

# The Jeanne Clery Act

## HISTORY

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act requires colleges and universities to publish annual information about campus crime and campus security policies. Schools must publish the report each year by October 1<sup>st</sup> with at least three years of campus crime statistics and policy statements such as basic victims' rights and crime reporting procedures.

The Clery Act was established after Jeanne Clery was sexually assaulted and murdered as a freshman at Lehigh University. The school had not informed students about the 38 violent crimes that had taken place on campus in the three years before Clery's murder. Clery's parents led the movement to enact the Campus Security Act.

By law, campuses must provide the annual reports to all current students and faculty and make it available for prospective students. Campuses may do this through the Internet but must have paper copies available upon request. To learn more about the Clery Act and its amendments, visit [www.campusafety.org](http://www.campusafety.org).

## CRIME REPORTING

Schools must report crimes or incidents in each of the following areas:

- Criminal Homicide (Murder and Non-negligent & Negligent Manslaughter)
- Sex Offenses (Forcible and Nonforcible)
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson
- Liquor Law Violations
- Drug Law Violations
- Illegal Weapons Possession

## STUDENT USE OF STATISTICS

Use of Campus Crime Reports by Students (statistics from The Impact of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act on College Student Behavior, 2001):

- 27% of students report being aware of the act.
- 24% of students report having read the crime statistics provided to them in their admission documents.
- 8% of students report that the statistics influenced their enrollment decisions.

This study found that most students got their information about crime and how to protect themselves from sources other than the annual reports published by the universities but that most of these students were influenced by these other sources and learned how to better protect themselves.



## CCW and THE CLERY ACT

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College Crime Watch was established to engage student leaders in reducing crime and safety hazards on their college campuses.

**CCW Core Groups are encouraged to promote the knowledge of the Clery Act and utilize the information their college or university publishes on crime statistics, institutional policies, and the services provided by their college or university.**