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Introduction

West Chester University of Pennsylvania (WCU) is a comprehensive, state-owned institution and is the second largest of the 14 institutions of higher learning that compose the State System of Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. WCU is located in the Borough of West Chester, approximately 25 miles west of Philadelphia and approximately 17 miles north of Wilmington, Delaware.

Safety on the University's campus is a natural source of concern for parents, students, and employees. No campus is entirely isolated from crime and West Chester University is no exception. However, WCU has developed policies and implemented procedures in order to increase safety and security awareness and provide precautionary measures for all campus community members. The information contained within this publication is designed to provide an overview of the Department of Public Safety, as well as information regarding other safety and security measures that have been instituted at West Chester University.

West Chester University, as a recipient of federal Title IV student financial aid, is required to adhere to the provisions of the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policies and Campus Crime Statistics*, commonly referred to as the *Clery Act*. One provision of the *Clery Act* is that all postsecondary institutions receiving federal Title IV financial aid must publish an annual report disclosing campus security policies and three years worth of selected crime statistics. In compliance, this report is prepared by the Department of Public Safety and made available to the campus community and others, with the cooperation of local law enforcement agencies and various University offices, including the Student Affairs Division, the Office of Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, the Student Health Center, the Women's Center, and the Counseling and Psychological Services Center. This publication is distributed in accordance with the *Pennsylvania College and University Security Information Act*, (24 P. S. § § 2502-1—2502-5) and the following federal statues: *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act*, Section 486(e) of *Public Law: 105-244* and *The Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act of 199*.

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<http://wcupa.edu/dps/clery.pdf>**

Voluntary Confidential Reporting of Crimes – On-campus locations

For those wishing to make a report of criminal incident, be they victim, witness, or third party, reports may be made in confidence to the following offices where further options will be discussed with the reporting party.

Department of Public Safety	610-436-3311	Peoples Building
Director, Public Safety	610-436-3478	Peoples Building
Vice President for Student Affairs	610-436-3301	Sykes Union Building
Director, Housing Services	610-436-3307	Sykes Union Building
Director, Judicial Affairs	610-436-3511	Sykes Union Building
Associate VP for Human Resources	610-436-2830	201 Carter Drive, Suite 100
Director, Student Health Center	610-436-2509	Wayne Hall, 2 nd Floor
Director, Social Equity	610-436-2433	13/15 University Avenue
Director, Public Relations	610-436-3383	13/15 University Avenue
Director, Women's Center	610-436-2122	Lawrence Center
Director, Admissions	610-436-3414	Messikomer Hall
Crime Tip Line – Anonymous	610-436-3100	

University Student/Employee Population – Fall Semester 2008

Student enrollment and residency figures are based on full-time equivalency.

Enrollment		Residing on Campus	
Undergraduate	10,648	Undergraduate	4805
Graduate	1,006	Graduate	72
Total	11,654	Total residing on campus	4877
Non-Student Employees	1,465	Total student / employee population	13,119

Who is responsible for campus security?

The Department of Public Safety is responsible for providing security on WCU's campus. The department consists of 20 full-time police officers who have received training under Act 120 (the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Act) and their police commission from the Governor and the Secretary of Education. These officers are also required to attend annual update training under Act 180 (Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Act 53 Pa C.S., §§2161-2171).

The department also employs 15 full-time security officers. Their primary responsibility is to provide security coverage in and around the campus residential areas. All full-time employees of the Department of Public Safety receive, in addition to any mandated or specialty training, a minimum of 40 hours of in-service training annually, including CPR and first aid training.

What is the enforcement authority of Public Safety personnel?

University police officers have full authority to enforce Commonwealth and Federal laws as well as applicable University policies. The Department of Public Safety is the police department of jurisdiction on campus. University police authority includes the power of arrest on campus property. University police officers may also initiate campus judicial board proceedings for violations of the Student Code of Conduct and criminal violations as a sole process for resolution or in addition to criminal charges.

University security officers are authorized to enforce University policies and procedures and may detain individuals for violations, when appropriate, until custody can be transferred to a University police officer. For violations of the Student Code of Conduct, University security officers may also initiate judicial board proceedings.

How does the Department of Public Safety work with state and local police?

West Chester University does not have written agreements for the investigation of alleged crimes that occur on campus. The Department of Public Safety maintains primary law enforcement jurisdiction at WCU and is responsible for the investigation of all criminal incidents that occur on campus. The department participates in regional law enforcement teams, taskforces and training exercises that support the goal of providing safety on campus. The University's criminal investigator participates in the tri-county criminal investigators network and attends the Chester County crime meetings. WCU's Department of Public is engaged in the sharing of specialized resources with other state and local police departments. The department K-9, Piper, is called for service by state and local law enforcement for narcotics detection.

What is the WCU policy on reporting criminal incidents to State and Local Police?

Crime statistics and arrest information for offenses occurring on campus, as required by state criminal history record retention laws, are reported monthly to the Pennsylvania State Police for use in the Uniform Crime Report.

What is the WCU policy on encouraging the reporting of crime?

The University and the Department of Public Safety strongly encourage faculty, staff, students, and guests to report any illegal or suspicious activity in a timely manner to the University police. Those incidents reported to pastoral and professional counselors are not included in campus crime statistics. However, reports of criminal activity that are brought to the attention of the Dean of Students, Residence Life and Housing Services, any student organization or activity advisor, athletic coaches, intramural sport advisors, and medical health professionals are required to be reported annually and, as such are brought to the attention of the Department of Public Safety either by the victims or by the person receiving the report. Those who report criminal incidents to pastoral or professional counselors are encouraged to voluntarily report the incident to Public Safety on a confidential basis.

The Department of Public Safety encourages all campus faculty, staff, students and guests to act responsibly and to report criminal activity in a timely manner to ensure a safe campus environment for everyone.

What are the procedures for students and others to report criminal activity or other emergencies occurring on campus and how does the University respond to such reports?

