

THE JEANNE CLERY DISCLOSURE OF CAMPUS SECURITY POLICY AND CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS ACT

In November of 1990 the Student Right-To-Know Act was signed into law. This Act mandates that institutions of higher education publish a report, which is made available to both current and prospective students and employees of the occurrences of specific crimes on this campus. In addition to the number of reported specified crimes, the institution must report the number of arrests for liquor law violations, drug use/abuse violations, and weapons violations. In 1998 this act was renamed *The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.*

Compilation and distribution of this report is mandated for all institutions participating in the student financial aid programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. This law requires institutions to disclose information about campus safety policies and procedures and to provide data concerning certain criminal offenses. This report also must include statements about campus law enforcement policies, campus security education and prevention programs, alcohol and drug policies, sexual assault education and the means for reporting and procedures for handling reports of sexual assault.

The numbers provided in the crime statistics for this campus reflect official reports filed with the Dean of Student Services, as well as the Glendive Police Department, who provided data regarding listed crimes occurring in the vicinity of the campus. Also included is data from the Director of Residence Life on campus.

If available resources are utilized, individuals can provide their own best security. Unreported crime is a criminal's best ally. If you are a victim, witness, or have information about a criminal offense, contact the Glendive Police Department immediately by calling 377-2364. Criminal complaints and additional information relating to campus safety will be available in the Dean of Student Services Office.

Dawson students or guests who violate local, state, or federal alcohol, drug or weapons laws are subject to arrest for the violation(s) as well as being subject to the disciplinary actions set forth in the College Catalog and Student Housing Handbook.

Dawson presents on-going drug and alcohol abuse education as required by Section 1213 of the Health Education Act. For more information regarding campus rules or drug, alcohol, and weapons policies, see the College Catalog and/or the Dean of Student Services, room 133B main building.

Reporting of Crime Statistics since the 1998 calendar year include two additional crime reporting categories, manslaughter and arson, and also includes the number of arrests or persons referred for campus disciplinary action for liquor law violations, drug-related violations, and weapons possession and violations.

Orientation Programs: In coordination with the Equal Opportunity Officer, Joyce Ayre the police department conducts programs for new students during the beginning of Fall Semester. The program includes information about the Clery Act, services available to students on campus and off campus, crime prevention information and fire/life safety information. Any other group(s) interested in such a program may arrange for a presentation by calling 377-9450.

Resident Assistant Training Program: Glendive Police Officers and the Resident Housing staff meet at the beginning of Fall Semester to cooperatively train on various issues that may arise in the Residence Halls and regarding the Clery Act.

Information regarding personal safety on and off campus is available through the office of the Dean of Student Services. Programming on topical issues such as sexual assault, stalking, and harassment may be arranged to both on and off-campus students upon request. Community experts on a variety of crime prevention and crime awareness issues may be called upon to jointly present a program to any student group. Staff members are encouraged to take advantage of this information as well and may schedule a large or small group meeting with emphasis on issues of primary concern. Safety-on-campus programs may be presented to students in certain classes, and to staff members upon request. If any person on campus has safety concerns regarding a situation in their life where they have been stalked, harassed, threatened, or abused by a partner, that person should contact the EEO Officer, Joyce Ayre at 377-9450 or Room 127 on campus.

Police Officers patrol the campus by both patrol car and on foot. With this visibility and approachability, officers may provide a more interactive approach to community support and service, which is a vital component of our community policing efforts. .

Report an emergency: In the event that you need to report an emergency, (such as fire or life-safety hazard, medical emergency, or criminal behavior), when you call, be prepared to provide the following vital information:

- **Give your location.**
- **Describe the nature of the emergency.**

Be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions given.

