Monash University Policy

Policy Title | Civil Disturbance Policy
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Policy Owner | Director Services, Buildings and Property Division
Category | Operational
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Scope
This policy applies to all staff and students of:
- Monash University at the university's Australian campuses, Residences and off-campus facilities; and
- Monash College Pty Ltd business units at the university's Australian campuses.

Purpose
To ensure that the university environment remains safe, orderly and conducive to learning.

POLICY STATEMENT

The university strives to maintain an environment that is safe for all and conducive to learning. It recognises and encourages freedom of expression and the right to peaceful protest; however, these activities are acknowledged as quite distinct from unlawful acts of civil disturbance which may threaten the safety and/or security of any person or property within the precincts of the university. Where a civil disturbance includes unlawful behaviour, and/or acts of misconduct within the meaning of the university's own disciplinary statute, the university may consider a range of responses including requesting the assistance of relevant external agencies, supporting a criminal prosecution and/or initiating discipline or civil proceedings.

Supporting Procedures | Civil Disturbance Procedures
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Responsibility for implementation | Executive Director, Buildings and Property Division
Status | Revised
Approval Body | Name: Chief Operating Officer & Senior Vice-President
| Date: 15 May 2017
Endorsement Body | Name: Executive Director, Buildings and Property Division
| Date: 3 May 2017
Definitions | **Breach of the Peace**: Includes conduct which, if committed, may amount to an unlawful act or acts including, but not limited to assault, threatening or offensive behaviour, riot or obstruction.
| **Campus Security Office**: The main security office at or responsible for a university campus or other location.
| **Security Representative**: The person appointed to the role by the university.  
**Civil Disturbance**: Any act which constitutes a ‘breach of the peace’ or which has the express aim of preventing or obstructing the continuation of the university’s normal operation. (Such events may occur internally or externally to the University and may range from verbal arguments to organised protests, demonstrations and rioting).  
**Crisis Management and Recovery Team**: Persons nominated to the role by the university.  
**Crisis Management and Recovery Team Leader**: The person nominated to the role by the university.  
**Disciplinary Statute**: Monash University’s Discipline Statute.  
**University Security Manager**: The person appointed to the role by the university. |

| **Legislation Mandating Compliance** | **Crimes Act 1958**  
**Summary Offences Act 1966 (VIC)**  
Monash University Statute and Regulations |

| **Related Policies** |  |

| **Related Documents** |  |