

Marine Biological Laboratory



Safety at the MBL

The following MBL safety programs, procedures, and policies are relevant to the secondary school program:

Campus security

- MBL has a full-time Campus Security department consisting of a manager and 10 security officers providing 24/7 campus security services. The Campus Security office is located in Swope center.
- Upon registration, chaperones and students are entered into MBL's campus-wide alert system *MBLAlert*. *MBLAlert* is the means by which MBL Security alerts individuals on the campus to weather and other campus emergencies.
- Upon arrival, students will receive an orientation that covers campus security as well as other relevant topics.

Housing

- Secondary school students are housed in our Swope Dining and Conference center.
- As is the case with all MBL dormitories and apartments, the housing part of the Swope center is access controlled 24/7. Access is by authorized MBL card only.
- Specific wings and floors within Swope have access controls which provide additional security and allow separation by gender.
- Access to secure wings of the building is given only to the students staying within the wing, the chaperones for the group, and key MBL staff (housing and security). If any maintenance needs to take place within a secure wing, those staff are escorted to the room by a member of the MBL Housing or Security staff.

MBL emergency plans

- MBL has a set of emergency plans primarily oriented towards weather hazards because of our location on the coast. These include a campus evacuation plan if storm-driven flooding is a major concern.
- MBL conducts Active Shooter awareness training for our staff and provides orientation on this subject for all students.

MBL employees

- All MBL employees undergo background checks as a condition of employment

MBL Identification cards

- All MBL employees plus registered visitors have MBL ID cards. Secondary school students receive special MBL ID cards that identify them as students within this program. The identifier on their MBL ID card is a different color strip than others on the campus.

Safety in Labs

- MBL has a full-time Laboratory Safety Manager who oversees safety in all MBL's laboratories. Safety in laboratories for secondary school students is additionally governed by MBL's policy on minors in labs.
- Upon arrival, students will receive an orientation on lab safety from MBL's Lab Safety Manager.

Student life coordinator

- MBL has a student life coordinator whose primary job is to work with undergraduate and graduate students on non-academic issues. These can involve medical and mental health issues.
- The student life coordinator is also available as a resource for secondary school chaperones.