

CCAT: Columbia College Alert Team

Common
Questions
Answered



WHAT IS CCAT?

The Columbia College Alert Team is a campus Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) consisting of carefully selected members from administration, faculty and staff who meet regularly to help support campus health, safety and wellness.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

The primary purpose of the team is to monitor, assess, evaluate and intervene on campus issues that involve at-risk students.

HOW DO I LET THE TEAM KNOW IF I AM CONCERNED ABOUT A STUDENT?

You can contact members of the team by phone or email. Better yet, use the CCAT reporting form. Then your report goes directly to the Chair of the CCAT. There is a link on the Health Services page of the campus website. Check it out before you need it!

WHAT IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY?

Contact Campus Security and/or 911 first. Then make a report.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT THE STUDENT TO GET IN TROUBLE?

A very important question! The purpose of the team is to increase safety, support, and guidance. "Intervention" does not necessarily mean disciplinary action. Most of the time, it means helping a student who is troubled or even in crisis. Contacting CCAT does NOT mean you are getting a student in trouble. In fact, it is possible we will just be "on alert" and take no action at all.

WILL YOU LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO AFTER I MAKE A REPORT?

Maybe, maybe not. You may get little information, depending on the confidential nature of the issue. Or we may contact you for further information.

CAN I MAKE AN ANONYMOUS REPORT?

Yes. But it is much more helpful if you will let us know who you are.