All violent crimes and felonies that occur on campus are reported and investigated by the Glendive Police Department. In the event of a violent crime that presents a possible threat of a recurrence on campus or the vicinity, the local news media will be asked to inform the local and campus communities of the situation. In the event that a student is a victim of a **sexual assault**, that person should report the crime immediately to an on duty employee of DCC, such as housing staff, custodial staff for immediate response. Or call the Glendive Police Department, 377-2364. DCC and the police department will initiate an investigation immediately and cooperatively for the benefit of the victim. If the assault occurred on campus, a timely warning may be made to members of the campus community through a variety of resources, including the student newspaper or fliers placed into the hands of the students/employees, local media, fliers placed in mail boxes of residence hall students. Deans and directors may also be called upon to inform faculty and staff members if the potential exists for their areas to be impacted by the sexual assault. If the alleged perpetrator and victim live in the same campus building, every reasonable accommodation will be made to change that proximity upon request.

Every effort will be made to protect the victim and respect his/her decision to file a criminal complaint or not. Victims are encouraged to preserve evidence of the crime by not bathing or throwing any relevant item away prior to the onset of the investigation. Victims of sexual assault have the right, in addition to filing a criminal complaint, to utilize the expertise of the community Crisis Line, 365-6074.

On campus, if the assailant is also a student at Dawson, the victim has the right to file a grievance as is outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. This type of complaint will be handled independently of the criminal justice process. A student may wish to receive confidential service

from a community mental health center and not file a police report. Even if no criminal investigation is initiated and no law enforcement agency is notified, the confidential report to the mental health counselor will still be included in the annual report as representing an incident, (no other information will be shared—only that an event occurred.)

Campus buildings are opened by the custodial staff in the mornings prior to the start of classes and are locked by the custodial staff in the evenings when classes are over. The custodial staff will open buildings for special events outside normal class hours when requested to do so by the proper authority. **Under no circumstances should a student or any member of the campus community prop an exterior door open in order to allow access to someone that they expect to arrive.** Avoid providing the opportunity for any unauthorized or unwelcome person(s) to enter buildings during non-business hours. The custodial staff should be contacted so they know that someone is in the building or area, and can be notified in case of an emergency.

For the safety of every person on this campus, **you must immediately report any time you observe a person who has a weapon on campus, by calling 377-9412 or 377-9403.**

Lost and Found : The Business Office is the central location of **Lost and Found**. If you have lost an item, contact the business office and leave a brief description of the item, what location it may have been lost in, and your name and phone number. As items are collected attempts are made to reunite the owner with the item if it is turned in or found.

Residence Halls are under the control of the Director of Residence Life. All residence hall occupants are issued exterior door keys. Resident life staff is available during scheduled hours for student safety and security issues. Contact information is available in the housing handbook provided to each resident. Officers from the Glendive Police Department may frequently rove the residence halls with either a Resident Assistant or the Director. Often this is part of a routine safety review of the facility and sometimes it is to offer the opportunity for residents and officers to interact with each other, or to make a report in a less formal manner.

There are thirty-six rental units owned by Dawson, which are located next to the main entrance to the campus. Renters of these properties, which are controlled by the Student Services Department, are encouraged to report crimes or suspicious activity to the housing director and staff. The Glendive Police Department and housing staff jointly investigate crimes that occur on these properties. Crimes reported by renters are included in the crime statistics kept by Dawson.

Crime prevention information is available upon request and residents are encouraged to review their Student Housing Handbook for general prevention tips and resource information.

The “**Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act**”, (section 1601 of Public Law 106-386 is a federal law enacted on October 28, 200 that provides for the tracking of convicted sex offenders enrolled at or employed by institutions of higher education. The act amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act to require sex offenders already required to register in a State to provide notice, as required under State law, of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student.

Requires that state procedures ensure that this registration information is promptly made available to law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction where the institutions of higher education are located and that it is entered into appropriate State records or data systems. These changes take effect October 28, 20002.

The web site address for Montana is:

<http://svor.doj.state.mt.us>

The following definitions apply to this report:

- **CAMPUS:** 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 within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution 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 vendors).
- **NON-CAMPUS BUILDING OR PROPERTY:** any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization recognized by the institution; or any building or property, (other than a branch campus) owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of or relating to the institution's educational purpose, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographical area of the institution. Data from the Glendive Police Department is listed in this category.
- **PUBLIC PROPERTY:** all public property that is within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution, such as a sidewalk, a street, other thoroughfare, or parking facility, and is adjacent to a facility owned or controlled by the institution if the facility is used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to the institution's educational purpose.