The campus community can report criminal activity, fires, or medical emergencies on campus by calling Public Safety at 610-436-3311 (campus extension 3311), in person at the Peoples Building located on the NW corner of South Church Street and University Avenue, or by using one of the provided emergency phones. Public Safety also maintains a Crime Tip Line so that reports can be made to the Department anonymously by calling 610-436-3100. Even if victims of crime do not wish to pursue criminal or judicial charges, they are still encouraged to contact Student Affairs to file a confidential report. The Department of Public Safety strongly encourages members of the University community to report all criminal incidents that occur on campus. Doing so helps the Department accurately report crime statistics, determine whether crime patterns are present, and better protect the campus community from future criminal acts.

West Chester University also has established a Threat Assessment Team to assist in addressing situations where students, faculty, or staff are displaying disruptive or threatening behaviors that potentially impede their ability to function successfully or safely. The process is designed to help identify persons whose behaviors potentially endanger their own or others health and safety. It is the responsibility of faculty, staff, and students to immediately report any situation that could possibly result in harm to anyone at the University. Any member of the campus community may become aware of a troubling person or situation that is causing serious anxiety, stress, or fear and, if so, this information should be forwarded to the Director of Public Safety. In cases where a person may pose an immediate risk of violence to self or others, the Department of Public Safety should be contacted at 610-436-3311.

Public Safety maintains a 24-hour dispatch center to answer all calls for assistance. Upon receiving a request for assistance, an officer along with any other appropriate personnel, will be immediately dispatched to the location. In cases involving criminal activity, University police officers will respond and conduct an investigation. Information regarding all arrests of students made by University police for criminal violations on campus is forwarded to the Office of Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance. Arrests of University students by municipal police agencies that are brought to the attention of the Department of Public Safety are also forwarded to the Office of Judicial Affairs and Student Assistance. All students are held accountable for their behavior on and off campus property.

How and when does WCU inform the campus about security matters?

To comply with the *Clergy Act* mandate on timely warnings, West Chester University has developed the policy guidelines below.

Clery-designated Crimes

Timely warnings must be issued for the following crimes if the crimes are reported to campus security authorities (CSA) or local police agencies; are considered by the University to represent a serious or continuing threat to students and employees; and occur in certain geographic locations as defined by the *Clery Act*:

- Murder and non-negligent manslaughter
- Negligent manslaughter
- Forcible and non-forcible sex offenses
- Robbery
- Aggravated assault
- Burglary
- Motor vehicle theft
- Arson

Geographic locations for which the University is required to issue timely warnings

The University is required to issue timely warnings for Clery-designated crimes that represent a severe and continuing threat in the following geographic locations: *on campus*, *public property* and *non-campus buildings and property*.

On campus is defined as:

Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls; and

Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to paragraph (1) of this definition, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as food or other retail vendor).

For WCU, campus buildings and property (excluding the Graduate Business Center) and USH buildings would be included as *on campus*.

Public property is defined as:

All property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

For WCU, streets, alleys, sidewalks, and parks that are adjacent to campus or that bisect campus, as well as the Sharpless parking garage would be included as *public property*.

Non-campus buildings or property is defined as:

Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

For WCU, two fraternity houses and the Graduate Business Center are the only *non-campus buildings or property*.

Geographic locations for which the University is not required to issue timely warnings

The University is not required to issue timely warnings for Clery-designated crimes that occur off campus, with the exception of those crimes committed on *public property* or in (on) *non-campus buildings or property*, as defined and described above. However, the University recognizes that in certain cases timely warnings, even if not required by the *Clery Act*, may benefit the campus community. The following criteria must be met for the University to issue a timely warning for an off-campus crime that does not require a timely warning under the *Clery Act*.

1. The crime is a murder, rape, or other serious and violent assault, or the local municipality requests that the University issue a timely warning.
2. The crime occurred in a geographic area frequented by WCU students.
3. The crime represents a continuous threat to the WCU campus community

Types of Timely Warnings

Timely warnings, whether or not required by the *Clery Act*, will be identified and posted as **Blanket Warnings**, **Targeted Warnings**, or **Informational Alerts**.

Blanket Warnings are defined as timely warnings for the purpose of alerting the campus to a crime which affects the entire campus or a majority of the campus. Blanket Warnings will result in an "All Employees" and "All Current Students" email blast and building postings by Building Administrators. Blanket Warnings also will be posted on the Department of Public Safety website at:

<http://www.wcupa.edu/dps/>

Targeted Warnings are defined as timely warnings provided to specific employees and/or students who may be affected by the occurrence of a crime. Targeted Warnings will be used when it is determined that a Blanket Warning is not necessary or appropriate. Targeted Warnings will result in a portion of the campus community receiving an email notification and postings in selected buildings. Targeted Warnings also will be posted on the Department of Public Safety website at:

<http://www.wcupa.edu/dps/>

Informational Alerts are defined as communications provided to specific individuals for the purpose of providing those individuals with information deemed necessary to avoid undue concern or anxiety. Informational Alerts will result in the entire campus or a portion of the campus receiving an email; postings in selected buildings may also occur. Informational Alerts will not appear on the Department of Public Safety website at: <http://www.wcupa.edu/dps/>

Emergency Contact Numbers

On-Campus Emergencies		
Department of Public Safety 690 South Church Street Peoples Building		610-436-3311 or campus extension 3311
Off-Campus Emergencies		
(Police, Fire, Medical)		Dial 911
West Chester Borough Police Department (including East Bradford Township) 401 East Gay Street West Chester, PA 19380		610-696-2700
West Goshen Police Department 1025 Paoli Pike West Chester, PA 19382		610-696-7400

How does the University notify the campus community of emergency response and evacuation procedures?

