*assure the victim has access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention.

University staff representatives from Campus Police or the Office of Housing and Residence Life will guide the victim through the available options and support the victim in his or her decision. Various counseling options are available from the University through the Student Health Center, Campus Ministries, and the Center for Student Success. Counseling and support services outside the University system can be obtained through the Upper Ohio Valley Sexual Assault Center, PO Box 6764, Wheeling, WV 26003, by phone at (304) 234-1783.

University-based judicial proceedings, as well as special guidelines for cases involving sexual misconduct, are detailed in the Student Handbook. The Handbook provides, in part, that the accused and the victim will each be allowed representation and/or an advisor to accompany them throughout the hearing. Both the victim and accused will be informed of the outcome of the hearing. A student found guilty of violating these University policies could be criminally prosecuted in the state courts and subject to any of the sanctions as described in the Student Code of Conduct. Student victims have the option to change their academic and/or on-campus living situations after an alleged sexual assault, if such changes are reasonably available.

Sexual Offender Registration
In accordance to the "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, the Jeanne Clery Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the Office of Campus Police is providing a link to the West Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry. This Act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a state to provide notice of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries a vocational, or is a student. Registry information provided under this section shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, screening of current or prospective employees, volunteers, or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular. Unlawful use of the information for purposes of intimidating or harassing another is prohibited and willful violation shall be punishable as a misdemeanor. The West Virginia State Police is responsible for maintaining this registry. The URL for the West Virginia Site is: www.wvstatepolice.com/sexfob//websearchform.cfm.
The University does not have procedures for voluntary, confidential class announcements, the TopperNet text notification system, and/or other appropriate means.

In addition to seminars, information is disseminated to students and employees through crime prevention awareness programs, counseling services, referrals and college drug and alcohol prevention campaigns. The Health and Residential Life Committee provides an overall coordination of the Drug-Free School Program. However, many services are the responsibility of other areas of the institution. These include:

- Alcohol and Drug Education: University Health Services, First Year Experience, Housing and Residence Life, and the Center for Student Success
- Counseling Services: Center for Student Success, Health Services
- Referral Services: Student College Health Services, First Year Experience, Housing and Residence Life
- Academic Affairs: University Health Services, Office of Housing and Residence Life

The State of West Virginia sets 21 as the minimum age to purchase or possess any alcoholic beverage. Specific ordinances regarding violations of alcohol laws, including driving while intoxicated, are available from the Office of Campus Police. A violation of any law regarding alcohol is also a violation of the College’s Student Code of Conduct and will be treated as a separate disciplinary matter by the University.

Security and Access to Campus Facilities

Most University facilities (excluding residential areas) are open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. During the winter months, the area is closed at 7:00 p.m. and locked, admitting only faculty, staff, and/or other individuals with special permission. University Police are routinely patrolled. The University strives to ensure adequate patrolling and lighting in these areas. Anyone observing Police Car security concerns in any University facility is encouraged to contact the Office of Campus Police (x8021).

Campus Law Enforcement

Campus Police Officers are present on campus at all times. These officers are designated as law enforcement officers and may be armed and have the power to make arrests or detain individuals or investigate suspicious vehicles and/or individuals. They are equipped with two-way radios that are connected to each other and to the University Police Department. Any University Police officer can be contacted by dialing 110 or by calling the Campus Police Office.

Security Awareness Program

During orientation as well as several other times during the year, students are informed of services offered by the Campus Police and other public safety agencies. The Campus Police Department also informs the public of new crime prevention programs through the College’s Student Newsletter, the TopperNet text notification system, and other appropriate means.

Off-Campus Criminal Activity

When a West Liberty student is involved in an off-campus offense, police officers may assist with the investigation in cooperation with local, state, or federal law enforcement. Local police and county deputies routinely work and coordinate with campus officers on any serious incidents occurring on-campus or in the immediate neighborhood and business areas surrounding campus. West Liberty University maintains no law enforcement policies or facilities. However, many students live in the neighborhoods surrounding campus. While county deputies and town police have primary jurisdiction in their areas, police officers can and do respond to student-related incidents that occur in close proximity to campus. Campus officers have direct radio communications with the city police, fire department, and ambulance services to facilitate rapid response in any emergency situation.

Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

West Liberty University is responsible for maintaining high standards in the classroom AND outside the classroom. All University rules, regulations, and guidelines must comply with State laws. The possession, consumption, and sale, or distribution of alcohol, is prohibited by local and state law. The University’s policy on the possession and consumption of alcohol will apply.

Students are not to possess, use, manufacture, or traffic in any form of illegal or nonprescription drug as defined by any member of the campus community while in class or while in attendance at WLU sponsored activities. Students are not to manufacture, use, traffic in, distribute, or possess any substance illegall y, including alcohol, except by permission of campus safety agencies. The possession or use of a controlled substance by any member of the campus community within the School is prohibited and may be subject to discipline. The possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited by local, state, and federal law. The University’s alcohol and drug policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, which may include referral for drug and alcohol counseling and/or treatment, up to and including expulsion. Alcohol and drug awareness seminars and activities are offered every academic year as a part of WLU’s ongoing alcohol and drug awareness program.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Information

The University has developed a program to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. The program provides services related to drug use and abuse counseling, treatment, educational materials, educational programs, counseling services, referrals and college drug and alcohol prevention campaigns. The Health and Residential Life Committee provides an overall coordination of the Drug-Free School Program. However, many services are the responsibility of other areas of the institution. These include:

- Alcohol and Drug Education: University Health Services, First Year Experience, Housing and Residence Life, and the Center for Student Success
- Counseling Services: Center for Student Success, Health Services
- Referral Services: Student College Health Services, First Year Experience, Housing and Residence Life
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