

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Campus Photography Policy

I. Background

In order to provide the highest level of safety and security to its students, employees, and guests, Bridgewater State University has an interest in regulating photography on, in, or of university property, vehicles, or employees. Although in most instances there is no particular harm involved in taking photographic or video images on campus, experience has shown that persons who wish to target particular locations for terrorist purposes or other criminal purposes are likely to use photography as part of their pre-attack surveillance and planning. Therefore, in view of the university's general obligation to protect its students, employees, and guests, the university, through its Police Department, has established the following policy for the regulation of photography on campus.

II. Guidelines

The taking of photographs or videos – provided that such activities do not interfere with the university's educational or other ordinary functions – is permitted within public areas of the campus except as otherwise stated in these guidelines. Photography and video recording within restricted areas of the campus are prohibited without special authorization from the university, except that students are permitted to take photos or videos in all areas to which they are ordinarily provided access, including residence halls; and university employees may take photos or videos on campus pursuant to their assigned work responsibilities. When special authorization is required, twenty four hour advance notice should be given whenever possible. Requests may be denied if presented on short notice.

The university reserves the right to close certain public areas or events on campus – such as art galleries, museum or archive collections, theater productions, concerts, or other special events – to photography or videography, or to flash photography.

Persons taking pictures or videos of university property, vehicles, or employees must provide proper identification upon the request of a Bridgewater State University police officer or other university official. Any person observed taking pictures on, in, or of university property, vehicles, or employees who refuses to provide proper identification will be directed to stop taking pictures, and will be subject to additional law enforcement action as appropriate. Individuals found taking pictures or videos in a restricted area without authorization will be subject to investigation and possible arrest and seizure of the photography or video equipment.

Any person wishing to take pictures or videos anywhere on campus for any kind of commercial purpose or use (e.g., movies, commercials, trade publications, etc.) must first obtain permission from the university's Office of Institutional Communications. A

fee may be assessed in these circumstances. Permission for outside individuals or

