

## **Student Right-To-Know, Equity in Athletics, and Campus Public Safety ("Clery Act") Reports**

This information is presented in accordance with the required reporting under the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 and the applicable Higher Education Amendments, including the Higher Education Reauthorization Act of 1998, as amended, as well as the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, as amended.

### **Graduation Rates**

Washington and Lee University's longest (and only) undergraduate degree program is normally completed in four years. Statistical information on student retention may be obtained from the University Registrar's Office in the Early- Fielding Building. W&L offers no athletically-related aid. For the Class of 2008, the completion rate for our cohort of 456 full-time students who entered Washington and Lee University in fall 2004 is 89%.

### **Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act Report**

In accordance with the requirements of the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, Washington and Lee University prepares an annual report on its intercollegiate men's and women's athletic program participation rates and financial support data. The report is on file with and may be obtained by any student, prospective student, or member of the public from the Office of the Athletic Director, the Admissions Office, and the Communications Office.

### **Crime Awareness and Campus Public Safety Report**

This information is presented in accordance with the required reporting under the Student Right-to-Know Act, the Clery Act ("The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act," formerly the Campus Security Act of 1990), and the applicable Higher Education Amendments, including the Higher Education Reauthorization Act of 1998, as amended. Washington and Lee University is a private liberal arts institution, comprising a community of nearly 3,000 people (1,750 undergraduates, 400 law students, and 815 faculty and staff) within the borders of a 325-acre campus. Approximately 1,050 students and 50 faculty and staff members live in university-owned housing. While the Washington and Lee campus and the City of Lexington are relatively safe places, both communities are not immune from incidents of crime.

### **Public Safety**

Washington and Lee University Public Safety is staffed by 14 full-time Public Safety officers who have a combined 150 years of security and professional law enforcement experience. Public Safety officers, while responsible for the enforcement of rules and regulations prescribed by the University are not empowered with arrest authority. These officers protect and serve the community 24 hours daily. Although there are no written agreements with local law enforcement, the relationship with the Lexington Police Department, Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office, and Virginia State Police is excellent and the departments hold regular meetings to discuss common problems.

Members of Public Safety patrol the campus grounds 24 hours daily and provide various support services for members of the community. Escorts are provided to more distant parking areas, resident halls are patrolled with extra emphasis on major weekends, and the officers maintain a high degree of visibility. A card access system for the exterior doors of the first-year residence halls was installed in 1995, and the system was expanded to the upper-class residence halls in 1996. There are currently 23 emergency phones located at various places on campus to allow contact with public safety personnel at all times. Individuals are encouraged to report all criminal activity to University Public Safety or the Lexington Police.

Individuals who become victims of crime should immediately report to Public Safety at 458-8999. Public Safety officers are on call 24 hours per day, seven days per week. During the academic year, the information desk in the John Elrod University Commons is staffed by Public Safety personnel 24 hours daily. Any Public Safety Officer will take a report of crime. The Director of Public Safety or the Associate Director of Public Safety can also be reached for this purpose by calling 458-8400. The University Public Safety Department will investigate any criminal activity reported. Reports may also be made to the Lexington Police Department, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the University Mediator, or other officials who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including the Dean of First-Year Students, Executive Director of Student Activities, Director of Athletics, and Director of Human Resources. Incidents reported to the University Public Safety Department that fall into one of the required reporting classifications will be disclosed as a statistic in the appropriate annual compliance information. If you are a victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University conduct system or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. Confidential reports of crimes that will not reveal your identity may be made by contacting the Director or Associate Director of University Public Safety. Reports filed in this manner will be counted in the annual crime statistics information.

The University Public Safety Department will provide Campus-Wide Alerts to the university community in cases of crimes and other emergency situations that are considered threatening to students, faculty and staff members. These notices will be posted at various locations on campus and will be sent by campus wide e-mail and through the e2Campus notification system. The university's emergency response procedures are tested on an annual basis. In accordance with the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, law enforcement agency information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained from the Virginia State Police online At: <http://sexoffender.vsp.virginia.gov>. The Public Safety Department meets regularly with members of the student newspaper staffs to discuss and release timely information concerning safety and security. A Crime Log is maintained in the Public Safety Office and can be reviewed by contacting the Director of University Public Safety during normal business hours.

Public Safety Officers present an open and helping attitude that creates a trusting relationship with students and other members of the community. University Public Safety personnel are always available to answer questions and deal with the problems young people encounter during their careers at Washington and Lee.

### **Alcohol/Controlled Substances**

Students at Washington and Lee University are considered adults and are expected to abide by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and federal statutes concerning possession and use of alcohol, illegal drugs and other unlawful controlled substances. Information on a number of these laws is provided on pages 106-109 of this handbook.

### **Sexual Misconduct**

Washington and Lee University encourages students to immediately report incidents of sexual misconduct. Confidential and Impartial Resolution (CAIR) Resources, appointed annually by the Provost or designee from a diverse range of University faculty and staff (see <http://counsel.wlu.edu/policy/Resources.Contact.info.pdf>). Discrimination Policy Advisors identified in the Procedures for Complaints against Non-students under the University Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct and Retaliation (see Student handbook at page 24), Public Safety Officers and the Sexual Assault Investigator of the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office, are specially trained to respond to sexual misconduct complaints. These reports may alternatively be made to a variety of people, including, the Lexington Police Department, the Office of the Dean of Students, the University Mediator, or other officials who have

significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including the Dean of First-Year Students, Director or Assistant Director of Student Activities and Greek Life, Athletics Director, and Executive Director of Human Resources.

