SUBJECT (R*)
Security and Access

EFFECTIVE DATE (R*)
January 1, 2017

POLICY NUMBER (O*)
185.004

POLICY STATEMENT (R*)
FIU is a public university and, with the exception of residence halls, is open to the public during the day and evening hours when classes are in session. After these hours, university buildings are generally locked and only faculty, staff and some students with proper identification are admitted. The FIU Police Department provides regular patrol of university buildings as well as parking areas.

REASON FOR POLICY (O*)
Establishes public space at FIU and establishes that the FIU Police Department will provide regular patrol of the space.

DEFINITIONS (R*)
Public University – A public university is a university that is predominantly funded by public means through a national or subnational government, as opposed to private universities. In the United States, most public universities are state universities founded and operated by state government entities.

Residence Halls – A building used as a home. The professional and semi-professional staffs of the residence halls provide programming, tutoring, socializing, counseling, emotional support, discipline, leadership skills acquisition and a myriad of opportunities to grow and develop.

Facilities Management – An interdisciplinary field devoted to the coordination of space, infrastructure, people and organization, often associated with the administration of office blocks, arenas, schools, sporting complexes, convention centers, dining complexes, etc.

PROCEDURE (O*)
Residence Halls
Resident students are issued a key at check-in so they may have access to their living unit. Police officers regularly patrol the residence halls and are readily available to assist on a 24-hour basis. A Resident Assistant is on-duty in each residence hall complex every night. These security measures are representative of the university’s concern for the protection of persons and property. Residential Life staff and maintenance personnel make safety inspections and corrections as needed. Students are encouraged to call the Housing Office at 305-348-4190 or the FIU Police Department at 305-348-2626 to promptly report security and safety deficiencies. In case of emergencies, please contact the FIU Police Department dispatch center 305-348-5911.

The Department of Housing and Residential Life and the FIU Police Department work in partnership to provide residents with a number of safety measures. These resources include ongoing educational programs, safety-related policies, educational sanctions for violations of policies, and staff assistance in dealing with security problems and emergencies.

The Residential Life staff gives a high priority to the security needs of the residents. Resident Assistants receive training in crisis management, in dealing with critical incidents, and in monitoring the facilities. The Housing and Residential Life staff makes routine checks of floors, buildings and the exteriors of the housing communities. Security concerns are reported to the appropriate people including but not limited to, the FIU Police Department or the Department of Housing and Residential Life.

Each semester, the FIU Police Department and the Residential Life staff jointly provide safety programs to all residents. In addition, fire evacuation drills are conducted each semester. To review the housing procedures and policies go online to: housing.fiu.edu.
Facilities Management
Facilities Management maintains university buildings and grounds with a concern for the safety and security of all persons and property. Inspections are routinely conducted and repairs are promptly made to ensure that appropriate safety and security standards are maintained. The FIU Police Department assists Facilities Management personnel by conducting campus lighting surveys and reporting potential safety and security hazards, including outages. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to call Facilities Management to report any safety or security hazards at 305-348-4600.

HISTORY (R*)

RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT (R*)

Office of Finance and Administration

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FORMS/ONLINE PROCESSES (O*)

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*R = Required  *O = Optional