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In compliance with guidelines set forth by the federal law identified as the “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act,” Lubbock Christian University (LCU) has compiled the Annual Fire Safety Report. The report contains policies and practices related to campus security, victim assistance, safety alerts, resources and education.

Copies of this report may be obtained in person from the Lubbock Christian University Public Safety Office or online at lcu.edu under the Public Safety tab.

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Community Guidelines

The residence halls comprise a unique community living environment. General community living policies provide for the health, safety and security needs of all campus community residents. The following policies are designed for residential community living with the intent of fostering a cooperative living environment and prohibiting certain behaviors which can potentially adversely affect the residence hall community. All ResLife community guidelines can be found on the Students Right to Know page on the Portal.

Cooking

Use of the resident hall kitchens requires individuals to be responsible community members. If one chooses to use the kitchen, it is imperative to follow all posted guidelines for kitchen use. Students are expected to monitor food as it is being prepared, clean up after themselves (i.e. wipe all cabinets and appliances, wash dishes and utensils, keep the refrigerator free from old food), and not steal other community member’s food. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a loss of kitchen privileges for you or all residents. Additional kitchen guidelines will vary according to the facility.

Community Disruption Policy

Community is at the heart of Lubbock Christian University. It is the responsibility of students, faculty, and staff to hold and respect the mission and values that are uniquely associated with Lubbock Christian University. As a part of a community where God is glorified and mutual respect and dignity of others is the norm, each person shares the responsibility to respect the values of the Lubbock Christian University community. In cases where the values of the university and an individual, or an individual’s lifestyle, are not congruent, and disruption of the community occurs, the university may remove the student from student housing, activities, or the university at large. Students, at times, may exhibit behavior that indicates that they are a threat to themselves or others or a disruption on the university or housing community at large. Examples include, but are not limited to, pregnancy in residential housing, eating disorders or other lifestyle habits, which cause other health risks,

repeated remarks about seeming infatuation with death or suicide, self-mutilation, and an actual suicide attempt. The university's priority is to get help for an individual exhibiting such signs; therefore, certain actions or special regulations may be required if deemed to be in the best interest of the student's personal health. Counseling or professional intervention may be needed to determine the nature and depth of a suspected problem. In some instances, a student's behavior or circumstance may be of such extreme nature that it causes disruptions in the residence halls or in the community at large. In that event, and upon evaluation, the determination may be made by the Behavioral Intervention Team that the student would be best served by being removed or restricted for the university residential community, given a new room assignment, relocated to another residence hall, or restricted from the university at large until approved to return to campus and/ or the original living arrangement. If a student does not accept the decision of the Behavioral Intervention Team voluntarily, judiciary action may be taken. University staff members are committed to attempting to utilize resources reasonably available to the student. However, if the needs of the student exceed the university's resources, the student may be removed from Lubbock Christian University so that he or she can receive the necessary care.

Electrical Appliances

Use of electrical appliances is permitted in the residence halls within certain guidelines. Generally, appliances should require no more than one thousand (1,000) watts. Appliances used in the residence halls must be safe in design and structure and must be properly maintained. U.L. approved appliances are preferable. Heat producing appliances (electric heaters, electric burners, toaster ovens, etc...) or other appliances with an exposed heating elements are not permitted in residence hall rooms. Due to potential fire hazards, only the following appliances are approved for use in the halls:

- Coffee maker
- Small portable fan
- Television
- Stereo
- One 700-watt microwave per room
- One dorm-sized refrigerator per room (if larger than 2.5 cubic feet, must sit on floor)

All other appliances must have prior approval by the Resident Director Before leaving for breaks and holidays, residents must unplug all electrical appliances to guard against fire hazards. Electrical Cords and Outlets Multi-plug outlets and improper use of extension cords create fire and safety hazards. Extension cords and multiple outlets are designed for minimum use for short periods of time. Therefore, please consider the following guidelines when using this equipment:

Too many appliances on one extension cord can cause the cord to overheat and may result in a fire. (Note: Two or more cords plugged together are theoretically still only one cord.)

Risk of shock or electrocution is increased when extension cords are placed in or through doorways that have metal doors or door frames and when cords are draped over metal objects or put in areas where they may be walked on.

The outlets in each room were designed for either one or two appliances. Using too many appliances at one time may cause a circuit overload. Multi-plug covers, cords, or other splitters used to increase the number of appliances on one outlet are prohibited due to safety hazards and possible circuit overloads. However, a multi-plug power-strip that is designed to protect against electrical overload is permissible.

This is not an exhaustive list of problems that can be caused by improper use of cords and outlets. For further clarification, please contact Facilities and Maintenance at 720-7776 (george.davis@LCU.edu) with additional questions.

