Clery Act Training

Campus Safety Authorities

University of Colorado Boulder
What is the Clery Act?
Overview

In 1986 Jeanne Clery was raped and murdered in her dorm room at Lehigh University.

Her family worked with Congress to enact the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) in her memory. Signed into federal law -1990.
Overview (con’t)

The goal of the **Clery Act** is to ensure that students, prospective students, parents, and employees have access to accurate information about crimes committed on campus and about campus security procedures.
General Requirements of the Clery Act

- Disclose, collect, classify and count crime reports and statistics

- Issue a **Timely Warning Notification** for any Clery crime that represents a serious or continuing threat to the safety of students or employees

- Issue **Emergency Notifications** upon confirmation of significant emergency or dangerous situation involving immediate threat to health or safety

- **Publish Annual Security Report**, which includes statistics and policy statements, every year by October 1

- **Submit crime statistics** to the Department of Education – Annual Security Report

- Maintain a publicly available daily crime log - CUPD website

- **Implement missing student notification procedures**

- **Maintain Fire Safety information** - including fire log, annual fire report with statistics and policy statements
Campus Security Authorities

(CSA's)
What is a Campus Security Authority (CSA)?

The Clery Act requires that we gather and publish crime data from multiple reporting sources, including Campus Security Authorities.

The law defines **four categories of Campus Security Authorities:**

- Campus Police
- Non-police security staff responsible for monitoring University property
- People and campus offices designated under our policy as those to whom crimes should be reported
- “Officials with significant responsibility for student and campus activities”
Why the Concern About Crime Reports to CSAs?

- Many crimes, especially sexual assaults, are not reported to police

- The Clery Act requires that we gather and publish crime data from multiple sources (including Campus Security Authorities) to ensure that students and others know about safety and security on campus based on:
  - Types of crimes reported
  - Location of the crimes
Reporting Requirements
What is a CSA required to report?

CU-Boulder must report statistics for certain crimes that occur in certain geographical locations associated with the institution.

This means that CSAs are required to report to CUPD any report of:

• a Clery crime that ……
• occurred on CU-Boulder’s “Clery geography”

This is true regardless of

• when the incident occurred  
  • A statistic is reported for the year in which the crime was reported
• who was involved  
  • An incident must be reported even if no one involved is affiliated with CU-Boulder
What is a “Clery Crime”? 

**Incidents of:**

- **Criminal homicide**
  - Murder
  - Manslaughter

- **Sex offenses**
  - Rape
  - Fondling
  - Incest
  - Statutory Rape

- **Aggravated assault**

- **Robbery**

- **Burglary**

- **Motor vehicle theft**

- **Arson**

- **VAWA offenses**
  - Dating Violence
  - Domestic Violence
  - Stalking

- **Hate crimes**
  - Any instance of any of the crimes listed above, larceny, simple assault, vandalism, or intimidation, or any other crime causing bodily injury; IF
  - Motivated by the victim’s actual or perceived race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, or disability
What is a “Clery Crime”? (con’t.)

- Violation of weapon laws
- Violation of drug laws
- Violation of liquor laws
What is “Clery Geography”? 

“Campus” 
- What we think of as our main campus 
- Separately report incidents that occurred in on-campus housing facilities

“Noncampus property” 
- Property owned or controlled by CU-Boulder that is frequently used by students and supports the institution’s educational purposes, but is not “reasonably contiguous” to main campus (e.g.) South campus building 
- Includes property owned or controlled by a recognized student organization (e.g.) sorority houses

“Public property” 
- Publicly owned property that is within campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus (e.g.) streets, sidewalks, bike path
Reporting Depends on Location

Determine whether the crime occurred on CU-Boulder Clery geography!

If someone reporting to you is uncomfortable sharing specific details, try to ask enough questions to understand whether CU-Boulder must report the incident:

• “Were you on campus or off campus?”
Reporting an Incident

When someone reports an incident to you, determine:

1. Is this a Clery crime?
2. Did this occur on CU-Boulder’s Clery geography?
3. If you are uncertain, report anyway.
Reporting an Incident

A Campus Security Authority is required to:

• Get the facts - *Who, what, where, when, etc.*

• Report all Clery crimes that occurred on CU-Boulder’s Clery geography immediately to CUPD so the campus can comply with *Timely Warning* Notification requirements and have accurate crime statistics for the Annual Security Report

• Inform victims of their options, including confidential reporting options and offer referrals to resources on campus – OVA.
Reporting an Incident

For emergencies & crimes in progress, call 911

For non-emergency situations, call CUPD at (303) 492-6666.

Complete a Crime Reporting/Incident Form (this can be found on-line - CUPD website https://police.colorado.edu/CleryCSAreporting)

Victims can also contact the CU Office of Victim Assistance (OVA) at (303) 492-8855 (Confidential reporting)
Reporting an Incident – Next Steps

• Describe the incident/crime as completely and accurately as possible

There is no need to make a judgment about or investigate what happened; *just get the facts.*

**Note:** If the victim reports a crime but wishes to remain anonymous, the CSA must still submit a Crime Incident Report (but does not need to identify the victim)
Final Review and Wrap Up

- The Clery Act requires institutions of higher education receiving federal financial aid to annually report specific crime statistics on campus, and provide safety and crime information to members of the campus community.

- CU-Boulder is responsible under the Clery Act for establishing appropriate procedures to implement these requirements.

- A Campus Security Authority (CSA) is anyone who has significant responsibility for student AND campus activities.

- CSAs are required to: Get the facts, report all Clery related crimes to the police, inform victims of confidential reporting options and offer referrals to resources.
Questions?

You can get additional information and advice from your campus Clery Compliance Officer

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- Guidance is also available in the U.S. Department of Education Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting.

Thank You for Attending!