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About the Clery Act

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) is a federal law requiring institutions of higher education that receive federal funding to provide transparency around campus crime statistics and other safety and security information. This is done through distribution of an Annual Safety and Security Report to the campus community. The report includes institutional security policies and campus crime statistics for the latest three-year period, and describes available programs that are designed to improve campus safety. Other required descriptions include Clery crime categories, crime reporting geography, timely warnings and emergency notification processes, victim rights, and more.

Institutions that have on-campus residential facilities must also publish a Fire Safety Report that includes statistics on the number of fires and causes of each fire, as well as fire-related injuries, deaths, and/or property damage for each on-campus student housing facility.

Both reports (which Georgia Tech has combined into one document) must be published by Oct. 1 of every year, as announced to the community via email. The reports are also made available to the public, generally through campus websites and upon request.

The Clery Act is named in memory of 19-year-old Jeanne Ann Clery, a Lehigh University freshman who was tragically murdered in her residence hall room on April 5, 1986. Jeanne’s parents, Connie and Howard Clery, had assumed the campus was safe and learned only later that Lehigh University students had not been informed of the 38 violent crimes that occurred on the Lehigh campus in the three years before Jeanne’s murder. They eventually persuaded Congress to enact a law that would help mitigate future tragedies.

The U.S. Department of Education oversees compliance and enforcement of the Clery Act.

About Georgia Tech-Shenzhen

The Georgia Institute of Technology ("Georgia Tech") is one of the nation's top public research universities with more than 45,000 students who study in person at the main campus in Atlanta, at Georgia Tech-Europe in France, at Georgia Tech-Shenzhen in China, as well as through distance and online learning.

Georgia Tech-Shenzhen is an instructional site of the Georgia Institute of Technology and has enrolled students since August 2014. Currently it offers five degree programs: Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Master of Science in Analytics, Master of Science in Computer Science, Master of Science in Environmental Engineering, and Master of Industrial Design.

The Georgia Tech-Shenzhen transitional campus occupied floors 4 – 5 of Building 6A and floors 3 – 7 of Building 6B at Shenzhen International Innovation Valley in Shenzhen in 2022. The following report covers the area where GT-Shenzhen is located.
Georgia Tech Equal Opportunity, Nondiscrimination, and Anti-Harassment Policy

Georgia Tech provides equal opportunity to all faculty, staff, students, and all other members of the Georgia Tech community, including applicants for admission and/or employment, contractors, volunteers, and participants in institutional programs, activities, or services. Georgia Tech complies with all applicable laws and regulations governing equal opportunity in the workplace and in educational activities.

Georgia Tech prohibits discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, on the basis of race, ethnicity, ancestry, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, age, disability, genetics, or veteran status in its programs, activities, employment, and admissions. This prohibition applies to faculty, staff, students, and all other members of the Georgia Tech community, including affiliates, invitees, and guests.

Further, Georgia Tech prohibits citizenship status, immigration status, and national origin discrimination in hiring, firing, and recruitment, except where such restrictions are required in order to comply with law, regulation, executive order, or Attorney General directive, or where they are required by federal, state, or local government contract.

As a federal contractor, it is also Georgia Tech's policy to take affirmative actions to employ and to advance in employment all persons regardless of race, ethnicity, ancestry, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, age, marital status, disability, genetics, or protected veteran status, and to base all employment decisions only on valid job requirements. This policy shall apply to all employment actions, including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, recall, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship, at all levels of employment.

Georgia Tech makes reasonable accommodations for the disabilities of qualified employees, students, and applicants.

Public Safety at Georgia Tech-Shenzhen

Georgia Tech-Shenzhen is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all faculty, staff, and students. Though Georgia Tech-Shenzhen does not have its own police presence, it works in close collaboration with the Chinese local police authorities. Georgia Tech-Shenzhen is under the jurisdiction of Xili Police Station.

Xili Police Station
No. 8, Xili Road South, Nanshan District
Shenzhen, Guangdong, China
Phone: +86 755 2662 0723

American Consulate in Guangzhou

The nearest U.S. Consulate General to Georgia Tech-Shenzhen is located in Guangzhou, China, approximately 70 miles from the GT-Shenzhen transitional campus. The Consulate is able to provide several services to U.S. citizens, including passport requests, voting registration, notarial services, and
assistance to citizens in need. There are 211 trains running both ways on the Guangzhou – Shenzhen route, and 187 of them are high-speed trains with the shortest duration of about 30 minutes. The trains run frequently from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., which makes it easy to travel to the Consulate.

During an emergency situation, U.S. citizens should contact the after-hours phone number for American citizen-related emergencies at (010) 8531-4000.

For non-emergencies, individuals may seek information on U.S. Citizen Services on the U.S. Embassy’s website: https://china.usembassy-china.org.cn/.

**U.S. Consulate General Guangzhou**

43 Huajiu Rd, Tianhe District
Guangzhou, Guangdong Province
China, 510623
Tel: +86 20 3814 5775

**U.S. Embassy in China**

55 Anjialou Rd, Chaoyang District
Beijing, China, 100600
Tel: +86 10 8531 3000

**Facility Access, Security, and Maintenance**

Shenzhen is a major city in South China, situated immediately north of Hong Kong. It has a population of approximately 15 million. Even though Shenzhen is one of the largest cities in the world, it is generally safe when compared to other urban areas of similar size. The following factors may contribute to the generally safe conditions in Shenzhen:

- It is illegal to own guns in China.
- China has some of the world's harshest drug laws; use of illegal drugs is extremely rare.
- Shenzhen has a booming economy and low unemployment rate.
- The population density is high and people fill the streets even in the evenings.

Police presence is clearly visible throughout the city. In addition, overt video surveillance in public spaces in the city serves to deter crimes. Shenzhen is part of the Pearl River Delta region and is one of the most affluent areas of China. Violent crimes in this region are rare; most of the crimes are economic in nature. The GT-Shenzhen building is provided with security, custodial, and maintenance services.

**Campus Access**

**Security**

The current Georgia Tech-Shenzhen transitional campus is managed by Galaxy Property Group (also known as Galaxy Smart Life), which has passed ISO9001 for quality assurance in the facilities management area. Galaxy provides security, custodial, and maintenance services for the GT-Shenzhen transitional campus.
The building is guarded by security officers 24/7. They patrol all areas of the building regularly during the day, the evening, and overnight hours. The building also has security camera installations. All major hallways and entrances/exits of the building are monitored 24/7. Security camera footage can be archived.

The building is equipped with a siren system to alert occupants of any immediate danger. It is also equipped with water hose cabinets, fire extinguishers, and fireproof doors that can be dropped down with a push of a button to isolate a fire.

The local fire department conducts unannounced fire safety audits several times a year. The property management company also conducts fire drills a couple of times a year.

All GT-Shenzhen faculty and students are provided with a laminated emergency contact card shown below:

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**GT-Shenzhen Emergency Contact Info**

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*ALWAYS call on-site emergency staff in case of emergency*

**On-Site Emergency Contact Information (country code 86):**

*Yuan Zhang, Student Affairs Coordinator*

Tel: 184-7559-8953

**GTSI**

6F, Building 6B

International Innovation Valley, Dashi 1st Rd

Shenzhen, Guangdong 518055, China

Back:

*ALWAYS call on-site emergency staff in case of emergency*

**U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou:** 43 Hua Ju Road, Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District, Guangzhou, Guangzhou, 510623, China

Tel: (020) 8314-5775 Fax: (020) 8314-5752

Consular After Hours Emergencies: (020) 8314-4000

**Shenzhen University General Hospital**

1096 Xueyuan Avenue, Xili University Town

Nanshan District, Shenzhen, 518055, China

1.3 km (0.8 mile) away from GT-Shenzhen.

