

# Georgia Christian University Security & Fire Safety Report 2017



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Dear GCU Family,

This 2017 Annual Security Report is designed to provide you with valuable information about your safety and security in Georgia Christian University (GCU) Campus. Throughout this annual report you will observe that Georgia Christian University is a safe campus due in part to combined efforts of students, faculty, staff and visitors.

This 2017 Annual Report includes statistics for the most recent three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on-campus and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The report includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning sexual assault, and other matters.

You can obtain a copy of this report by contacting Georgia Christian University Department of Student Affairs or by picking up a copy of this report at the academic office. If at anytime you have questions or would like further information about safety and security at Georgia Christian University, please feel free to contact us at:

Georgia Christian University Public Safety Department  
Public Safety Department: Samuel Kim  
Main Phone: 770-279-0507 Security Office: 770-220-7929  
Email: [publicsafety@gcuniv.edu](mailto:publicsafety@gcuniv.edu)

**For Emergency Call: 911**

For non-emergency contact:  
Doraville Police Department  
3750 Park Avenue  
Doraville, GA 30340  
Phone: (770) 455-1000

**The Campus Security Act** *(also known as the Clery Act)*

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) is a federal law which requires colleges and universities to publish an annual security report containing campus security policies and procedure, as well as crime statistics. The Clery Act was enacted in 1990, and amended in 1992, 1998, 2000, 2008, and most recently in 2013. The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) 2008 requires colleges and universities to publish an annual fire safety report on student housing containing information with respect to the campus fire safety practices and standards of the institution.

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA), enacted March 7, 2013, amended section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act. The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to compile statistics for incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and include certain policies, procedures, and programs pertaining to these incidents in their annual security reports.

All statistics in this Annual Security Report are presented and updated in compliance with all amendments to the act. Clergy-mandated Annual Security Act requires colleges and universities to:

- Publish an annual report every year by October 1 which contains the most recent three years of campus crime statistics and certain campus security policy statements around our campus areas.
- Publish crime statistics for the campus, public areas immediately adjacent to or running through the campus, and certain non-campus facilities and remote classrooms. (The statistics is gathered from local law enforcement and

other University officials who have “significant responsibility for student and campus activities.”)

- Publish “timely warning” notices where a crime has occurred on or near campus that, in the judgment of DPS, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat to members of the University community.
- Disseminate policies describing the protections, resources, and services available to victims to help them safely continue their education.
- Annual security report is available for all of our student, faculty, and staffs.
- The GCU works with other administrative departments and law enforcement agencies — such as The Doraville Police Department to ensure safety within the campus. We encourage all of the University students, faculty and staff to use this report as a guide for safe practices on and off campus.

## Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Below are the definitions of those crimes related with VAWA as described by the US Department of Justice;

- **Domestic violence** can be defined as a pattern of abusive behavior that is used by an intimate partner to gain or maintain power and control over the other intimate partner. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone.
- **Sexual assault** can be defined as any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs by force or without consent of the recipient of the unwanted sexual activity. Falling under the definition of sexual assault is sexual

activity such as forced sexual intercourse, sodomy, child molestation, incest, fondling, and attempted rape. It includes sexual acts against people who are unable to consent either due to age or lack of capacity.

- **Dating violence** is defined as 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 shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
  - ✓ The length of the relationship
  - ✓ The type of relationship
  - ✓ The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship
- **Stalking** can be defined as a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear

## Crime reporting procedures at GCU

All students, employees and visitors of the Georgia Christian University are encouraged to report all crimes and should promptly report criminal incidents, accidents and other emergencies to Public Safety Department at Georgia Christian University 678-761-0937 or dialing 911 from a non-campus phone. Individuals dialing 911 from a cell phone or non-campus phone will be put in contact with the local police and other emergency services.

