



**University of Pikeville
Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
Office of the Dean**

Missing Student

Policy Contact: Dean, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish process and procedures for the reporting, investigation and required emergency notification of missing students of University of Pikeville – Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM). This policy and procedure is guided by the Higher Education Opportunity Act, 20 U.S.C.S. § 1092; 42 U.S.C.S. § 5579.

Policy Statement

For purposes of this policy, a student may be considered missing under a variety of circumstances. These circumstances may include, but are not limited to: being overdue in reaching a specific location, on or off campus; concerns for safety based on prior knowledge of mental or physical health issues or other extenuating life circumstances; and/or additional factors that lead faculty, staff, or students to believe that the student is missing.

Students are required to identify an emergency contact. The student may provide a telephone number for an emergency contact to Graduate & Health Professions Student Affairs. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the contact information is current and accurate.

If it is suspected that a student is missing, Graduate & Health Professions Student Affairs, will immediately notify University of Pikeville Office of Public Safety. Once a brief preliminary investigation verifies that a student is missing, the Office of Public Safety will notify the Pikeville Police Department. The Chief of Public Safety will be the liaison between local law enforcement and KYCOM administration during the formal investigation.



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