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The Jeanne Clery Act

Summary, reporting requirements, and Clery Center resources

The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to report campus crime data, support victims of violence, and publicly outline the policies and procedures they have put into place to improve campus safety.

Summary of the Jeanne Clery Act

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In order to comply with Clery Act requirements, colleges and universities must understand the law, where their responsibilities lie, and what they can do to actively foster campus safety.

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You can read the full text of the Clery Act at the Federal Register [here](#).

Below, we have compiled nearly 30 years of Clery Act policy into simple requirement categories for institutions of higher education along with resource suggestions for implementation on your campus.

Clery Act Requirements & Resources

Annual Security Reporting

The Clery Act requires colleges and universities that receive federal funding to disseminate a public annual security report (ASR) to employees and students every October 1st. This ASR must include statistics of campus crime for the preceding 3 calendar years, plus details about efforts taken to improve campus safety.

ASRs must also include policy statements regarding (but not limited to) crime reporting, campus facility security and access, law enforcement authority, incidence of alcohol and drug use, and the prevention of/response to sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, and stalking.

Crime Categories

Institutions of higher education must include five distinct categories of crime in their ASR crime data.

Criminal Offenses

- Criminal homicide: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, manslaughter by negligence
- Sexual assault: rape, fondling, incest, statutory rape
- Robbery
- Aggravated assault
- Burglary
- Motor vehicle theft
- Arson

Hate Crimes (any of the above mentioned offenses, and any incidents of)

- Larceny-theft
- Simple assault
- Intimidation
- Destruction/damage/vandalism of property

Hazing

VAWA Offenses

- Domestic violence
- Dating violence
- Stalking

Arrests and Referrals for Disciplinary Action

- Weapons law violations
- Drug abuse violations
- Liquor law violations

Crime Reporting Geography and Availability

Clery Act crime reporting is not strictly limited to events that occur on campus or within campus buildings and residences. Institutions must include statistics for crime that occur in any of these geographic areas:

- On-campus (anywhere)
- On-campus student housing
- Public property within campus bounds
- Public property immediately adjacent to the campus
- Noncampus buildings and property owned or controlled by the organization that are used for educational purposes and frequently used by students but not a part of the core campus, or those owned or controlled by a student organization officially recognized by the institution

Wherever crimes occur, campus police and public safety departments must maintain a daily crime log of all reported crimes that fall within their jurisdiction. This crime log must be made available to the public during daily business hours.

Resource: [Understanding Clery Statistics](#)

Timely Warnings and Emergency Notifications

When a crime covered by the Clery Act occurs, campus officials are required to evaluate if there is a serious or ongoing threat to the campus community to determine if a timely warning needs to be issued to all staff and students.

In the event of an immediate, significant danger to the health or safety campus community (e.g. weather, disease outbreak), campus officials may issue an emergency notification. This notification can include the entire campus, or be limited to a specific area deemed to be at risk.

Resource: [Timely Warnings and Emergency Notification: Separate and Distinct Requirements](#)

Victim Rights, Options, and Resources

Victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking have specific rights, options, and resources guaranteed to them by the Clery Act.

Prevention Education

Institutions are required to provide to students and employees, on an introductory and ongoing basis, prevention and awareness programs on the crimes covered above. These programs must include material on bystander intervention and risk reduction aimed at recognizing the warning signs of these crimes.

Student and Employee Rights

Institutions must provide victims of the crimes covered above with a written explanation of their rights. These rights include the option for a relocation/change of housing, transportation, or academic course assignment. They also include access to counseling services, legal services, and law enforcement notification.

Disciplinary Proceedings

All disciplinary proceedings must be conducted by trained parties at the institution — either individuals or panels of trained persons. Proceedings are required to be prompt, fair, and impartial, and must confer certain procedural rights to both the accuser and the accused.

Resource: [VAWA Amendments to Clery Checklist](#)

Additional Clery Act Resources

[Clery Act Appendix for FSA Handbook](#): As of October 9, 2020 the Department of Education has rescinded and archived the Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting. While the Handbook may still be utilized as a guide of promising practices for campuses to review for Clery Act implementation, it is no longer regarded by the Department as current guidance that campuses should rely upon. They have instead provided a Clery-related Appendix to the Federal Student Aid Handbook. This Appendix does not have the force and effect of law and is not meant to bind the public. The document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the applicable statutory and regulatory provisions.

[2016 Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting](#): The Handbook was rescinded and archived on October 9, 2020 but, where appropriately applied to prior calendar years, will continue to be referenced in program review reports, final program review determinations, and final audit determinations.

[Clery Act Program Review Reports](#): an online archive of final program review reports, released by the U.S. Department of Education.

[Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines](#): UCR program guidance on collecting and reporting hate crimes, in keeping with Clery Act requirements.

[Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook](#): crime reporting procedures as outlined by the FBI, for supplementation to Clery Act reporting.



Training Resources for Higher Education Professionals

For additional guidance on Clery Act compliance, Clery Center offers extensive training solutions.

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