

2006 ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT

Introduction

This brochure is intended to provide information related to campus security and safety including crime statistics, policies and procedures, and other information designed to inform students, employees and visitors about prevention of crimes and how to respond if a crime occurs.

The "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act" (Public Law 101-542) mandates that certain information, including selected crime statistics, be reported to students, employees and prospective students and employees. Departments reporting to the Dean of Students as well as the Department of Public Safety record crime statistics throughout the calendar year. In preparation of this report, all recorded statistics are forwarded to, and compiled by, the Department of Public Safety. This brochure is published in compliance with the law and provides information that is of importance and interest to those who work and study at Roger Williams University.

We at the Roger Williams University Department of Public Safety are concerned about the welfare, security and safety of every individual at Roger Williams University. However, maintaining a secure and safe campus environment can only be achieved through a cooperative effort of the entire University community.

The Roger Williams University Department of Public Safety is organized under the Office of General Counsel and Legal Affairs. The Department consists of a Director, and Deputy Director, uniformed officers, and Providence Metropolitan Center Public Safety Officers as well as shuttle van/bus drivers. Additionally, students are employed to augment security operations. The Department strives to provide high quality security, safety and crime prevention services that meet the needs and standards of a progressive academic institution. The Department is responsible for providing security and safety for the entire University community. Public Safety Officers provide a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week service consisting of limited access control, vehicular patrol, bike patrol and foot patrol. Officers do not carry firearms nor do they have police powers of arrest. However, the Department of Public Safety has close and highly effective working relationships with state and local police, who can provide these services to the campus in a timely fashion, if required.

The Department of Public Safety also has close and highly effective working relationships with a myriad of other organizations, on and off campus. Working closely with the Dean of Student Affairs, the Director of Student Life, the Directors of Housing and Residence Life, Department of Campus Programs, Department of Health Services, Office of Facilities Management, and the Student Senate, the Department of Public Safety endeavors to meet the needs of the student population. Additionally, well-established relationships with local, state and federal agencies enhance campus security and law enforcement operations.

As previously noted, maintaining a safe and secure campus is not the sole responsibility of the Department of Public Safety. We encourage all individuals who are on this beautiful campus to be conscious of their surroundings and assist in making security and safety a matter of routine in their activities.

Security and Safety Procedures

The primary goal of the Roger Williams University Department of Public Safety is to maintain a safe and secure campus for all students, faculty, staff and visitors. Members of the University community have a number of opportunities to learn about campus security procedures and the prevention of crimes. The Department of Public Safety works closely with various student organizations, administrative offices and the Department of Student Life to maintain a secure environment and encourages all students, employees and visitors to be responsible for their own security and safety.

It is the policy of Roger Williams University to encourage all members of the University community to immediately report all criminal acts, suspicious circumstances/persons and all emergencies to the Public Safety Office located at the campus main entrance. Reporting may be done in person; by telephone from on-campus phones (CAMPUS HOUSE PHONES ONLY) by dialing 4357 "HELP"; by telephone from off-campus phones by dialing 254-3611; by activating any "Blue Light" phone located on campus property; or by reporting the incident to any uniformed Public Safety Officer. The Department provides highly visible uniformed security patrols in marked vehicles, on bicycles and on foot. These patrols maintain communication with the Public Safety Office by radio. Criminal actions may also be reported to any professional staff member within the Center for Student Development, including the Office of Judicial Affairs, Department of Student Life, Department of Health Services and the Department of Counseling. Victims of crimes are encouraged to report these matters to the police.

The Department of Public Safety makes every effort to prevent crime and maintain order throughout the campus. Officers do not carry firearms nor do they possess powers of arrest, but have the ability to request an immediate response of fire apparatus, rescue vehicles or police as warranted by the situation. Department personnel work closely with and assist the police whenever a serious incident occurs, or when an arrest on campus is warranted. Incidents requiring Public Safety Officer and/or Police Officer response may result in criminal charges, University judicial action, or both.

In addition to maintaining a close relationship with local law enforcement agencies related to incidents occurring on campus, the Department of Public Safety maintains routine contact with these agencies regarding activities off campus that could adversely affect the University and its community. Also, frequent dialogue is maintained with other college and university Security and Public Safety Departments regarding matters of mutual interest.

Crime Prevention Programs

There are a number of crime prevention programs that are routinely conducted throughout the year. Crime prevention educational programs for students residing in the residence halls begin upon their arrival and continue throughout the year. These programs range from indoctrination on rules, regulations and policies to routine floor meetings for all residents with Coordinators of Residence Education and Resident Assistants.

