

MISSING RESIDENT POLICY

In compliance with the “Higher Education Opportunity Act (2008)” Missing Student Notification Policy and Procedures, it is the policy of Beloit College to actively investigate any report made to Security about a missing resident who is enrolled at the College and residing in on-campus housing**. Each student will be notified of the Missing Student Policy and Procedures via the Student Handbook.

If a member of the College community has reason to believe that a student is missing, contact Security at (608) 363-2355 immediately.

For the purposes of this policy, a student may be considered to be a “missing person” if the person’s absence is contrary to his/her usual pattern of behavior or unusual circumstances may have caused the absence. Such circumstances could include, but not be limited to, a report or suspicion that the missing person may be a victim of foul play, has expressed suicidal thoughts, is medication dependent, is in a life-threatening situation, or has been with persons who may endanger the student’s welfare.

Upon receiving notification, Security, Residence Life, the Dean of Students office and other applicable College personnel will make reasonable efforts to locate the student to determine his or her state of health and well-being. These efforts may include, but are not limited to, checking the resident’s room, class schedule, and ID card use, talking with friends, locating the resident’s vehicle and calling the reported cell phone number if one is on file with the College. As part of the investigation, the College reserves the right to communicate with emergency contacts to help determine the whereabouts of the resident.

Each student is required via the emergency notification information, to identify the name and telephone number of the individual(s), a primary and secondary contact, to be notified in case of emergency or in the event that the student is reported missing. In the event the student is under the age of 18 and is not emancipated, the College is required to have the primary emergency contact be a custodial parent or guardian.

If upon investigation by Security and staff, the resident student has been determined to be missing for at least 24 hours, the following will occur:

1. A College representative will attempt to notify the resident’s designated emergency contact person.
2. If the student is under 18 years of age, a College representative will contact the custodial parent or legal guardian.
3. Security will inform the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Investigation will continue in collaboration with law enforcement officers as appropriate.

**NOTE: In order to avoid jurisdictional conflicts when an off-campus/commuter student is believed to be missing, the reporting person should notify local law enforcement authorities and campus security. College staff will assist the policy with their investigation.

(Pages 41-42 of the Student Handbook)