

WHATCOM COMMUNITY STANDARDS

When you enrolled as a student at Whatcom, you agreed to abide by our Conduct Code. But what happens when you make a mistake?

Life of an Incident Report [starring Bruce Wayne]

A REPORT IS MADE



Anyone in the community can submit an Incident Report (IR) online. An IR describes the who, what, where, when, and why of any concerning event on campus: crime, suspicious behavior, plagiarism, stranger danger, bad hair day...etc.

WE INVESTIGATE



The IR gets assigned:
Conduct—Conduct (Duh.)
Accident or injury—Safety
Title IX—HR
Wellness concern—BIT
If it comes to us, we make some calls and talk with witnesses to make sure we have all the details right. Then we call you in for a meeting.

WE TAKE CARE OF IT (No actual bombs involved)



We talk about the incident, clarify details, and figure out if the code has been violated. If it has, either by you saying “Oops. Sorry”, or it’s 50.1% likely based on the evidence, we impose an educational sanction. This can be anything from a warning to an essay on music.

You complete your sanction, you never violate the conduct code again, and we all go back to being awesome. We keep a file, but it doesn’t go on your student record.

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE



Inside the Room

- Review purpose of meeting and go over the process
- You tell your story
- We tell you what else we’ve found
- We ask questions of each other
- We make a finding and determine an educational sanction (or not)

Every case is unique.



— [Did you know...] —

You can appeal if you don’t agree. You have ten (10) days after your meeting to do it. The exact details are in the conduct code.

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