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98% of public institutions in the US operate their own campus law enforcement agency



Chapter II

Universities Are Subject to Unique Public Safety Obligations



Universities Are Subject to Unique Public Safety Regulations

- The Clery Act
 - Federal law
 - Obligations include:
 - Continuous threat assessments and campus warnings when appropriate
 - Statistical tracking/reporting for certain crimes
 - Annual Security Report (ASR)



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- Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments
 - Title IX obligations can overlap with Clery Act obligations
 - Title IX investigations are *administrative*, not *criminal*
- State laws also create unique campus safety obligations
 - Universities must share certain crime information with off-campus police
 - State laws require unique reporting beyond the Clery Act





Liability

Clery Act
Title IX
State Laws

Police
Conduct



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Chapter III

Improving Clery Act Threat Assessment and Reporting Could Enhance Safety and Reduce Liability



USHE Institution	2016-2019 Potential Clery Data Errors
DSU	73
Snow	23
USU	14
UVU	12
WSU	12
U of U	6
SLCC	1
SUU	0



The University of Utah Should Improve Campus Safety Reporting

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- We found instances in which U of U entities did not adequately communicate campus safety information to university police
 - U of U Housing staff did not make timely reports of alleged crimes
- The U of U hospital system is not reporting all crime statistics as required under the Clery Act





Chapter IV

USHE Institutions Should Assess Public Safety Needs and Service Options

Level of Service and Operational Control Drive Costs

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- Institutions of higher education would likely pay more for police service through contracts
 - Contracts make sense in the right circumstances
 - Any reduction in cost would likely come from a reduction in service
- We recommend that each institution assess its public safety needs and service options
 - Institutions are different and face different circumstances

Public Safety Decisions Should Be Informed by Periodic Analysis

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- First, conduct an inventory of current services and demand
- Second, review crime and calls for service
- Third, assess the impact of future growth
- Fourth, review labor, equipment, training, and other costs relative to surrounding law enforcement agencies.

QUESTIONS?



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