



STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT 1990

Student Affairs

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General Description

Purpose:

To ensure safety of all Faculty, Staff and Students and proper collection and disclosure of Campus Crime Information in Compliance with the Campus Security Act.

Scope:

All enrolled students, Faculty, Staff, Administration

Responsibility

Director of Student Affairs, Deans, Provost, Vice President

Requirements

Relevant Knowledge:

There have been no known crimes committed at this University to date. The following policies must be adhered to at this institution to ensure the safety of the students. Do not leave your money or jewelry in your purse or backpack. If you see, somebody's personal belongings left behind call it to their attention. The back stairway and door should never be utilized to enter or exit the building with the exception of emergencies. Evening classes start at 6:00 PM. The outside doors are locked at 6:30 PM. It is best to be early. Departure from the Institution should be done in-group or at minimum in pairs. Nobody should leave the premises at night unaccompanied.

OVERVIEW

If anyone is aware of crimes being committed at this Institution, you must notify a school administrator immediately. If a person knowingly observes crime and does not report it, they will be considered an accessory to the crime committed. Upon notification of crimes, the Director will notify the local authorities immediately. Following is a list of crimes that are to be reported:

- Murder
- Forcible and non-forcible sex offenses
- Robbery

- Aggravated assault
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle theft

Crimes of murder, forcible rape and aggravated assault that show evidence of prejudice based on race, religious, sexual orientation, or ethnicity.

Possession of alcohol, drugs or any type of weapon is prohibited at this Institution. It is the intent of this Institution to have a drug free institution. Possession, use or sale of alcoholic beverages or drugs will be cause for immediate termination. The possession, use or sales of drugs will be reported to the appropriate authorities. If you require any information regarding alcohol or drug abuse, please refer to the Director. We have information available regarding the effects of drug and alcohol abuse as well as a listing of agencies for rehabilitation and help.

Campus Crime and Security Act

American University of Health Sciences is in compliance with the Campus Crime and Security Act of 1990 and publishes an annual report on approximately October 1 of each year. Should students become witnesses to or victims of a crime on campus, they should immediately notify University officials and report the incident to the local law enforcement agency. Emergency numbers are located throughout the campus.

Safety Information

The security of all members of the campus is a primary concern to the University. Each year, AUHS publishes a report outlining security and safety information and crime statistics for the campus community. This report provides important policy information about emergency procedures, reporting of crimes, and information about support services for victims of sexual assault. The report on such crimes is available from the Director of Student Affairs/Services, who is responsible for maintaining records of all crimes that occur on campus.

Policy on Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

Institutional Commitment

American University of Health Sciences (AUHS) is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful educational and working environment free from all forms of sexual misconduct and interpersonal violence. The University prohibits dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and will take appropriate steps to prevent, address, and respond to such conduct when it occurs.

These policies apply to all students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors participating in University programs or activities.

Prevention and Awareness Programs

In compliance with 34 C.F.R. § 668.46(j), AUHS provides primary prevention and awareness programs for all incoming students and new employees, as well as ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for the campus community.

- These programs include information regarding:
 - The prohibition of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
 - Definitions of these offenses under federal law and applicable state law.
 - The definition of consent in reference to sexual activity.
 - Safe and positive bystander intervention strategies.
 - Risk reduction strategies to recognize warning signs of abusive behavior.
 - Procedures for reporting incidents to the University and local law enforcement.
 - Information regarding available victim support services and resources.
 - Ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns may include workshops, informational materials, training sessions, and campus communications designed to promote awareness and encourage prevention.
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Definitions of Prohibited Conduct

Federal regulations require institutions to include definitions of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Consent in their policies addressing sexual misconduct and interpersonal violence. These definitions must align with federal law and applicable state law. For institutions operating in California, definitions are also informed by the California Penal Code.

Dating Violence

- Dating violence is violence committed by a person:
 - Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
 - Where the existence of such a relationship is determined based on:
 - The length of the relationship,
 - The type of relationship, and
 - The frequency of interaction between the persons involved.
 - Dating violence includes sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse and does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.
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Domestic Violence

Domestic violence includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:

- A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim,
- A person with whom the victim shares a child in common,
- A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner,
- A person similarly situated to a spouse under applicable domestic or family violence laws, or

- Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected under domestic or family violence laws.
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Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is defined as a forcible or non-forcible sex offense, including:

Forcible Sex Offenses

- Rape
- Sodomy
- Sexual assault with an object
- Fondling

Non-Forcible Sex Offenses

- Incest
- Statutory rape

These offenses are defined consistent with federal crime reporting standards and applicable provisions of the **California Penal Code**.

Stalking

Stalking is engaging in a **course of conduct directed at a specific person** that would cause a reasonable person to:

- Fear for their safety or the safety of others; or
- Experience substantial emotional distress.

Course of conduct means two or more acts in which the stalker directly or indirectly follows, monitors, observes, threatens, or communicates with a person.

Consent

Consent is defined as **affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity**.

Consent:

- Must be informed, freely given, and mutually understandable.
- May be withdrawn at any time.
- Cannot be inferred from silence or lack of resistance.
- Cannot be given by a person who is incapacitated due to drugs, alcohol, sleep, or unconsciousness.
- Cannot be obtained through coercion, intimidation, or force.

These standards are consistent with the **California Penal Code**.

Reporting Incidents

Individuals who believe they have experienced or witnessed dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking are encouraged to report the incident promptly.

Reports may be made to:

- The University **Title IX Coordinator**
- Campus Security Authorities

- University administrators
- Local law enforcement

Victims have the right to:

- Notify law enforcement authorities, including local police;
- Be assisted by campus authorities in notifying law enforcement if they choose; or
- Decline to notify law enforcement.

Victim Support and Assistance

The University will provide written notification to victims regarding available assistance, including:

- Counseling services
- Health and mental health services
- Victim advocacy
- Legal assistance
- Visa and immigration assistance
- Student financial aid assistance
- Community support resources

Supportive measures may include:

- Academic accommodations
- Changes in class schedules
- No-contact orders
- Campus escort services
- Workplace or housing adjustments where applicable

These measures are available **regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to law enforcement or pursue disciplinary action.**

Institutional Disciplinary Procedures

In compliance with **34 C.F.R. § 668.46(k)**, AUHS will conduct institutional disciplinary proceedings in cases of alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Fair and Impartial Process

Disciplinary proceedings will:

- Be conducted by officials who receive **annual training** on issues related to sexual misconduct and interpersonal violence.
 - Be conducted in a **prompt, fair, and impartial manner.**
 - Use the **preponderance of the evidence** standard to determine responsibility.
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Rights of the Parties

Both the complainant and the respondent are entitled to:

- The same opportunity to have **an advisor of their choice present** during meetings or proceedings.

- Simultaneous written notification of:
 - The outcome of the disciplinary proceeding
 - Any appeal procedures
 - Any change to the results
 - When the results become final

Possible Sanctions

If a respondent is found responsible for violating this policy, sanctions may include:

- Written warning
- Disciplinary probation
- Suspension
- Expulsion
- Termination of employment
- Mandatory education or counseling programs

Sanctions will be determined based on the severity of the conduct and institutional policies.

Protection of Victims

The University will take steps to protect victims and prevent recurrence of misconduct, including:

- Issuing **no-contact directives**
- Providing supportive measures
- Implementing safety planning and protective actions

These measures will be implemented **confidentially and without charge when reasonably available**.