The coordination of emergency preparedness efforts on campus is the responsibility of the Department of Public Safety. All senior administrators of the department are required to maintain ICS-300 or greater certification. West Chester University routinely participates in emergency simulation exercises both on campus and with state and local agencies across the Commonwealth. The WCU Emergency Operations Center is recognized by the Chester County Emergency Department of Emergency Services and is part of the overall emergency planning for Chester County. Written agreements are in place with local municipalities and county agencies so that in an emergency all surrounding agencies can provide each other with mutual aid. The Department publishes the WCU Emergency Response Guideline which is made available to students and employees via the web at: <http://www.wcupa.edu/dps/emergency/PDF/EmergencyResponseGuideline.pdf> .

What is the WCU policy on notifying the campus community of an emergency?

The University adopted a Mass Communications Policy in January 2008 which details official West Chester University communication methods to ensure effective and efficient communication and provide accurate and timely information to the campus community and the general public during emergencies, weather-related events, and/or situations concerning personal safety and security. The following information was extracted from that policy in regards to Priority 1 Emergency Alert – Major Emergency Announcements:

PRIORITY 1 EMERGENCY ALERT - MAJOR EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This message category involves any potential or actual incident or extraordinary circumstance(s) that poses an immediate threat to life, property, research, or other extraordinary circumstance affecting an entire WCU building or buildings, a major portion of campus, or the entire campus. Examples – armed or dangerous criminal at large on campus, major facility emergencies or evacuations, large scale gas leak, bomb threats, fire, or hazardous material spill occurring either on campus or near enough to campus to cause a credible threat to members of the campus community.

Primary Communication Distribution Methods: During events categorized as Priority 1 Emergency Alert, the University will communicate key information as quickly and to as many people as possible. WCU's primary methods of communication will be:

- Text message to WCU Alert subscribers
- Mass emails to faculty, staff and students (WCU-assigned email accounts)
- Posted on WCU's homepage at <http://www.wcupa.edu>
- Recorded message on WCU's Information Line - 610-436-1000

INITIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE SENT IMMEDIATELY AND WILL CONVEY ONLY THE MOST CRITICAL INFORMATION. DETAILS WILL BE CARRIED ON THE UNIVERSITY'S HOMEPAGE, WHICH WILL BE UPDATED AS CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE.

Because WCU-assigned email addresses for employees and students will be used as the primary channel of communication for Priority 1 Emergency Alerts, employees and students are required to use their WCU-assigned email accounts/addresses.

The University strongly encourages all students, faculty, and staff to subscribe to receive emergency text message information. This communication channel has been setup to distribute major emergency announcements (Priority 1 Emergency Alerts) and Weather-Related Notifications to any device that accepts text messaging (SMS) through cellular service, such as cell phones, text pagers, Blackberry's, and some wireless PDAs. The subscription is free; however, some cell phone providers may apply a small cost per text message sent or received.

SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES OF CAMPUS EMERGENCIES AND/OR WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS AT [HTTP://WWW.WCUPA.EDU/WCUALERT/](http://www.wcupa.edu/wcupalert/)

Secondary Communication Distribution Methods: In a major emergency, secondary communication methods may be activated as circumstances dictate.

Examples:

Communication Channels	Responsible Party
Posting to Blackboard and Webmail opening screens	Information Services Division
Activate a recorded message for those using WCU voice mail functionality	Information Services Division
Activate University's emergency public address system, sirens, and blue light stations	Public Safety Division
Request Reverse 911 telephone message via the Chester County Emergency Services system	Director of Public Safety
Request Reverse 911 telephone message via the Borough of West Chester system	Director of Public Safety
Contact selected news media (radio and TV stations) including WCU's radio station WCUR AM 91.7	Director of Public Relations
Announcements via electronic display panels in Anderson Hall, 201 Carter Drive, 25 University Avenue, Schmucker Science Center, Swope Music Building, and Wayne Hall	Information Services Division
Announcements via electronic bulletin boards Sykes Union Building, and external kiosk at Ruby Jones Hall	Sykes Union Director
Announcements via police cruiser public address systems, bullhorns or digital sign boards	Public Safety Division
Announcements via individual building public address systems	Residence Life Staff – including The Village and University Hall
Announcement on football scoreboard/Farrell Stadium	Athletic Director
Telephone Trees or Phone Chains – many campus departments have incorporated phone chains into their procedures to notify individual personnel. In addition, person-to person or paper communication in residence halls, academic/administration buildings, including Library and food service centers, etc. In most cases, electronic communication is preferable to paper communication but paper communication may be used as the situation deems it.	Deans, Building Administrators, Assistant Building Administrators, Student Affairs Division personnel

Post Emergency Communication: The University will issue an “all clear” message to convey the University’s return to normal operations to all faculty, staff and students via University-assigned email accounts, the WCU homepage, and text message via WCU Alert subscribers. Details regarding the incident will be communicated on the University’s homepage.

If the activation of any part of the system would compromise efforts to contain the emergency, that portion of the system will not be activated until such time as it is safe to do so. The notification system is tested at least twice each year for functionality and performance. Evacuation drills are also conducted for all campus facilities on at least an annual basis.

What is the WCU policy about access to the University’s facilities and programs by students, employees, guests and other individuals?

Most University facilities are open to the public during normal business hours. All individuals accessing University facilities must adhere to all Federal and State Laws, as well as all University policies. All administrative and academic buildings are opened at approved times and secured by Public Safety upon the completion of their scheduled use. Prior to scheduling any extracurricular event, the

University must approve the use of the facility. When administrative and academic buildings are secure, access is restricted to authorized individuals through the use of card access or written authorization from the building administrator.

Residence hall access is restricted 24 hours/day via a card access system. Residents are provided access to the hall they live in via their access card at the designated entrances. Guests are given access to the building by the resident they are visiting, and the resident is responsible for the guest while they are in the building. All University employees, contractors, and vendors are required to display University identification when they are in an occupied residence hall.

What programs are available at WCU to inform student-housing residents about housing security and enforcement procedures?