**Georgia Tech Campus Emergency Contact Information**

In the unlikely event that you cannot reach any program staff in Shenzhen, contact the GT Police: +1 (404) 894-2500 24-hours a day.
Safety Abroad

Upon faculty and students’ arrival in GT-Shenzhen, they receive detailed information about local resources, safety advice, Georgia Tech-Shenzhen policies, and emergency evacuation procedures.

Types of Access Controls

Access Control With Facial Recognition or QR Code
The main entrance to the campus is through automatic doors located on the first floor of Building 6B. Facial recognition or QR codes are used to provide access control to Building 6B. Only personnel working or studying in the building are granted access. When someone arrives at the access point, they will scan their faces or a QR code using their smartphone, which verify their identity and check their access permissions.

Valid Photo ID
In addition to the primary entrance on the first floor, Georgia Tech-Shenzhen requires all faculty, staff, and students to scan a valid photo ID in order to access the floors 3 – 7 of the GT-Shenzhen space. Visitors are asked to make an appointment ahead of time, fill out an e-form, and are only admitted once they receive a valid QR code.

After-Hours Access
For after-hours access to residential buildings, residents need to go through facial recognition or enter a password. After-hours access to GT-Shenzhen buildings is allowed for GT-Shenzhen faculty, staff, and students.

Visitation Policies

Residences
Residents may allow guests of any sex to visit their room/apartment with agreement from the other residents in their apartment. Apartment mates have the veto power over all guests. Residents are expected to accompany their guests at all times and accept responsibility for their behavior. Hosts should meet their guests at the building entrance and escort their guests at all times while in the building. At no time should any resident provide entrance to the building to someone who is not their guest.

Guests (including other Georgia Tech residents) are not allowed to stay in a resident’s room. Visitation privileges may be revoked for individuals or groups who violate visitation policies. Hall councils and roommates may develop rules that are supplementary to, but not in conflict with, the established guidelines.

Non-Residences
Except when authorized by the GT-Shenzhen management, all visitors who do not have official business with GT-Shenzhen may be restricted from visits to the buildings.
Missing Persons

All members of the Georgia Tech community, including faculty, staff, and students, are encouraged to report when they suspect a student is missing (i.e., when their whereabouts are unknown and unexplainable for a period of time). Reports should be made to the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD), the Department of Housing and Residence Life, and/or the Office of the Associate Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students. All reports not made directly to GTPD must be immediately referred to GTPD either in person or by phone at 404.894.2500.

There is no waiting period to report any missing person to GTPD. Upon notification that a person is or may be missing, GTPD will give full consideration and attention to the report, including careful recording of factual circumstances surrounding the disappearance and identifying those cases when an individual may be in jeopardy. If GTPD determines that a student is, in fact, missing they will, as soon as possible and practical, notify the appropriate campus administrators (e.g., dean of students, director of housing, etc.) and additional law enforcement agencies as appropriate.

Students residing in on-campus housing are encouraged to identify a contact person who will be notified by the Office of the Associate Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students or GTPD if they are determined to be missing. If the student is under the age of 18, and not emancipated, the dean of students will notify the student’s custodial parent or legal guardian and the identified contact person as soon as possible after the student is determined to be missing. A student who wishes to identify a contact can do so through the OSCAR Student Information System under the “Personal Information” menu. A student may view and update the “Housing Missing Person Contact” at any time.

The identity and all contact information for the “Housing Missing Person Contact” shall remain confidential, will be used only for the purpose specified herein, will only be accessible to authorized officials, and may not be disclosed except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing person investigation.

For more information, see the Missing Student Notification Policy at https://policylibrary.gatech.edu/search/results?search=missing%20students.

Reporting Crimes and Other Emergencies

Reporting to Local Authorities

Students and faculty receive a wallet-size card with phone numbers of the Georgia Tech-Shenzhen emergency contacts. For immediate assistance, they will be able to call the Emergency Response phone numbers: 110 for police, 119 for fire, and 120 for first aid ambulance.

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Reporting to Other Campus Security Authorities

All members of the Georgia Tech community, including students, faculty, staff, and guests, may also report specific crimes to any Campus Security Authority (CSA). These crimes, as defined by the Jeanne
Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), include: murder, non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, rape, fondling, incest, statutory rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson (limited to investigated cases determined by law enforcement authorities to be arson), domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Hate crimes need to be reported as well. Hate crimes include any of the above offenses and incidents of larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, or destruction/damage/vandalism of property that were motivated by the offender’s bias. Bias categories include disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, and sexual orientation.

The Clery Act defines a CSA broadly as:

1) A member of a campus police department.
2) Any individuals who have responsibility for campus security, but who do not constitute a police or security department (such as gate attendants).
3) Any persons designated in an institution’s campus security policy as a recipient of reports of criminal offenses from students or employees.
4) An official of an institution having significant responsibility for student and campus activities.

The following list denotes the positions at Georgia Tech-Shenzhen that meet the definition of a CSA. This list is intended to be comprehensive, but certain positions may not be specifically listed.

- Georgia Tech-Shenzhen Student Affairs Coordinator
- Georgia Tech-Shenzhen local Assistant Director
- Georgia Tech-Shenzhen Director
- Residence staff

Accurate reporting of the crime is important to the mission of compiling statistics required by the Clery Act, and timely reporting enables any necessary alerts to be distributed to the campus community.

If a crime victim reports a Clery Act crime to a CSA (other than GTPD) but does not wish to or otherwise cannot report to the police, the CSA will promptly report the crime to GTPD using the online form found at [police.gatech.edu/campus-security-authorities](http://police.gatech.edu/campus-security-authorities).

If the victim wishes to remain anonymous, the CSA can report the crime using the online form without disclosing the victim’s personally identifying information.

**Confidential Reporting**

For crimes that are reported to GTPD, confidentiality is limited to that provided by law. Because police reports are public records under state law, GTPD cannot hold reports of crime in confidence. Confidential reporting, for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics, can be made to Campus Security Authorities (as identified above) — excluding sworn members of GTPD. Accurate and prompt reporting will facilitate timely initiation of warnings and other appropriate emergency response procedures and will also help ensure the accuracy of crime statistics compiled and reviewed by the GTPD Crime Analyst in compliance with the Clery Act.
Persons Exempt From Reporting Clery Reportable Crimes
Pastoral counselors and professional counselors, when acting as such, are not considered to be Campus Security Authorities and are not required to report crimes. Georgia Tech-Shenzhen has no one currently on staff who meets the definition of either pastoral counselors or professional counselors.

Suspected Child Abuse Reporting
Chinese law requires all people, in the course of their duties, who suspect that a child has been abused on or off campus to report that abuse immediately to the local police authority or by phone at 110. According to "Minor Protection Law" in China, any organization or individual that discovers any situation that is detrimental to the physical and mental health of minors or infringes upon the legitimate rights and interests of minors has the right to dissuade, stop, or file reports or accusations with the public security, civil affairs, education, and other relevant departments.