If you are raped or sexually assaulted:

1. Get to a safe place as soon as you can.
2. Try to preserve all physical evidence. Don't wash or change clothes if you can avoid it. If you do change clothes, put all of the clothing that you were wearing at the time of the attack in a paper, (not plastic) bag.
3. Get medical attention as soon as possible to make sure you are physically well and to collect important evidence in the event you may wish to later take legal action.

**Note:** You **do not** have to answer any questions from the police, or otherwise cooperate in any criminal investigation, as a condition for receiving a forensic medical exam. In addition, the cost of this exam is borne by the state.

4. Contact University Public Safety. 540-458-8999
  5. Contact someone you trust to be with you and support you.
  6. Talk with a counselor who will maintain confidentiality, help explain your options, provide information and emotional support.
- Counseling for victims of sexual misconduct is available through the University Counseling Service or through the Rockbridge Area Coalition Against Sexual Assault in Lexington. There are University conduct procedures available to all students reporting instances of sexual misconduct that are documented in the Student Handbook 2008-2009, which serve as a supplement to this report. These procedures deal with the issues of sexual misconduct cases including sanctions, academic and living situations, conduct hearings and notification of both the complainant and the accused. Students who are involved in alleged sexual misconduct may request special assistance from the office of the Dean of the College for academic options or the office of the Associate Dean of for housing options. The accused and the complainant involved in alleged sexual misconduct cases are entitled to be accompanied to hearings by a student adviser specified under existing policies. The accused and the complainant are entitled to prompt notification of the outcome of these proceedings. The University may impose sanctions ranging from a warning to dismissal from the University for individuals found in violation of the University Policy on Prohibited Student Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct.

### **Educational Programs**

Members of the Student Affairs staff, including the Office of Public Safety, in cooperation with the Student Health Education Committee and LIFE (Leadership Information for Everyone) coordinate drug and alcohol prevention programs, sexual assault prevention programs, and general crime prevention programs beginning with first-year orientation and continuing throughout each academic year. Members of Public Safety teach the Rape Aggression Defense Course. There are on-going programs that include lectures, workshops, videos and student surveys.

### **Responsibilities of the University Community**

1. Members of the University community must assume responsibility for their own personal safety and the security of their personal property. The following precautions should be used for guidance.
  2. Report all suspicious activity to University Public Safety immediately.
  3. Never take personal safety for granted.
  4. Avoid walking alone at night. Contact Public Safety for an escort.
  5. Limit your alcohol consumption, and leave social functions that get too loud, too crowded, or that have too many people drinking excessively.
- Call University Public Safety at the first sign of trouble.
6. Carry only small amounts of cash.
  7. Never leave valuables (wallets, purses, books, computers, etc.) unattended.
  8. Carry your keys with you at all times and don't lend them to anyone.
  9. Lock up your bicycles. Lock your car doors and close the windows when leaving your car.
  10. Always lock the door to your residence hall room whether you are there or not. Be certain that your door is locked when you go to sleep and keep the windows locked when you are not at home.
  11. Never leave valuables in your car especially if they are easily noticeable.
  12. Inventory your personal property and make records of the serial numbers of all items of value.

### **Crime Statistics**

The statistical data gathered for Washington and Lee University include reported violations for the period January 1–December 31 for 2006, 2007 and 2008. Washington and Lee maintains statistics using the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting System as a guide line. University Public Safety also maintains a daily crime log as required by the Clery Act.

## **2008**

### **January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008**

<b>Crime</b>	<b>On Campus</b>	<b>In Residence Halls</b>
Murder	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Burglary	13	7
Aggravated Assault	0	0
Arson	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0
Weapons Violations	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0
Drug Violations	14	11
Hate Crimes	0	0
Fire	1	0
Liquor Law Violations (Public Safety)	4	2
Liquor Law Violations (Res Life Staff)	52	52
Liquor Law Violations (Police) 77 Off Campus		

In 2008, Washington and Lee Public Safety Officers issued thirteen Trespass Warnings to individuals preventing them from entering university owned property. There were eighteen cases of vandalism of which 13 were in residence halls. Public Safety officers also investigated thirty cases of theft of property, eleven of which were from residence halls.

## **2007**

**January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007**

	On Campus	In Residence Halls
Murder	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Burglary	6	1
Aggravated Assault	2	0
Arson	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0
Weapons Violations	1	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0
Drug Violations	10	8
Hate Crimes	0	0
Liquor Law Violations (Public Safety)	26	22
Liquor Law Violations (Res Life Staff)	21	21
Liquor Law Violations (Police) 81 Off Campus		

In 2007, Washington and Lee Public Safety Officers issued eight Trespass Warnings to individuals preventing them from entering university owned property. Public Safety officers also investigated twenty-three cases of theft of property, nine of which were from residence halls.

**2006**

**January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006**

	On Campus	In Residence Halls
Murder	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Burglary	10	5
Aggravated Assault	0	0
Arson	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0
Weapons Violations	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	1	1
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0
Drug Violations	10	10
Hate Crimes	0	0
Liquor Law Violations (Public Safety)	12	6
Liquor Law Violations (Res Life Staff)	29	28
Liquor Law Violations (Police) 43 Off Campus		

In 2006, Washington and Lee Public Safety Officers issued fourteen Trespass Warnings to individuals preventing them from entering university owned property. Public Safety officers also investigated thirty-six cases of theft of property, fifteen of which were from residence halls.