At the beginning of each semester, during the new student orientation, students are informed of housing security and enforcement procedures by Department of Public Safety personnel. Public Safety personnel also participate in residence life staff training. Throughout the academic year, Public Safety officers conduct crime prevention and safety seminars in each of the residence halls. Resident Directors conduct hall meetings with students during the first week of each semester in regard to security issues. Additionally, Resident Assistants conduct periodic resident floor meetings to inform students of campus policies and procedures.

What type of student housing is available at WCU?

University-owned, on-campus housing consists of six residence halls, four of which are high rise buildings. While most rooms are double occupancy, some single rooms are available under specific circumstances. All of the residence halls house both male and female students. There is also an eleven-building complex owned by the University at South Campus. Additionally, there are four other facilities on campus referred to as Affiliated Housing. These facilities are available to University students, but are operated by a private management company. These facilities include a three high rise suite-style buildings and an eleven-building apartment complex. These facilities are open to college students beyond their first year of study.

There are approximately 3,350 students living in off-campus houses and apartment complexes which are not owned by the University in close proximity to the campus. There is no on-campus married student housing provided by the University.

What is the WCU policy on housing assignments and requests by students for assignment changes?

Housing assignments are initially made for an entire academic year. Returning students apply for University-owned housing during the first half of the spring semester each year and receive assignments by mid-March. Assignment processes for Affiliated Housing begin late in the fall semester. First year and transfer students are accepted as either "resident" or "commuter" students through the Office of Admissions and those who plan to live on campus are notified of their assignments in early August prior to their arrival.

The housing application includes a section for students to indicate their personal preference regarding quiet hours and smoking (although all University housing facilities are smoke-free). These preferences are met whenever possible. Room changes are permitted for all residents during the second week of each semester if approved by the Resident/Graduate Hall Director (RD/GHD) of the facility. The RD/GHD of the hall/complex handles any extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

How are student-housing facilities secured at WCU?

All exterior doors to the residence halls are locked 24 hours a day. The main entrances to each building are equipped with card readers which residents use to gain access to the building. All other entrances are alarmed and set for delayed egress, which will deny the ability to exit the building for 15

seconds while an alarm sounds, unless the fire alarm has released the doors. Residents must provide access to the building for their guests, and applicable guest policies must be followed

Doors in the residence halls are equipped with a standard lock and key system. All doors are also equipped with a one-way peephole for identification purposes prior to admission. The windows are equipped with screens and will lock in place.

How many and what types of WCU employees are assigned to University housing facilities?

A security officer is stationed at the entrance of each residence hall between 8 PM and 4 AM. All security officers have received 40 hours of in-service training, which includes University policies, department procedures, and applicable Commonwealth statutes.

Each hall has a full-time, live-in Resident Director or Graduate Hall Director who oversees all operational aspects of that hall/complex. Most halls also have a Graduate Assistant to assist the Resident/Graduate Hall Director. All halls/complexes have a student Resident Assistant living on each floor or in each apartment building, and a student Desk Assistant who remains at the hall main desk during various hours, seven days a week.

The entire residence life staff, which totals approximately 180 people, receives varying levels of training on security procedures and policies, crisis intervention, confrontation, alcohol and drug abuse, and emergency situation response.

What is the WCU policy for housing students during low occupancy periods, such as holidays and vacations?

During vacations and other low occupancy periods from late August to mid May, most residence halls are vacated by residents and are locked and secured. One traditional residence hall, as well as the suite-style building and both apartment complexes, remain open for use by international students and other special need students. During these low occupancy periods, entrance to the occupied residence halls is restricted via the card access system to only those students approved to stay on campus. Security officers patrol the buildings during these periods.

What is the WCU policy for housing guests or others not assigned to student housing or not regularly associated with the University?

University housing is primarily for full-time registered students. Special arrangements may be made for part-time students with the permission of the Director of Housing Services or the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.

Students are permitted to host guests in their residence hall rooms. Every guest is subject to University rules and regulations, and guests are the responsibility of the resident host. The University reserves the right to deny access to any person who presents a threat to the peace, safety, and welfare of other residents.

The University does not permit cohabitation or patterns of extended visitation in the residence halls or apartment complexes. All guests must follow proper registration and check-in procedures as prescribed by the appropriate staff. Overnight guests are permitted to visit and stay in University-owned and affiliated housing for defined periods of time, but the rights of the roommate take precedence in issues involving a guest. Patterns of visitation which interfere with the rights, privileges or privacy of any resident student will not be tolerated and may subject the host to judicial action.

What security considerations does WCU use in the maintenance of campus facilities, including landscaping, grounds-keeping and outdoor lighting?

University facilities and campus lighting are maintained to minimize hazardous conditions. Malfunctioning lights and other unsafe conditions are reported to the Facilities Department for repair or

correction. In addition, the Department of Public Safety completes a lighting and physical security report monthly, which is submitted to the Facilities Department.

What is the WCU policy on possession, use or sale of alcohol and illegal drugs?

The University complies with the federal, state, and local laws including those that regulate the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages and other controlled substances. West Chester University students, who use, sell, exchange, consume, or possess alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia on University property or at University functions will be dealt with in accordance with the Commonwealth, federal and local laws as well as the University Student Code of Conduct. As West Chester University is a dry campus, even students who are 21 years of age or older are not permitted to possess or consume alcohol on campus property.

Non-students who violate the University's policies and whose actions are not in compliance with the orderly operation of the University will be prosecuted in accordance with Commonwealth, federal, and local laws. Non-students involved in on-campus violations of these policies may be banned from University property.

Pennsylvania Act 31 addresses underage drinking, including misrepresentation of age to secure liquor; purchase, consumption, possession, or transportation of intoxicating beverages; carrying a false identification card; using same to obtain or attempt to obtain alcoholic beverages; and providing alcohol to minors. In addition to fines for conviction for these offenses, the court will order the motor vehicle operating privileges of the convicted person suspended and a copy of the order will be sent to the Department of Transportation.

What is the WCU policy on possession and use of weapons by security personnel or others?

