RELATIVE TO UPDATING CLERY ACT POLICY STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, the University of Guam is the primary U.S. Land Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the region; and

WHEREAS, the governance and well-being of the University is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR); and

WHEREAS, the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), codified at 20 USC 1092(f) as a part of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2006 and 2007, and as amended by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA), is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose certain timely and annual information about campus crime and security policies to all current students and employees and to prospective students and employees, if requested;

WHEREAS, all public and private institutions of postsecondary education participating in federal student aid programs are subject to this law;

WHEREAS, violators of this Act may be subject to fines of up to $27,500 by the U.S. Department of Education;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2010, the University adopted Resolution No. 10-06, Relative to Adopting Clery Act Policy Statements Disclosing Certain Timely and Annual Information About Campus Crime and Security Policies; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2010, the University adopted Resolution No. 10-28, Relative to Updating Clery Act Policy Statements as Part of the Higher Education Act (HEA), as Amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) in Regards to Policy Statements Affecting Campus Safety and Security Reporting; and

WHEREAS, the VAWA made changes that affect campus safety and security reporting under the Clery Act which requires institutions to compile statistics and include policy statements for certain crimes reported to campus security authorities or local police, including incidents of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking for the Annual Security Report, and policies and information for the Annual Fire Safety Report; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Union has had the opportunity to review and comment on, and the Administrative Council has reviewed and approved, the recommended policy statements; and

WHEREAS, the administration and the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree Committee recommend the policy statements to the BOR for approval.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents hereby adopts and approves the updated Clery Act policy statements as attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amended Clery Act policy statements be published on the University’s website and distributed to other means of University dissemination to all current students and employees, and to prospective students and employees if requested.

Adopted this 25th day of September, 2014.

ATTESTED:

William D. Leon Guerrero, Chairman

Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary
University of Guam Policy Compliance for Clery Act as part of the Higher Education Act, as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act, as amended by the Violence Against Women’s Reauthorization Act of 2013

Policy Statements

(Original Adopted and Approved by the Board of Regents, March 18, 2010, Resolution No. 10-06)
(Revisions Adopted and Approved by the Board of Regents, September 30, 2010, Resolution No. 10-28)
(Revisions Adopted and Approved by the Board of Regents, September 25, 2014, Resolution No. 14-20, subject to pending final regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Education)

1.1 Policy Statement Addressing Timely Warnings

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the President of the University or his/her designee, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide “timely warning” will be issued. The University will withhold the name(s) of any victim(s) as confidential. The warning will be issued through the University’s Incident Command Rapid Communication Procedures (i.e., text alerts, web page notification, mass e-mail, phone tree, KPRG radio, hand held radios, messenger) to students, faculty, staff and the Guam Police Department. The Incident Command Rapid Communication Procedures will be posted on the University’s web page, as well as distributed to each organization within the university. Timely warning procedures will be implemented as long as it does not jeopardize or compromise efforts to assist victims or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the situation, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the University may also post a copy of the notice in each residence hall, and on doors of each on-campus building. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the
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Campus Security Office at (671) 735-2365/70 or 888-2456, or in person to any Crisis and Disaster Management Team Member located in the main office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance in the Leon Guerrero building or respective Dean or Director’s offices on campus.

1.2 Policy Statement Addressing Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

Guidelines for emergency response and evacuation procedures are outlined in the University of Guam’s Crisis and Disaster Management Plan (CDMP). The CDMP outlines processes, procedures, and partnerships to maximize awareness, prevention and preparation, and minimize reaction/response, recovery, and mitigation times required in handling a University of Guam crisis situation.

The UOG CDMP is based on the Incident Command System (ICS) organization structure under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) supported by the National Integration Center (NIC) Incident Management Systems Integration Division within the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In any crisis or disaster, the University of Guam’s overriding mission is to: (1) Protect human life; (2) Stabilize the incident; (3) Preserve Property; and (4) Resume normal operations. Timely warnings to notify the campus community are outlined above (paragraph 1.1) using the University’s Incident Command Rapid Communication Procedures. Timely warning procedures will be implemented as long as it does not jeopardize or compromise efforts to assist victims or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. Notification will be made without delay.

