

A Quick Reference Guide to

No Contact Directives

What is a No Contact Directive (NCD) & What is its purpose?

TCNJ can provide No Contact Directives (NCDs) as a supportive measure for individuals who wish to have no contact with another member of the TCNJ community. NCDs are implemented between 2 individuals affiliated with TCNJ and both individuals must adhere to the directive regardless of who initiated the NCD. NCDs are intended to prevent contact or communication that could be harmful for any individual. It helps to create a safe environment so the individuals can focus on their education and/or work. NCDs are intended to prevent all forms of communication.

There is a NCD in place between my friends. Can I talk to one on behalf of the other?

No, that may actually be considered a violation. The NCD prohibits any direct verbal or physical interactions, indirect communication through a third party (which would be you) with the intent for that person to make contact on behalf of the parties, or to communicate electronically - including but not limited to, email, text messaging, Facebook or other social media sites.

Does a NCD prohibit the two individuals from being in the same space?

The NCD does **not** inhibit the two individuals from being in the same location. However, both students are encouraged to make a good faith effort to avoid the other if they find themselves in shared spaces.

Who can request a NCD be implemented?

Any enrolled student, faculty, or staff at TCNJ can request a NCD with respect to another campus community member. One may do so as a result of interpersonal conflicts or situations that they believe are interfering with their educational and/or work environment. The College may also elect to implement one between parties in the event there is an on-going investigation.

Will my friends, family, or faculty find out about the NCD?

Since the NCD is not a part of student's disciplinary record, the College would not typically disclose the existence of the NCD with any third party, unless otherwise requested, or in extenuating circumstances.

How long will a NCD remain in place?

NCDs implemented through the Office of Title IX & Sexual Misconduct are indefinite. A NCD may be lifted if requested by both students and approved by the College. NCD implemented through the Office of Student Conduct are typically valid for 90 days, but may be extended on a case by case basis.

What happens if someone violates the NCD?

Possible violation(s) of a NCD should be reported to the College ASAP. The College will evaluate the info & determine if it'd be appropriate to charge one or both individuals with *Compliance with Directives* under the *Sexual Harassment, Misconduct, & Discrimination Policy* or Student Conduct Code.

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