CAMPUS SAFETY AND THE CLERY ACT

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act (“Clery Act”) is the landmark federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose information on security policies and timely, annual information about crime on and around campus.

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 (http://police.colostate.edu/clery-act) informs the CSU community about important procedures, 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.

The Fire and Safety Update report is available to anyone requesting a copy and a notice of its availability is sent to all students and staff when the annual report is released in the fall. It can be found online through Public Safety (http://safety.colostate.edu/cleryact), or by contacting the CSU Police Department at (970) 491-6425.

Emergency Notifications and Timely Warnings

The Clery Act requires the university to notify the campus community about serious threats to safety on campus. When the threat is serious and immediate, the university will issue an “emergency notification” to the campus (or, where appropriate, to those directly affected by the threat). Notifications may be made through any or all of the following methods:

1. CSU e-mail system
2. RAVE Alert text-based messaging system
3. Everbridge/Reverse 911
4. CSU Emergency Telephone Network
5. Emergency Broadcast System

When the threat is no longer deemed serious or immediate, a statement will be issued indicating the return to normal conditions.

When a crime covered under the Clery Act has been committed on campus property (or, in some cases, other property covered by the Clery Act), 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. In order to warrant a timely warning, the crime committed must be determined by the university 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.

For more information about emergency notifications and timely warning procedures, see the CSU Campus Safety (Clery Act) Policy (http://policylibrary.colostate.edu/policy.aspx?id=557).

Missing Student Notification

When a student who resides in campus 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(s) designated as confidential contacts by the student for such purposes, and, in the case of an unemancipated minor under the age of 18, the student’s parent(s) or guardian. Law enforcement authorities (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 CSU Campus Safety (Clery Act) Policy (http://policylibrary.colostate.edu/policy.aspx?id=557) 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 (“Megan’s Law”). 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.