Entrance and Exit Doors

In an effort to provide a secure environment in the residence halls, residents should enter the building only through the lobby doors. Side and rear doors should remain locked at all times. Entrance doors will be locked at different times for each residence hall. Residents will be notified of the time at which the doors will be locked for the particular hall in which they reside. Propping exterior doors open compromises the security and safety of all residents. Emergency exits should be used only in the event of a fire or other emergency. Unauthorized entry to restricted areas such as custodial closets, mechanical and technical rooms, offices, and roofs is prohibited. Such behavior may result in disciplinary action.

False Alarm

Students are asked to respect the residential community and not set-off false alarms. In the event of an alarm, every effort will be made to identify the responsible individual(s). When such persons are identified, they will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

Fire Alarms

Each of the housing facilities (Johnson Hall, Katie Rogers, Living Center, & Rec Center Housing) are equipped with fire alarms and smoke detectors. The apartment style facilities (East Apartments, West Apartments, & Courtyards) are equipped with smoke detectors.

Significant upgrades to fire systems and monitoring have been implemented in recent years. Additionally, LCU Emergency Management maintains a committee that meets at least annually to discuss needed changes and updates regarding fire prevention, detection, and response.

Fire Policies and Evacuation Procedures

Fire and evacuation information is posted on each floor of the residence halls. Residents should be familiar with this information. LCU considers fire safety extremely important, and students have an obligation to adhere to university regulations, as well as city and state statutes. Residents will participate in periodic fire drills each semester. Failure to respond appropriately to fire alarms will result in disciplinary action for those involved and will necessitate additional drills for all residents.

In the event of a minor fire:

- If the fire is controllable, direct the extinguisher toward the base of the flame and sweep side to side
- If there is any doubt, pull the fire alarm and call 911
- Evacuate the building

In the event of a major fire:

- Pull the fire alarm
 - Evacuate the building
 - Call 911 as soon as possible
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Fire Prevention Regulations

The following are prohibited in the residence halls because of their potential as fire hazards:

- Open flames such as candles, incense, matches, and lighters;
- Appliances with exposed heating elements;
- Doors and walls in rooms that are more than one-half covered with paper or posters;
- Use or possession of fireworks or firecrackers;
- Use or possession of combustible paints, spray paint, or liquids;
- Mopeds or other combustible engines;
- Halogen lamps.

Fire Evacuation Procedures

Detailed information is posted on each floor in the residence halls. When the alarm sounds, each resident should follow the established procedures:

- Residents should leave their doors open as they exit their rooms. (If possible, residents should take their room key with them.)
- Residents should begin an immediate and orderly evacuation along the designated evacuation route established for the area. Residents should not run. They should move quickly to the nearest designated stairwell and exit. They should exit the building and wait for instructions or permission to re-enter the building. (A staff member will make certain that rooms, closets, restrooms, computer labs, and other common areas are not occupied.)
- The residence hall staff will signal when the building is safe and ready for re-entry. No one is allowed to re-enter until this signal is given. Personnel authorized to give re-entry instructions include the hall supervisor, LCU administrator, or LCU Public Safety. Please note that firemen may indicate a building is safe, but they cannot give permission to re-enter the building. Firemen should be treated with respect at all times.

Anyone who does not evacuate or who does not comply quickly and properly with the instructions of a staff member will be reported to the Dean of Students. Failure to evacuate a building after a fire alarm has sounded will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and a minimum fine of \$100.00.

Misuse of Fire Safety Equipment

Any individual who misuses or tampers with fire safety equipment will be subject to disciplinary action and will be charged \$250 plus the cost of repair or replacement of misused or damaged equipment, cleaning of the facility, and damage to other property. Fire safety equipment includes, but is not limited to, signs, extinguishers, smoke detectors, and pull stations.

Setting Fire

Any individual who intentionally, negligently and/or recklessly sets a fire in or near a university building is subject to immediate dismissal from the university, may be charged a fine of \$250 minimum, and will be charged for repairing any damage caused by the fire. In addition to being subject to university penalties, any student who starts a fire, damages or tampers with evacuation alarms, or misuses fire safety equipment also may be subject to prosecution in criminal court by the proper federal, state, county, or city authorities, and/or the Lubbock Fire Department in accordance with the Lubbock Fire Code and all statutes, laws, rules, and regulations. Special events such as BBQ's, must be approved through the Student Affairs Office.

Weapons and Explosives

Lubbock Christian University places a high priority on safety, seeking to create a safe and secure environment on its campus for students, faculty, staff, and guests.

General Policy

Consequently, pursuant to section 30.06 of the Texas Penal Code, no person may enter onto Lubbock Christian University property with a handgun (concealed or open carry) at any time. Property of Lubbock Christian University includes:

- a) All land and buildings owned or leased by Lubbock Christian University;
- b) Grounds where an activity or event sponsored by Lubbock Christian University is being conducted;
- c) Passenger transportation vehicles owned by Lubbock Christian University.