## Confidential reporting of crime and other serious incidents

Georgia Christian University has two methods for individuals to report crimes and other serious incidents confidential:

① **Georgia Christian University's public safety department phone Line.** Individuals can provide information confidentially by contacting public safety department (770) 220-7929 or (770) 279-0507

② **Georgia Christian University's public safety department email.** Individuals can send a confidential email to [publicsafety@gcuniv.edu](mailto:publicsafety@gcuniv.edu)

## Crime Prevention Tips

Crime prevention is a community effort. Georgia Christian University's public safety department works hard to do its part by preventing crime, however, it is our student, faculty, and staff's responsibility to educate and empower ourselves in the fight against crime. At the beginning of their studies at the University, students receive information regarding security and safety issues on campus. These prevention tips are provided to help you take a more active step in making GCU safe for everyone.

### ROBBERY

Robbery is the attempt to obtain money or property by the use of force or the threat of force. Because of the potential for personal injury during a robbery, do not try to be a hero. Hand over your property quickly and quietly. If possible, observe the criminal and make mental notes of the number of thieves present, as well as their appearance, clothing, voice, nicknames used, personal items, identifying marks, peculiarities and weapons. Call the police immediately upon reaching a place of safety. These precautions can help you reduce your chances of becoming a robbery victim:

- Walk confidently with your head up, and do not let your mind wander

- Pay attention to those passing you and behind you
- Do not take short cuts through unlit, sparsely travelled paths, tunnels or alleys
- Do not wear a lot of flashy jewelry and carry as little cash as possible
- Know that weapons are not allowed on campus, but if you carry a weapon off campus, there is a possibility it could be used against you
- Park in well-lighted, well-traveled lots

### THEFTs FROM VEHICLES

You can prevent many car break-ins by thinking ahead and following these suggestions:

- Secure or remove all valuables from view, including items such as handbags, cell phones, loose change, clothing, textbooks, book bags, CDs, or even umbrellas
- Never leave personal identification documents or credit cards in your vehicle
- Park only in areas that are well-lit, or in attended parking lots or garages; parking in secluded or dimly lit areas makes your car an easy target
- Always remove the keys from your vehicle, lock all doors and roll up all windows, even if your stop is brief

### SEXUAL ASSAULT

The term "sexual assault" refers to rape, sexual intercourse against your will or any other unwanted physical contact of a sexual nature. Sexual assault can happen anywhere, and the assailant may be someone you know well or not at all. It is important that you educate yourself on what constitutes a sexual offense or assault as well as ways to avoid becoming a victim.

### SEX OFFENDERS

Convicted sex offenders are required by law to register their names and addresses with the Georgia Department of

Corrections. You may obtain information on individuals registered as sex offenders by visiting the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Sex Offender Registry website at <http://gbi.georgia.gov/georgia-sex-offender-registry>

#### AVOIDING SEXUAL ASSAULT

Be cautious to behavior that does not seem right — for example, inappropriate touching or remarks; someone sitting or standing too close or who blocks your way or grabs or pushes you; someone who gives you “power stares” — looking through you or down at you

- Avoid situations in which you feel uncomfortable, such as going into an empty house, apartment, building or parking lot
- Travel in groups
- Don't broadcast that you might be walking home alone
- Try to stay on main roads; avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots and alleys
- Walk facing traffic
- Walk with confidence and be aware of your surroundings
- Have your keys ready before you reach your car or residence door; check both inside and outside the car before getting in
- Carry a whistle or a personal alarm
- Enroll in a self-defense class
- In dating situations, get to know a person really well before you are alone with that person. Be assertive and speak forcefully when someone exhibits inappropriate behavior toward you. Act immediately with some kind of negative response. Your best defense is clear thinking

#### REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULT

If you are assaulted, the shock of the assault may make it difficult for you to think clearly or move quickly, but if or when you are able to flee your assailant, get to a safe place and call the local Police or GCU Safety department as soon as possible. Also, contact a friend or a family member; it is important to seek the support and comfort of people you trust. An incident should

be reported to the Dean of Students Affairs when the perpetrator is a student, or to the Office of Safety Department if the perpetrator is a University employee. In the case of a sexual assault, the victim's medical and emotional needs are given first priority.

Try to remember your assailant's description, direction of escape and the type of any vehicle used. The Grady Hospital Crisis Center Hotline is 404-616-4861.

