

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY TIMELY WARNING POLICY

In compliance with the Clery Act, 20 U.S.C. 1092 (f), Wayne State University (WSU) issues timely warnings to notify the campus community of Clery Act crimes or other serious incidents that the University determines represent a serious or ongoing threat to the campus community. The University will distribute timely warnings through email blasts.

To report an incident that may warrant the issuing of a timely warning, immediately contact the WSU police at **(313) 577-2222**.

A. What circumstances require issuing a timely warning?

Timely warnings will be issued on a case-by-case basis for:

- Clery Act crimes or other serious incidents;
- occurring in the University's campus geography;
- which are reported to campus security authorities or local police agencies; and
- are considered by the University to pose a serious or ongoing threat to students and employees on campus or in the immediate campus community.

In deciding whether to issue a timely warning, the University considers all of the facts surrounding the incident, such as the nature of the crime, the continuing danger to the campus community and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts.

Crimes that *may* result in issuing a timely warning include the following:

- Murder
- Criminal homicide
- Sex offenses (forcible and non-forcible)
- Robbery (armed and unarmed)
- Aggravated assault
- Burglary
- Hate Crimes
- Threat of a violent crime
- Arson
- Assault (physical or sexual)
- Situations where suspect is unknown

B. When will a timely warning be issued?

The University will issue a timely warning as soon as it determines if there is a serious or ongoing threat to students or employees on campus and/or in the immediate campus community. The determination will be made based on the information that the Wayne State Police Department has available to it at the time.

C. What department or individual is responsible for issuing the timely warning?

The Chief of Police for the Wayne State Police Department or his designee is responsible for preparing and distributing timely warning reports.

D. How are timely warnings distributed?

In most instances, the timely warning will be issued through the University's email system to students, faculty and staff.

E. What is included in a timely warning?

The intent of a timely warning is to enable members of the campus community to protect themselves. A timely warning will include information that promotes safety and aids in the prevention of similar crimes, such as the following information:

- A brief statement of the incident, i.e. robbery at gunpoint;
- Possible connection to other incidents, if applicable;
- Physical description of the suspect, including clothing, if available;
- Composite drawing of the suspect, if available;
- Date, time and location of the incident;
- Other relevant information.

F. How should a crime be reported?

Anyone with information about a Clery Act crime or other serious incident should immediately report the circumstances to the Wayne State Police at **(313) 577-2222** or in person at 6050 Cass Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202. You may also use one of the illuminated "blue light" emergency phones located around campus, its perimeter and in its parking facilities.

G. Are there confidential reporting procedures?

If you are the victim of or witness to a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University system or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of our campus community. With such information, the University can keep accurate records of the number of incidents to determine when there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics for the institution and may result in a timely warning report. Confidential reports can be submitted at wsupdis@wayne.edu.