

Crimes Reported For:	West Liberty University Campus						Non-Campus <sup>1</sup> Buildings or Property			Public Property Area Surrounding Campus			Ohio County Sheriff		
	2007		2008		2009		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Type of Incident Reported	Res. Hall	Campus*	Res. Hall	Campus*	Res. Hall	Campus*	<sup>1</sup> Other facilities where classes/activities are held								
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Forcible Sex Offenses	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Aggravated Assault	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Burglary	8	8	7	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Liquor Law Arrests	21	21	30	31	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Drug Law Arrests	4	4	5	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Illegal Weapons Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Liquor Law Disciplinary Referrals		65		56		70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Drug Law Disciplinary Referrals		2		6		26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Illegal Weapons Disciplinary Referrals		0		1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Hate Crimes (Includes above categories and simple assaults)															
Race	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Gender	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Ethnicity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**
Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**

\*Includes numbers reported in campus residence halls.

\*\*Data requested from Ohio County Sheriff but not provided.

- assure the victim has access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention.

University staff representatives from Campus Police or the Office of Housing and Residence Life will guide the victim through the available options and support the victim in his or her decision. Various counseling options are available from the University through the Student Health Center, Campus Ministries, and the Center for Student Success. Counseling and support services outside the University system can be obtained through the Upper Ohio Valley Sexual Assault Center, PO Box 6764, Wheeling, WV 26003, by phone at (304) 234-1783.

University-based judicial proceedings, as well as special guidelines for cases involving sexual misconduct, are detailed in the *Student Handbook*. The *Handbook* provides, in part, that the accused and the victim will each be allowed representation and/or an advisor to accompany them throughout the hearing. Both the victim and accused will be informed of the outcome of the hearing. A student found guilty of violating these University policies could be criminally prosecuted in the state courts and subject to any of the sanctions as described in the Student Code of Conduct. Student victims have the option to change their academic and/or on-campus living situations after an alleged sexual assault, if such changes are reasonably available.

#### Sexual Offender Registration

In accordance to the "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, the Jeanne *Cleary Act* and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the Office of Campus Police is providing a link to the West Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry. This Act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a state to provide notice of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries a vocation, or is a student. Registry information provided under this section shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, screening of current or prospective employees, volunteers, or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular. **Unlawful use of the information for purposes of intimidating or harassing another is prohibited and willful violation shall be punishable as a misdemeanor.** The West Virginia State Police is responsible for maintaining this registry. The URL for the West Virginia Site is: [www.wvstatepolice.com/sexoff/websearchform.cfm](http://www.wvstatepolice.com/sexoff/websearchform.cfm).

# Campus Safety and Security Report



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## Reporting the Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

The Division of Student Affairs and the Office of Campus Police prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. The full text of this report can be found on our web site at <http://www.westliberty.edu/students/images/safety.pdf>. You will also be able to connect to our site via the West Liberty Home Page at [www.westliberty.edu](http://www.westliberty.edu). This report is prepared in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies surrounding our main campus and alternate sites, Housing and Residence Life, the Center for Student Success, and the Office of Campus Police. Each entity provides updated information on their educational efforts and programs to comply with the Act. Campus crime, arrest, and referral statistics include those reported to Campus Police, designated campus officials (including, but not limited to, directors, deans, department heads, designated housing staff, advisors to students/student organizations, and athletic coaches), and local law enforcement agencies. These statistics may also include crimes that have occurred in private residences or businesses and is not required by law. Counseling staff in the Center for Student Success inform their clients of the procedures to report crime to Campus Police. A procedure is in place to anonymously capture crime statistics disclosed confidentially during such a session. Each year, an e-mail notification is made to all enrolled students, as well as faculty and staff, that provides the web site to access this report. Copies of the report may also be obtained at the Campus Police Office in Shaw Hall or by calling 304-336-8021.

## Reporting Criminal Activity and Concerns

Security at West Liberty University is provided by the Office of Campus Police. Campus Police Officers are available on campus 24 hours/day and utilize Shaw Hall as a base of operations. They may be reached at extension 8021 for non-emergency calls. In the event of an emergency situation, or if you perceive a situations to be dangerous, please call 911 immediately (9-911 from any campus extension) and the Campus Police Officers will be dispatched through the Ohio County Office of Emergency Services. The West Liberty Police Department and the West Liberty Volunteer Fire Department are located within a mile of campus. The fire department also provides first response for emergency medical services. The Office of Campus Police maintains mutual aid agreements with both the West Liberty Police Department and the Ohio County Sheriff's Department.

Anyone may report violations of University policy or standards of behavior by completing an incident report form. This form is available from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (x8343), the Office of Campus Police (x8021) and/or the Office of Housing and Residence Life (x8345). Depending on the situation, all incidents are investigated by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, his/her designee, and/or the Office of Campus Police. Procedures for the conduct code and appeals processes can be found in the West Liberty University Student Handbook.

The Office of Campus Police encourages anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime to promptly report the incident to the police. Because police reports are public records under state law, Campus Police cannot hold reports of crime in confidence. All reports will be investigated. The Uni-

versity does not have procedures for voluntary, confidential reporting of crime statistics. Violations of the law will be referred to law enforcement agencies and, when appropriate, to the University Judicial Board for review. When a potentially dangerous threat to the University community arises, timely reports or warnings will be issued through e-mail announcements, the posting of flyers at local campuses, in-class announcements, the TopperNet text notification system, and/or other appropriate means.

