The safety of students is a primary concern of VTC. The educational process involves long hours, many spent alone studying or working in the laboratory, and students must take extra precautions on and off campus. VTC is served by Carilion security officers and the Carilion Police Department. Carilion Clinic police have security on site at VTC 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Officers can be reached at (540) 981-7911 or through the Carilion phone system at 7-7911.

If a student is experiencing a true emergency, he/she should call 911.

Victims or witnesses of crimes on campus are encouraged to report those crimes anonymously on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual crime disclosure report by calling the Carilion Clinic Police and Security Department. Students also have the option of contacting other VTCSOM resources such as the Senior Dean for Student Affairs, Director of Student Affairs, Director of Academic Counseling and Enrichment Services, or the ombudsperson who can assist with notifications, if desired.

The following preventive measures are recommended: avoid isolated sites, have access to other people or a phone, secure doors behind you, and don't walk to the parking lot alone at night.

Carilion Police have complete police authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on-campus and areas immediately adjacent to the campus. Any VTC-owned or leased property in outlying areas may be patrolled jointly by both Carilion Police and City Police. If minor offenses involving VTC rules and regulations are committed by a VTC student, the Carilion Police may also refer the individual to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs for judicial action.

Major offenses such as rape, murder, aggravated assault, robbery and auto theft are reported to the local police and joint investigative efforts with investigators from Roanoke City Police are deployed to solve these serious felony crimes. The prosecution of all criminal offenses, both felony and misdemeanor, are conducted at the Roanoke City General District Court or the Roanoke City Circuit Court. Carilion Police personnel work closely with local, state and federal police agencies and have direct communication with the City Police Department through our twenty four hour emergency police dispatch service. The emergency telephone number is (540) 981-7911.

The Carilion Police Department maintains a National Criminal Information Center (NCIC) and Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) computer terminal. Through this system police personnel can access the National Crime Information Computer system as well as the Virginia Criminal Information Network computer. These computer databases are used for accessing criminal history data, nationwide police records, driver/vehicle identification information, as well as other local, state and federal law enforcement information. The Carilion Police will provide daily crime statistics to students and faculty upon request. The statistics are available for viewing in the main office, located at Carilion Roanoke
Memorial Hospital, 5th floor. Additionally, the Carilion Clinic Police Department provides crime data to the Virginia Tech police, who submit the Clery Act data to the Department of Education.

No weapons are allowed on campus. This would include handguns, long guns, and knives with blades 4 inches or longer. Violations of this will be handled as a legal matter as well as a School of Medicine matter.