

# PROCEDURE MANUAL

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## PURPOSE

The purpose is to provide guidelines for employees related to use of physical force against a student, campus invitee, another employee, or any other person. This procedure is implemented in compliance with A.R.S. § 13-403 Justification; use of physical force; A.R.S. § 13-404 Justification; self defense; and A.R.S. § 13-406 Justification; defense of a third person.

## PROCEDURE

1. An Arizona Western College employee is permitted to use physical force against a student, campus invitee, another employee, or any other person only when the employee is acting under a reasonable belief that such use of physical force is necessary to:
  - 1.1 Protect the College employee against another's use or attempted use of unlawful physical force (self defense).
  - 1.2 Protect a third person from another's use or attempted use of unlawful physical force (defense of others).
  - 1.3 Prevent another person from committing or attempting to commit suicide, or from inflicting or attempting to inflict serious physical injury upon himself or herself (preventing a person from injuring himself or herself).
2. In any circumstance other than those set forth in section 1 of this Procedure above, including any situation where the student, campus invitee, employee, or other person refuses to follow the directive of the College employee and/or is committing or attempting to commit theft of, or criminal damage to, property belonging to the College or to another person (defense of property), the College employee must contact Campus Police for assistance rather than resort to the use of physical force.
3. For the purpose of this Procedure, physical force includes physical force or physical contact of any kind, whether direct or indirect, as well as the threat of using physical force. Physical force also includes the act of restraining another person by physical force or threats of physical force.
4. In situations where this Procedure authorizes the use of physical force, the amount and type of physical force used must be reasonable under the circumstances. Physical force that reasonably could result in serious injury or death should only be used in extreme situations, and should never be used in the defense of property.
5. This Procedure has no application to the College police officers who shall be subject to applicable legal restrictions imposed by Arizona statutes with respect to the use of force.