



**SOUTH GEORGIA
STATE COLLEGE**

Clery Compliance



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 – Police Department, Human Resources, Academic Affairs, Student Life, Registrar, Athletics, Facilities, Title IX, and Waycross campus – charged with overseeing South Georgia State College's compliance with the Clery Act.

SGSC 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 Douglas and Waycross campus community members 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, & 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 is required to 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, such as LOCK DOWN, LOCKOUT, and SHELTER IN PLACE, will be sent in an emergency. EVACUATE or take additional precautions to avoid the area.

The SGSC Blackboard Connect message system will deliver Emergency Messages when it has been deemed necessary to send notifications. These messages will be distributed via email, phone, and/or text. Students are automatically subscribed to Blackboard messaging upon enrollment; updates can be made through the [Registrar's Office](#). SGSC employee office phone numbers and email addresses will be entered into the Blackboard Connect System by Human Resources and IT, respectively. Employees can "[opt-in](#)" to receive texts and calls via cell phone and home phone notifications.

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 SGSC notify the Douglas and Waycross campus communities of 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 criminal incident(s) is to enable individuals to defend themselves. This necessitates issuing a warning as soon as pertinent information is available. SGSC is required to publish a timely alert for all Clery Act violations that occur on the Douglas or Waycross campuses.

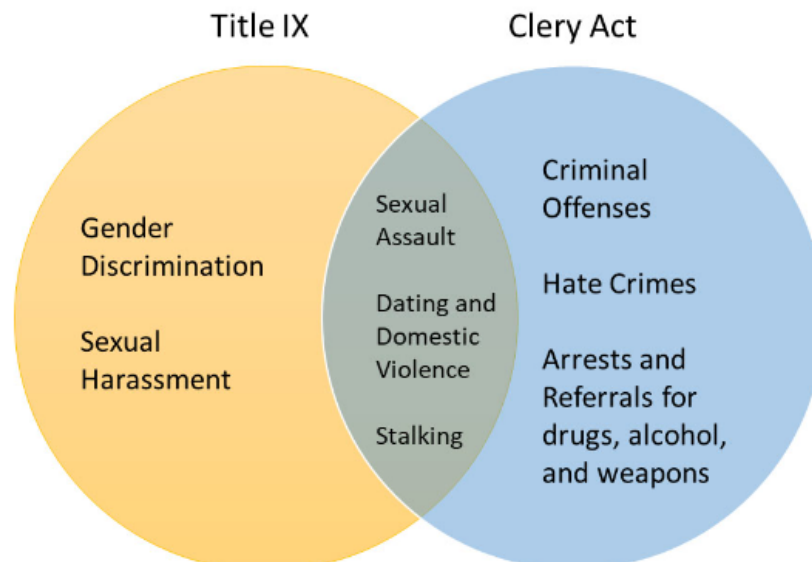


“The best education in the world is useless if a student doesn’t survive with a healthy mind and body.”

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

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.

CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITIES (CSAs)

Campus security officials are designated by the Clery Act (CSAs). Federal law requires these individuals to report campus crimes to SGSC Police Department, Title IX Office, or Clery Compliance Coordinator. By providing information to the right offices, CSAs help keep the SGSC community safe and ensure that everyone gets the support and resources they need. 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:

Police Personnel, Student Affairs Personnel, Coordinator of Student Engagement, Residence Life Specialist, Resident Advisors, Athletic Coaching Staff & Trainers, Faculty Advisors to Student Groups, Title IX Coordinator, Faculty in Residence, Tutorial Services Coordinator, Division Directors and Deans, College Vice Presidents.

Faculty members who only teach and have no other duties do not need to be classified as CSAs. However, anyone who has significant responsibility for student activities and/or campus activities is considered a CSA.

For more information, contact Fatima Corona, Assistant Director of Human Resources (912-260-4378).

OFFICIAL CSA REPORTING LOCATIONS

Official	Location	Contact Information
Police Personnel	Tiger Village I	912.384.7675/ 911 Emergency
Dean of Students and Housing for Student Success	Powell Hall	912.260.4416
Title IX Coordinator	Thrash Hall	912.260.4375
Asst. Director of Human Resources	Thrash Hall	912.260.4377
Director of the Waycross Campus	Administration Building	912.449.7511