A number of student organizations and clubs will sponsor security and safety events throughout the year, including crime prevention fairs, personal safety nights and product/information vendor fairs. The Department of Public Safety assists these various organizations in planning, soliciting support and providing speakers.

Throughout the year, various brochures and advisories are published to remind students of means to promote their own security and safety.

Reporting Crime and Other Emergencies

For the purpose of complying with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, campus security authority is defined as (1) a campus law enforcement unit; (2) an individual or organization specified in an institution's statement of campus security policy as the individual or organization to whom students and employees should report criminal offenses; and (3) an official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, but does not have significant counseling responsibilities. Those officials at Roger Williams University who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities, but do not have significant counseling responsibilities, include:

- Members of the Roger Williams University Department of Public Safety;
- Academic Deans who do not have significant counseling responsibilities other than those that are academic in nature;
- Directors in the organizational area under the Dean of Student Affairs with significant responsibility for student and campus activities, typically the Dean of Student Affairs and the Directors of Student Activities and Student Life;
- Directors in the organizational area of Human Resources with significant responsibility for employment and employee relations.

The University implements a confidential reporting system, if warranted, for the purpose of recording annual crime statistics. Counselors, at the time of in-take with the victim, routinely discuss Judicial/Administrative options that include University Public Safety, Police and Judicial Affairs.

Access to University Buildings

Department of Public Safety Officers is responsible for locking and unlocking campus buildings according to their scheduled use. Administrative and classroom buildings are unlocked each morning and secured in the evenings. During normal working hours, there is no access control to the majority of the buildings, excluding Residence Halls, making them available to the public. After-hour access is pre-arranged through the Department of Public Safety pending authorization and proper identification.

Public Safety Officers maintain the ability to access Residence Halls as well. It is an individual's responsibility to lock and maintain access control to his/her dormitory room. Public Safety patrols and Student Life staff routinely monitor building access and encourage student residents to assist by keeping exterior doors locked and not using objects to prop open locked doors. If a properly identified person is locked out and requires access to a room, either a Resident Assistant or Public Safety Officer may grant access. In the case of inoperable locks, a locksmith is available through Facilities Management.

The main access doors to Residence Halls are required to be locked 24 hours a day, seven days a week, thereby providing students reasonable safety, security and privacy. Students use keys or magnetic cards to access these doors as well as their room doors. Students are continually encouraged to lock their rooms and discouraged from propping open any doors. The Department of Student Life provides each new student with a Student Handbook that amplifies the information in

the housing contract regarding safety and security in Residence Halls. These sources, supplemented with other handouts, provide students with an awareness of their rights, responsibilities, rules, regulations and important information regarding dangerous and inappropriate activities that are prohibited at the University in order to safeguard the security and well being of others.

Off-Campus Organizations

Roger Williams University does not recognize any off-campus student organizations.

Maintenance of Campus Facilities

The Department of Public Safety works closely with the Departments of Facilities Management and Student Life to provide a safe and well-lit campus. Further, Public Safety Officers monitor campus lighting to enhance security. Additionally, administrative members of various departments routinely conduct surveys to assess the operability and adequacy of lighting throughout the campus. The Department of Facilities Management maintains the ability to respond on a 24-hour basis to correct significant discrepancies related to safety and security. This response facilitates prompt repairs to building and room access equipment, fire and safety equipment, lighting and other deficiencies that present an immediate risk to the University community. Utilizing portable radios, officers are able to notify Public Safety Headquarters of situations requiring the immediate attention of the Facilities Management Department.

Substance Abuse Statement

Roger Williams University strives to maintain safe and healthy living conditions for the community at large, while protecting the rights of individuals. Each member of the community is expected to honor the educational purpose of the University and assume personal responsibility for his/her actions while learning to live, work and play with others. Alcohol and other drug-related behavior that is abusive, disruptive, offensive or illegal is unacceptable.

The University has established regulations for the use of alcohol by students of legal drinking age and guidelines for the serving of alcohol at University-sponsored student social events both on- and off-campus. Students engaged in illegal alcohol and drug use or abusive legal use may be held accountable under Roger Williams University conduct codes. The State of Rhode Island also has strict penalties for the illegal possession, use, sale and distribution of alcohol and other drugs. Conduct codes, guidelines and state laws can be found in the Student Handbook.

Roger Williams University believes that a person's abuse of alcohol and other drugs can lead to chemical dependency and recovery is possible only when the illness is identified and treated appropriately. The University recognizes that others are affected by the abuse. Based on these beliefs, the University provides education and needed assistance in a positive, supportive manner.

