

The Clery Act and Campus Security Authorities



An OU community member who is the victim of a crime may report it to someone other than the campus police. For this reason, the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f) (Clery Act) requires institutions to collect crime reports from a variety of individuals and organizations that are considered to be a "Campus Security Authority" (CSA) under the law. Following U.S. Department of Education guidance, your college or department has identified you as a CSA, or you are serving as a faculty/staff advisor for a registered student organization. This document outlines your mandatory reporting responsibility under the Clery Act.

WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A CSA?

A CSA's primary responsibility is to report allegations of Clery Act Crimes they receive directly and immediately to OUPD. For a crime to be reportable it must be (1) a Clery Crime allegation; (2) that was reported to a CSA by a victim, witness, other third party or even the alleged perpetrator; and (3) occurred within the campus's reportable geography.

- Per federal law CSAs are required to report any Clery Crime allegations they receive to OUPD for statistical purposes, but **a victim's identity may be kept confidential** if that is the victim's wish.
- If a CSA is not sure if the incident is a Clery Crime or if it occurred within the campus's geography, they should report it to OUPD and allow them to make the determination based on the information available. **When in doubt, report it.**
- CSAs must provide victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking with information regarding resources and supportive measures and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) brochure so that they are aware of and understand their rights, options, and available services. Links to these brochures from the Institutional Equity Office are below and can also be found at www.ou.edu/eoo/resources.

[STUDENT BROCHURE](#)

[FACULTY/STAFF BROCHURE](#)

[VAWA BROCHURE](#)

WHAT ARE THE CLERY CRIMES?

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| • Murder and non-negligent manslaughter | • Statutory Rape | • Arson |
| • Manslaughter by negligence | • Robbery | • Weapon, drug, or liquor law violations |
| • Rape | • Aggravated Assault | • Domestic Violence |
| • Fondling | • Burglary | • Dating Violence |
| • Incest | • Motor Vehicle Theft | • Stalking |

Additionally, the following crimes are Clery crimes IF they were motivated by the perpetrator's bias against the victim's race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, gender or gender identity.

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| • Larceny/Theft | • Intimidation |
| • Simple Assault | • Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property |

WHAT IS REPORTABLE GEOGRAPHY?

Reportable geography falls into three categories: on campus (with a subcategory for on campus student housing) non-campus, and public property. With some exceptions including public property, reportable geography can be understood as property owned or controlled by the university. Generally, this can be considered the main campus areas of the Norman, Health Sciences Center and OU-Tulsa campuses, as well as the OU in Arezzo site. But it can also include lodging or other facilities used by the university during overnight travel with students, university property located off the main campus and property owned or controlled by registered student organizations, like fraternity and sorority houses. Visit ou.edu/clery/geography for more information.

WHAT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A CSA?

A CSA is not responsible for and should not attempt the following:

- Investigate or otherwise attempt to confirm the reported allegation
- Confront or attempt to apprehend the alleged perpetrator
- Confirm that an alleged crime occurred within the campus' geography before reporting to OUPD
- Convince the victim to contact law enforcement if they choose not to
- Pressure a victim to pursue any specific course of action

Alleged crimes may be reported to OUPD using the link to the online Campus Security Authority reporting form, or by calling the appropriate campus's OUPD headquarters directly.

Call 911 for emergencies.

CSA Report Form



link.ou.edu/clery-reporting

Resources & Support for Sex-Based Crimes



link.ou.edu/clery-csa

**OUPD-Norman
Non-Emergency Line**
(405) 325-1717

**OUPD-HSC
Non-Emergency Line**
(405) 271-4123

**OUPD-Tulsa
Non-Emergency Line**
(918) 660-3900

A NOTE ON THE CLERY ACT AND TITLE IX

While there is some overlap between the Clery Act and Title IX, they are separate laws with separate purposes and mandatory reporting responsibilities. If you are a CSA under the Clery Act, that does not absolve you from reporting responsibilities you may have as a "Responsible Employee," under Title IX and vice versa. CSAs that receive reports of an alleged act of sexual assault (including rape, fondling, incest and statutory rape), stalking, dating violence or domestic violence must make a CSA report per the Clery Act and promptly share the information with the Institutional Equity Office for Title IX purposes.

Information regarding incidents of alleged sexual harassment or gender discrimination must also be promptly shared with the Institutional Equity Office, but a CSA report is not necessary.

Most university employees are considered Responsible Employees under Title IX and are required to report any sexual misconduct, discrimination, or harassment to the Institutional Equity Office immediately. If you are unsure if you are a Responsible Employee, please speak to your supervisor or visit the Institutional Equity Office website at ou.edu/eoo/reporting.

For more information or questions, please visit www.ou.edu/clery or email clerycompliance@ou.edu

Reports of sexual misconduct, discrimination or harassment can be shared by calling the Institutional Equity Office at (405) 325-2215, emailing ieo@ou.edu, or by calling the Institutional Equity Officer and Title IX Coordinator, or any of the Associate Title IX Coordinators.

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