

Sex Offender Information

Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act

Sex offenders are required to list the locations of all institutions of postsecondary education where they volunteer or are enrolled or employed. The State of New Mexico maintains a database identifying all such persons and makes it available to the public. The New Mexico Sex Offender Information page is located at www.nmsexoffender.dps.state.nm.us. The campus community can also obtain information by contacting the Curry County Sheriff's Department at 575.769-2335.

Tips to Prevent Crime

- Mark or engrave all valuables (including textbooks), and keep a record of these in a safe place. Include their make, model and serial numbers whenever possible.
- Register your bicycle with the Office of Campus Security and always secure it to a bike rack on campus with a quality lock.
- Lock the doors to your vehicle every time you park anywhere on campus. Do not leave valuables where they can be easily seen by someone passing by, even if it is just for a few minutes.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and of any strangers near you. If someone is acting suspiciously, move away toward large groups and well-lit areas.
- Don't leave valuables unattended in study areas, open common areas or unattended classrooms.
- Alcohol and drug use can reduce your ability to recognize a dangerous situation and your ability to defend yourself. If you are going to drink alcohol, do it legally, responsibly, in a safe place and with people you can trust.

If You are the Victim of a Crime

If you are the victim of a crime while at Clovis Community College, report it immediately to the Clovis Police Department. In case of emergency, call 911. For non-emergencies, call 575.769-4143. When you call, give your name, the location you are calling from, a brief description of what occurred and whether the person who committed the crime is still in the area. Prompt reporting and specific information will increase the chances of solving your case. A Clovis Police Officer and/or Clovis Community College Security Officer will be dispatched to meet with you and obtain all of the necessary information. If evidence from the crime is still intact, please do not move or destroy it. This is especially important in sexual assault cases. NOTE: Showering, changing clothes, or grooming can destroy vital evidence.

Many students worry about reporting crimes to the police because they do not want to testify in a trial. Victims are nevertheless encouraged to at least contact the Clovis Police Department so they can be made aware of other services (such as counseling and medical treatment) that might lessen the trauma of the incident. If a victim does not wish to pursue criminal charges, his or her wishes will be respected.

Students who are victims of crimes may also pursue recourse through the Office of Executive Vice President. While this is not a substitute for the criminal justice system, it affords students

the opportunity to have their side heard in a less formal environment. If an accused student is found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct, he or she may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from Clovis Community College. Both the victim and accused will be afforded the same opportunities within the student judicial process, and both shall be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary proceedings alleging sexual assault. Students interested in this course of action may call the Office of the Executive Vice President at 575-769-4113 or obtain further information in the Clovis Community College Student Handbook or through the Office of Campus Security at 575-769-4143.

Other Services Available

Clovis Community College offers short term counseling services free of charge to students at the Office of Academic Advising and counseling (575-769-4015). Clovis Community College has a licensed professional counselor who can help students with a wide range of problems. Students interested should call the Clovis Community College Academic Advising and Counselors Office at 575-769-4015.

Students seeking counseling services off campus may obtain a list of the services available and their phone numbers by calling the Office of campus Security or the Information desk. The Office of Campus Security can put students in touch with the Rape Crisis Center, Shelter, Victims' Assistance, and many other public and private counseling services. Many of these are free of charge or offered on a sliding fee scale.

Additional services exist throughout the community to deal with special problems. Students may contact the Office of Campus Security with their needs for referral to the appropriate people or organizations.