Unauthorized persons are prohibited from possessing weapons of any kind on University property; violators will be subject to criminal prosecution and/or judicial processing.

University police officers are authorized to carry firearms and are certified in their use on an annual basis. Public Safety officers may carry pepper spray and batons with permission of the Director of Public Safety.

What is the WCU policy about students or employees with criminal records?

Any applicant for employment is required to complete a standard application and must respond to the question which asks if the applicant has ever been convicted of a criminal offense. If an applicant responds "yes" to the question, the applicant's candidacy is considered in relation to the relevance of the conviction to the position's duties. Conviction of a criminal offense does not bar one from employment in all cases. Each case is to be considered individually on its merits. If the University administration discovers that a current employee has been convicted of a criminal offense, the University reserves the right to review the conviction in relation to the employee's current position and, if warranted, take action to either reassign or dismiss the employee.

A student with a criminal record will not in all cases be barred from admission to the University. When an applicant indicates that he or she has a criminal record, the application is reviewed by the Director of Admissions and a case-by-case decision is made. Students who are convicted of a criminal offense after admission are subject to the University's judicial process. Penalties can range from probation to expulsion, depending on the severity of the offense and whether the student has prior offenses.

What types of drug and alcohol abuse educational programs are offered at WCU?

Drug and alcohol abuse education programs are available for students through the Division of Student Affairs at the Student Health and Wellness Center in Wayne Hall and also at the Counseling and Psychological Services Center in the Lawrence Center. Programs for employees are available through Human Resources at 201 Carter Drive. Counseling professionals, guest speakers, and extensive literature on these subjects are available through these offices. The University also utilizes available

county support agencies that offer assistance, including 24-hour hot lines, and the State Employee Assistance Program.

What are the penalties for those criminally charged with the abuse of drugs and alcohol?

Anyone in possession of illegal drugs or paraphernalia can be charged with a misdemeanor or felony offense, depending on the illegal substances found. Penalties for a first offense upon conviction can include fines of no less than \$500 and possible imprisonment up to 15 years.

Anyone who purchases, consumes, possesses or transports alcoholic beverages while being under the age of 21 can be charged with a summary offense. Penalties upon conviction of a first offense can include fines up to \$300 and will involve the suspension of driving privileges for 90 days. Anyone found to be furnishing alcohol to minors can be charged with a misdemeanor offense. Penalties upon conviction can include fines of no less than \$1,000.

What types of programs are offered to educate and prevent sex offenses and what is the WCU policy for reporting these offenses and assisting the victims of reported sex crimes?

Educational programs to prevent rape, sexual assault and other types of relationship violence as well as how to respond to these types of incidents are presented by various departments on campus. The Women's Center, the Wellness Center, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, and the Department of Public Safety are directly involved in conducting seminars, distributing literature and producing programming throughout the campus. Information regarding prevention and community response to sexual violence is presented during new student orientation programming. The Fraternity Violence Education Project teaches fraternity members to take a leadership role in educating other men about the issues of violence and sexual assault against women. The University has established the Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention Committee comprised of faculty, staff, and student members who review existing programs and create new ones in order to increase awareness and to educate the community to respond proactively to issues of violence, especially sexual assault. The University Sexual Assault Assessment Committee reviews reported incidents involving students, both on and off campus, who are victims of sexual violence in order to address specific issues and ensure that the victims of these incidents are receiving assistance and support.

Victims of rape, sexual assault, and other types of relationship violence are encouraged to report these incidents as soon as they are able to the Department of Public Safety or the police department of jurisdiction. Timely reports are crucial to evidence collection and preservation. If victims are unsure who they should contact, the Department of Public Safety will aid them in determining what agency would be responsible for the investigation and also provide information for their physical and psychological well-being.

Victims of sexual assaults should take every precaution to preserve all evidence of the assault and abstain from tampering with any items at the scene, changing clothing, or washing any area of their body. Upon receiving a report of a sex-related crime, a police officer(s) will investigate the incident and assist the victim in obtaining support from the appropriate University and county agencies.

The University will make every effort to accommodate victim requests associated with academic and living situations that can reasonably be accomplished. Reasonable measures will be taken to avoid victim/suspect contact until final disposition and due process take place.

Violators of sexual assault statutes can be prosecuted criminally and are subject to University judicial proceedings as well. During judicial proceedings, both the victim and the suspect have equal rights to have others present. Both the victim and the suspect will be advised of the outcome of any judicial proceeding. A judicial hearing board may impose a sanction for violations of this nature, including probation, loss of on-campus housing, suspension, or expulsion from the institution.

Offices that provide assistance to victims of sex crimes

West Chester University		
Department of Public Safety		610-436-3311
Dean of Students		610-436-3301
Women's Center		610-436-2122
Student Health Center		610-436-2509
Counseling & Psychological Services Center		610-436-2301
The Crime Victims Center of Chester County		
Rape Hotline		610-692-7273
The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County		
24-hour Hotline		610-431-1430

**Information regarding registered sex offenders can be found at
<http://www.pameqanslaw.state.pa.us/>**

What is the WCU policy concerning monitoring off-campus crime?

West Chester University works in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction in areas surrounding the campus in order to monitor criminal activity at off-campus locations. The West Chester Police Directed Patrol Unit routinely provides information to the University regarding incidents involving students residing or visiting within the Borough of West Chester or East Bradford Township. All incidents received by the West Chester Police Department that are known to involve University students are indicated as such through their reporting system. Reports are also received from the West Goshen Township Police regarding activities reported at the West Chester Commons, a private student housing complex located adjacent to the University. University police officers on patrol are equipped to monitor radio dispatches for other local police departments, as well as other types of emergency services. Reports to the Department of Public Safety involving students as victims in off-campus incidents are recorded and assistance is rendered in regard to appropriate support services available at the University. Students who participate in illegal activity at off-campus locations are held accountable by means of the University's judicial process.

