 faculty and staff work at Rhodes State, not including student employees.

Those involved in keeping the campus safe work in offices such as:

1. Campus Security (419) 995-8499,
2. Physical Plant (419) 995-8389 and
3. Student Activities (419) 995-8415.

All individuals connected with these offices are employed by one of the two institutions; a cost-share arrangement exists between the two institutions for all of these services.

### CAMPUS SECURITY

The Campus Security Office is staffed by a Security Director, Supervisor, full-time security officers, and part-time employees. The office is responsible for security and parking on campus. The duties and responsibilities of the Security Office and its staff are outlined within this campus safety flyer and the college catalog and student handbook. Copies are available to campus visitors from the following locations:

- Galvin Hall, Room 066
- Security Office in Tech Lab, Room 140B
- Public Service Building, Room 148

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Office	Phone System	
	On Campus	Off Campus
Security Office	8078	995-8078
Emergencies	8499	911
Security (radio)	8499	995-8499
Escort Service	8499	-
Rhodes State Operator	0	(419) 221-1112
OSU Operator	0	(419) 221-1641
Bath Fire/Rescue	911	(419) 221-1221
Allen Co. Sheriff	911	(419) 227-3535

### CRIME STATISTICS

Crime	2008	2009	2010
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0
Non-forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	1	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	0	0	0
Larceny/Theft	3	18	21
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Vandalism/Damage to Property	0	1	9
Arrests:	0	0	4
Liquor Law Violation	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violation	0	0	2
Weapons Offense	0	0	0
Trespass	0	1	1



# CAMPUS SAFETY & SECURITY INFORMATION

Rhodes State College  
4240 Campus Drive  
Lima, Ohio 45804  
(419) 995-8078 or  
(419) 995-8499  
[www.RhodesState.edu/security](http://www.RhodesState.edu/security)