Trespass Policy

Colby-Sawyer College is a private, independent institution; its facilities, buildings, properties, and grounds (hereinafter referred to as “college property”) are private property. Nevertheless, it has substantial and meaningful ties to the surrounding New London community. For this reason, most outdoor areas and some buildings on campus are, in a general sense and during regular business hours, "open to the public." At the same time, the College is committed to safeguarding the people who learn, live, work, and visit here, ensuring the safe operation of college activities, and protecting college assets. Therefore, the College reserves the right to restrict access to buildings and outdoor areas. Access to the Colby-Sawyer College campus and all off-site locations is permitted only with Colby-Sawyer College's consent, which may be withdrawn at any time for any reason.

Section 1. Persons Not Authorized in Non-Public Areas of College Buildings

The areas of college academic, research, public service, and administrative buildings of the college, used for classrooms, laboratories, faculty and staff offices, and the areas of college student residence buildings, used for student living quarters, are not open to the public. Any person not authorized to be or remain in any such building area will be deemed to be trespassing on college property and may be cited and subject to prosecution for criminal trespassing in violation of New Hampshire Criminal Code RSA 635:2.

Section 2. Persons on College Property between the Hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Persons who are not students, faculty, staff, tenants, licensees, agents, or contractors of the college, or their employees, visitors, or *guests* (as defined by college policies*)*, shall not be permitted on college property between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Visitors and guests are expected to conduct themselves in a proper, non-disruptive, and lawful manner while on college property. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of personal restrictions relating to their presence on college property. Specifically, the right of a visitor or guest to be present on college property will be restricted when the visitor or guest has harmed or threatened to harm a member of the student body, faculty, or staff, or violates college policies, local, state, or federal laws. The right of a visitor or guest to be on college property will also be restricted when the visitor or guest has damaged or poses a risk of damage or loss to college property or to the property of others located on college property.

Section 3. People in College Buildings after Closing to the Public

Some college buildings are open to the public at designated times. Persons who the college does not authorize to be in a college building after it closes to the public will be deemed to be trespassing on college property and may be cited and subject to prosecution for criminal trespass in violation of New Hampshire's Criminal Code, RSA 635:2.

Section 4. Prohibition of Camping on College Property

Colby-Sawyer College has an interest in controlling and maintaining college property to safeguard the health and safety of individuals and to ensure that college property is utilized for its designed purposes in support of the college's educational and business missions. This policy prohibits the use of college property for purposes unrelated to the college's regular programs and activities. See full policy (PDF): Prohibition of Camping on College Property.

Section 5. Ban and Bar Notices

To maintain a safe and respectful learning environment, Colby-Sawyer College reserves the right to deny access to college property when a person's behavior is, or is likely to be, unlawful, in violation of college policy, or disruptive, threatening, or violent.

If such concerns arise, College officials may issue a written no-trespass notice that prohibits the individual from being on campus except under specific conditions outlined in the notice. These notices remain in effect until changed or withdrawn in writing by an authorized College official.

Anyone who violates a no-trespass notice will be considered trespassing and may face criminal prosecution under New Hampshire law (RSA 635:2). Additionally, law enforcement may arrest and prosecute individuals who commit crimes on college property, regardless of whether a no-trespass notice is in place.

"Unlawful or unauthorized activity" includes actions that violate state or federal law as well as College policies and regulations.

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