

**LWC Self-Study, re: Clery Act, March '07**  
**"Special Considerations: Policies Regarding**  
**Sex Offenses and Offenders"**

<b>Requirement <i>The Clery Act</i></b>	<b>LWC Response</b>	<b>Suggestions</b>
<p>Include a statement about your institution's sex offense policy, procedures and programs in your annual security report. Specifically, the regulation requires a statement of policy regarding the institution's campus sexual assault programs to prevent sex offenses, and procedures to follow when a sex offense occurs.</p>	<p>LWC provides access to the annual campus crime statistics via link on Web site via "Student Life&gt;Public Safety&gt;Campus Crime Report." The link takes a viewer to a government Web site that interactively lists offenses for the past several years. Type in "Lindsey Wilson College" then "Click Report." The government Web site does not provide a place for a statement.</p>	<p>A statement of LWC's "Sexual Assault" policy and procedures to follow when a sex offense occurs, from the <i>LWC Student Handbook</i>, will be given a link on the college Web site.</p>
<p><b><i>This statement must include:</i></b></p>		
<p>a. Description of educational programs to promote the awareness of rape, acquaintance rape and other forcible and non-forcible sex offenses.</p>	<p>Programs that have been, and some that continue to be, presented to aid in the prevention of and response to sexual offenses include the following: annual events include a discussion group about the film Searching for Angela Shelton; "Take Back the Night" campus rally; and "Sexual Responsibility Week" sponsored by the campus group Responsible Alcohol Values through Education. The Residence life professional staff was trained by Nacole Potts, previously assistant dean of students, experienced in sexual assault procedures. RAs are trained in procedures by professional staff and given "Sexual Assault Checklists" that walk them through contact and response procedures. The <i>RA Handbook</i> details appropriate responses to sexual assault. Desk attendants, who register visitors in residence halls, are trained as well. Two RAs presented programs on "How to Protect Yourself and What Should be Done if a Rape Occurs" and "Safety Tips -- Myths About How a Perpetrator Thinks and Safety Techniques."</p>	<p>LWC Web site will list some of the programs designed to educate students and prevent the occurrence of sexual assault.</p>

<p>b. Procedures students should follow if a sex offense occurs, including: procedures concerning whom should be contacted; the importance of preserving evidence for the proof of a criminal offense; and to whom the alleged offense should be reported.</p>	<p>The Student Handbook, 'Sexual Assault' section under 'Crime on Campus, pp. 49-50 addresses whom they should contact including Police, Public Safety, and Medical helpers. It also instructs that victims should not shower, bathe, douche or use mouthwash before receiving a medical exam because it may interfere with the collection of evidence. It also stipulates that clothing removed should be saved, without being washed, for possible evidence. The handbook also includes a statement on Dating Violence, p. 40, that instructs anyone with knowledge of dating violence to report it to school officials before violence escalates.</p>	<p>LWC Web site will include contact numbers, including LWC public safety's and 911. It will also include instructions on preserving evidence.</p>
<p>c. Information on a student's option to notify appropriate law enforcement authorities, including: on-campus and local police; and a statement that institutional personnel <i>will</i> assist the student in notifying these authorities, if the student requests the assistance of those personnel.</p>	<p><i>LWC Student Handbook</i>, "Sexual Assault" section under "Crime on Campus" (pp. 49-50) addresses whom a student should contact, including police, public safety and medical help. Item No. 2 states: "Lindsey Wilson College public safety and security officers are available to assist victims with necessary law enforcement contacts."</p>	<p>LWC Web site will include a statement that Lindsey Wilson personnel will assist students in notifying appropriate authorities if requested to do so by the victim.</p>
<p>d. Notification to students of existing on- and off-campus counseling, mental health or other student services for victims of sex offenses.</p>	<p><i>LWC Student Handbook</i> -- "Sexual Assault" section under "Crime on Campus" (pp. 49-50) -- addresses whom a student should contact, including police, public safety and medical help. It also states: "Victims should consider seeking support from a relative, resident assistant, good friend or counselor." It also states (p. 34) under "Campus Resources and Services" that "personal counseling services are offered to all students, faculty and staff at Lindsey Wilson College. Appointments may be made by calling 8150, the Human Services Department. Referrals may also be made through your advisor, Resident Assistant, Resident Life Area Coordinator, Resident Directors, Apartment Manager, or the Student Services Office."</p>	<p>LWC Web site will include contact numbers for the Human Services division as well as local mental health agencies.</p>

<p>e. Notification to students that the institution <i>will</i> change a victim's academic and living situations after an alleged sex offense, and the options for those changes if requested by the victim and are reasonably available.</p>	<p>If someone alleges a sexual offense, temporary adjustments in living situations are offered, including staying with a staff member or moving the alleged victim temporarily into a residence hall that is closer to a staff member.</p>	<p>LWC Web site will contain a statement that the living situation of a victim of a sexual offense may change if such a change is requested by the victim and is reasonably available. It will also state that in such situations, changes in academic situations may be addressed to Academic Affairs at</p>
<p>f. Procedures for campus disciplinary action in cases of an alleged sex offense, <i>including a clear statement that: (1) The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a disciplinary proceeding; and (2) the accuser and the accused must be informed of the outcome of institutional disciplinary proceeding that is brought alleging a sex offense. Compliance with this paragraph does not constitute a violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. For the purpose of this paragraph, a disciplinary proceeding's outcome means only the institution's final determination with respect to the alleged sex offense and any sanction that is imposed against the accused.</i></p>	<p><i>LWC Student Handbook</i> (p. 148) states that the victim has the right "to be accompanied by an adviser, any full-time member of the Lindsey Wilson College community, of the victim's choosing during the hearing process, although the advisor will not be permitted to speak for the victim during the hearing." The "Entitlements of the Accused" No. 5 (p. 90) notes the accused may have a representative from the college community to serve as an adviser during a hearing. This adviser may not be an attorney or outside counsel. Both the accused and the accuser are notified directly of the outcome of a sexual offense allegation at the end of the process.</p>	<p>LWC Web site will include statements to this effect with copies of the "Victim's Rights and Entitlements of the Accused" sections of the <i>LWC Student Handbook</i>.</p>
<p>g. Sanctions the institution may impose following a final determination of an institutional disciplinary proceeding regarding rape, acquaintance rape or other forcible or non-forcible sex offenses.</p>	<p><i>LWC Student Handbook</i> (p. 91) includes a statement on "Disciplinary Procedures" that indicates the dean of students has the authority to assign sanctions and conditions for continued enrollment and will determine whether allegations of misconduct raise issues of suspension or expulsion.</p>	<p>LWC Web site will include statements regarding disciplinary procedures.</p>
<p>Institution is encouraged to contract with experts in the area of sex-offense education to provide training to students and staff.</p>	<p>Representatives from Adanta have spoken to student and professional staff during training to educate them how to respond to sexual-offense allegations.</p>	<p>Residence life officials will meet annually with local experts regarding new laws and preventions.</p>