

The Clery Act

Protection of Minors on Campus



Purpose of the Clery Act

To provide the campus community with timely, accurate and complete information about crime and the safety of campus so that they can make informed decisions to keep themselves safe.



Requirements

Campus Crime Data:

- Requires all colleges and universities who receive Title IV funding to share information about crime on campus and their efforts to improve campus safety as well as inform the public of crime in or around campus via the university's Annual Security Report (ASR).

Support for Victims:

- Under the Act, institutions must provide the reporting party of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking with options such as changes to academic, transportation, or living, or working situations, and assistance in notifying local law enforcement, if the student or employee chooses to do so. It also provides both parties in a campus disciplinary process certain rights.

Policies & Procedures:

- Universities must outline specific policies and procedures within their ASFSRs, including those related to disseminating timely warnings and emergency notifications, options for the reporting party of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, and campus crime reporting processes.

Reporters

- The Clery Act requires all institutions to collect crime reports from a variety of individuals and organizations that are considered to be “campus security authorities” under the law.
- “Campus security authority (CSA)” is a *Clery Act*-specific term that encompasses four groups of individuals and organizations associated with an institution.
- The first group is: *A campus police department or a campus security department of an institution.* If an institution has a campus police or security department, all individuals who work for that department are CSAs. A security department can be as small as one person.

Who are Campus Security Authorities (CSA)?

- University Police
- Security Staff (non-sworn)
- Local Police/Sheriff
- Department(s)
- Title IX/Investigator
- Director of Athletics
- Athletics Coaches
- Student Affairs Professionals
- Housing/Residence Life Staff
- Student Engagement offices
- Director of Student Health
- Officials designated to receive reported crimes
- An official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities.

A CSAs Primary Responsibility

- To report allegations made in “good faith” to the reporting structure established by the institution.
- **Good Faith** means there is a “reasonable basis” for believing that the information is not simply rumor or hearsay.