CAMPUS SAFETY AND THE CLERY ACT

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act is the landmark federal law that requires colleges and universities to timely disclose important security policies, annual information about crime on and around campus, and CSU’s policies on drugs and alcohol. Information must also be published concerning interpersonal violence policies and resources.

Crime Statistics—Annual Update

The Colorado State University Police Department (http://police.colostate.edu) is responsible for releasing campus crime statistics to the CSU community. The Annual Fire and Safety Report (https://safetyreport.colostate.edu) (http://police.colostate.edu/clery-act) informs the CSU community about important policies, crime prevention programs, and crime statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on-campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by CSU, and on public property adjoining campus. It also contains fire safety information and the past three years’ fire statistics for the residence halls.

The Annual Fire and Safety Report is sent by email to all students and employees when the report is released in the fall. It can be found online on the safety website (http://safety.colostate.edu), or a printed copy may be obtained at the CSU Police Department in Green Hall.

Emergency Notifications and Timely Warnings

The Clery Act requires the university to notify the campus community about serious threats to safety on or near campus. When there is an immediate threat to health and safety on or approaching the physical grounds of campus, the university will issue an emergency notification to students, faculty and staff. When appropriate, the University may choose to limit the recipients of the notification to those directly affected by the threat, and in these instances it is not released campus-wide. Notifications may be made through any or all of the following methods:

• CSU emergency e-mail system
• Emergency text alert system
• Posting to the safety website (http://safety.colostate.edu) (safety.colostate.edu)
• Social media (CSUPD/Public Safety Team Facebook and Twitter, and also the main university social media platforms)
• Mass notification (via recorded emergency telephone calls from CSUPD)
• Emergency alert cable television system
• In-person notifications by police officers to specific audiences
• Flyers with safety information distributed to key buildings
• Outdoor digital signs located on campus
• CSU’s online newsletter, SOURCE (https://source.colostate.edu)
• Parent and Family online newsletter (https://parentsandfamily.colostate.edu/) and social media accounts (called Colorado State Parents & Families on Facebook)
• CSU status recorded line 970-491-7669

When a crime covered under the Clery Act has been committed on campus property, but the facts do not indicate that the issuance of an emergency notification is appropriate, then the university may determine that a timely warning notification should be issued. The purpose of a timely warning is to keep the campus community informed about safety and security issues on an ongoing basis and to aid in the prevention of similar crimes. To warrant a timely warning, the crime committed must be determined by university safety officials to constitute a serious and continuing threat to students and/or employees. Such a warning puts the community on alert, helps to educate students and employees about dangers on campus, and in some cases, may even lead to the apprehension of a suspect or reduction of the threat. A timely warning may also be shared if a crime occurs off-campus if it occurs on property covered by the Clery Act. Timely warnings may be issued through any of the methods listed above for emergency notifications.

Emergency email and text notification systems will be tested periodically (usually three times per year after student census), using test messages.

For more information about emergency notifications and timely warning procedures, see the Annual Fire and Safety Report (https://safetyreport.colostate.edu).

Missing Student Notification

When a student who resides in university housing is reported missing, the University will initiate an investigation to determine whether the student is indeed missing. If there is good cause to believe the student is missing, the University may, among other measures, attempt to contact the individual or individuals designated by the student as confidential emergency contacts. Where the reportedly missing student is an unemancipated minor under the age of 18, the student’s parents or guardian may be contacted. CSU Police will also be contacted, if they have not already been notified of the concern.

If you believe a CSU student is missing, you should immediately contact the CSU Police Department by calling (970) 491-6425. See the missing student notification procedures in the Annual Fire and Safety Report (https://safetyreport.colostate.edu) for more information.

Registered Sex Offenders

The CSU Police Department is required to notify the CSU community about where public information regarding registered sex offenders can be obtained. A current listing of sex offenders is available at the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Convicted Sex Offender Site (https://www.colorado.gov/apps/cdps/sor).

CSU Police Department Services

The CSU Police Department offers additional services to the CSU community.