In addition, carrying or possessing a weapon of any kind is prohibited on campus and at school-sponsored events. Any LCU student, faculty member, staff member, or contractor violating this policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion, dismissal, or termination of employment. While LCU has opted to prohibit the concealed carry of a handgun, the university reserves the right to grant approved employees, who hold a License to Carry, to do so as deemed appropriate and necessary.

This prohibition against weapons possession is in effect to the fullest extent allowed under Texas laws, including laws pertaining to weapons generally (Texas Penal Code 46.03) and to those with a license to carry (Texas Penal Code 46.035). When appropriate, anyone violating this policy may also be subject to prohibition from the campus and/or criminal prosecution.

Definitions

As used in this policy, the term "weapon" encompasses any object or substance designed to inflict a wound, incapacitate, or cause injury, and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- firearms, including, without limitation, rifles, shotguns, handguns, BB or pellet guns, compressed-air guns, paintball or airsoft guns;
- ammunition, including materials for making ammunition;
- explosive material, including bombs, grenades, rockets and fireworks, or items for making explosive materials;
- daggers, swords, spears, knives with blades longer than 5.5 inches, switchblades, butterfly knives, and other bladed weapons (including those intended for ceremonial or decorative uses);
- slingshots, bows and arrows, clubs, blackjacks, nightsticks, hunting, or martial arts weapons;
- weapons prohibited by Texas Penal Code Chapter 46 (which includes a variety of firearms, handguns, zip guns, clubs, knives, fake bombs, explosive weapons, and components of explosives that are possessed with the intent to create an explosive weapon);
- other dangerous weapons, especially those intended for warfare, combat, or hunting; and
- replicas or other objects that are made to look like actual weapons and could reasonably be mistaken by community members or police officers as actual weapons (including toy, fake, or facsimile weapons).


Note: Authorized campus officials may confiscate weapons and/or other items that do not violate the law, but constitute violations of LCU policies.

Violations of the Weapons Policy will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in accordance with the LCU Code of Community Standards, as well as criminal justice system.

Exceptions to the Policy

- **The only exceptions to this weapons prohibition are those authorized in writing by the Lubbock Christian University Police Department (LCUPD) Chief of Police and the exceptions below, which include exceptions mandated by law:**
- **State law (Texas Labor Code 52.061) permits employees (including LCU employees) who hold a license to carry and lawfully possess a firearm or ammunition, to store or transport the firearm or ammunition in a locked, privately owned vehicle in a parking lot, garage, or other parking area that the employer provides to the employee. This permission extends only to employees and not to visitors or contractors; it pertains only to locked, privately owned vehicles in LCU parking facilities and does not extend to LCU owned vehicles.**
- **State law (Texas Government Code 411.2032) permits persons who hold a license to carry (including enrolled LCU students) to store or transport firearms or ammunition in a locked, privately owned or leased vehicle located in LCU parking facilities or on campus streets and driveways.**
- **Peace Officers or special investigators under Article 2.1222, Code of Criminal Procedures are permitted to carry handguns at all times on campus regardless of whether the peace officer or special investigator is engaged in the actual discharge of the officer's or investigator's duties while carrying the handgun.**
- **Approved university experiments, educational forums, or projects, if written permission has been first obtained in writing from LCU's Chief of Police.**
- **Any other exceptions must be approved in writing by LCU's Chief of Police.**

LCU expects all members of the campus community to help safeguard the community by reporting promptly to LCUPD any weapons discovered to be present on campus. Persons should report any concerns about violations of this policy to the Chief of Police, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, or a supervisor. Any person concerned about an imminent threat of violence on university property or at a university-sponsored event should report the concern immediately to LCU Public Safety at 806.928.6803 or call 9-1-1.

 LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY		Number of Fires	Number of Deaths	Number of Injuries	Property Loss/Value	Total Drills	Fire Systems	Smoke Detectors	Fire Extinguishers	Evacuation Plans
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Facility										
Johnson Hall 5705 Pioneer Pkwy		2	0	0	0	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Katie Rogers 5501 22nd, St.		0	0	0	0	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mabee Hall 2213 Colton Ave.		0	0	0	0	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Courtyard Apartments 2302 Chicago Ave.		0	0	0	0	0	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
East Apartments 2306 Chicago Ave.		0	0	0	0	0	No	Yes	No	Yes
West Apartments 5702 Pioneer Pkwy		0	0	0	0	0	No	Yes	No	Yes
Rec Center Apartments 2401 Eileen Blvd.		0	0	0	0	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

This document is compiled by Lubbock Christian University in coordination with the Dean of Students Office, LCU Facilities, & the LCU Residential Life Office.

Statistics and data are collected by the LCU Public Safety Office and from other campus resources.

This data is reviewed, shared, and submitted in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Act.

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