The Daily Crime Logs
The Daily Crime Log is generated automatically and uploaded directly from the GTPD Records Management System for public viewing via the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) website at https://police.gatech.edu/crime-logs-and-map. The crimes are recorded in the order the reports are received, and the log is updated in real time with the most recent information displayed first. The Daily Crime Log includes the case number, nature of the offense, date and time of the offense, general location of the offense, and the case disposition. GT-Shenzhen does not have its own police presence but works closely with GTPD on crime reporting.

A copy of the Daily Crime Log is also available to the public in person during regular business hours through the Records Unit, Georgia Tech Police Department, 965 Hemphill Ave. NW, Atlanta, Georgia. Portions of the log older than 60 days are also available online, in person during regular business hours, or by request to openrecords@police.gatech.edu.

The Daily Crime Log is retained by GTPD and is accessible for seven years. It will never include information that would jeopardize the confidentiality of the victim. Archived logs will be made available to the requester within two business days of receiving the request.

Timely Warnings/Clery Act Safety Alerts
Should a situation arise, the GT-Shenzhen student affairs coordinator will immediately be contacted to evaluate the situation and decide if it is an ongoing or continuing threat to the community requiring a Clery Act Safety Alert, also known as a Timely Warning, to be issued. Timely Warnings are issued without delay, as soon as the pertinent information is available.

GT-Shenzhen evaluates reports made to them and to local law enforcement to determine if a warning must be disseminated. Timely Warnings are issued via text, phone, and email. Timely Warnings will not include the names and other identifying information of complainants.

The purpose of these Timely Warnings is to notify the campus community of the incident and to provide information that may enable community members to protect themselves from similar incidents. The Institute will issue Timely Warnings whenever the following criteria are met: 1) a crime is committed; 2) the perpetrator has not been apprehended; and 3) there is a substantial risk to the physical safety of other members of the campus community because of the crime. Such crimes include but are not limited
to: 1) Clery Act crimes that are reported to any Campus Security Authority or the local police; or 2) crimes in which the Institute determines that the incident represents an ongoing threat to the campus community. If a robbery suspect has already been detained, the crime is not considered a threat to the community and no warning is sent. When issuing Timely Warnings, Georgia Tech withholds as confidential the names of victims. Timely Warnings shall be decided on a case-by-case basis considering all the facts surrounding the crime. Additionally, the Georgia Tech Police Department may, in some circumstances, issue Timely Warnings when there is a pattern of crimes against persons or property.

Emergency Notifications
Georgia Tech-Shenzhen is committed to ensuring that the campus community receives timely, accurate, and useful information in the event of an emergency or dangerous situation that poses a risk to the health or safety of the campus community. In situations where there is an imminent threat that requires the community to take immediate action, GT-Shenzhen may initiate emergency notification based upon their initial assessment. This may entail notifying the faculty, staff, and students by phone, text, and email, as well as the local safety units (police, fire, environmental health and safety).

Tornado Warnings
GT-Shenzhen monitors tornado warnings and will notify the campus by text, phone, and email.

Determining What Information to Release
The priority for an emergency notification is to trigger an immediate response from the community to seek safety. Initial messaging may only declare that an emergency situation exists on campus and that the campus community should take shelter. Subsequent messaging may include more specifics such as the location and time of the incident(s). The initial emergency notification should not be delayed in order to verify and communicate a specific location of an incident on campus. Subsequent messaging may provide such details as time allows for more verification. Further, the Incident Commander may direct the use of emergency notification to assist the response. Follow-up messages will be sent to update the campus on continuing developments, including an “All Clear” when the threat has passed.

Emergency Planning and Exercising

Emergency Operations Plan
GTPD’s Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEM) is responsible for the overall direction and planning for emergency situations that occur on campus or in the local or regional area affecting the campus. The OEM has developed a comprehensive, all hazards Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that outlines steps the Institute will take to prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from a full range of likely hazards the campus community may face. The EOP establishes a concept of operations, assigns functional responsibilities to Institute departments during an emergency, and contains incident-specific plans and other appropriate annexes and appendices. The EOP is reviewed annually and published on the department website.

To ensure that these plans remain current and actionable, the Institute conducts various exercises of components of the EOP throughout each year. These exercises may include workshops, drills, tabletop exercises, functional exercises, or full-scale exercises. Depending upon the nature of the exercise, OEM and GTPD may make the community aware of the exercise by utilizing one or more of the following: the
emergency notification system itself, social media, posters, and direct conversation with those involved, as to not alert or alarm the community.

**Housing-Specific Exercises**
Emergency evacuation drills for Georgia Tech-Shenzhen Housing are conducted a couple of times a year by the off-campus apartment building management and the local fire department. The drills are described in more detail in the Georgia Tech-Shenzhen Fire Safety Report.

**Building Emergency Plans**
Building Managers are tasked with updating and maintaining an emergency manual specific to each facility, which includes evacuation and assembly points, locations of AEDs, and hazards unique to that building. Building Managers also ensure that evacuation plans are posted near each elevator and stairwell.

**Security and Safety Education and Prevention Programming**
Safety, security, and crime prevention are everyone’s responsibilities. The cooperation and involvement of faculty, staff, and students are absolutely essential to having a safe campus. Your safety and the security of your belongings begin with your own awareness and commitment. All members of the campus community are informed of crime prevention and safety awareness programs offered by GT-Shenzhen during student and employee orientation sessions held in the fall, spring, and summer.

**Personal Safety Training**
Multiple informational sessions are available and offered to students, faculty, and staff at the beginning of each semester, which cover:

- Security and Safety Education and Awareness
- Emergency Preparedness
- Safety Abroad
- Mental Health
- Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention
- Weather Hazards and Precautions

**Additional Safety Training Resources**
Crime Awareness and Prevention Speakers: You can request a speaker from GTPD to talk with your group or organization about crime awareness and prevention by calling 404.894.2500 or visiting the Services section at police.gatech.edu.

Safety Videos: Many short safety videos are available to the campus community through the GTPD YouTube page (search for GaTechPD). Videos include the “Planet Tech” walking distracted episodes, a Pedestrian Scramble PSA, and other general videos.
Publications: GTPD prepares and distributes numerous brochures and pamphlets covering topics such as alcohol and drug abuse awareness, general crime prevention, bicycle safety and security, and traffic safety. Copies are available at GTPD.

Campus Community Safety Services
Additional resources and services that contribute to overall campus safety and security are available to Georgia Tech students, faculty, staff, and visitors, including:

Lost and Found: GT-Shenzhen operates a lost and found for valuable property. If you have lost property that is not of significant value, check with the Building Managers where the property may have been left.

Basic Safety Tips
- Be aware of your surroundings. Keep your head up, stay alert, and do not get distracted.
- Choose well-lit, busy streets and areas, and walk with a friend.
- Know where the police station is and which buildings are open late.
- Know where the campus emergency telephones are located.
- Use body language to communicate that you are calm, confident, and know where you are going.
- Make eye contact with those around you.
- Trust your instincts. Leave if you feel uncomfortable in a setting. Cross the street, move to a well-lit area, and quickly go to the nearest populated facility.
- Never prop open exterior doors to residence halls or other buildings.
- Keep room doors locked at all times, even if you are inside.
- Carry your keys at all times.

International Taxi/Public Transportation Safety Tips
- Practice situational awareness and crime mitigation strategies when using public transportation, as opportunistic theft occurs worldwide.
- Passengers utilizing public transportation or at stations or bus/taxi stops make for prime targets.
- Be cognizant of your belongings and take care at busy stations; in particular, beware of individuals jostling you.
- If traveling at night, use well-lit stations whenever possible.
- Only use taxis from a reputable company.
- Do not share a taxi/rideshare with strangers while traveling abroad.
- When the taxi arrives, take note of the license plate and obtain the taxi driver’s information and also check that the driver has a photo ID displayed; not only is this a good practice for your safety, but this information can be invaluable should you leave any personal belongings behind.
- Check the meter and agree to a fare before entering.
- If the door does not lock, sit in the middle of the seat to discourage opportunistic thieves at stops.

