Clery Act

Campus Security Authorities Training
Training Objectives

• Brief overview of the Clery Act

• Define a Campus Security Authority

• Define how the Clery Act affects you
  - Review of the Proxy Report Form
  - Define the crimes reported under the Clery Act
  - Define the location categories defined under the Clery Act
  - Sanctions for Non-Compliance

• Contact Information
Compliance with the Clery Act falls under the mandate of the US Department of Education (34 CFR 668.46).

The purpose of this act is to inform parents, students and employees about campus security and crimes.
History of the Clery Act

During the early morning hours of April 5, 1986, Jean Clery, a 19 year old Lehigh University freshman was tortured, raped and murdered in her residence hall room. Her killer was a drug and alcohol abuser, a Lehigh University student whom Jeanne had never met. He gained access to her room by proceeding, unopposed, through three propped open doors, each of which should have been locked. He was convicted and sentenced to death.

Her parents, Connie and Howard Clery found that only four percent of colleges and universities reported crime on their campuses to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Clery’s went to work to mandate that all college and universities disclose crimes that occur on their campuses and prepare an annual campus security report that shows the crime statistics and what security measures are taking place on campus. In 1990, the Campus Security Act was passed. It was later renamed the Clery Act.
Review of Clery Act Requirements

- Publish and distribute an Annual Campus Safety Report by October 1st of each year.
- Inform prospective students and employees about the existence of the report and how to obtain a copy.
- Provide Timely Notification of the crime trends or threats to safety on and around the campus.
- Maintain a Public Log (Clery crimes and fires).
- Establish various campus policies.
What Statistics Do We Include?

- Previous three calendar years
- Crimes (& Fires) Listed in the Act and Reported to:
  - Campus Police/Security
  - Local Police
  - “Campus Security Authorities”
    - those with “significant responsibility for student activities” such as:
      - Housing and Disciplinary Staff
      - Athletic Coaches and Staff
      - Faculty Advisers to Student Groups

Develop a documented procedure for soliciting statistics for the Annual Report from the local police and all the individuals or organizations on campus who may fit the definition of campus security authorities.
Campus Security Authorities

The US Department of Education defines a Campus Security Authority as:

“Any university official who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities.”

Faculty members and clerical staff who do not have any responsibility for student and campus activity beyond the classroom are not included as Campus Security Authorities.

Professional Counselors and Pastoral Counselors are exempt from the designation of Campus Security Authorities.
Examples of Who Is and Isn’t Campus Security Authorities (CSA)

(Not All-Inclusive)

Yes
• Police / Security
• Dean of Students
• Faculty Advisor
• Organization Advisor
• Residential Life Staff
• Staff Advisors to Clubs
• Athletics – AD/Coaches, Trainers
• Human Resources
• Anyone the College Assigns

No
• Food Service Staff
• Clerical Staff
• Facilities Staff

Exempt
• Pastoral counselors
• Professional mental health counselor
• Medical Staff
Who is not a Campus Security Authority?

- Administrative staff not responsible for students (e.g., payroll, facilities)
- Clerical staff
- Individual faculty who do NOT serve as an advisor to a registered student organization
- Doctors in the Student Health Center, or Counselors in the Counseling Center, who only provide care to individual students.
How the Clery Act Affects You

• As a Campus Security Authority, you are required to complete an anonymous crime reporting form each time you are notified of a crime.
• All forms must be sent to the Director of Campus Safety in a timely manner (Prior to October 1st of each year).
• The information is used for statistical purposes and also to alert the campus community of any threats, especially concerning safety.
SKIDMORE COLLEGE
Campus Safety

July 19, 2011

To: Deans, Directors, Department Heads, Faculty Advisors, Committee Chairs

From: Dennis S. Conway, Director of Campus Safety

Subject: FEDERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS—Calendar Year 2010

According to federal law, "[the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 (replaced the Clery Act), the Skidmore College Department of Campus Safety is required to report statistics concerning the occurrence of the following criminal offenses reported to local police agencies or any officer of the institution who has "significant responsibility for student and campus activities". This includes: Housing and Disciplinary Staff, Athletic Director, Coaches and Staff, and Faculty Advisers to Groups.

The criminal offenses that we are required to report are:

- Homicide/ Manslaughter
- Forcible Non-Forcible Sex Offenses
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson
- Hate Crimes of the above crimes, or any other crime involving injury, larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction/damage/vandalism of property by category of prejudice (race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability)
- Alcohol, Drug and Weapons Possession that amount to violations of law

1. Arrested by local police
2. Not arrested, but referred for campus disciplinary action

Definition of Referred for Campus Discipline: The referral of any student to any campus official who initiates a disciplinary action for which a record is kept and may result in the imposition of a sanction.

We are required to report any of these offenses that occur on campus, in residence halls, on non-campus property that is used for educational purposes (athletic fields, boat house) and on public property adjoining the main campus.

We are currently in the process of compiling this data for the calendar year from January 1 - December 31, 2010. To assist in this process a copy of our Skidmore Crime Statistic Report Forms will also be sent to you. If you have any questions contact Dennis Conway, Director of Campus Safety at XG209.

