



Clery Compliance

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 that you can make informed decisions about your safety.

On Wednesday, November 17, around 12:50 pm, the UT Police Department received a report of a rape that occurred in a residence hall on the west side of campus during the early morning hours. A student reported that a fellow student, whom she had met the evening before, raped her in her residence hall after she repeatedly denied consent.

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

- Consent is an active agreement to participate. It is important to communicate during sexual encounters as consent can be withdrawn at any time.
- You are not alone. Resources are available to you through the university, many of which can be found at <http://titleix.utk.edu/>.
- Report any and all suspicious activity to police as soon as you are aware of it.
- For information on crime in the area within the last 60 days, please visit the university's [60 Day Crime Log](#).

In the event of an attack

- Get to a safe place

- Contact [law enforcement immediately](#)
- Preserve any evidence such as clothing, bedding, call logs, text or social media messages

Consent

The university's [Policy on Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating and Domestic Violence, and Stalking](#) defines "consent" as an active agreement to participate in a sexual act. An active agreement is words and/or conduct that communicate a person's willingness to participate in a sexual act. More information on this policy can be found on the [Title IX website](#).

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 clear 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.

We urge the Volunteer community to remain aware and report any suspicious activity in and around campus. Contact UTPD at 865-974-3114 or e-mail us at utpolice@utk.edu.

Download the [LiveSafe campus safety app](#) to access campus resources that are available for your personal safety.

Stay informed about crime on campus and other campus safety information by following UTPD on [Twitter](#) or on [Facebook](#).

[Clery FAQs](#)

[Information on Clery](#)

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

[Be an ACTIVE Bystander!](#) Acknowledge the situation, Consider options, and Take action.

[Join the UTK LiveSafe community.](#)

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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