Personal Safety Tips
Although the victim is never at fault, taking a few simple precautions as you go about your daily activities can reduce your chances of becoming a crime victim.
Publicizing Personal Information

- Be careful about publicizing personal information — your name, picture, hobbies, and other identifiable details — on websites and other easily accessible sources.
- Be aware that personal information posted on social media may open the door for this information to be used by individuals to commit identity theft or other predatory crimes.

When Walking

- Walk facing traffic.
- Be aware of the flow of traffic and look both ways prior to crossing road.
- Carry a minimal number of belongings.
- Keep emergency money for transportation in a separate location such as a pocket.
- Avoid walking alone after dark, especially in an unfamiliar area. Try to find a ride from a friend or use the available campus resources.
- Have your keys in your hand when approaching your vehicle or residence.
- If you feel you are being followed by someone in a vehicle, change your direction and write down the license plate number.

In a Vehicle

- Keep your vehicle in good running condition and filled with fuel.
- Plan your route in advance.
- Keep your vehicle doors locked at all times.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Never pick up strangers.
- Do not stop to help motorists. Instead, signal that you will call for help.
- If you are being followed, go to the nearest police or fire station, or an open facility. If no safe areas are near, honk the horn repeatedly and turn on your emergency flashers. Call police when it is safe to do so.

Jogging, Bicycling, and Other Outdoor Activities

- Choose safe, well-populated routes.
- Vary your routine, including the times you perform certain activities and the routes you take to or from such activities.
- Wear light, brightly colored clothing, especially at dusk and at night.
- Avoid jogging, biking, and other outdoor activities alone at night.
- If possible, carry a personal safety alarm.
- Do not wear headphones that cancel other sounds.

While You’re Out or Shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of everything around you. Take a minute to observe who may be watching you. Criminals often target people who are distracted.
- Don’t use shortcuts through alleys or walkways; stay in well-lit and well-traveled areas.
- When possible, shop with friends or relatives — there is safety in numbers.
- As you shop, be alert in crowded places. Among pickpockets’ favorites are jammed aisles, elevators, and public transportation stops, especially at rush hour.
- If you must take a wallet or purse, carry it close to your body with the clasp nearest you and be alert. They are prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, and
on buses and other public transit. Never leave your wallet or purse unattended in a shopping cart or on a counter.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Make a list of all your credit/debit cards and their numbers and keep this list at home. This will assist you and the police if they are stolen. Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused.
- Be alert for suspicious persons loitering in parking lots.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. People may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- If you feel unsafe, ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

Before Traveling

- Do some research about your intended destination and find out about any risks or potentially dangerous areas to avoid.
- Make sure your parents or friends have the cellphone numbers and full names of your traveling companions in case you lose your phone or some other problem arises that would make it difficult to contact you.
- Let your parents know your planned travel route, any planned stops, diversions, etc., and the physical address and the phone number of your intended destination.
- Be sure to lock your room and apartment and make sure your valuables are completely secure. Unplug unnecessary appliances and equipment that might increase risk of a fire.
- While traveling, always wear your seatbelt, obey the speed limits, and be prepared to adjust your speed if weather conditions require it.
- Get sufficient rest before traveling and always drive safely and defensively.
- Don’t drink and drive.

What If It Happens to You?

- Do not resist if an attacker is only after your belongings or other valuables. Do not escalate a property crime into a violent confrontation.
- Remain calm and do not show signs of panic, anger, or confusion.
- Try to get a good description of your attacker, focusing on attributes such as: age, sex, scars, race, height, weight, complexion, tattoos, type of clothing, and body build.

Property Safety Tips

The most frequently reported crimes are those involving theft of personal or institutional property. The following are some of the most commonly reported to GTPD, along with security tips to help you protect your property.

For Your Room and Apartment When You’re Away

- Be sure all of your windows and doors are locked before you leave.
- Turn off or unplug unnecessary appliances before you leave.
- Valuables should not be visible through the windows and doors.
- When possible, take valuables with you, or lock them up.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your apartment.
At the ATM
- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a bank, mall, or well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings when you use an ATM.
- If you notice anything unusual, cancel your transaction, pocket your card, and leave immediately. Go to a safe place and call police.
- Have everything ready (deposit slips, card) when you arrive at the ATM. When you have completed your transaction, pocket your cash and card immediately.
- Protect your password or PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.
- Treat your ATM card like cash and guard it carefully. Never write your pin number on the card or give account numbers or card information over the phone, unless you know exactly to whom you are speaking.

Fraud Prevention
- Refuse any form of marketing and protect your personal information.
- Take care of your personal documents, and do not let others use them on your behalf.
- Always carry a photocopy of your important documentation (e.g., passport).
- Pay attention to any kinds of tele-fraud.
- Keep your passwords safe.

Bicycles and Other Mobility Devices
- Park in areas with a high volume of pedestrian traffic.
- Lock your bicycle or scooter with a high-quality, U-shaped lock.

Computers and Other Office Equipment
- Lock your room or office every time you leave.
- Keep records that include a description of the equipment along with the make, model, and manufacturer’s serial number.
- Secure computers with cable locks or other security devices.
- Consider purchasing and installing a tracking device on your laptop.

Theft of Personal Items
- Write your name or owner identification number on several pages inside your books.
- Never leave your backpack, laptop, tablet, smartphone, and other property unattended. While lockers are safe for storing clothes, they can be broken into. Do not store valuable items in a locker.

Weapons on Campus
It is illegal to bring any weapons to China. Anyone who illegally carries firearms, ammunition, or crossbows, daggers, and other country-regulated instruments into a campus shall be detained and fined.
Alcohol and Illegal Drug Policies, Education, and Assistance

Georgia Tech is committed to maintaining a campus free of drug and alcohol abuse and assisting all employees and students in finding ways to address such problems.

Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Drugs Prohibition

All persons must comply with federal, state, and local laws and the policies of Georgia Tech and the Board of Regents governing the use, possession, manufacture, distribution, dispensation, and sale of alcoholic beverages while on the Georgia Tech campus and at Georgia Tech events either on or off campus. The legal drinking age in China is 18. Alcohol may not be consumed in common areas or on the grounds of the residences or in the Georgia Tech-Shenzhen academic facilities.

Georgia Tech does not permit or condone the illegal possession and/or use of controlled substances. Controlled substances mean any drug, substance, or immediate precursor included in the definition of controlled substance in the Official Code of Georgia Section 16-13-21 (4) or Schedule I through V of Section 202 of the Federal Controlled Substance Act [21 United States Code 812].

In addition, in accordance with federal and state laws and because of the potential detriment to the health and well-being of Georgia Tech employees, all employees are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, dispensation, or sale of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances (including marijuana), or other dangerous drugs on the campus of Georgia Tech (including all property owned or leased by Georgia Tech) and at all Georgia Tech activities on or off campus. The enforcement of federal, state, and local laws pertaining to underage drinking; possession, use, and sale of drugs; and any other criminal occurrences is referred to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.

Educational Programs

All incoming undergraduate students are required to complete AlcoholEdu to learn more about alcohol and drug safety prior to the end of their first semester at the Institute.

