

Clery Compliance

In an effort to provide timely and accurate information to our community, the following information is provided so you can make informed decisions for your safety.

Since the start of the fall semester there have been numerous reports of stalking made to the UT Police Department and the university. Though not all incidents are related, they involve a similar pattern of behavior and in some instances involve the same suspect(s) whom the university and UTPD are addressing. Many of the parties involved declined to file charges.

The university defines stalking *as engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person, regardless of one's relationship with that person, which would cause a reasonable person to: (1) fear for the person's safety or the safety of another person; and/or (2) suffer substantial emotional distress.*

If you are repeatedly following, texting, or contacting someone and they have asked you to cease contact, continuing to contact or follow them by any means could lead to criminal charges and/or disciplinary action on behalf of the university.

We encourage anyone to report stalking behavior to the UT Police Department and/or the university so they can take action on your behalf.

Information we want you to know about your safety and the safety of all Volunteers.

- It is your right to:
 - Decline giving someone your phone number
 - Decline sharing your snap code
 - Not accept a follow request
 - Tell someone to stop contacting you
 - Block someone from your phone or social media
 - Limit what personal information you share

- It is not your right to:
 - Demand or threaten someone talk to you
 - Repeatedly contact someone who does not want to talk to you, or has asked you not to contact them
 - Create other accounts or use other phone numbers to follow or contact someone once you have been blocked
 - Follow someone

- Be an active bystander. If you see something that doesn't look right, acknowledge the situation and safely intervene.
Volunteers speak up!

[Clery FAQs](#)

[Information on Clery](#)

For information on prevention and reporting options, [contact the Office of Title IX](#)

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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 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.

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