

## Clery Act Summary

Schools must publish an annual report disclosing campus security policies and three years worth of selected crime statistics.

Schools must make timely warnings to the campus community about crimes that pose an ongoing threat to students and employees.

Each institution with a police or security department must have a public crime log.

The U.S. Department of Education centrally collects and disseminates the crime statistics.

Campus sexual assault victims are assured of certain basic rights.

Schools that fail to comply can be fined by the DOE.

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## Related Laws

[Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act](#)

[Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#)



**Security On Campus, Inc.  
Complying With The  
Jeanne Clery Act**

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act is the landmark federal law, originally known as the Campus Security Act, that requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses.



Because the law is tied to participation in federal student financial aid programs it applies to most institutions of higher education both public and private. It is enforced by the U.S. Department of Education.

The "Clery Act" is named in memory of 19 year old Lehigh University freshman Jeanne Ann Clery (pictured right) who was raped and murdered while asleep in her residence hall room on April 5, 1986.

Jeanne's parents, Connie and Howard, discovered that students hadn't been told about 38 violent crimes on the Lehigh campus in the three years before her murder. They joined with other campus crime victims and persuaded Congress to enact this law, which was originally known as the "Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990."

The law was amended in 1992 to add a requirement that schools afford the victims of campus sexual assault certain basic rights, and was amended again in 1998 to expand the reporting requirements. The 1998 amendments also formally named the law in memory of Jeanne Clery.

The law was most recently amended in 2000 to require schools beginning in 2003 to notify the campus community about where public "Megan's Law" information about registered sex offenders on campus could be obtained.

[Drug-Free School and  
Campuses Act](#)

## Other Resources

[How To File A Jeanne Clery  
Act Complaint](#)

[Understanding the Jeanne  
Clery Disclosure Act](#) by Joel C.  
Epstein (Oct. 2001)

["Sex, Crime and Campuses-  
Complying with Federal  
Reporting Requirements"  
Presentation](#)

## Background

[Legislative History](#)

[Congress Reforms Campus  
Crime Reporting](#) (1998  
amendments)

[What Jeanne Didn't Know](#)

[Covering crime on college  
campuses](#) by S. Daniel Carter  
(Sept. 2000)

["The Campus Security Act-A  
Tool To Involve The Campus  
Community In Crime  
Prevention"](#) by S. Daniel  
Carter (July 1997)

[Student Media Guide to the  
Clery Act](#) (Student Press Law  
Center)

## Questions?

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# Clery Act Compliance Information

[Handbook for Campus Crime Reporting \(PDF\)](#)

This handbook was developed by the U.S. Department of Education to present step-by-step procedures, examples, and references for higher education institutions to follow in meeting the Clery Act requirements.

[Summary Of The Jeanne Clery Act](#)

Provides an easy to understand "plain language" summary of the Jeanne Clery Act's requirements.


[Answers To Frequently Asked Questions](#)

**Clery Act-Statute Text (20 USC § 1092(f))**

- [Clery Act text as amended through 2000 \(PDF format\)](#)
- [Original Campus Security Act text](#) (1990; Public Law 101-542, Title II)

**Clery Act-Implementing Regulations**

Issued by the U.S. Department of Education the implementing regulations, which carry the force of law, instruct institutions how to comply with the Jeanne Clery Act.

- [34 CFR § 668.46](#) (current Clery Act regulations, effective July 1, 2003; available in [PDF format](#))
  - [Appendix A to Subpart D of Part 668](#)--Crime Definitions in Accordance With the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program (available in [PDF format](#)) 
- [34 CFR § 668.41](#) (general information disclosure regulations which also apply to the Clery Act; available in [PDF format](#))
- [October 31, 2002 Federal Register-Final Rule](#) (sex offender disclosure requirement in institutions' annual security reports; disciplinary referral technical correction; available in [PDF format](#))
- [November 1, 1999 Federal Register-Final Rule](#) (explains the Clery Act regulations in plain language; available in [PDF format](#))



- [August 10, 1999 Federal Register-Proposed Rule](#) (draft version of the Clery Act regulations; available in [PDF](#) format)
- [April 24, 1994 Federal Register-Final Rule](#) (original Campus Security Act regulations)

### **Clery Act Crime Definitions**

These definitions are to be used when compiling campus crime statistics under the Clery Act.

### **UCR Handbook (15 MB PDF Document)**

When not in conflict with the Clery Act, the standards of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program are to be used.

### **UCR Guidance For Residence Hall Burglary Reporting (also available in PDF)**

### **1996 "Dear Colleague" Letter**

### **Annual Report Checklist (2000 amendments)**

### **2001-2002 U.S. Dept. of Ed. Student Financial Assistance Handbook section on campus security disclosures (PDF Only)**

### **Clery Act Violators**

- [Program Reviews](#) (262)
- [Campus Security Focused Program Reviews](#) (17 Institutions As Of June 2007)

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