Voluntary educational programs are supported and encouraged through a variety of departments. A small sampling of educational opportunities includes:

- Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention (GTPD’s Crime Prevention Unit)
- Alcohol and Drug Impairment “Fatal Vision” goggles (GTPD, Campus Safety Day)
- Alcohol and Academics (Wellness Empowerment Center)
- Effects of Drugs and Alcohol on Health and Athletic Performance (Georgia Tech Athletic Association)
- Tech Stories scenario-based education (FASET orientation)
- CHOICES – Office of Student Integrity
Alcohol Policies and Procedures

Georgia Tech has established policies and procedures governing the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus, as well as any event or activity (either on or off campus) that is organized, sponsored, or supervised by a Georgia Tech college, school, office, department, unit, or affiliate:

- The Student/Student Organization Alcohol and Other Drug Policy may be obtained through the Office of Student Integrity or through the Georgia Tech Policy Library at https://policylibrary.gatech.edu/student-life/studentstudent-organization-alcohol-and-other-drug-policy.

- The Employee Alcohol and Illegal Drug Use Policy may be obtained from Georgia Tech Human Resources or through the Georgia Tech Policy Library at https://policylibrary.gatech.edu/employment/employee-alcohol-and-illegal-drug-use.

- The Good Samaritan/Medical Amnesty Provision can be found at https://osi.gatech.edu/policies/good-samaritanmedical-amnesty-provision.

- The Campus Alcohol Policy can be found on the Georgia Tech Policy Library website at https://policylibrary.gatech.edu/campus-use-facilities/campus-alcohol-policy. This policy describes the approval policies required for serving alcohol at Georgia Tech events.

Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Programs

Students with alcohol or drug-related concerns may be referred to or seek assistance from the Division of Student Engagement and Well-Being. The Division provides trained professional and paraprofessional counselors in the Center for Mental Health Care and Resources for alcohol and other drug use, misuse, prevention, education, and counseling.

The Employee Assistance Program confidentially refers faculty and staff to resources such as clinics, physicians, and agencies. The Employee Assistance Program is provided at no cost to employees; however, the employee may be responsible for payment of services that are beyond the number of sessions provided by the Employee Assistance Program.

For more information about the Employee Assistance Program, please visit the Human Resources EAP website: https://hr.gatech.edu/eap.

Sexual Assault, Dating or Domestic Violence, and Stalking Prevention and Response

The Georgia Institute of Technology is committed to a learning and working environment free from gender-based violence for all Institute community members. The Institute community includes students, faculty, and staff, as well as contractors, vendors, visitors, and guests. As part of this commitment, the Institute expressly prohibits sexual misconduct, including dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking consistent with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972,

**Procedures Following a Crime of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking**

If you or someone close to you are the victim of gender-based violence, know that you are not alone. The information included below will help you navigate some of what you may be experiencing. No matter what you have experienced or how you are feeling now, it is important to prioritize your safety. You don’t have to go through this alone, and this information is intended to help you navigate the process.

Sexual assault is any type of unwanted sexual activity committed against you, without consent, from unwanted touching to rape. Sexual assault can happen by threats, coercion, or physical force. Dating and domestic violence is when someone harms another individual in the context of a romantic relationship, whether that be marriage, living together, or dating formally or informally. This can include physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, or all three. It can occur when you are deeply in love with someone or happen on the first date, and it can even occur long after a romantic or sexual relationship has ended.

Stalking is any type of repeated contact that makes a person feel afraid for their safety and or causes them to suffer significant emotional distress. Stalking can include someone following you, repeatedly calling or texting, or other use of technology such as email or social media.

**Options for Seeking Medical Attention and Preserving Evidence**

After a sexual assault, seeking medical attention within the first five days is important for medical reasons, as well as for collecting evidence for a law enforcement investigation. Local rape crisis centers are available for medical and counseling assistance 24 hours a day. Call 404.616.4861 to contact the Grady Rape Crisis Center directly.

Although your first instinct after a sexual assault may be to bathe, it is very important that you do not bathe, wash, gargle, brush your hair, or change your clothes if you plan to have a rape kit examination conducted. Important physical evidence could be destroyed if you do so. If you do bathe, you are still encouraged to seek a forensic medical exam at a hospital or other facility, where evidence can still be collected. If possible, bring your changed clothes in a brown paper bag (not plastic) for evidence collection. You do not have to report the incident to law enforcement in order to have a rape kit examination, but the exam allows you to have evidence collected and preserved should you decide to report at a later time.

In addition, photos, text messages, social media posts, instant/direct messages, and any other communications, including audio files, or physical documents may provide information useful for investigations in stalking cases. In some situations, including dating or domestic violence, taking photographs of visible injuries is an important way to capture or preserve evidence for future investigations.

Additionally, a VOICE Advocate can accompany students to the hospital or rape crisis center. Victims have the option to seek medical attention without having a rape kit exam conducted, and receive assistance with other documentation, such as photos, for cases of dating or domestic violence. They
may seek medical attention for injuries, screening for a sexually transmitted infection, emergency contraception, and pregnancy testing.

Georgia Tech faculty and staff members seeking medical attention are directed to local rape crisis centers, including the Grady Rape Crisis Center. If it is not possible to seek medical care within the five-day window for a rape kit exam, it is still important to seek medical attention as soon as possible.

**Reporting Sexual Misconduct**

When sexual misconduct occurs, including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, all members of the Institute community are strongly encouraged to report it promptly to the Chinese police line 110 or the Georgia Tech Police Department at 404.894.2500 or in person. Reports made to GTPD will not initiate disciplinary proceedings.

GTPD provides victims with written information about the Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights, as well as information on obtaining Temporary Protective Orders, Institute No-Contact Orders, and support services and resources available to community members affected by sexual misconduct. Individuals can also report to their local police department.

Reports of sexual misconduct may also be made to the Title IX Coordinator online at the “Report an Incident” link provided at [diversity.gatech.edu/equity-compliance/reporting-options/i-want-report-incident](https://diversity.gatech.edu/equity-compliance/reporting-options/i-want-report-incident), by phone at 404.317.2270 or by email to titleix@gatech.edu. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for providing parties with supportive and protective measures, regardless of whether an individual chooses to report the crime to GTPD or local law enforcement. The Title IX Coordinator also provides information about the Institute’s sexual misconduct disciplinary proceedings, and students’ and employees’ rights and options with respect to reporting and filing a complaint, regardless of the location of the offense.

The Institute, through the Title IX Coordinator or VOICE, Georgia Tech's victim support initiative, has resources to assist parties in making reports to law enforcement if the individual so chooses. Parties also have the option to decline to notify law enforcement authorities.

The Title IX Coordinator and VOICE can assist individuals with information about orders of protection, no-contact orders, and restraining orders. Regardless of whether a complaint is filed with GTPD or the Title IX Coordinator, an individual can still receive support services from the Title IX Coordinator. Once a court issues an order of protection or restraining order, individuals are encouraged to provide copies of the report to GTPD to keep on file and have the authority to enforce the order. In addition, should the Title IX Coordinator issue a No-Contact Directive, any violations of the order are to be reported to either the Office of Student Integrity and/or Employee Relations. On- and off-campus resources are available online at [https://diversity.gatech.edu/equity-compliance/reporting-options/i-want-talk-someone](https://diversity.gatech.edu/equity-compliance/reporting-options/i-want-talk-someone).

