



Crime Awareness and Campus Security Report

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Dear United States University Student:

Please be advised that United States University's (USU) annual crime awareness and campus security report for the 2014 calendar year is now published and can be viewed on the United States University website – usuniversity.edu under Consumer Information.

As mandated by the U.S. Department of Education, 34 CFR 668.46 and the Higher Education Act, Section 485(f)(1) as modified by the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, Public Law 106-386 (October 28, 2000) and the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), Public Law 110-315 (August 14, 2008). USU is required to provide annual campus security information to all current students and employees (as well as prospective students and employees upon request). This information includes the reporting of hate crimes as well as extensive reporting of how statistics are gathered and reported. The later reauthorizations, updates and amendments of the Higher Education Act expanded the disclosure requirements further, requiring institutions to also detail specific policies and procedures identified by Congress to enable students, parents and employees to:

- Determine the types and extent of crimes committed on or near a campus;
- Understand the procedures to follow for the reporting of crimes;
- Understand the campus procedures for handling emergency situations; and
- Understand the rights and services available to victims.

This disclosure serves several important purposes. It informs students and employees about how and from what sources the report is prepared. Many students or employees may not be aware that a formal police report or investigation is not needed in order for a crime report to be included in the statistics.

The report informs students and employees about campus security procedures and practices, emergency preparedness, and this report encourages students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others.

Additionally, the report informs students and employees of the institutions sexual assault prevention programs and the procedures to be followed when a sex offence occurs.

The regulations effective in 2000 added the additional requirement that institutions advise the campus community of law enforcement agency information provided by a State under section 14071(j) of the Title 42, concerning registered sex offenders who might be present on campus. This report contains information regarding the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction for the campus that will assist the student or employee to obtain such information.

New regulations in support of the 2008 HEOA became effective on July 1, 2010. Additions to the annual crime awareness and campus security report include the implementation of an emergency response and evacuation procedures policy, a statement identifying the institutions relationship with the law enforcement in the surrounding area, and four additional hate crimes that must be reported to the Department of Education.

In addition to being available on the USU website, the new disclosures, policies and crime awareness and security report can be found in the HEOA Compliance Binder which is housed on campus in the Financial Services office.

Any questions or concerns regarding the information contained in this report should be directed to the University President/CEO or the VP of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs.

Sincerely,

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