Under normal situations where there is time to estimate the level of crisis, the President, in consultation with the Senior Vice President and Vice-President for Administration and Finance will determine the need to activate the ICS. Under the ICS, the Incident Commander identified for the particular crisis will be in charge and form respective staff elements based on the need to handle the crisis at hand and will continue managing the crisis until properly relieved. In an immediate crisis where there is no time to activate an Incident Commander, the employee who is at the scene and is trained in the ICS will assume the Incident Commander role until properly relieved.

Evacuation procedures will vary based on the crisis as identified in the CDMP. As evacuation procedures are implemented, the first priority is to ensure the protection of human life. Procedures to evacuate mobility impaired personnel are also covered within the CDMP.

The Director for Integrated Marketing Communications, or Public Information Officer if the ICS is implemented, will be responsible for managing emergency information to the larger community and media. Notification will be made without delay.
Emergency response and evacuation procedures will be publicized to the University community in conjunction with the scheduled exercises at least once a year. However, if possible, exercises can be done at least once a semester (fall and spring). The Safety Administrator will be responsible to plan and execute exercises and ensure lessons learned are incorporated into the policies and procedures. This will also include documenting a description, date, and time of the exercise and whether it was announced or unannounced.


The University complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. In addition, it provides information relating to crime statistics and security measures to prospective students, matriculated students and employees.

The University’s Campus Security Office submits monthly Uniform Crime Reports to the Guam Police Department. Crime statistics for the most recent one-year period, which reflect the incidents reported to the Guam Police Department, are available on request from the Safety Office. Pursuant to the Act, the University annually publishes and distributes to students, employees, and to prospective students and employees who request a report containing crime statistics together with the information on safety and security measures. The University posts the annual Campus Crime Survey on its website and submits a copy to the US Department of Education.

University jurisdiction for crime statistic reporting applies to specific conduct as defined under the Clery Act involving students or employees which occurs in the following geographic areas:

1) On campus;
2) Residential facilities;
3) Non-campus buildings or property that is not part of the main campus nor a separate campus and is:
   (a) Owned or controlled by the University; and
   (b) Used in support of or in relation to the University’s educational purposes; and
   (c) Frequently used by students; and
4) Public Property:
   (a) Owned by a public entity – local or federal government;
   (b) Within campus borders and is accessible from campus.

Accessible is defined as having no barrier between the campus border and public property, or some type of barrier exists but is frequently ignored by students and employees.

The Guam Police Department has jurisdiction for criminal activity which occurs within the University’s geographical jurisdiction, which is reportable under the University’s annual crime statistics. Criminal activity involving students and employees that occurs outside of
the University’s geographical jurisdiction is within the jurisdiction of the Guam Police Department but is not reportable in the University’s annual crime statistic reporting.

In order to ensure complete reporting of criminal offenses every employee in the University to whom crimes are reported shall immediately report the same (anonymously if requested by the victim) to the Campus Security Office.

Pursuant to federal law, the criminal offenses of murder, rape (so classified prior to August 1, 1992 and as sex offenses, forcible and non-forcible after that date), robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft and statistics regarding the above offenses which manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity are to be reported separately from arrests (as opposed to simple allegations of criminal offenses) for liquor law violations, drug abuse violations, weapons possessions and statistics regarding the above offenses and arrests which manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity.

3.1 Policy Statement addressing the Monitoring and Reporting of Criminal Offenses

Campus security officers enforce all regulations of the University and work closely with Guam Police and Fire Departments and other government agencies to enforce the laws of Guam. They monitor all activities on campus, including but not limited to all activities of officially recognized student organizations. The University has no off-campus student organizations. GPD may assist Campus Security, as needed.

For the safety and security of the University, community members, students, faculty, staff and guests are strongly encouraged to promptly report all crimes. Contact the Campus Security Office at (671) 735-2365/70, 888-2456 (Security Cell), 649-3127 (G4S dispatch) or the Guam Police Department at (671) 472-8911.

Emergencies: Dial 911.

Any suspicious activity or person seen in the parking lots or loitering around vehicles, inside buildings or around the residence halls should be reported to the Campus Security Office or the Resident Assistant on duty. In addition, you may report a crime to any of the numbers listed above.

4.1 Policy Statement Addressing Voluntary Confidential Reporting

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University’s system or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. With your permission, the Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs or a designee can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential,
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while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others. With such information, the University can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics for the institution.

