



# Clery Compliance: Fast Facts



## MESSAGE FROM THE CLERY COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, or Clery Act, requires all colleges and universities participating in federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about crime on and near their respective campuses.

The Clery Compliance Committee includes an interdisciplinary team of representatives – Public Safety, Human Resources, Academic Affairs, Diversity & Inclusion, Student Life & Housing, Athletics, and Title IX – overseeing the College of Coastal Georgia's compliance with the Clery Act.

The College of Coastal Georgia makes every effort to reduce the likelihood of criminal activity and dangerous situations, but criminal activity may occur despite their best efforts. Remember, *if you see something, report it.*

Responding to suspicious behaviors, concerning messages, and threatening or harassing behavior is most effective when reported immediately and thoroughly investigated. We encourage all members of our Brunswick campus, Camden Center, and Coastal Teaching Kitchen communities to take responsibility for one another's safety by being proactive.



## WHAT ARE CLERY CRIMES? \*

Murder/non-negligent Manslaughter

Manslaughter By Negligence

Sex Offenses (Rape, Fondling, Incest, Statutory Rape)

Aggravated Assault

Robbery

Burglary

Arson

Motor Vehicle Theft

### **Hate crimes:**

Any of the above, plus simple assault, larceny, intimidation, damage/destruction/vandalism of property when motivated by a bias in one of the bias categories.

### **Bias categories:**

Race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, disability, and religion.

Dating violence

Domestic violence

Stalking

Arrests & disciplinary referrals for drug law violations, liquor law violations, and weapons law violations

*\*As defined by the Clery Act*

## CAMPUS ALERTS

Specific requirements outlined in the HEA Higher Education Act of 1965 are meant to keep our students and staff members informed about risks to their safety and health in a way that enables them to take protective action.

Every Title IV institution, without exception, is required by the Clery Act to have emergency response and evacuation plans that would be used in the event of a serious emergency or dangerous situation posing an immediate threat to the health or safety of students, faculty, or staff.

The emergency response and evacuation guidelines are meant to make sure that our institution has adequately prepared for an emergency on campus, that we are testing these procedures to find any weaknesses and strengthen them, and that we have thought through how we will notify the campus community and other people, such as parents and guardians, in the event of an emergency.

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Notification of any major emergency or dangerous situation on campus that poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees.

Under the Clery Act, every institution must notify the campus community immediately upon confirmation of a severe emergency or dangerous situation posing an immediate risk to the health or safety of students, faculty, and staff.

An "immediate" threat includes an imminent or impending threat, such as a forest fire that is rapidly approaching or a fire that is now blazing in one of your buildings. Notifications of potential safety actions will be sent in an emergency. Evacuate or take additional precautions to avoid the area.

The Department of Public Safety manages and disseminates emergency notifications and has several systems for communicating emergency information to campus community members. Any or all of the following emergency notification methods may be used depending on the type of emergency and include, among others: College Alert, Voice-enhanced siren system, College website, Emergency telephone voice recording, signage, and text messaging.

To enroll in Nixle, text "CCGA" to **888777** to join.

\*To opt out of Nixle, text "STOP" to **888777**.

## TIMELY WARNINGS

Each of us desires rapid notification of potentially dangerous criminal circumstances near our homes or places of employment so that we have the time and knowledge to take the required measures. Applying this to our institution yields the "timely warning" notion. The Clery Act mandates that the College of Coastal Georgia communicates certain offenses in a timely manner and in a way that aids in preventing similar crimes. Even though the Clery Act does not define "timely," the purpose of a warning of a criminal incident(s) is to enable individuals to defend themselves. This necessitates issuing a warning without delay as soon as pertinent information is available. The College of Coastal Georgia is required to publish a timely alert for all Clery Act violations on the Brunswick campus, Camden Center, and Coastal Teaching Kitchen in downtown Brunswick.