Regardless of how the Institute becomes aware of alleged sexual misconduct, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure a prompt, fair, and impartial review and resolution of complaints alleging sexual misconduct. Where a report of sexual misconduct has been made, the Title IX Coordinator shall review the complaint to determine whether the allegations describe conduct in violation of the Institute’s Sexual Misconduct Policy.

**Confidentiality**
Although the goal is to limit the number of individuals who may learn about an allegation or investigation of sexual misconduct, Georgia Tech cannot guarantee confidentiality in all cases. Georgia Tech will, however, make reasonable and appropriate efforts to preserve the parties’ privacy and to protect the confidentiality of information. To the extent permissible by law, Georgia Tech shall take reasonable steps to avoid inclusion of identifying information of either party in publicly available records. Access to student disciplinary records is governed by applicable state and federal laws, including but not limited to FERPA.

**Georgia Tech Resources and Support**

When the Title IX Coordinator has received information regarding an allegation of sexual misconduct, the involved individuals will be provided written information about support services. Support services are non-disciplinary, non-punitive, individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without charge. These services are made available to either party at any point before or after the filing of a complaint or where no complaint has been filed. Support services include counseling; advocacy; housing assistance; academic support and/or academic accommodations; health and mental services; changes to academic or employment arrangements, schedules, or supervision; and other services.

The Institute will maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to an individual, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the supportive measures.

The following Georgia Tech offices offer resources and support to those affected by sexual misconduct or who are involved in the sexual misconduct investigation and resolution process:

**For Students:**
Equity and Compliance Programs/Title IX Coordinator
404.317.2270
titleix.gatech.edu

Individuals may choose to meet with the Institute’s Title IX Coordinator to learn about their rights and options, acquire supportive measures, request academic and other accommodations, request an informal resolution, or begin a formal complaint process. The Title IX Coordinator will assist in obtaining:

- Counseling.
- Advocacy assistance.
- Housing assistance.
- Academic support.
- Academic accommodations/modifications as needed.
- Health/mental health services.
- Changes to: academic, living, transportation, and working situations.

Supportive measures will be maintained as confidential to the extent possible and are independent of any law enforcement or disciplinary investigation.

VOICE
404.894.9000 (24 hours per day)
The Wellness Empowerment Center has VOICE Advocates on staff who can provide confidential, immediate, and ongoing support to a victim-survivor coping with an experience of sexual violence. Support includes information about reporting options, regardless of when or where the violence occurred, facilitation of academic, housing, and other accommodations, and connecting victim-survivors with resources if they are struggling with classes, relationships, or other effects of their experience. In addition, VOICE provides information, educational programs, referrals, and support for sexual assault, rape, dating or domestic violence, sexual harassment, stalking, and related issues.

Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD)
404.894.2500
GTPD officers are trained to help ensure the well-being of victims, provide transportation to Grady Hospital for treatment, and support the investigation and prosecution of cases.

Office of the AVP for Student Engagement and Well-Being and Dean of Students
404.894.2565
The Office of the AVP for Student Engagement and Well-Being and Dean of Students can serve as an advocate for students in reporting incidents of sexual violence and provide resources and referrals for victims. It also enforces Institute disciplinary actions in response to sexual violence through the Office of Student Integrity.

Women’s Health
404.894.1434
Women’s Health at Stamps Health Services has staff who provide services for sexual and reproductive health needs. Women’s Health offers pelvic exams and pap smears, contraception — including emergency contraception — and sexually transmitted infection screening. They do not, however, collect rape kits. If students do not wish to visit Women’s Health, they can make an appointment with a provider in Primary Care at Stamps Health Services.

Georgia Tech Center for Mental Health Care and Resources
404.894.2575
The Center offers free, confidential counseling services for Georgia Tech students who have been victims of sexual violence. Other types of counseling services are also provided.

Women’s Resource Center
404.385.0230
Confidential staff in the Women’s Resource Center, a unit in the Office of the Dean of Students, work to connect victim-survivors with Advocates in Health Initiatives as well as provide additional resources for those who may be struggling with classes, relationships, or other significant matters that may have resulted from their experience.

LGBTQIA Resource Center
404.385.2679
The Center coordinates a range of programs and events throughout the year aimed at educating faculty, students, and staff about LGBTQIA issues, providing safe spaces for LGBTQIA students to build community and explore their identities, and facilitating conversations about LGBTQIA diversity, equity, and
inclusion. Confidential individual support is available throughout the year for students, faculty, and staff who want to discuss needs and concerns.

Office of International Education
404.894.7475
Immigration and visa assistance can be obtained by contacting the Office of International Education at info@oie.gatech.edu. For a full list of services, please see isss.oie.gatech.edu.

For Employees:

Equity and Compliance Programs/Title IX Coordinator
404.317.2270
Individuals may choose to meet with the Institute’s Title IX Coordinator to learn about their rights and options, acquire supportive measures, request accommodations, request an informal resolution, or begin a formal complaint process.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
1.844.243.4440
Georgia Tech has contracted with Kepro to provide employees and their family members with a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program, a confidential counseling service that assists employees in addressing emotional and mental health concerns. EAP is staffed by counselors who are providers of mental health services licensed in Georgia.

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Community Resources
Dating/Domestic Violence and Stalking Resources
24/7 Crisis Line, emergency shelter and transitional housing program, support groups, temporary protective orders, legal advocacy, and community education. These agencies are in confidential locations.

Partnership Against Domestic Violence (Fulton, Gwinnett) | 404.873.1766
Women’s Resource Center to End Domestic Violence (DeKalb) | 404.688.9436
LiveSafe Resources (Cobb) | 770.427.3390
Sexual Assault Resources
24/7 Crisis Line, sexual assault evidence preservation exams and medical treatment, counseling, support groups, and accompaniment to court.

LiveSafe Resources (Marietta) | 770.427.3390
Grady Rape Crisis Center (Hospital-based center in Atlanta) | 404.616.4861
Day League (Atlanta) | 404.377.1428

Procedures for Institutional Disciplinary Action in Cases of Alleged Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking

The Institute processes Formal Complaints against student respondents as provided in Board of Regents Policy 6.7 (Sexual Misconduct Policy) and Policy 4.6.5 (Standards for Institutional Student Conduct Investigation and Disciplinary Proceedings) of the Policy Manual of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The Student Code of Conduct (Non-Academic Misconduct) may also apply where the Board of Regents policies are silent. The Institute processes Formal Complaints against employee respondents using Board of Regents Policy 6.7 (Sexual Misconduct Policy) and USG’s Human Resources Administrative Practice (HRAP) Manual (Prohibit Discrimination and Harassment).

A Formal Complaint may be made by any member of Georgia Tech’s Community. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for determining which type of proceeding will be used for each complaint. Case-by-case determinations will be made based on the nature of the reported incident, who is involved, and the context of and/or where it occurred.

Standard of Evidence
All Georgia Tech disciplinary proceedings involving dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking are resolved using the preponderance of the evidence standard. This standard requires that the evidence shows that it is more likely than not the alleged incident or behavior occurred. Formal judicial rules of evidence do not apply to the investigation and resolution process.

Possible Sanctions
The broad range of sanctions for a student respondent found to have violated Georgia Tech’s sexual misconduct policy includes: expulsion; suspension for an identified time frame or until satisfaction of certain conditions or both; temporary or permanent separation of the parties (e.g., change in classes, reassignment of residence, no-contact orders, limiting geography of where parties can go on campus) with additional sanctions for violating no-contact orders; required participation in training/awareness education programs; required participation in alcohol and other drug awareness and abuse prevention programs; counseling or mentoring; volunteering/community service; loss of institutional privileges; delays in obtaining administrative services and benefits from the institution (e.g., holding transcripts, delaying registration, graduation, diplomas); additional academic requirements relating to scholarly work or research; financial restitution; warning and/or probation.