How does WCU report incidents for on-campus properties?

Statistics for on-campus properties include all incidents reported to the University's Department of Public Safety that occurred in any building or property that is owned or controlled by the institution located on campus and used to meet or support the educational purposes of the institution. These statistics also include all residential facilities on campus, whether they are owned and operated by the University or by a private management company.

How does WCU report incidents for campus residential facilities?

Statistics for residential facilities include all incidents reported to the University's Department of Public Safety that occurred in the student residential facilities located on campus, whether the building is owned and operated by the institution or by a private management company. These numbers are also included in the on-campus property statistics.

How does WCU report incidents for non-campus properties?

Statistics for non-campus properties include all incidents known to the University that are reported to local municipal police agencies for 614 South Walnut Street and 626 South High Street in the Borough of West Chester (properties owned or controlled by student organizations) and 1160 McDermott Drive

in West Goshen Township (the site of the Graduate Business Center), which is an educational facility owned by the University, but located off the main campus.

How does WCU report incidents for public properties?

Reporting for public properties includes all incidents known to the University that are reported to local municipal police agencies for incidents occurring in public areas that are geographically contiguous to campus property.

How does WCU respond to crimes involving bias?

West Chester University supports and encourages programs that benefit all people and which seek to eradicate discrimination and injustice. This message is included in the West Chester University “Values Statement,” which is displayed in every University building. The Department of Public Safety, as well as the Campus Climate Intervention Team (CCIT), investigates any incident involving bias against any individual or group due to their race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability. Incidents of this nature are responded to immediately and are recorded by Public Safety separately from other incident types.

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West Chester University of Pennsylvania – Clery Act Statistics

This table contains crimes reported to West Chester University’s Public Safety Department, campus officials, and other law enforcement agencies. These reports of crime are compiled in accordance with the provisions of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, commonly known as the “Clery Act.” The Clery Act is a federal law that requires all post secondary educational institutions participating in federal student financial aid programs to publicly disclose crime statistics and crime prevention/security policies for their campuses every year.

Reportable Crime Categories	Year	On Campus ¹	Residential Facilities ² (subset of On Campus)	Non Campus ³	1160 McDermott Drive ⁴ (subset of Non Campus)	Public Property ⁵	Hate Crimes ⁶
Murder / Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses / Forcible	2006	3	3	0	0	1	0
	2007	4	4	0	0	1	0
	2008	8	8	0	0	1	0
Sex Offenses / Non-Forcible	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2006	3	0	0	0	1	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	1	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	1	0
Aggravated Assault	2006	6	4	2	0	0	0
	2007	1	0	0	0	2	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2006	49	26	0	0	0	0
	2007	51	24	1	1	0	0
	2008	62	30	0	0	1	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2006	6	0	0	0	1	0
	2007	1	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	1	0
Arson	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	3	1	0	0	0	0
	2008	2	2	0	0	0	0
Other Bias Crimes Involving Injury (All other crimes not captured above, including bias with bodily injury.)	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0

¹ On Campus - Any Building or property owned or controlled by the University within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the University in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the University's educational purposes. University residence halls are included with this definition. Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the areas described above that supports University purposes and that is: owned by the University, but controlled by another person or entity; or is frequently used by students.

² Residential Facilities - Dormitories or other residential facilities for students on campus is a subset of the On Campus Category. Statistics from this category are repeated in the On Campus column.

³ Non Campus - Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution. Statistics for the Graduate Business Center located at 1160 McDermott Drive are included here.

⁴ 1160 McDermott Drive – 1160 McDermott Drive, the site of the University's Graduate Business Center, is a subset of the Non Campus category. Statistics for this category are repeated in the Non Campus column.

⁵ Public Property - All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks and parking facilities, that is within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. Data collected and reported by the Borough of West Chester Police Department and West Goshen Township Police Department.

⁶ Race-related hate crime. This incident is also reflected in On Campus and Residential Facilities columns.

West Chester University of Pennsylvania – Clery Act Statistics - Continue

Arrests and Disciplinary Referrals	Year	On Campus ¹	Residential Facilities ² (subset of On Campus)	Non Campus ³	1160 McDermott Drive ⁴ (subset of Non Campus)	Public Property ⁵
Liquor Law Violations (Arrest)	2006	399	338	0	0	8
	2007	468	424	0	0	6
	2008	578	527	2	0	5
Liquor Law Violations (Judicial)	2006	160	159	0	0	0
	2007	12	12	0	0	0
	2008	2	2	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations (Arrest)	2006	57	40	0	0	0
	2007	89	54	0	0	10
	2008	80	51	0	0	12
Drug Law Violations (Judicial)	2006	23	22	0	0	0
	2007	2	2	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Violations (Arrest)	2006	1	1	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	1	0	0	0	0
Weapons Violations (Judicial)	2006	4	4	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0

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⁴ 1160 McDermott Drive – 1160 McDermott Drive, the site of the University's Graduate Business Center, is a subset of the Non Campus category. Statistics for this category are repeated in the Non Campus column.

⁵ Public Property - All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks and parking facilities, that is within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. Data collected and reported by the Borough of West Chester Police Department and West Goshen Township Police Department.

In 2008, Congress enacted the Higher Education Opportunity Act, P.L. 110-315. The Act included amendments to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act ("Clery Act") found at 20 U.S.C. § 1902 (f). A number of the changes required by this act have been incorporated into the text of this document. Another area of significant importance is the expansion of the hate crime reporting. Under the prior statutory language, certain crimes were required to be reported according to category of prejudice if the victim was selected based on his or her "actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability" (20 U.S.C. § 1902 (f) (1) (F) (ii)). The following offenses have been added to that list: larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, destruction, damage or vandalism of property.