NOTICE: We are only interested in affirmative responses. If you have not received any information regarding these crimes and violations or the information you have has all ready been reported to us or the local police you do not need to respond.
Reportable Crimes Under Clery

- Offenses
  - Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter
  - Negligent Manslaughter
  - Forcible Sex Offense
  - Non-Forcible Sex Offense
  - Robbery
  - Aggravated Assault
  - Burglary
  - Motor Vehicle Theft
  - Arson
Reportable Crimes Under Clery

• Hate Crimes:
  Any of the crimes (on previous slide) or any other crime involving injury larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction/damage/vandalism of property committed based on the following category of prejudice (race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability)

  Arrests and Judicial Referrals:
  o Weapons Violations
  o Drug Violations
  o Alcohol Violations
There are three location categories and one subset category defined by the Clery Act:

- On Campus
  - Residence Halls
- Non-Campus Building
- Public Property
What is “On Campus”?

- Owned or controlled by the institution;
- Within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area, and...
- Used to meet or support the institution’s educational purposes
  - Residence Halls (also a subset category)
  - Administrative Buildings
  - Academic Buildings
Student Residential Facilities

The offenses and arrests that occur within the residence halls is a subset of the On-Campus statistics. The statistics shown in the residence hall statistics are also shown in the On-Campus statistics.

Example: If four aggravated assaults occur on campus, but only two occur in residence halls, the statistics would be represented as follows:

- Aggravated Assaults On Campus – 4
- Aggravated Assaults Residence Halls – 2
What is Non-Campus?

Any building or property not part of the main campus nor a separate campus and is:

• Owned or controlled by the institution
• Used in support or in relation to the institution’s educational purposes
• Frequently used by students
• Owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution, such as off-campus fraternity and sorority houses.

- Boathouse
- Denton Road fields
- Rented space for practice/games – i.e. Ice Hockey Rink
- Stables
- Scriber House
What is Public Property?

- Thoroughfares
- Streets
- Sidewalks
- Public parking facilities on campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus
- The sidewalks across the street from campus
What to do When a Crime is Reported

• Determine whether the crime was reported to the police. If the person does not wish to report the crime to the police, complete the proxy form or call Campus Safety.
• If the person needs assistance, refer them to our resources; Health Services, Counseling, Campus Safety, police.
• Document the information and keep your notes.
So you’re a CSA – what do you have to do?

If someone tells you about a crime or an incident that may be a crime, you must record the information and submit a report.

• Just get the facts, we will do the analysis
• Use the form available in this presentation.
• Contact the Director of Campus Safety!

When in doubt, report it.
Skidmore College Clery Report Proxy Form

Documentation

• If unsure whether an incident is a Clery crime, or even if it’s criminal in nature, you should report it.
• Provide as much information about a criminal incident as possible to aid law enforcement and to categorize the crime.
• Crime reports should include personally identifying information if available.
When?

• Under Clery, a crime is “reported” when it is brought to the attention of a campus security authority by a victim, witness, other third party or even the offender.
  o It doesn’t matter whether or not the individuals involved in the crime, or reporting the crime, are associated with the institution.

• If a campus security authority receives the crime information and believes it was provided in good faith, he or she should document it as a crime report.
Sanctions for Noncompliance

The US Department of Education can issue civil fines up to $27,500 per violation for substantial misrepresentation of the number, location or nature of crimes to be reported. Also, noncompliance can lead to the suspension or limiting the institution’s Title IV eligibility.
Failure to Comply

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Chart updated as of 5/6/11

Penn State, Syracuse?
Example 1

• A student mentions to her boyfriend that a number of rooms on her dorm floor were broken into during the previous night’s lacrosse game. Later that day, her boyfriend tells the athletics director what he heard. The AD asks which dorm it was and what, if anything else, the boyfriend knows about the incident.
Example 1 (cont.)

• Analysis:
  o Clery geography?
  o Clery crime?
  o Report made to CSA in good faith?

• The AD should document the information and forward it to Campus Safety.
Example 2

• Samantha Jones, Res. Life Staffer gets a call from the director of a counseling center in town. The caller wants to let the director know that four students from the school sought assistance at the center and told the center’s counselors that they had been sexually assaulted on campus and were seeking emotional support. They did not want police investigations.
Example 2 (cont.)

- Analysis:
  - Clery geography?
  - Clery crime?
  - Report made to CSA in good faith?

- These are third party reports and Samantha, having no reason to believe that they were not made in good faith, should document all of the information she was given and forward the reports to the person or office responsible for collecting Clery crime reports at her institution.
Example 3

- A female basketball player approaches a trainer after practice and tells her that after a game which was in December of 2011 she was groped at the hotel by a student from the college they were visiting. The student further states she doesn’t want anyone to know.
Example 3 (cont.)

• Analysis:
  o Clery geography?
  o Clery crime?
    o Report made to CSA in good faith?
• What is required by Clery?
• What should the trainer do?
Questions?

Please contact Campus Safety at 580-5567.