The Office of Campus Safety is located in the small red building at the entrance to the main campus, opposite the Barn. Campus Safety Officers are on duty 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

Annual Clery Act Crime Report: In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, Bennington College’s Annual Report is available on-line at the above website. Printed brochures of this document are also available at the Office of Campus Safety upon request.

Reporting Crimes/Incidents: All crimes, incidents and suspicious activity should immediately be reported to the Office of Campus Safety, who will respond, investigate, provide assistance and document the incident.

Emergency Notification: Bennington College has developed an Emergency Response Plan to provide a systematic response to emergency conditions that could occur on campus. Part of this Emergency Response Plan is the notification system that communicates such situations to the community. In the event of a campus emergency, the Office of Campus Safety will send out notifications to campus phones and email addresses, and any other phone/text/email addresses provided, to members of the College community via Send Word Now, an immediate emergency notification system. Staff members who are issued a Bennington College email address will receive email notification from the Office of Campus Safety on how to register for Send Word Now. Staff members who do not have a Bennington College email address should contact the Director of Campus Safety (extension 4420) to request information on how to register for Send Word Now. In addition to the Send Word Now notification system, an emergency alert siren has been placed on the Visual and Performing Arts Building (VAPA). This siren will sound an alarm in the event of any campus emergency.

Training: All Campus Safety Officers are trained and certified in CPR, first aid and the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Officers complete up to 60 hours of training upon hire, as well as other training programs throughout the year.

Services

Emergency Medical Response
All emergencies should immediately be reported to Campus Safety by dialing extension 767(SOS). As trained first responders, Campus Safety Officers will respond, tend to the injured/ill, assess the situation, and request 911 be called as appropriate.

Blue Light Emergency Call Boxes
The Bennington College emergency call box system provides readily available and strategically located call boxes throughout the campus. Identified by blue lights, they connect directly and immediately to the Campus Safety dispatcher, relaying the exact location of the caller. Operation instructions are located on the boxes.

Dispatch/Communications
Operating 24-hours a day, Campus Safety Dispatch receives calls, documents campus activity, provides information, issues parking passes and decals, and operates the campus switchboard.

Vehicle Assistance

Battery Jump Starts:
Vehicle battery jump start assistance will be provided by Campus Safety Officers, when available, for vehicles on campus.

Vehicle Unlocks:
With proper photo identification, vehicle unlock assistance will be provided by Campus Safety Officers to individuals who have locked their keys in their vehicles on campus.

Parking/Decals
The Office of Campus Safety issues parking decals to faculty, staff and students, and enforces parking regulations via the issuance of tickets. All vehicles parked on College property must display a current College decal. Applications for parking decals are available at the Office of Campus Safety; there is no charge for a parking decal for staff and faculty.