

From: Clery Compliance Coordinator

Subject: Safety Notice (Timely Warning) message per the Clery Act

In an effort to provide timely and accurate information to our students, staff, and faculty members, the following information is being provided to you so you may be aware of certain crimes reportable to the Clery Act. It is the purpose of the Clery Act to share this information with you so you may make informed decisions for your safety, the safety of others, and will aid in the prevention of similar crimes from occurring. The Clery Act mandates institutions issue a timely warning for all Clery Act crimes that occur on their Clery Act geography that are reported to campus security authorities or local police agencies; and considered by the institution to represent a serious or continuing threat to students and employees. (U.S. Department of Education, 2016, The Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting, p. 6-12)

On Wednesday, October 3, a campus security authority received a report from a female student of a rape that occurred the day before in an on-campus residence hall on the east side of campus by someone known to them. The female student is working with university officials through the incident and has declined a report with police at this time.

Every sexual assault incident is different for each individual, and the University supports and respects the decisions made by the student involved on how they wish to proceed.

### **Safety Tips**

- Report any and all suspicious activity to police as soon as you are aware of it.
- Eight out of ten sexual assaults are by a known offender. For more information on sexual assault statistics visit <https://www.nsvrc.org/statistics>.
- Consent is an active agreement to participate. If someone says no, it means no. If someone is silent, it does not mean yes.
- For information on crime in the area within the last 60 days, please visit the University's 60 Day Crime Log <https://clery.utk.edu/crime-log/>
- For the most up to date information on campus crime statistics and safety information, please review our updated 2018 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report <https://clery.utk.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/09/Full-2018-Annual-Security-and-Fire-Safety-Report.pdf>

### **In the event of an attack**

- Get to a safe place
- Contact law enforcement immediately
- Preserve any evidence
- Consider the resources available to you through the university, many of which can be found at <http://titleix.utk.edu/>

### **Consent**

The university's policy on sexual misconduct and relationship violence defines "consent" as the knowing and voluntary communication, through words and/or conduct, of an agreement to engage in a particular act, including without limitation a particular act of sexual contact or sexual intercourse. More information on this policy can be found at <http://titleix.utk.edu/>

Consent is never implied by a person's attire, reputation, consumption of alcohol or drugs, previous consent to sexual acts, or your relationship to the person. Sexual assault is never the victim's fault. The only person responsible for sexual misconduct is the perpetrator.

If you engage in sexual activity, be sure you understand your partner's limits, and communicate your own limits clearly. Don't engage in sexual activities without affirmative consent from your partner.

Even if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you are still responsible for obtaining consent from the other person before initiating sexual contact.

To get involved in making UT safer for everyone become an active bystander -- visit <http://wellness.utk.edu/> and learn how you can "Speak UP!" for your volunteer community #VOLSHELPPVOLS



For Clery FAQs, please visit <https://clery.utk.edu/clery-faq/>

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The Clery Act requires the university to notify the campus community of certain criminal activity that occurs on university owned or controlled property. In addition, the university is required to provide safety tips that may aid in the prevention of similar crimes. The intent of a warning regarding a criminal incident(s) is to enable individuals to protect themselves. For further information on the Clery Act: <http://clery.utk.edu/> or <https://clerycenter.org/>.

For Safety Notices and Clery statistics, crimes are classified according to the regulations of the Clery Act mandated by the Department of Education. Though state law may categorize an incident differently, Clery definitions and classifications are strictly followed when labeling an incident for Clery reporting purposes. For a list of Clery Act crimes and their definitions, please visit <http://clery.utk.edu/clery-crimes-and-locations/>