5.1 Policy Statement Addressing Limited Voluntary Confidential Reporting

The University encourages anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime to promptly report the incident to the Campus Security Office. Confidential reports for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics can be made to the Campus Security Office, or as identified below:

- Campus Security Office (671) 735-2365, 649-3127 or
- Safety Office (671) 735-2370; or
- In person to any Emergency Team member (President or any Vice President).

The Guam Police Department’s dispatch number is (671) 472-8911. The Guam Police Department is located at 221B Chalan Palasyo, Agana Heights, Guam 96910.

6.1 Policy Statement Addressing Whistleblowers

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) establishes safeguards for anyone who provides information (whistleblower) by prohibiting retaliatory actions against any individual who provides information under a provision of the Clery Act. Any form of retaliation against a whistleblower will NOT be tolerated by the University and will result in disciplinary action.

7.1 Policy Statement Addressing Missing Persons

Although most reports of missing University students may be caused by miscommunication between the student and those who are concerned about the student’s welfare, the University will take a proactive approach to all reports of missing students. A missing student is defined as “a student of the University who resides in a facility owned or operated by the University and who is reported as missing from his or her residence.” Generally, but not always, a student is considered missing if (s)he is reported missing from his or her residence for 24 hours or more.

Each student living in an on-campus student housing facility has the option to register a confidential contact person to be notified within 24 hours in the case that the student is determined to be missing. The contact person information is confidential. The information
is given only to law enforcement officers and the University Administration with a need to know in furtherance of a missing person investigation.

In all cases, even if a student has not designated a confidential contact person, all reports of missing persons should be made to the Campus Security Office, who will initiate an immediate investigation. The Campus Security Office will call the Guam Police Department for assistance within 24 hours after a determination of a missing student has been made, as well as other law enforcement agencies and other resources to help locate the student, depending on the circumstances. Any indication that a missing student was taken against his or her will or is otherwise in imminent jeopardy should be brought to the attention of the Campus Security Office immediately. If the student is under 18 years of age and unemancipated, custodial parents must be notified.

8.1 Policy Statement Addressing Campus Security and Access

Campus security is coordinated by the Campus Security Office, which has a fully trained security officer on duty at all times, backed by a periodic, roving car patrol. Security Officers are accessible through telephonic communications and an offsite dispatcher. Contact numbers are posted throughout the campus. On campus, security officers enforce all regulations of the University and the laws of Guam. Security officers do not possess arrest power. Criminal incidents are referred to the Guam Police Department who have jurisdiction on campus.

University students and employees have access to academic, recreational and administrative facilities on campus. The general public can attend cultural and recreational events on campus, with access limited to facilities in which these events are held. The University will ensure that the campus is adequately lighted.

Access to residence halls, however, is limited to students and their guests, according to University procedure (see Residence Hall Handbook). Access to the residence halls by University employees is on an as-needed basis and incorporates strict key control procedures.

Emergencies may necessitate changes or alterations to any rules or posted schedules. Student safety concerns are reviewed by University administrators who will examine security issues such as locks, alarms, lighting, etc. Issues of pressing concern are brought to the Vice President in charge of Safety and Security for review and resolution.

The cooperation and involvement of University students, faculty and employees themselves in campus security and safety programs are absolutely necessary. University students, faculty, and employees must assume responsibility for their own personal safety and the security of their personal belongings by taking simple, common sense precautions and always being aware of their surroundings.
9.1 Policy Statement Addressing the Authority of Non-Sworn Public Safety Officers on Campus

All University employees have the authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether individuals have lawful business at the University. The University Safety Officer and the University’s campus security officers have authority to issue improper parking warning tickets on campus. In addition, the University Safety Officer and Community Assisting Police Effort (CAPE) volunteers have authority to issue parking tickets for violations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which are under the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Guam. Campus security officers do not possess arrest power.

Criminal incidents are referred to the Guam Police Department who have jurisdiction on campus. The Campus Security Office works very closely with the Guam Police Department to assist them with incidents that may occur on campus. The University administration maintains a professional working relationship with the Guam Police Department, although at this time there is no written agreement between the University and the Guam Police Department.