If it is determined an employee respondent violated Georgia Tech’s sexual misconduct policy, disciplinary action may be taken up to and including suspension without pay or termination. In determining the severity of sanctions or corrective actions, the following should be considered: the frequency, severity, and/or nature of the offense; history of past conduct; an offender’s willingness to
accept responsibility; previous institutional response to similar conduct; strength of the evidence; and the well-being of the university community.

**Protective Measures**
Interim measures may be implemented at any point after the Institute becomes aware of an allegation of sexual misconduct and should be designed to protect individuals in the USG community. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the recipient’s educational environment, or deter sexual misconduct and retaliation. Protective measures offered by the Institute include counseling, advocacy, housing assistance, academic support, health and mental services, changing workplace arrangements, mutual no-contact directives, and other services.

Interim measures must be implemented consistent with the provisions in applicable Board of Regents and institutional policies and procedures.

**Rules Governing Sexual Misconduct Proceedings**
All Georgia Tech disciplinary proceedings involving reports of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking shall be conducted in a prompt, fair, and impartial manner, from the initial investigation through resolution. Efforts will be made to complete the investigation and resolution within 120 business days. Temporary delays and limited extensions may be granted by the Institute for good cause throughout the investigation and resolution process. The Institute shall keep the parties informed of the status throughout the grievance process, including investigation, adjudication, and institutional appeals.

**Advisors**
Both the complainant and the respondent, as parties to the matter, shall have the opportunity to use an advisor of the party’s choosing at the party’s own expense. The advisor may accompany the party to all meetings and may provide advice and counsel to their respective party throughout the sexual misconduct process, including providing questions, suggestions, and guidance to the party, but may not actively participate in the process except as described under the special procedures for Title IX proceedings. All communication during the sexual misconduct process will be between the institution and the party and not the advisor. With the party’s permission, the advisor may be copied on all communications.

**Investigation**
Throughout any investigation and resolution proceeding, a party shall receive written notice of the alleged sexual misconduct, shall be provided an opportunity to respond, and shall be allowed the right to remain silent or otherwise not participate in or during the investigation and resolution process without an adverse inference resulting. If a party chooses to remain silent or otherwise not participate in the investigation or resolution process, the investigation and resolution process may still proceed, and policy violations may result. Until a final determination of responsibility, the respondent is presumed to have not violated the Sexual Misconduct Policy.

The parties shall be provided with written notice of the report/allegations with sufficient details, pending investigation, possible charges, possible sanctions, available support services and interim measures, and other rights under applicable Institute policies. Sufficient details include the identities of the parties involved (if known), the conduct allegedly constituting sexual misconduct, and the date and
location of the alleged incident (if known). This information will be supplemented as necessary with relevant evidence collected during the investigation. The notice should also include the identity of any investigators involved. Notice should be provided simultaneously to parties via institution email to each party’s institution email.

Upon receipt of the written notice, the parties shall have at least three business days to respond in writing. In that response, the respondent shall have the right to admit or deny the allegations and to set forth a defense with facts, witnesses, and supporting materials. A complainant shall have the right to respond to and supplement the notice. Throughout the sexual misconduct processes the complainant and the respondent shall have the right to present witnesses and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence.

If the respondent admits responsibility, the process may proceed to the sanctioning phase or may be informally resolved, if appropriate.

An investigator shall conduct a thorough investigation and should retain written notes and/or obtain written or recorded statements from each interview. The investigator shall also keep a record of any party’s proffered witnesses not interviewed, along with a brief, written explanation of why the witnesses were not interviewed.

An investigator shall not access, consider, disclose, or otherwise use a party’s records made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional made in connection with the party’s treatment unless the party has provided voluntary written consent. This also applies to information protected by recognized legal privilege.

An initial draft of the investigation report shall be provided to the complainant, the respondent, their advisors, and appropriate officials. This report fairly summarizes the relevant evidence gathered during the investigation, as well as includes information about the witnesses who participated in the investigation, the identified policy violations, and next steps following the finalization of the investigation.

The complainant and respondent shall have at least 10 calendar days to review and respond in writing to the initial draft of the investigation report and directly related information gathered during the investigation. The investigator will review the complainant’s and the respondent’s written responses, if any, to determine whether further investigation or changes to the investigation report are necessary.

The final investigation report should be provided to the complainant, the respondent, their advisors, and appropriate officials at least 10 calendar days prior to the hearing. The final investigation report will also be provided to all hearing panel members for consideration during the adjudication process.

**Resolution**

The respondent and the complainant, as parties to the matter, may have the option of selecting informal resolution as a possible resolution in certain cases where the parties agree, and it is deemed appropriate by the Institute. The parties have the option to end informal resolution discussions and request the formal resolution process at any time before the terms of an information resolution are reached. However, matters resolved informally shall not be appealable.
**Hearing**

When a matter is not resolved through informal resolution, a hearing shall be set. All sexual misconduct cases involving student respondents shall be heard by a panel of faculty and/or staff. All sexual misconduct cases involving an employee respondent shall be heard by an independent individual decision-maker. All institutional participants in the sexual misconduct investigation and resolution process receive appropriate training as directed by the System Director or the Institute Title IX Coordinator and required by federal law. Before any hearing related meeting, parties will receive timely notice of any meeting either or both may attend. The investigator may testify as a witness regarding the investigation but shall otherwise have no part in the hearing process and shall not attempt to otherwise influence the proceedings outside of providing testimony during the hearing. All directly related evidence shall be available at the hearing for the parties and their advisors to reference during the hearing. Both parties are also provided the opportunity to identify witnesses and/or any additional evidence that may not have been available at the time of the investigation.

Following a hearing, the parties shall be simultaneously provided a written decision via institution email of the hearing outcome and any resulting sanctions or administrative actions. The decision must include the allegations, procedural steps taken through the investigation and resolution process, findings of facts supporting the determinations, determinations regarding responsibility, and the evidence relied upon and rationale for any sanction or other administrative action. The institution shall also notify the parties of their right to appeal. Both the complainant and the respondent have the right to appeal the findings.

**Appeals**

Either party has the right to appeal a decision made based upon any of the following limited appeal criteria:

1) To consider new information not brought out in the original hearing (or appeal), because such information was not known or knowable to the person appealing.

2) To allege a procedural error within the hearing process such as whether any hearing questions were improperly excluded or whether the decision was tainted by a conflict of interest or bias by the Title IX Coordinator, investigator, or decision-maker.

3) To allege that the finding was inconsistent with the weight of the information.

Neither respondent nor complainant can appeal an informal resolution. An appeal for a decision from a hearing must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Appellate Officer within five business days of the date of notification of the findings. Once received, the other party will be notified and provided five business days to submit a response to the appeal.

The appeal shall be a review of the record only, and no new meeting with either party is permitted. The Appellate Officer may affirm the original finding and sanction, affirm the original finding but issue a new sanction of greater or lesser severity, remand the case back to any lower decision-maker to correct a procedural or factual defect, or reverse or dismiss the case if there was a procedural or factual defect that cannot be remedied by remand.

