

JEANNE CLERY DISCLOSURE OF CAMPUS SECURITY POLICY & CAMPUS
CRIME STATISTICS ACT
(The Clery Act)
Employee Overview

Why is “Clery” Important to Know

The Jeanne Clery Act, is a consumer protection law, requiring all colleges and universities receiving federal funding to share information about crime on campus and around University facilities as well as the efforts to maintain campus safety.

The Act is a set of complex rules and regulations governing all safety and security in our colleges and universities nationwide. The following presentation will provide you with a general overview.

As an employee of the University it is important that you have a general understanding of the Clery Act. This law impacts our campus community every day from required reporting of crime statistics, emergency alerts to resources and mandated training.

For both your own personal knowledge and to better assist others on campus, it is important that you have a basic understanding of the law and what information is available to you concerning campus security and safety.

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For the University non compliance with the Clery Act can result in:

- Monetary Fines: Colleges and Universities found in violation can be “fined” per incident by the U.S. Department of Education for any material misrepresentation of information (what we actually report, or what we fail to report).
- Disqualification: Non-compliance with the Clery Act can have a negative impact on the University’s ability to receive federal financial aid or qualify for federal grant programs.
- Reputational Damage: Clery Act violations can draw national attention and consequences.

Ultimately, the health and safety of our students, employees and other campus constituents are most important.

History of the Clery Act

A Brief History of Campus Crime Reporting:

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act or the Clery Act was named in memory of a student, Jeanne Clery, who was murdered and raped in her dorm room at Lehigh University in 1986. Her attacker was also a student at the University whom Jeanne did not know prior to the attack.

Her parents championed laws requiring the disclosure of campus crime information, and the federal law that now bears their daughter's name was first enacted in 1990. The Act has been amended over the years. Choosing a postsecondary institution is a major decision for students and their families. Along with academic, financial and geographic considerations, the issue of campus safety is a vital concern. Resulting in Congress enacting this important law for our campuses, students and employees.



Key Components of the Clery Act

Three key components of the Clery Act are:

- **Campus Crime Data:** Institutions are required to keep the campus community informed by sharing select crime statistics required under the Clery Act.
- **Support for Victims:** Schools must provide compassionate support to victim's of campus crime and provide written explanations of their rights and options in certain offenses.
- **Specific Policies and Procedures:** Campuses must outline these in their Annual Security Reports.

Some employees have been identified as Campus Security Authorities (CSAs) due to the function of their positions.

CSAs receive more advanced and detailed training in the Clery Act and their reporting responsibilities.

Note: Clery and Title IX have “intersections” but, they are two different laws. The Office of Student Equity and Compliance (OSEC) handles Title IX issues at the University. Please contact OSEC for further information and training on Title IX.

Requirements of the Law

Institutions are required to provide data about Clery Act crimes:

Publish statistics, accessible to employees and current and prospective students, regarding crime occurring on or near the University's premises. Two important requirements are:

Publish an **Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASFSR)** by October 1st .

- Report includes Crime and Fire Statistics for the three previous calendar years for required locations.
- Report contains information about where to find security-related policies and resources for victims of crimes.

Maintain a public **Daily Crime Log and Fire Log**.

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The University is also required to:

- Issue **timely warnings** about Clery Act crimes which pose a **serious or ongoing threat** to students and employees.
- Have an **emergency response, emergency notification** (*immediate notification*) and **testing policy**.
- **Compile and report fire related data** to the federal government (for incidents occurring in on-campus housing) and publish an annual Fire Safety report. (This report is part of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report)
- Enact policies and procedures to handle **reports of missing students**.

Additional Clery Act Information on Campus Crimes, Security and Safety

This information is made publicly accessible through the University's Department of Public Safety-Clery Act website:

<https://sites.rowan.edu/publicsafety/clery/index.html>

Clery Act resources on this site include:

- Overview on the Clery Act
- Annual Security and Fire Safety Report
- Daily Crime Log
- Daily Fire Log
- Campus Security Authority Reporting and Training

Any questions on the Clery Act please contact:

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Thank you for your review of this presentation.

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