10.1 Policy Statement Addressing the Encouragement of Accurate and Prompt Crime Reporting

General Procedures for Reporting a Crime or Emergency

Community members, students, faculty, staff and guests are strongly encouraged to report all crimes, including dating violence, domestic violence and stalking, and public safety related incidents to the Campus Security Office and/or the Guam Police Department in a timely manner. All crime victims and witnesses are strongly encouraged to immediately report any crime to the Campus Security Office and/or the Guam Police Department. Prompt reporting will assure timely warning notices on campus and timely disclosure of crime statistics. In cases of emergency, dial 911, then call the Campus Security Office, as listed below.

To report a crime on the University campus call the Campus Security Office, (671) 735-2365/70, 888-2456 (cell), or 649-3127 (G4S dispatch).

Campus security personnel will be available to answer your call. In response to a call, the Campus Security Office will take the required action, dispatching appropriate personnel or notifying the Guam Police Department be dispatched to campus.

All incident reports are forwarded to the Vice President in charge of Security and Safety for review and potential action by the University. The Campus Security Office will investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate. Additional information obtained via the investigation will also be forwarded to the Vice President in charge of Safety and Security.
If assistance is required from the Guam Police Department, the Campus Security Office will contact them directly. If a sexual assault or rape should occur, staff on the scene will contact emergency 911 and then the Campus Security Office, who then will take action to contact the Guam Police Department and appropriate medical and health care personnel, where appropriate. The Violence Against Women Prevention Program (VAWPP) will also be contacted.

Crime should be reported to the Campus Security Office to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate (e.g., a crime that was reported to the Guam Police Department would be included in the University’s crime statistics if it occurred within the University’s geographic jurisdiction and if the University was notified of the crime). The University shall make a good faith effort to obtain the required information for crime statistic reporting from the Guam Police Department.

11.1 Policy Statement Addressing Counselors

As a result of the negotiated rulemaking process which followed the signing into law, the 1998 amendments to 20 U.S.C. Section 1092 (f), clarification was given to those considered to be campus security authorities. Campus “pastoral counselors” and campus “professional counselors”, when acting as such, are not considered to be a campus security authority and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, they are encouraged, if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedure to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics.

The rulemaking committee defines counselors as:

*Pastoral Counselor:* An employee of an institution who is associated with a religious order or denomination, recognized by that religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and who is functioning within that scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor.

*Professional Counselor:* An employee of an institution whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the institution’s community and who is functioning within the scope of his or her license or certification.

12.1 Policy Statement Addressing Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs

The University complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. Pursuant to the Act, the University annually publishes and distributes to students, employees, and to prospective students and employees who request it a report
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containing crime statistics, together with the information on safety and security measures. The annual Campus Crime Survey is posted on the University website.

Information on safety and security and crime prevention is provided to students and employees each semester through seminars, films, bulletins, crime alerts, posters, brochures or University and student newspapers.

A common theme of all safety and security awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be vigilant and aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others.

13.1 Policy Statement Addressing Alcoholic Beverages

Policy on Alcoholic Beverages

The possession, sale or the furnishing of alcohol on the University campus is governed by University policy and Guam law. The possession, sale, consumption or furnishing of alcohol are controlled by Guam law. Campus security officers enforce all laws regulating the consumption of alcohol. Alcohol is not permitted in public places on campus, with limited written exception from the University President. The University enforces local underage drinking laws, and violators will be subject to sanctions imposed by law and University disciplinary and/or other applicable policies. Members of the University community should also be aware of the University policies concerning substance abuse and on maintaining a drug-free workplace as required under the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, both of which may be found in the University policy manuals.

14.1 Policy Statement Addressing Substance Abuse Education

The University is committed to standards of conduct that clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use or distribution of drugs and alcohol by students and employees on University property or as any part of the University’s activities. The University will impose sanctions on students and employees consistent with Guam and federal laws and consistent with the Code of Student Conduct, the Student Disciplinary Hearings Procedure, the Personnel Rules and Regulations (Classified Service Employees), the Agreement Between the University of Guam Board of Regents and the Faculty Union, American Federation of Teachers Local 6282, and the Agreement Between the University of Guam Board of Regents and Guam Federation of Teachers Local 1581, Maintenance and Custodial Employees. These sanctions will include penalties up to and including expulsion or termination of contract and referral for prosecution for violations of the University’s standards of conduct.

