

ASL CAMPUS SECURITY INFORMATION: 2008
EDUCATING IN A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT

In fulfillment of the U.S. Department of Education's regulations under the Campus Security Act, the Appalachian School of Law (ASL) provides its students, faculty and staff with the following information.

ASL seeks to provide its students, faculty and staff with a safe place to learn and work. The Law School will prosecute violators of local, state and federal laws in appropriate state and federal courts.

GETTING HELP AT ASL

In an emergency a student, faculty member, or staff member should use any of the following means to get help:

Call 911 to connect with the County Sheriff's Office or Town of Grundy Police.

Call the Director of Student Services at extension 1229 during hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). The Director of Student Services Office is located in the Classroom and Office Building (Room 133). ASL personnel are available, if you want to discuss your options.

Or

Call the Director of Personnel at extension 1228. The Director of Personnel Office is located in Room 130 of the Classroom and Office Building.

A telephone for local calls is available 24 hours in side entrance area of ASL Library.

When a victim reports a crime to the Director of Student Services or Director of Personnel, ASL will seek to protect the victim's request for anonymity to the extent that this is possible and is permitted under law.

ACCESS AND SECURITY

During non-business hours, campus buildings, with the exception of the Lions Lounge and adjacent vending/mailbox room, are locked. Persons needing access during non-business hours may request access by making arrangements with the Business Office during business hours.

Persons who are not authorized to be on campus (for example people who disrupt Law School sponsored/sanctioned activities or loiter on campus) will be escorted to the edge of the Law School's property and informed of the Code of Virginia TRESPASS ORDINANCE or they will be taken into custody by appropriate authorities if their behavior warrants an arrest.

In addition to notifying appropriate law enforcement authorities, ASL students, faculty and staff are encouraged to report crimes to the Director of Community Service Person by telephoning 935-4349 extension 1232 or contacting her office (room 133).

Or

Contacting the Director of Student Services by telephoning 935-4349 extension 1229 or contacting her office (room 101).

ASL seeks to encourage prompt notifications so that it may be proactive to prevent crime as well as reactive to incidents after they take place.

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Crime prevention programs and campus security procedures are explained to new students who attend the Introduction to Community Service Class during the first semester at Law School. This brochure is distributed electronically to all students, faculty, and staff each year. Crime prevention information is periodically placed on bulletin boards throughout the campus.

CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS

So that students, faculty, and staff are aware of the level of crime on the ASL campus, or public property adjacent to the campus, the following statistics are reported for 2005, 2006, and 2007. Reported to the campus officials or local police:

ASL SECURITY DATA

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Arson	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offense	0	0	0
Non-forcible Sex Offense	0	0	0
Aggravated Assaults	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Thefts	0	0	0

MONITORING AND RECORDING OFF CAMPUS CRIME

ASL officials are in contact with the Sheriff's Department in Buchanan County, the Town of Grundy Police, and the Virginia State Police office located in Vansant. Illegal incidents involving ASL students, faculty, and staff may be transmitted by the agencies to law school officials.

ARRESTS FOR DRUG ALCOHOL & WEAPONS VIOLATIONS

The following arrests involving drug, alcohol, and weapons violations occurred on campus or public areas adjacent to the campus.

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0
Weapons Violations	0	0	0

RELEASE OF DATA

The provisions of the Family Education Right to Privacy Act allow the Law School to report substance violations to parents of students under 21, to disclose the results of Law School disciplinary proceedings in cases of violent crimes, and to release student records to the courts in the case of a parent/student lawsuit against the School.

ASL ALCOHOL REGULATIONS

Local and state laws regulating the possession, distribution, sale and use of illegal drugs are enforced by the Town of Grundy Police. ASL does not allow the possession, use, selling or distribution of narcotics, and other controlled substances, except as expressly permitted by federal and/or state law.

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ASL DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

ASL publishes information about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. The Law School has lists available of off-campus private and public agencies that deal with alcohol and drug abuse problems.

The Director of Personnel maintains a list of outside agencies that provide mental health and substance abuse services for the Law School's faculty and staff.

POLICIES RELATING TO SEX OFFENSES

ASL has defined physical and psychological abuse as misconduct, which is subject to disciplinary action. Allegations of sexual harassment, rape, and acquaintance rape and other forcible and non-forcible sex offenses are subject to disciplinary action.

Students will be given information about how to deal with sex offenses during their orientation program. ASL's Director of Personnel maintains a list of professionals outside the Law School who may help employees deal with sex related offenses.

The Law School encourages students to contact the Director of Student Services or Director of Personnel when they are involved in a sex offense. These employees are trained to inform victims of the importance of preserving evidence for the proof of a criminal offense.

ASL policies require all employees to treat seriously any allegation of a sex offense reported to them or face possible disciplinary action by the law school up to and including discharge.

If an incident occurs which is a violation of Virginia's criminal statutes, prosecution may be undertaken by the Commonwealth Attorney. Regardless of whether criminal justice authorities choose to prosecute, the Law School can pursue disciplinary action.

When the Law School takes action:

If a student is involved in an incident with another student or the student is involved in an incident involving a member of the faculty, the Dean has jurisdiction over the incident (see Law School Catalog).

Students found guilty of misconduct may be penalized with any of the sanctions described in the Law School Catalog and Code of Academic Conduct. Law School employees may face suspension or dismissal as described in the Faculty Handbook or Personnel Policies Handbook.

ASL will change a victim's academic situation after an alleged sex offense occurs if the victim requests such changes and options are reasonably available.

EXTERNAL CONTACT

If you desire to file a complaint alleging that ASL is in noncompliance with the campus security regulations, you should contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance; 400 Maryland Avenue, SW ROB3, Room 3045, Washington, DC 20202; (202) 708-8242.

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