#### POST REPORT PROCEDURES

The victim of an alleged sexual assault should take care to preserve any evidence that may be necessary to prove the occurrence of the alleged criminal assault. In this respect, after an alleged assault has occurred, victims are advised to consult law enforcement authorities before showering/bathing or changing or laundering any clothing that was worn during the assault.

In order to accommodate the victim of a sex offense, the GCU may provide for certain changes in the victim's academic as well as impose any interim restrictions on students pending resolution of sexual misconduct allegations. After an alleged sex offense, with respect to the alleged victim's academic schedule, the University may permit the victim to withdraw from courses, grant an incomplete in a course with arrangements to complete the coursework at a later time; and with the consent of the course instructor, rearrange coursework deadlines and exam times, or other reasonably available changes.

For more information or help with sexual assault you may contact Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault  
P O Box 162505 Atlanta, GA 30321  
[gnesa.org](http://gnesa.org)  
(404) 815-5261

## **GCU SECURITY POLICY**

Georgia Christian University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, physical disability, learning disability, political affiliation, and veteran status. Because our foundation comes from the Christianity, unlawful possession, use, and distribution of alcohol and drug is strictly prohibited in GCU's property. GCU's full-time, part-time and temporary faculty, staff, and students are hereby notified that this policy will apply to all activities conducted on University-owned property. This Policy is distributed annually to all GCU faculty, staff, and students. The University expects that individuals and organizations will take responsibility for complying with the Policy as outlined.

\* Please obtain the copy of GCU Campus Safety and Security Policy and GCU Drug and Alcohol Prevention Policy are at [www.gcuiniv.edu](http://www.gcuiniv.edu)

### **A. ALCOHOL POLICY**

Georgia Christian University abides by and enforces all state and local laws, regulations and ordinances regarding the possession, consumption, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages. The legal drinking age in Georgia is 21 years of age. Any student or employee under the age of 21 who purchases or knowingly possesses an alcoholic beverage is in violation of state law and University policy. Similarly, any person who furnishes an alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age is also in violation. GCU strictly prohibits consumptions or possession of alcoholic beverages on campus. Alcohol is not permitted at the GCU.

### **B. ILLEGAL DRUG POLICY**

The unlawful manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing or using of a controlled substance is strictly prohibited at Georgia Christian University. Any students, staff, faculty or other members of the Georgia Christian University who manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or use controlled substances will be referred for prosecution according to state and or federal law. As a recipient of federal grants and contracts, GCU adheres to the provisions of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (as amended) and any applicable regulations issued pursuant thereto. Any person who violates the *Georgia Controlled Substances Act*, or any federal law or local ordinance concerning controlled substances on GCU property is subject to arrest and criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action through the University. Drug laws are strictly enforced on our campuses.

### **C. SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY**

The University shall proceed with disciplinary and/or remedial actions as needed when it appears that the University's prohibition against any form of sexual assault has been violated. A student charged with sexual assault may be disciplined well as prosecuted under Georgia's criminal statutes. Whether or not a criminal prosecution occurs, the University retains the right to proceed with disciplinary action at any time, and the University need not await the disposition of any criminal prosecution. GCU disciplinary action shall be handled in accordance with the Code of Conduct of the Georgia Christian University. Under these proceedings, the accuser and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary proceeding brought alleging a sexual assault (the term "outcome" meaning only the University's "final determination with respect to the alleged sex offense and any sanction that it imposes against the accused"). In addition, under the Violence Against Women Act, 42 U.S.C. 13701, GCU prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. GCU provides to a student or employee who has reported having been a victim of domestic

violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, whether on or off campus, an explanation of the student or employee's rights and options, including possible sanctions and the procedures to be followed (including the importance of preserving evidence.)

#### **D. SEX OFFENDER REGISTRIES**

On the Georgia Bureau of Investigation website <http://gbi.georgia.gov/georgia-sex-offender-registry> can be found information required by the federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act regarding registered sex offenders. This site is the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Sex Offender Registry, which lists registered sex offenders for all counties and cities in Georgia.

