

UM Clery Quarterly Newsletter

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Brief overview of the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act



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CLERY 101

The Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act requires colleges and universities receiving federal funding to prepare, publish and distribute by October 1st of each year, campus security policies and crime statistics. By publishing this information to the campus community who are currently studying or working on campus, all individuals can be informed and take steps to be educated when it comes to their own safety. This report also provides information to the consumer (prospective students and employees) about how safe campus is or what safety policies are in place if they choose to be on this campus.

If an institution fails to comply with any of the components of the Clery Act, the Department of Education can assess a fine in the amount of \$62,689 per violation. *This fine is likely to increase this year to \$67,544*



Campus Security Authorities (CSA)

Campus Security Authorities include: 1) University Police 2) campus security related personnel (SET or personnel who monitor access to buildings or events, 3) officials who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including but not limited to student housing, coaches, advisors, student and employee disciplinary offices, and 4) offices where crimes can be reported.

Many roles on campus serve a function of mentoring or advising or building relationships with students and employees that would classify as a CSA defined by Clery. Coaches, academic advisors, student group officers and faculty advisors, Housing staff, athletic trainers, and job functions on campus that lend to building relationships with students or mentoring, supervising, etc. This casts a wide net across the campus to make sure we are capturing all avenues for reports of crimes.

Campus Security Authorities are identified each academic year, notified by the Clery Compliance Professional of their designation and provided training to complete so they know their duties as a CSA. If you have been notified that you are a CSA but have not taken the training yet, here is the link: **<https://www.umt.edu/clery/csa/training/default.php>**

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

Each year by October 1st institutions must publish and notify their campus that the latest Annual Security and Fire Safety report is available for them to be informed of the policies, crime data and prevention programs available to them from their campus. This report is provided online but can be printed as a hard copy if requested.

Clery is an institution-wide responsibility and the Clery Compliance Office works all year requesting information from various offices to compile all the necessary information that goes into this annual report. The crime stats are gathered with UMPD, but many offices across campus are responsible for the prevention programs, safety resources and implementing safety policies for the entire campus.



Drug Free Schools and Community Act

In 1989 the Drug Free Schools and Community Act was added as another requirement of the Clery Act. DFSCA required schools who receive federal funding to adopt and implement a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program. This program is for students and employees to access and must be evaluated every 2 years for its effectiveness or ways to be improved.

A Biennial Review report every even year is to be published by the institution.

The University of Montana just published the 2020-2022 Biennial Review

<https://www.umt.edu/student-affairs/Drug%20and%20Alcohol/default.php>

Clery Quick Reference

If you receive a report of a crime, you can report it at this link: **Campus Security Authority Clery crime reporting form**

This will be received by the Clery Compliance Professional and reviewed for any Clery crimes.

Campus Security Authority training link: **<https://www.umt.edu/clery/csa/training/default.php>**

Training is required annually, so make note to renew your CSA training every year around the same time.

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Emergency Notifications or Timely Warnings

Clery also requires institutions to immediately notify their campuses when an emergency situation is occurring on the campus and include instructions on what to do to avoid the emergency. A good example is an active shooter on campus and the message instructing campus what is happening and what to do, such as shelter in place or lockdown in your current surroundings.

Emergency notifications will be sent out via email and text messaging but could also use other means necessary depending on the situation. News media channels or the Housing messaging system if the emergency was only involving UM Housing areas.

Timely warnings are messages sent out to the campus community alerted them to a crime that has occurred on campus geography and still presents an ongoing threat to others. These situations can involve reports of several burglaries occurring on campus, sexual assaults, arson, motor vehicle thefts, and/or murder. Each situation is reviewed in a rather timely manner to determine if there is an ongoing threat to the community and if so then a warning must be sent to alert others so they can take steps to aid them in their safety.

These warnings are sent out via email and while some messages can be triggering for anyone who has been a victim to crime, the messages are only providing information about the crime and not the individuals involved.

**Thank you for doing your part to make sure
the University of Montana is compliant with
the Clery Act!**

It takes all of us!!





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