THE CLERY ACT AND EDUCATION ABROAD: UNDERSTANDING CRIME REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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CONTEXT

- Legislation: 20 USC § 1092(f)
- Regulations: 34 CFR 668
- Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DATA

- The crime statistics for your institution are reported to the U.S. Department of Education and made available to the public via your Annual Security Report
- The U.S. Department of Education also makes the statistics available via the Campus Safety and Security Data Analysis Cutting Tool: http://ope.ed.gov/security/
- The on-campus crime statistics for your institution are available on the College Navigator website: http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/
- Clery compliance reports are available by year and school: http://studentaid.ed.gov/about/data-center/school/clery-act

EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM CHECKLIST

- ✓ Obtain guidance from your institution on how to categorize your program
- ✓ Determine which properties abroad are "owned or controlled" and "frequently used by students"
- ✓ Identify your institution's point of contact for reporting
- ✓ Develop a recording and reporting process
- ✓ Train key education abroad staff on how to document a crime, where to submit reports, and extent of their responsibility
- ✓ Inform students about how to report crimes or emergencies
- ✓ Develop a process for requesting statistics from foreign police
- ✓ Submit crime statistics to your institution to meet reporting deadlines
- ✓ Maintain documentation to demonstrate compliance

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WHERE TO GET HELP: RESOURCES ON YOUR CAMPUS

- General Counsel
- Risk Management
- Campus Security/Campus Police
- Clery Director or Coordinator (if you have one)
- Dean of Students/Student Services
- Victim's Advocacy/Rape Crisis Center
- Campus Security Authorities

WHERE TO GET HELP: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting:
http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/handbook.pdf

Handbook Help Desk: HandbookQuestions@ed.gov

Campus Safety Website (includes a training video):
http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/campus.html

Self-Assessment of Clery Compliance:
http://ifap.ed.gov/qahome/qaassessments/consumerinformation.html

Negotiated Rulemaking on VAWA:
http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2012/vawa.html

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WHERE TO GET HELP: OTHER NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES

NAFSA's Clery Resources and White Paper:
http://www.nafsa.org/Find_Resources/Supporting_Study_Abroad/Network_Resources/Education_Abroad/The_Clery_Act_and_Education_Abroad/

International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators:
http://www.iaclea.org/

Higher Education Compliance Alliance:
http://www.higheredcompliance.org/resources/campus-safety.html

Clery Center for Security on Campus: http://clerycenter.org/

American Council on Education Guidance on VAWA:
http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Documents/VAWA-Summary.pdf

National Association of College and University Business Officers webinar on VAWA: http://www.nacua.org/meetings/virtualseminars/may2013/index.asp