The following materials will be distributed to each student and employee:
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1. a description of the applicable legal sanctions under Guam and federal law for the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol;
2. a description of the health risks associated with the use of illegal drugs and the use of alcohol;
3. a description of drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation programs that are available on Guam to students and employees.
4. Emergency 911, Guam Police Department, Guam Fire Department, Campus Security Office and Security Dispatch, and Campus Safety Office contact numbers.

The University will conduct at least a biennial review of the University’s Substance Abuse Program to (a) determine its effectiveness and implement changes as needed; and (b) ensure that the sanctions are consistently enforced.

15.1 Policy Statement Addressing Sex Offenses, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

The University prohibits sex offenses, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, and makes coordinated efforts in maintaining an environment free of such incidences.

PREVENTION AND RISK REDUCTION PROGRAMS

The University conducts primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees through coordination with the Office of Enrollment Management and Student Services (EMSS), the Equal Employment Opportunity/Americans with Disabilities (EEO/ADA) & Title IX Office, the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Violence Against Women Prevention Program (VAWPP). These educational programs promote student awareness of sex offenses, including rape, attempted rape, other forms of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. Programs and services include education and training programs, interactive classroom presentations, prevention and community outreach, and victim services such as victim advocacy, counseling and emotional support, crisis intervention, risk assessment and safety planning, advisement on legal options, and referrals to other services.

The VAWPP provides ongoing campus-wide prevention and awareness campaigns and education outreach activities for students and employees, which include prevention exhibits, campus displays, movie nights, screening days, and other events. These outreach activities engage the broader campus community to learn more about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and where to access services.
The VAWPP also provides information on risk reduction to recognize the warning signs of abusive behavior and how to avoid potential attacks. The different forms of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking are discussed and steps to take are outlined to ensure an individual’s safety and obtain assistance from informal resources such as family and friends, and formal resources such as the VAWPP, the Safety and Security Office, the Student Disciplinary Appeals Committee (SDAC), and the Guam Police Department (GPD).

DEFINITIONS

**Domestic Violence** means a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by
- a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
- a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or
- any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

**Dating Violence** means violence committed by a person
- who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
  - the length of the relationship
  - the type of relationship; and
  - the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

**Sexual Assault** means an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Stalking** means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to
- fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or
- suffer substantial emotional distress.

**Consent (In reference to Sexual Activity)** can be established if the following four conditions are present:
- Both participants are fully conscious;
- Both participants are equally free to act;
• Both parties have clearly communicated their willingness/permission; and
• Both parties are positive and sincere in their desires.

Bystander Intervention

One of the most effective methods of preventing sexual assault is bystander intervention, which encourages people to identify situations that might lead to sexual misconduct and then safely intervene to prevent misconduct from occurring.

A. Recognizing when to intervene:
Some people might be concerned that they are being encouraged to place themselves in jeopardy to stop crimes in progress. However, there are many situations and events that occur prior to sexual misconduct that are appropriate for intervention. Bystander intervention encourages people to watch for those behaviors and situations that appear to be inappropriate, coercive and harassing.

B. Responsibility to intervene:
The University of Guam would like to promote a culture of community accountability where bystanders are actively engaged in the reasonable and safe prevention of sexual misconduct, realizing that we are responsible for each other as a University community, in addition to ourselves. At the same time, the University of Guam would like to ensure that bystanders will use their best judgment to aid in situations only if the bystander considers the situation appropriate for intervention, as discussed below.

C. Understanding how to safely intervene:
Safety is paramount in bystander intervention. Usually, intervening in a group is safer than intervening individually. Also, choosing a method of intervention that de-escalates the situation is safer than attempting a confrontation. However, there is no single rule that can account for every situation. Please use good judgment and always put safety first.

D. Ways to intervene safely:
1. Making up an excuse to get a person out of a potentially dangerous situation;
2. Letting an individual know that his or her actions may lead to serious consequences;
3. Not leaving a person’s side who may be in trouble despite the efforts of someone else to get him/her alone or away from you;
4. Using a group of friends to remind someone behaving inappropriately that his or her behavior should be respectful;
5. Taking steps to curb someone’s use of alcohol before problems occur;
6. Calling the authorities when the situation warrants.
REPORTING OPTIONS; PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE; INTERIM ACCOMMODATIONS

When a sex offense, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking occurs, victims should contact the Safety and Security Office at (671) 735-2365/70, 888-2456 (Security Cell), 649-3127 (G4S dispatch) or the Guam Police Department at (671) 472-8911 or 911 for emergencies, the Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Services, the Title IX Compliance Officer, and/or the VAWPP.

