Understanding the Clery Act

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Who is the Clery Center?

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Background Knowledge - Poll

On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your understanding of the requirements of the Clery Act?

1-2: Basic Level
3-4: Some Familiarity
5-6: Competence
7-8: Mastery
9-10: Should be Teaching
Case Study

A student tells his resident assistant (RA) that he was sexually assaulted in his residence hall room the evening before.

- Why might he choose to disclose this to his RA?
- What type of information and support might he need?
Clery Act

Annual Security Report

- Policy statements
- Campus crime statistics

Ongoing Requirements

- Emergency notifications
- Timely warnings
- Daily crime log
- Rights and options for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking

U.S. Department of Education (ED) Enforces
Who Reports?

- Campus security authorities
- Local law enforcement
Who is a Campus Security Authority?

- A campus police or campus security department
- Individuals who have responsibility for campus security
- Individuals or offices designated to receive crime reports
- Officials with significant responsibility for student and campus activities
Exempt From Reporting

There are two types of individuals who are exempt from Clery reporting obligations:

- Pastoral counselor
- Professional counselor
Why does the Campus Security Authority need to report this information?

- Clery Act crime statistics
- Daily crime log
- Timely warnings that pose a serious or continuing threat to the campus community
- Emergency notification
- Information and support to victims
Clery Act Geography

- **On-campus**
  - Subset: On-campus student housing
- **Public property**
- **Non-campus building or property**
Clery Act Crime Statistics

Clery Act Crimes
- Homicide
- Sex offenses
- Robbery
- Aggravated assault
- Burglary
- Motor vehicle theft
- Arson
- Hate crimes

2013 Violence Against Women Act Amendments to the Clery Act
- Dating violence
- Domestic violence
- Stalking

Arrests & Disciplinary Referrals
- Liquor law violations
- Drug law violations
- Illegal weapons possession
Emergency Notifications vs. Timely Warning

Emergency Notification

- Broader Focus – any significant emergency or dangerous situation
- Anywhere on campus
- Entire campus or segment(s)
- Issue alert immediately upon confirmation
Emergency Notifications vs. Timely Warning

Timely Warning

- Narrower Focus – Clery Act crimes
- Clery Act geographic area
- Reach entire campus community
- Issue warning as soon as pertinent info available
Policies – Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence & Stalking

Procedures to follow
- Preserving evidence
- Reporting options
- Involvement of law enforcement & campus authorities

Written notification
- On-/off-campus services (students/employees)
- Accommodations (living, working, academic, transportation)
- Rights & options
- Disciplinary procedures (including timelines and sanctions)
Additional Questions?
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Key Contacts

- Department of Education (ED) Clery Act Compliance Team
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Resources

- The Clery Act – Statute & Regulations
- The Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting
- Department of Education Program Review Findings
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