

# Los Angeles Mission College

## Safety & Security

### FAQs

**1) Do we have an alert system that communicates to the entire campus when there is an emergency or incident?**

A: Yes, we have Blackboard Connect that sends emails and texts to all students, faculty, and staff. We tested it last week on October 21, 2015 and are surveying the campus to see if it worked well.

**2) Do we have locks for all classrooms and offices and can we lock our classrooms during class session?**

A: Yes, we have locks. Most of the doors are locked from the outside due to fire code and it is not advisable to lock your classrooms during class time; however, if you do so you must ensure students can exit your classroom and enter without difficulty.

**3) Do we have phones that can be used in all classrooms?**

A: No, however, we are planning to install phones in all classrooms so that you can call an emergency number and also receive instructions over the phone speaker system. In addition, we plan to install a Verizon Tower on campus.

**4) Do we plan to install panic buttons in the classrooms and offices?**

A: We do have panic buttons in the library and other locations, however, they are not fully functional. We will conduct an assessment of all classrooms and offices to determine if panic buttons are feasible.

**Security on Campus - I would like to announce that the Board of Trustees are considering funding an additional Sheriff Officer for each campus.**

**5) Will the back entrances to the buildings be locked?**

A: Yes, all back entrances will be locked.

**6) Can windows be used to escape?**

A: Windows only open halfway due to fire code regulations.

**7) Can we have maps of the college posted in the classrooms?**

A: Yes, maps will be distributed and posted.

**8) Can we cover our windows from the inside?**

A: No, District regulations prohibit covering windows.

**9) Can we have room numbers posted inside the classrooms?**

A: Yes

**10) Can we have ID badges for all employees of the campus?**

A: Yes, however, it makes no sense to have ID badges if people do not wear them.

**11) How do we evacuate disabled individuals?**

A: Faculty should develop a plan on the first day of class. This plan should be part of your syllabus. In the DSPS Faculty Handbook on the DSPS website, pages 25 – 28, it discusses the need for your classroom to have a plan for evacuation or an incident. For disabled students they need to develop a plan for assistance to evacuate if need to. The Sheriff's Department will assist in the evacuation of disabled individuals.

**12) Do we have sufficient Mental Health services?**

A: We are increasing our Mental Health services for students. We are going to have Mental Health professionals available on Friday and Saturday for students to make appointments. This is in addition to the Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday offerings.

**13) Do we have a crises intervention team on campus?**

A: Yes, we have a team composed of the appropriate staff and sheriffs that monitor student behavior on a monthly basis. If you suspect that a student is in need of assistance, please contact Associate Dean, Larry Resendez at (818) 364-7733 or e-mail him at [resendcl@lamission.edu](mailto:resendcl@lamission.edu). At the AFT Faculty Guild meeting on November 24, 2015, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Arroyo Room, Associate Dean Resendez will conduct a training on Crises Awareness Intervention.