Hate Crime Reporting Table	Year	Race	Gender	Religion	Sexual Orientation	Ethnicity	Disability
Murder / Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses / Forcible	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses / Non-Forcible	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny / Theft	2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2007	2	0	0	0	0	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2007	7	3	1	6	1	0
	2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction, Damage or Vandalism of Property	2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2007	1	1	0	0	1	0
	2008	4	1	1	0	0	0
All Other crimes including harassment	2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2007	0	0	0	1	0	0
	2008	0	1	1	1	1	0

Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act Reportable Crime Definitions

Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter – The killing of one human being by another.

Negligent Manslaughter – The killing of another person through gross negligence.

Sex Offenses Forcible – Any sex act directed against another person, forcibly and or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent. Specifically these offenses are: rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object and forcible fondling.

Sex Offenses Non-Forcible – Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse. Specifically these offenses are: incest and statutory rape.

Robbery – The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault – An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

Burglary – The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

Motor Vehicle Theft – The theft or attempted theft of a vehicle.

Arson – Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

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Uniform Crime Reports

The West Chester University Department of Public Safety is required under the *Pennsylvania College and University Security Information Act, (24 P. S. § § 2502-1—2502-5)* to report crimes under the Uniform Crime Reporting System in addition to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. Due to differences in crime classifications and their definitions, reported statistics in the two reports are generally not comparable.

Uniform Crime Reporting - Part I Offenses

Categories	Year	Reported Offenses	Full Time Equivalent (FTE) *	Offense Ratio
Murder	2006	0	12,347	0
	2007	0	12,708	0
	2008	0	13,119	0
Manslaughter	2006	0	12,347	0
	2007	0	12,708	0
	2008	0	13,119	0
Rape	2006	0	12,347	0
	2007	1	12,708	1 / 12,708
	2008	5	13,119	1 / 2,624
Robbery	2006	2	12,347	1 / 6,174
	2007	1	12,708	1 / 12,708
	2008	0	13,119	0
Aggravated Assault	2006	5	12,347	1 / 2,469
	2007	2	12,708	1 / 6,354
	2008	0	13,119	0
Burglary	2006	49	12,347	1 / 252
	2007	52	12,708	1 / 244
	2008	63**	13,119	1 / 208
Larceny	2006	84	12,347	1 / 147
	2007	65	12,708	1 / 196
	2008	60	13,119	1 / 219
Motor Vehicle Theft	2006	6	12,347	1 / 2,058
	2007	1	12,708	1 / 12,708
	2008	1	13,119	1 / 13,119
Arson	2006	0	12,347	0
	2007	3	12,708	1 / 4,236
	2008	2	13,119	1 / 6,560

* Full Time Equivalent is based on fall semester student and employee population. **Updated from 69 to 63 after typo was discovered.

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Uniform Crime Reporting - Part II Offenses

Categories	Year	Reported Offenses	Full Time Equivalent (FTE) *	Offense Ratio
Other Assaults	2006	11	12,347	1 / 1,122
	2007	8	12,708	1 / 1,589
	2008	8	13,119	1 / 1,640
Forgery	2006	9	12,347	1 / 1,372
	2007	3	12,708	1 / 4,236
	2008	3	13,119	1 / 4,373
Fraud	2006	6	12,347	1 / 2,058
	2007	9	12,708	1 / 1,412
	2008	16	13,119	1 / 820
Embezzlement	2006	1	12,347	1 / 12,347
	2007	0	12,708	0
	2008	0	13,119	0
Receiving Stolen Property	2006	2	12,347	1 / 6,174
	2007	4	12,708	1 / 3,177
	2008	1	13,119	1 / 13,119
Vandalism	2006	62	12,347	1 / 199
	2007	68	12,708	1 / 187
	2008	72	13,119	1 / 182
Weapons Offenses	2006	2	12,347	1 / 6,174
	2007	1	12,708	1 / 12,708
	2008	1	13,119	1 / 13,119
Prostitution	2006	0	12,347	0
	2007	0	12,708	0
	2008	0	13,119	0
Sex Offenses	2006	1	12,347	1 / 12,347
	2007	1	12,708	1 / 12,708
	2008	1	13,119	1 / 13,119
Drug Offenses	2006	101	12,347	1 / 122
	2007	109	12,708	1 / 117
	2008	93	13,119	1 / 141
Gambling	2006	0	12,347	0
	2007	0	12,708	0
	2008	0	13,119	0
Offense Against Family	2006	0	12,347	0
	2007	0	12,708	0
	2008	0	13,119	0
Driving Under the Influence	2006	2	12,347	1 / 6,174
	2007	14	12,708	1 / 908
	2008	12	13,119	1 / 1,093
Liquor Law Violations	2006	265	12,347	1 / 47
	2007	265	12,708	1 / 48
	2008	256	13,119	1 / 51
Public Drunkenness	2006	23	12,347	1 / 537
	2007	21	12,708	1 / 605
	2008	19	13,119	1 / 690
Disorderly Conduct	2006	40	12,347	1 / 309
	2007	35	12,708	1 / 363
	2008	36	13,119	1 / 364
Vagrancy	2006	13	12,347	1 / 950
	2007	8	12,708	1 / 1,589
	2008	6	13,119	1 / 2,187
All Other Offenses	2006	78	12,347	1 / 158
	2007	60	12,708	1 / 211
	2008	47	13,119	1 / 279

* Full Time Equivalent is based on fall semester student and employee population.

Uniform Crime Reporting Definitions – The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program divides offenses into two groups, Part I and Part II crimes. Each month contributing agencies submit information on the number of Part I offenses known to law enforcement; those offenses cleared by arrest or exceptional means; and the age, sex, and race of persons arrested for each of the offenses. Contributors provide only arrest data for Part II offenses.

The UCR Program collects data about **Part I** offenses in order to measure the level and scope of crime occurring throughout the nation. The Program's founders chose these offenses because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police. The **Part I** offenses are:

Criminal homicide —a.) Murder and non-negligent manslaughter: the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Deaths caused by negligence, attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, and accidental deaths are excluded. The program classifies justifiable homicides separately and limits the definition to: (1) the killing of a felon by a law enforcement officer in the line of duty; or (2) the killing of a felon, during the commission of a felony, by a private citizen. b.) Manslaughter by negligence: the killing of another person through gross negligence. Traffic fatalities are excluded.