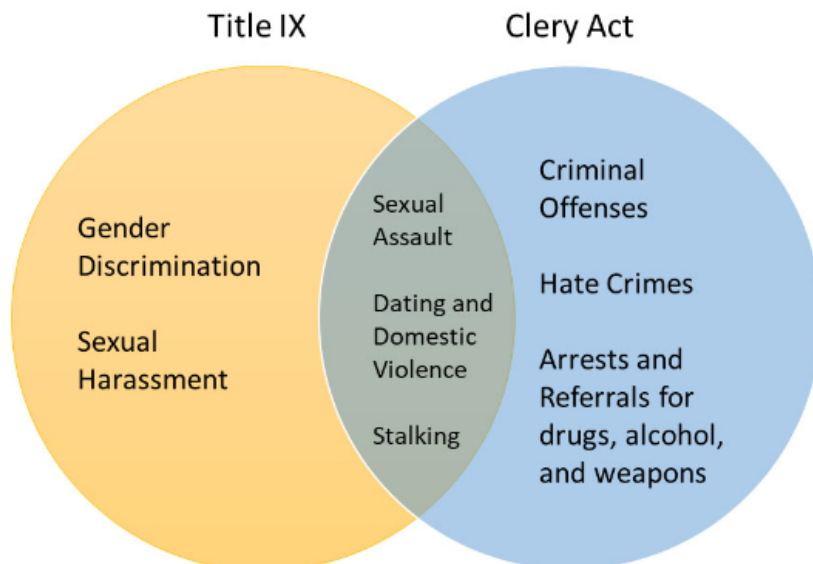


“The best education in the world is useless if a student doesn't survive with a healthy mind and body.”

– Connie & Howard Clery  
Clery Center Founders

## TITLE IX and CLERY ACT

In all federally funded educational programs, **Title IX** prohibits gender discrimination. Sexual harassment, which includes sexual violence, is considered an illegal form of sexism under Title IX. Institutions that receive financial support from the federal government are required to take steps to prevent sexual assault and harassment, as well as act swiftly and effectively when such incidents are reported. The **Clery Act** mandates that participating colleges and universities in federal financial aid programs submit annual crime statistics on or near their campuses and other safety and crime information. Sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking must be reported under the 2013 Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act.



## WHAT IS CLERY GEOGRAPHY?

### On-Campus Property

"Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution of higher education within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including student halls; and property within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person is used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor)."

### On-Campus Student Housing

"Any student housing facility that is owned or controlled by the institution or is located on property that is owned or controlled by the institution and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus."

### Public Property

All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, is within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

### Non-Campus Property

"Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization recognized by the institution; and any building or property (other than a branch campus) owned or controlled by an institution of higher education that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution."

## CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITIES (CSAs)

Campus security officials are designated by the Clery Act (CSAs). Federal law requires these individuals to report campus crimes to the Department of Public Safety, Title IX Office, or Office of Dean of Students. CSAs need only report crimes that pose a serious or ongoing threat to the campus community. Examples of campus security authorities include but are not limited to:

**Public Safety Personnel, Athletic Coaching Staff & Trainers, Athletics Director, Camden Center Director, Director of Student Engagement, Division Directors and Deans, Health Services, Human Resources Personnel, Resident Assistants, Student Affairs Personnel, Title IX Coordinator, Vice Presidents, and President.**

Faculty who only teach and have no other responsibilities do not need to be classified as CSAs. A CSA, on the other hand, is anyone who has significant responsibility for student activities and/or campus activities.

For more information, contact Dr. Jim Lynch, Clery Compliance Coordinator, at 912-279-5713 or [jlynch@ccga.edu](mailto:jlynch@ccga.edu).

## OFFICIAL CRIME REPORTING LOCATIONS

Location		Brunswick Campus
Brunswick	911	Report emergencies from any phone on or off campus
	912.258.3133	Non-Emergency requests for police services
	912.279.5820	Public Safety (leave a message if there is no answer)
Location		Camden Center
Kingsland	911	Report emergencies from any phone on or off campus
	912.510.3306	Non-Emergency requests for police services
	912.552.5277	Public Safety (leave a message if there is no answer)