## Timely Warnings

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus that, in the judgment of the Office of Campus Police, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning will be issued through the University's e-mail system to students, faculty, and staff and will be distributed through the College's "TopperNet" Emergency Text Notification System. Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the Office of Campus Police may also post paper notices. In such instances, a copy of the notice is posted in each residence hall and at the front door of each academic building. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Campus Police Office, by phone (304-336-8021) or in person at Shaw Hall.

## Security Of and Access to Campus Facilities

Most University facilities (excluding residential facilities) are open to the public during day and evening hours, Monday-Friday. The Student Union and athletic facilities, at times, will have operating hours during the weekends. On weekends and holidays, most University facilities are closed and locked, admitting only faculty, staff, and/or others with proper authorization. Parking lots at West Liberty are routinely patrolled. The University strives to ensure adequate patrolling and lighting in these areas. Anyone observing a safety or security concern in any WLU facility is encouraged to contact the Office of Campus Police (x8021).

## Campus Law Enforcement

Campus Police Officers are present on campus at all times. These staff members are recognized by the State of West Virginia as law enforcement officers and may be armed and have the power to make arrests or detain individuals for questioning or investigations. They carry portable phones from which they can place or receive calls, coordinate campus alerts, and/or respond to campus emergencies. Within seconds, they are able to place emergency calls to the Ohio County Office of Emergency Services. Mutual aid agreements for police services are in place with both the Town of West Liberty and the Ohio County Sheriff's Department.

## Security Awareness Programs

During orientation as well as several other times during the year, students are informed of services offered by Campus Police. Crime prevention programs and sexual assault prevention programs are offered on a continual basis. A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of

their responsibility for their own security and the security of others. In addition to seminars, information is disseminated to students and employees through crime prevention awareness packets, security alert posters, displays, videos, and articles in the student newspaper. When time is of the essence, information is released to the University community through security alerts posted prominently throughout campus, through computer memos sent over the University's electronic mail system and the "TopperNet" Text Notification System.

## Off-Campus Criminal Activity

When a West Liberty student is involved in an off-campus offense, police officers may assist with the investigation in cooperation with local, state, or federal law enforcement. Local police and county deputies routinely work and communicate with campus officers on any serious incidents occurring on-campus or in the immediate neighborhood and business areas surrounding campus. West Liberty University operates no off-campus student organization facilities. However, many students live in the neighborhoods surrounding campus. While county deputies and town police have primary jurisdiction in all areas off campus, campus officers can and do respond to student-related incidents that occur in close proximity to campus. Campus officers have direct radio communications with the city police, fire department, and ambulance services to facilitate rapid response in any emergency situation.

## Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

West Liberty University is responsible for maintaining high standards in the classroom AND outside the classroom. All University rules, regulations, and guidelines must comply with State laws. The possession, consumption, and/or distribution of alcohol is prohibited unless specifically addressed in University procedures. Any exceptions to this University policy for special events will be announced prior to the event, where all State laws regarding the possession and consumption of alcohol will apply.

Students are not to possess, use, manufacture, or traffic in any substance illegal under State or Federal law or to use controlled substances illegally. West Liberty University absolutely prohibits the use, consumption, sale, purchase, transfer or possession of any controlled substance by any member of the campus community while in class or while in attendance at WLU sponsored activities.

In addition, students are strictly prohibited from being under the influence of any controlled substance while attending WLU sponsored training sessions or meetings. Legally prescribed medications are excluded from this prohibition and permitted only to the extent that the use of such medications does not adversely affect the student's safety and/or the safety of others. Any student who violates this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, which may include referral for drug and alcohol counseling and/or treatment, up to and including expulsion. Alcohol and drug awareness seminars and activities are offered every academic year as a part of WLU's ongoing alcohol and drug awareness program.

## Alcohol and Substance Abuse Information

The University has developed a program to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. The program provides services related to drug use and abuse including dissemination of informational materials, educational programs, counseling services, referrals and college disciplinary actions. West Liberty's Health Promotions Committee provides an overall coordination of the Drug-Free School Program. However, many services are the responsibility of other areas of the institution. These include:

- *Alcohol and Drug Education:* University Health Services, First Year Experience, Housing and Residence Life, and the Center for Student Success.
- *Counseling Services:* Center for Student Success, Health Services
- *Referral Services:* Student College Health Services, First Year Experience, Housing and Residence Life.
- *College Disciplinary Actions:* Center for Student Success, Office of Housing and Residence Life

The State of West Virginia sets 21 as the minimum age to purchase or possess any alcoholic beverage. Specific ordinances regarding violations of alcohol laws, including driving while intoxicated, are available from the Office of Campus Police. A violation of any law regarding alcohol is also a violation of the College's Student Code of Conduct and will be treated as a separate disciplinary matter by the University.

## Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

The University educates the student community about sexual assaults and date rape through mandatory freshman orientation programs, First Year Experience classes, and residence hall programming each year. The Center for Student Success offers sexual assault education and information programs to students and employees upon request. Literature on date rape education, risk reduction, and the University's response is also available through the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

If you are a victim of a sexual assault at this institution, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety. You should then obtain necessary medical treatment. The Office of Campus Police strongly advocates that a victim of sexual assault report the incident in a timely manner. Time is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. An assault should be reported directly to a police officer and/or to a Housing and Residence Life representative. Filing a police report will:

- ensure that a victim of sexual assault receives the necessary medical treatment and tests
- provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later (ideally a victim of sexual assault should not wash, douche, use the toilet, or change clothing prior to a medical/legal exam)