



Criminal Trespass

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Procedure: 315P

Responsible Office: VP Finance and Administration

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1. Scope

This policy applies to: Employees, students, and visitors at all properties owned, leased, or controlled by the College.

2. Policy Statement

Northern Virginia Community College Police Department sworn members, after considering the individual merits of each case, may forbid persons who are deemed to be harmful or disruptive to the college, or whose actions are contrary to law, from remaining on or returning to the college property. Sworn members may also trespass from leased premises when the Police Department has been designated as the "person lawfully in charge" by the tenant. Trespass Orders should be issued to persons likely to be deterred by the threat of prosecution for trespass. Sworn members should consider other ways of dealing with persons apparently suffering from mental illness.

Sworn members of the Northern Virginia Community College Police Department are authorized to issue trespass notices in the course of their legitimate law enforcement activities. Violations of trespass notices are enforced under VA Code § 18.2-119, Trespassing after having been forbidden to do so. Tenants on the college-owned or controlled property of NVCC may similarly designate the Police Department as the "person lawfully in charge". These designations must be in writing and kept on file with the Police Department.

3. Authority

[Virginia Code § 23.1-815](#)

[Virginia Code § 18.2-119](#)

[Virginia Code § 15.2-1717](#)