



# Legal Assistance for Crime Victims

An OVC Training and Technical Assistance Initiative

## Understanding the Clery Act

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# Overview of Adobe Connect



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# Who is the Clery Center?



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# Background Knowledge- Poll



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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



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## 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

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# Who Reports?

- Campus security authorities
- Local law enforcement

# Who is a Campus Security Authority?



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- 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



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

- Pastoral counselor
- Professional counselor

# Why does the Campus Security Authority need to report this information?



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- 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



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## **On-campus**

- Subset: On-campus student housing

## **Public property**

## **Non-campus building or property**

# Clery Act Crime Statistics



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## **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

# Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence & Stalking



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**Prevention**

**Response**

# Emergency Notifications vs. Timely Warning



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## 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



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## 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



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## **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? Contact Us



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## Key Contacts

- Department of Education (ED) Clery Act Compliance Team
- Westat
  - 800-435-5985
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## Resources

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

# Information & Evaluation



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Through OVC's Legal Assistance for Crime Victims Training and Technical Assistance Initiative, OVC's Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) is working to develop and deliver training and provide technical assistance to the legal community. Training and technical assistance provides attorneys across the country with the tools they need to increase their knowledge base about crime victim issues and increase their capacity to provide pro bono or no-cost legal representation to crime victims.

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