The Roger Williams University Health Education Office, located in the Center for Student Development, is responsible for alcohol and other drug abuse education and referral. This office is staffed by a full-time Health Educator and trained student Health Advocates. The Health Education Office serves as a resource library for student use. Books, videos, pamphlets and other educational materials are available for checkout. The Health Advocate Program consists of students designing alcohol and other drug abuse prevention efforts on campus. Workshops in this area are

frequently conducted and can be designed to meet the needs of all members of the Roger Williams University community.

Campus Sexual Assault Policies

The Roger Williams University community is committed to preserving the dignity and safety of its members. Any form of unwanted sexual activity will not be tolerated. A student charged with unwanted sexual activity can be prosecuted under Rhode Island criminal law and disciplined under the University's conduct code. Criminal prosecution and University disciplinary action operate independently of one another.

Unwanted sexual activity simply means any sexual activity to which any party involved does not give full and free consent. A verbal "NO," no matter how insecure or indecisive, constitutes a lack of consent. Date rape is unwanted sexual activity and is defined as follows: forced, manipulated or coerced intercourse by a friend or acquaintance.

There are many people and places, on and off campus, available to assist any person who is a sexual assault victim. A detailed listing of where to go for assistance is available in the Student Handbook. Also, by visiting the RWU Website at [http://www.rwu.edu](#) and clicking "Campus Life and Information" then click on "Counseling Center," the Sexual Assault website can be accessed. This site provides a complete guide to men and women regarding sexual assault. Further, various on and off-campus options and resources are provided with respect to legal, health, and emotional concerns. Additionally, prior to and during the academic year, the University conducts training on this subject for Residence Assistants, Health Advocates, P.E.E.R.s (Peer Educators with Expertise in Referrals) and other student leaders to help them appropriately respond. Some of the educational programs for students include a theater performance during fall orientation, workshops conducted by the P.E.E.R.s in all of the residential areas, informational brochures given to all freshmen and made available to upperclassmen, articles in the campus newspaper, and invited speakers sponsored by the campus task force. There is also a weeklong "Sexual Assault Awareness Week" during each semester. The Department of Public Safety, as well as the professional staff of the Division of Student Affairs, as well as the Counseling Center, are available on a 24-hour basis and are versed in all aspects of responding to sexual assaults.

The University has a Sexual Assault Task Force which meets to review information, incidents and training. This task force includes representatives from the student body, the Counseling Center, Student Development, the Athletics Department, Health Education, the Women's Center, Health Services, the Dean of Student Affairs, the Department of Student Life, Public Safety, and other organizations. There is also representation on a state-wide Sexual Assault Task Force exclusively dealing with Rhode Island colleges and universities.

Following an alleged sexual assault, if so requested by the victim and if such changes are reasonably available, assistance in changing academic and living situations will be coordinated by organizations managed by the Dean of Student Affairs.

The University judicial process as delineated in the Student Handbook will determine sanctions related to students accused of sexual assault. The employee supervisor or the Vice President for Human Resources will determine sanctions against employees

accused of sexual assault, through the Employee Disciplinary process delineated in the University Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

Crime Statistics

The following statistics represent those categories that are reportable under the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, and were reported to the Department of Public Safety for the calendar year indicated. The Campus Security Act requires these statistics be reported annually, on October 1, for the three previous years.

The Clery Act requires that the combine reports from Roger Williams University, Roger Williams University Ralph Pappito School of Law and Roger Williams University Providence Campus be available to the public.

Criminal Offenses	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter					
On-Campus (includes residential)	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter					
On-Campus (includes residential)	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses					
On-Campus (includes residential)	3	4	4	3	4
Non-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses					
On-Campus (includes residential)	0	1	0	0	0
Non-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery					
On-Campus (includes residential)	0	0	1	2	0
Non-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault					
On-Campus (includes residential)	0	0	2	1	0

On-Campus (includes residential)	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0

Negligent Manslaughter

On-Campus (includes residential)	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0

Aggravated Assault

On-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0

All Forcible Sex Offenses, including forcible rape

On-Campus (includes residential)	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0

Arson

On-Campus (includes residential)	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0

Total On Campus Hate Crimes	0	0	0	0	0
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On Campus Disciplinary Actions **2001 2002 2003 2004 2005**

Liquor Law Violations

On-Campus (includes residential)	483	458	419	440	465
Non-Campus	4	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0

Drug Law Violations

On-Campus (includes residential)	44	65	52	67	45
Non-Campus	1	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	1	0	0	0

Illegal weapons possessions

On-Campus (includes residential)	1	0	4	0	0
Non-Campus	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property**	0	0	0	0	0
Total On Campus Disciplinary Actions	533	524	475	507	510