#### **Timely Warnings**

In the event of a situation which, in the judgment of the GCU Safety Department, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat of a criminal nature to the campus community, a timely warning will be issued by the Safety Department (or designee) through the campus e-mail system. A timely warning includes a brief description of the incident and the suspect; the date, time, and location of the incident; and suggested precautions. The purpose of the timely warning is to aid in the prevention of similar occurrences. Events that qualify for timely warnings include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Homicide
- Manslaughter
- Sex Offenses
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault
- Burglary

- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Arson
- Domestic Violence
- Dating Violence
- Stalking
- Hate Crimes
- Any crime considered to represent a continuing threat

#### **Emergency Response**

The GCU prepares for emergency response to various human-caused and natural emergency situations including fires, hazardous spills, earthquakes, flooding, explosion, acts of violence, and civil disorders by conducting an emergency response exercise each year, such as a tabletop exercise, evacuation/shelter in place drill, or field exercise, and test the emergency notification systems on campuses. These exercises are designed to assess and evaluate the emergency plans and capabilities of the university. Emergency response exercise will be posted on the school's bulletin board in front of the Chapel. Upon confirmation of a serious or emergency situation that poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of the GCU community, a campus wide notice will be disseminated, unless issuing a notification will, in the judgment of the responding authorities, compromise the efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. Typically, the warning will be delivered throughout the entire campus that is affected.

In case of emergency please notify the GCU's Public Safety Department or call 911.

#### **GCU Crime Statistics Reporting Tables**

The statistic include crimes on campus and crime in adjacent public areas, are collected by the GCU department of public

safety and are based on crimes reported directly to Public Safety and Information provided by the local police precincts. The definition of each reportable crime is listed above.

OFFENSE	Year	On Campus Property	Public Property	Total
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Sex Offenses forcible	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Sex Offender, Non--forcible	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Robbery	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Burglary	2016	0	0	0
	2015	1	0	1
	2014	2	0	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Arson	2016	0	0	0

	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Illegal Weapon Possession Arrests	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Illegal Weapon Possession Disciplinary Referrals	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Drug Law Arrests	2016	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Liquor Violations	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals Liquor Law Violations	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Simple Assault	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Intimidation	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Destruction Damage/Vandalism of Property	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	2016	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2016	0	0	0
Stalking	2016	0	0	0

## Hate Crimes

The law requires the release of statistics by category of prejudice concerning the occurrence of hate crimes in the crime classifications listed in the preceding section and for other crimes involving bodily injury to any person in which the victim is selected because of the actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability of the victim.

Hate Crimes	Year	On Campus Property	Public Property	Total
Race	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Gender	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Religion	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Ethnicity/National Origin	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0
Disability	2016	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0
	2014	0	0	0

## CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY

In the event of a fire, the GCU expects that all campus community members will evacuate by the nearest exit, closing doors and activating the fire alarm system as they leave. Once safely outside a building, it is appropriate to contact 911. Students and/or staff are informed where to relocate to by staff if circumstances warrant at the time of the alarm. In the event fire alarms sound, University policy is that all occupants must evacuate from the building, closing doors as they leave. No training is provided to students or employees in firefighting or suppression activity as this is inherently dangerous and each community member's only duty is to exit safely and quickly, shutting doors along the exit path as they go to contain the spread of flames and smoke and to activate the alarm as they exit. At no time should the closing of doors or the activation of the alarm delay the exiting from the building.

### *Evacuation TIP*

- Never 'investigate' the source of a potential fire by opening doors or lingering.
- If you hear an alarm, leave immediately. Close doors behind you as you go.
- Do not disable, cover or remove batteries from smoke detectors.
- If you have a disability, make sure you are included in the escape planning for your building.
- Move well away from the building to allow access for emergency responders.
- Don't hang anything from fire sprinklers pipes or heads. Keep 18 inches of clearance around sprinkler heads.
- Identify at least two escape routes from your building. The shortest distance out will be your first choice.
- Practice your escape routes.

- Learn the location of all building exits. You may have to find your way out in the dark.
- Do not re-enter the building for any reason. (Emergency personnel will let you know when it is safe to reenter)
- Walk-do not run to the exits.