Students may obtain on-campus assistance at the Student Health Services Center, Student Counseling Services, Isa Psychological Services, and the VAWPP. These offices shall also make appropriate referrals to off-campus services. The on-campus person to whom the victim reports the offense shall offer to assist the victim in notifying law enforcement authorities.

A victim may decline to notify such authorities; and, where applicable, a victim will be advised of the victim’s rights to obtain orders of protection, no contact orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful order issued by a criminal or civil court. These advisements to the victim shall be both verbal and in writing.

Victims reporting a sex offense, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking shall be advised of the importance of preserving evidence for the proof of a criminal offense, such as keeping a log of violent incidents or obtaining a forensic examination at the appropriate health care facility if a victim is sexually assaulted, and that they may prosecute the alleged offender either through the criminal process, the University disciplinary procedure or both.

In appropriate circumstances, upon request of the student victim, the University will change a student victim’s academic or living situation if the requested change can be reasonably accommodated. The University will notify the student victim in writing of any such interim accommodations, which may include changing academic, living, transportation or working situations. Failure to adhere to the parameters of any interim accommodation may be considered a separate violation of this Policy and may result in disciplinary sanctions.

ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING

When considering reporting options, victims should be aware that certain University personnel can maintain strict confidentiality, while others have mandatory reporting and response obligations. University personnel who receive a report of sexual misconduct may be required to share the information with appropriate administrative authorities for investigation and follow up. The University will protect the confidentiality of an alleged victim by refusing to disclose the alleged victim’s information to anyone outside the University to the maximum extent permitted by law. As for confidentiality of information within the University, the University must balance a victim’s request for confidentiality with its responsibility to provide a safe and non-discriminatory environment for the University community. Where the University cannot take disciplinary action against an alleged discriminator or harasser
because of a complainant’s insistence of confidentiality, the University will pursue other steps to limit the effects of the alleged sexual misconduct and attempt to prevent its recurrence.

The University has on-campus personnel who can maintain strict confidentiality. Campus crisis counselors (VAWPP) can assist in a crisis situation and provide information about options including medical assistance, psychological counseling, victim advocacy resources, legal resources, University disciplinary action, and criminal prosecution. The crisis counselors can provide safe and confidential support, explain common reactions to crises, and discuss coping methods that may assist immediately following the assault and later. Talking about concerns may help the victim sort through feelings and decide what to do. Victims need not reveal their names if calling for information. Crisis counselors will not reveal the victim’s identity to anyone without the victim’s permission except under very limited exceptions (e.g., if an immediate threat to the victim or others is present, or if the victim is a minor).

Brochures and other informational materials about campus and community resources for counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services are available to students and employees in the VAWPP office, HRO, EEO, EMSS, Student Residents Halls, and are accessible to students at student orientations, and are regularly distributed at classroom presentations, outreach activities, and trainings.

UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Sex offenses, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking violate the University Code of Student Conduct, in addition to local and federal laws. Any member of the University community may file charges with the Student Discipline and Appeals Committee (SDAC) and/or the EEO Office against any student for a sex offense, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. The EMSS, EEO and the VAWPP coordinate efforts in conducting annual trainings for SDAC officials on issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, and how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability.

The Student Code of Conduct outlines the rights and responsibilities of both the complainant and the accused. The proceedings and timelines of such proceedings are set by policy, which are intended to provide a prompt and equitable investigation and resolution. The standard of evidence used during any institutional conduct proceedings shall be on the basis of whether it is more likely than not that the accused student violated the Student Code. Both the complainant and the accused have the right to be assisted by any advisor of their choice, which may be an attorney. However, advisors are not permitted to speak or participate directly in any hearing before a University judicial body.

