

## **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. The content of this notice includes sexual assault.

On Monday, October 14, 2024, the Office of Title IX received an online report in reference to a sexual assault that occurred in a residence hall on the west side of campus on October 12, 2024.

The student has declined a police report at this time and is receiving resources and support.

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.

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

• The University encourages you to report criminal incidents as soon as possible so appropriate measures can be taken for your safety and the safety of others. Reports can be made via the Safe at UT app or by calling UTPD at 865-974-3111. Download the app from the <u>UT website</u>.

- National data reports, eight out of ten sexual assaults are committed by someone known by the victim. For more information on national sexual assault statistics visit <u>https://www.rainn.org/statistics</u>.
- The University defines consent as an active agreement to participate. An active agreement is defined as words and/or conduct that communicate a person's willingness to participate. (Policy on Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Dating and Domestic Violence, and Stalking). If you engage in sexual activity, it is your responsibility to ensure that you have consent from your partner. Experiencing a sexual assault is never the victim's fault.
- For information on crime in the area within the last 60 days, please visit the university's <u>60-Day Crime Log</u>.
- You are not alone. Consider the resources available to you visit the <u>Title IX website</u> to learn more.
- The Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee provides 24/7 comprehensive services to victims of sexual violence. All services are free and confidential and may include a sexual assault forensic exam/nursing services, advocacy, and therapy. Call 24/7 to access resources – 865-522-7273. https://mcnabbcenter.org/victim-services/#sexual-assault

<u>Clery FAQs</u>

Information on Clery

For information on prevention and reporting options, <u>contact the</u> <u>Office of Title IX</u>

<u>Be an ACTive Bystander</u>! Acknowledge the situation, Consider options, and Take action.

Turn your smart phone into a personal safety device, download the <u>Safe at UT</u> app.

The <u>Clery Act</u> 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, <u>Clery definitions and classifications</u> are strictly followed when labeling an incident for Clery reporting purposes.

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