



Who is a Campus Security Authority?

"Campus Security Authority¹" means:

1. A campus public safety or police department.
2. Any individual or individuals who have responsibility for campus security but who do not constitute a public safety department under paragraph (1) of this definition, such as a private security company.
3. Any individual or organization specified in an institution's statement of campus security policy as an individual or organization to which students and employees should report criminal offenses.
4. An official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, or any employee who manages or otherwise oversees student and campus activities. For example, staff responsible for campus student and family housing, a student center, or student extra-curricular activities; a director of athletics, coaches and trainers, faculty advisors to student groups, staff responsible for student discipline and campus judicial staff.

Each campus must identify these individuals. The Clery Coordinator is responsible for ensuring campus security authorities are aware of their responsibilities and submit statistics for any crimes that have been reported to them.

The following officials are exempt from reporting when they are acting as pastoral or professional counsels. For this purpose:

- A *Pastoral Counselor* is a person who is associated with a religious order or denomination, is recognized by the religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling, and is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor.
- A *Professional Counselor* is a person whose official responsibilities including providing mental health counseling to members of the institution's community and who is functioning within the scope of his or her license or certification.

Other persons who have significant responsibility for campus and student activities and who counsel or advise students and employees are not exempt from reporting, even if the counseling is confidential.

¹ "Campus Security Authority" is a Clery-specific term that encompasses individuals and organizations associated with an institution. For more information, see [The Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting](#), page 74.