Both complainant and accused shall be advised simultaneously in writing of the outcome of any disciplinary proceeding, the procedures to appeal the results of the disciplinary proceeding, any change to the results that occurs prior to the time that such results become
final and when such results become final. The disclosure of the outcome of the disciplinary proceeding shall include only the name of the accused, the violation alleged, and whether any institutional rules or code sections were violated, essential findings supporting such result, and any sanction imposed including description of disciplinary action, date of imposition of such action, and the duration of such action.

Persons found guilty of sex offenses face severe sanctions, including dismissal from the University. Conversely, the University prohibits students from knowingly making false complaints of a sex offense. Knowingly making false complaints of a sexual offense constitutes a violation of the Student Code and will result in disciplinary action. However, a complaint made in good faith is not considered false merely because the evidence does not ultimately support the allegation of sexual misconduct.

RETALIATION

The University prohibits retaliation against anyone who exercises rights under the Clery Act, Title IX, and the University's EEO Policy.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The central repository for the Guam Sex Offender Registry Program is housed with the Judiciary of Guam, Probation Services Division, located at 120 West O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, Guam 96910. The Sex Offender Registry website is found at http://www.guamcourts.org/sor.


16.1a. Fire Safety Procedure - The University's Residence Halls are equipped with portable fire extinguishers, smoke detection, integrated automatic sprinkler and visual/audible fire alarm systems. These systems are inspected, tested and certified annually by a Fire Protection Specialist Contractor and the Guam Fire Department approving authority. Emergency evacuation maps are installed in each hallway, study hall, common kitchen, and dorm room to direct occupants to emergency exit. Fire emergency contact numbers are posted and visible to all residents and guests.

All residents and residence halls staff receive fire safety training at the beginning of each academic year with training reviewed regularly with residents and staff. Fire drills are conducted once each semester. Fire safety tips are communicated to residents during floor meetings by residence halls staff at the beginning of each semester and by the Safety Officer during crisis management presentations conducted every fall and spring semesters.

In the event of a FIRE, residents should proceed in the following manner:
1. Immediately call 911. Notify the Resident Assistant closest to area of fire. Notify the Residence Halls Office staff and other residents of the building, or floor, of the location of
the fire by pulling the nearest pull station. Evacuate the building(s) without delay and assemble at designated area or rally point.

2. When the alarm is activated, all residents, except others with specific assignments must leave the building IMMEDIATELY through the nearest exit. Persons with disabilities are assisted. Where possible, close all doors and windows. Do not, under any circumstances, silence building fire alarm. Do not return to the building for any reason until instructed to do so by competent authority. Do NOT put water on a grease fire! Use the nearest fire extinguisher.

3. Move away from the building entrance and fire department access. Do not obstruct fire hydrants.

Fire Alarms
Residents are expected to evacuate the building immediately for a fire alarm, or when directed to do so. Failure to promptly obey the direction of a University Residence Halls Office staff or civil official during an emergency will be referred to the Residence Halls Officer and could be subject to fines.

When an individual smoke detector is activated in the residence halls, Residence Halls Office staff and/or Resident Assistants will enter all rooms in the indicated area to determine the cause of the alarm.

Fire and Life Safety Inspections
Unannounced random Fire and Life Safety Inspections will be conducted periodically by the Residence Halls Office staff and Resident Assistants. The intent of the inspections is to increase the level of safety awareness of residents and identify health and safety issues.

16.1b. Statistics – Data will be collected and reported in the annual fire safety report and the U.S. Department of Education’s web-based data collection system in a statistical format.

16.1c. Annual Fire Safety Report – This report will be prepared and then submitted at the same time with the Annual Security Report for publication.

16.1d. Fire Log - Fire incidents are recorded in the Fire Log by the date they are reported. The Fire Log for the most recent 60-day period must be accessible on-site and available to public inspection, upon request, during normal business hours. It must be kept for three years following the publication of the last annual report to which it applies (in effect, seven years).

16.1e. Policies on Portable Electric Appliances, Smoking, and Open Flames
In accordance with regulations disseminated, the University of Guam is a tobacco-free environment. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings owned and operated by the University of Guam, including dormitories. Rules also prohibit the following in the residence rooms:
- open flames,
- microwaves,
- electric coffeemakers,
- hot plates,
- electrical rice cooker,
- toasters and toaster ovens,
- refrigerators over four cubic feet,
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- portable gas (propane) stoves, and
- portable bar-b-grills,

Note: In general, heat-producing appliances are prohibited in rooms.