Forcible rape —The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Rapes by force and attempts or assaults to rape, regardless of the age of the victim, are included. Statutory offenses (no force used —victim under age of consent) are excluded.

Robbery —The taking or attempted taking of anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated assault —An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Simple assaults are excluded.

Burglary (breaking or entering) —The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Attempted forcible entry is included.

Larceny-theft (except motor vehicle theft) —The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Examples are thefts of bicycles or automobile accessories, shoplifting, pocket-picking, or the stealing of any property or article that is not taken by force and violence or by fraud. Attempted larcenies are included. Embezzlement, confidence games, forgery, worthless checks, etc., are excluded.

Motor vehicle theft —The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. A motor vehicle is self-propelled and runs on land surface and not on rails. Motorboats, construction equipment, airplanes, and farming equipment are specifically excluded from this category.

Arson —Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

The Part II offenses, for which only arrest data are collected, are:

Other assaults (simple) —Assaults and attempted assaults which are not of an aggravated nature and do not result in serious injury to the victim.

Forgery and counterfeiting —The altering, copying, or imitating of something, without authority or right, with the intent to deceive or defraud by passing the copy or thing altered or imitated as that which is original or genuine; or the selling, buying, or possession of an altered, copied, or imitated thing with the intent to deceive or defraud. Attempts are included.

Fraud —The intentional perversion of the truth for the purpose of inducing another person or other entity in reliance upon it to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right. Fraudulent conversion and obtaining of money or property by false pretenses, confidence games and bad checks, except forgeries and counterfeiting, are included.

Embezzlement —The unlawful misappropriation or misapplication by an offender to his/her own use or purpose of money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control.

Stolen property; buying, receiving, possessing —Buying, receiving, possessing, selling, concealing, or transporting any property with the knowledge that it has been unlawfully taken, as by burglary, embezzlement, fraud, larceny, robbery, etc. Attempts are included.

Vandalism —To willfully or maliciously destroy, injure, disfigure, or deface any public or private property, real or personal, without the consent of the owner or person having custody or control by cutting, tearing, breaking, marking, painting, drawing, covering with filth, or any other such means as may be specified by local law. Attempts are included.

Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc. —The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons. Attempts are included.

Prostitution and commercialized vice —The unlawful promotion of or participation in sexual activities for profit, including attempts.

Sex offenses (except forcible rape, prostitution, and commercialized vice) —Statutory rape, offenses against chastity, common decency, morals, and the like. Attempts are included.

Drug abuse violations —The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation, or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The following drug categories are specified: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics —manufactured narcotics that can cause true addiction (Demerol, Methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (Barbiturates, Benzedrine).

Gambling —To unlawfully bet or wager money or something else of value; assist, promote, or operate a game of chance for money or some other stake; possess or transmit wagering information; manufacture, sell, purchase, possess, or transport gambling equipment, devices, or goods; or tamper with the outcome of a sporting event or contest to gain a gambling advantage.

Offenses against the family and children —Unlawful nonviolent acts by a family member (or legal guardian) that threaten the physical, mental, or economic well-being or morals of another family member and that are not classifiable as other offenses, such as Assault or Sex Offenses. Attempts are included.

Driving under the influence —Driving or operating a motor vehicle or common carrier while mentally or physically impaired as the result of consuming an alcoholic beverage or using a drug or narcotic.

Liquor laws —The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness. Federal violations are excluded.

Drunkenness —To drink alcoholic beverages to the extent that one's mental faculties and physical coordination are substantially impaired. Excludes driving under the influence.

Disorderly conduct —Any behavior that tends to disturb the public peace or decorum, scandalizes the community, or shocks the public sense of morality.

Vagrancy —The violation of a court order, regulation, ordinance, or law requiring the withdrawal of persons from the streets or other specified areas; prohibiting persons from remaining in an area or place in an idle or aimless manner; or prohibiting persons from going from place to place without visible means of support.

All other offenses —All violations of state or local laws not specifically identified as Part I or Part II offenses, except traffic violations.

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Fire Safety Statistics

West Chester University is not required by federal or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania laws to report fire safety statistics. However, to assist students, parents, and others in making an informed decision, West Chester University has begun voluntarily reporting of this information beginning with statistics for the 2005 calendar year.

Fire Safety Statistics		Year	Occurrences
Fires Categorized by Type			
University-owned housing	2006	2	
	2007	2	
	2008	0	
All other buildings	2006	1	
	2007	0	
	2008	1	
Non-Structural (outside vegetation, mulch, vehicles, etc.)	2006	9	
	2007	11	
	2008	10	
Fires Categorized by Severity			
Large Loss (fatality and /or property damage greater than or equal to \$5 million)	2006	0	
	2007	0	
	2008	0	
Minor (no fatalities, moderate property damage and/or human injury)	2006	3	
	2007	3	
	2008	1	
Incidental (no fatalities, no injuries, minimal or no property damage)	2006	9	
	2007	10	
	2008	10	
Fires Categorized by Cause			
Unintentional	2006	12	
	2007	10	
	2008	11	
Intentional	2006	0	
	2007	3	
	2008	0	
Fire Alarms			
Intentional (malicious pull of fire alarm/intentional activation; vandalism)	2006	3	
	2007	2	
	2008	6	
Accidental (activation by cooking, airborne dust, steam, tobacco smoke, hairspray, etc.)	2006	195	
	2007	261	
	2008	247	
Other (mechanical problem, inadvertent activation by maintenance activities, contractors, etc.)	2006	36	
	2007	79	
	2008	38	
Fire Drills			
Residence Halls	2006	77	
	2007	89	
	2008	112	
All other Buildings	2006	90	
	2007	102	
	2008	84	