For students, the Associate Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students or their designee shall then issue a decision in writing to both parties simultaneously within a reasonable time period, ordinarily 10 business days. This is the final decision of the Institute, unless the sanction is (or could have been) suspension or expulsion. In cases where the respondent has been expelled or suspended, the decision of the Associate Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students may be appealed to the
President or their designee (normally the Vice President for Student Engagement and Well-Being) solely on the criteria included above.

For staff, the Vice President for Human Resources is the first appellate officer who will issue the decision in writing to both parties simultaneously within a reasonable time. For faculty, the Provost is the first appellate officer who will issue the decision in writing to both parties simultaneously within a reasonable time. For all employees, the President or their designee’s decision shall be the final decision of the institution.

At every appellate level, the decision shall be simultaneously issued in writing to both parties, and will include information about any additional appeals, any change to the original decision, and when the results become final.

Should the respondent or complainant (where applicable) wish to appeal the final institutional decision, they may request review by the Board of Regents in accordance with the Board of Regents’ Policy on Discretionary Review.

- **Retaliation**
  Georgia Tech does not tolerate retaliation against anyone who has made a report or complaint, provided information, assisted, participated, or refused to participate in any manner in the sexual misconduct process. Anyone who believes that they have been subjected to retaliation should immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator. Any person found to have engaged in retaliation in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action. For more information, see the Georgia Tech Non-Retaliation Policy at policylibrary.gatech.edu/employment/non-retaliation-policy and the University System of Georgia’s Sexual Misconduct Policy at usg.edu/policymanual/section6/C2655.

**Educational Programs and Campaigns**

Georgia Tech is actively engaged in educating the campus community on preventing and responding to sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and stalking. These crimes are violations of the Sexual Misconduct Policy; the Equal Opportunity, Nondiscrimination, and Anti-Harassment Policy; and Georgia law, and are not tolerated on our campus.

Georgia Tech requires all new undergraduate, graduate, transfer, and dually enrolled students and employees to complete population-specific online Sexual Assault Prevention training, targeted at preventing dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Georgia Tech’s Equity and Compliance Office, which includes the Title IX Coordinator, offers sexual misconduct awareness and prevention training programs and workshops to student, faculty, and staff organizations and groups including athletic teams, Greek organizations, student clubs, department administrators, and Housing and Dining staff, among many others. Topics covered include identifying and responding to sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking; reporting sexual misconduct; what it means to be a Responsible Employee for reporting purposes; how to file a sexual misconduct complaint; support services and interim measures available to individuals affected by sexual violence; and procedures for investigating and resolving sexual misconduct complaints.
VOICE, a unit of the Wellness Empowerment Center, takes a comprehensive approach to sexual violence education and prevention programming on the Georgia Tech campus. VOICE offers the following trainings to the community each semester:

- VOICE peer educator or staff-facilitated workshops for student groups or residence halls on topics such as consent, sexual violence prevention strategies, healthy relationships, and ways to support a survivor.
- Bystander Intervention workshops (open to all students, faculty, and staff).
- Greeks Against Violence Trainings (open to students in the Greek community).
- Guest lectures in required health classes (APPH 1040) or other academic courses.

Each year, April is recognized nationally as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. VOICE, along with campus partners such as the Women’s Resource Center, organizes several awareness campaigns. These include Take Back the Night, a survivor speak-out and candlelight vigil, and Teal Ribbon Day, when students, faculty, and staff wear a teal ribbon to show their support for survivors of sexual violence. VOICE also coordinates other awareness campaigns throughout the year, including Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, Stalking Awareness Month in January, and Healthy Relationships Week in February.

**Bystander Intervention**

Intervening can be difficult, but every person on campus, whether a student, staff member, or faculty member, has a role in preventing violence or responding to it before, during, or after it happens.

- Sexual violence occurs when a culture tolerates these behaviors, and it starts with rape jokes or sexist or other oppressive language. If you hear it, remember you don’t have to laugh or participate.
- If you witness a potentially sexually violent situation, step in. Intervening can be direct or indirect; the important thing is that you do something. If you don’t feel comfortable addressing the potential perpetrator directly, consider causing a distraction or getting someone else to help you. Even if you don’t know the people involved, you can still help. If it is happening to a member of the Georgia Tech community, it’s your business.
- Being an active bystander might mean helping after you have learned an assault has occurred. Learn more about options available to victims and offer help and support if someone you know experiences any form of sexual violence. Believe the survivor and be supportive of their choices.

**What Consent Means**

Consent begins when individuals decide together to do the same thing, at the same time, in the same way, with each other. It is the responsibility of the initiator, or the person who wants to engage in the specific sexual activity, to make sure they have consent from their partner(s).

- Consent to one form of sexual activity does not imply consent to any other form of sexual activity.
- The initiator must obtain consent at every stage of sexual interaction.
- Consent may never be given by incapacitated persons. Incapacitation refers to the physical and/or mental inability to make informed, rational judgments. It can result from mental disability, sleep or any state of unconsciousness, involuntary physical restraint, status as a minor under the age of 16, or from intentional or unintentional taking of alcohol and/or other drugs. Whether someone is incapacitated is to be judged from the perspective of an objectively reasonable person.

**How You Can Get Involved in Preventing Sexual Violence**

Georgia Tech has a number of opportunities for community members interested in learning more about preventing sexual violence and getting involved, including the following:
• **The SGA Joint Sexual Violence Advisory Committee (JSVAC)** – JSVAC is an inclusive and diverse SGA-led student committee with a vision to create a campus where all students, faculty, and staff are protected and supported on all matters related to sexual and domestic violence. You can contact JSVAC at sga.health.wellbeing@gmail.com.

• **Peer Education** – If you want to help educate the community about sexual violence prevention and response, consent, healthy relationships, and bystander intervention, consider enrolling in the Peer Education Program. Every fall semester, VOICE trains a new cohort of Peer Educators. If you are interested in learning more, email voice@gatech.edu.

• **Culture of Respect Collective (CoR)** – As part of Georgia Tech’s continued commitment to addressing campus sexual violence, the Institute joined CoR — an initiative of NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education — dedicated to helping institutions of higher education end campus sexual violence. Georgia Tech’s CoR committee consists of students, staff, and faculty committed to conducting a rigorous process of self-assessment and targeted organizational change. For more information, email Joi Alexander joi.alexander@gatech.edu or Alexis Martinez alexis.martinez@gatech.edu.

• **People Against Unwanted Sexual Experiences (PAUSE)** – A registered student organization focused on raising awareness of sexual violence on campus through outreach, events, and campaigns. For more information, email pause.gatech@gmail.com.

• **Request a Title IX Presentation** – Contact the Assistant Title IX Coordinator, Kendra Brown, at kendra.brown@gatech.edu to request a presentation for your group or organization on topics such as:
  - Title IX/sexual misconduct.
  - What to expect in the Title IX grievance process.
  - Georgia Tech’s Sexual Misconduct Policy.
  - Responsible employee reporting obligations.

• **Request a VOICE Presentation** – Contact VOICE at voice@gatech.edu to request a presentation for your group or organization on topics such as:
  - Healthy relationships.
  - Consent.
  - Bystander intervention.
  - Sexual violence response/supporting survivors.

**Sex Offender Registry**

China does not maintain a sex offender registry. Information about an individual’s past criminal history is not made available to the public. However, China’s Ministry of Education requires “the establishment of a system for faculty and staff to access and inquire about sexual assault and criminal records.” Faculty and staff to be hired should be screened through the relevant systems of the Ministry of Education, and can only be hired after passing the screening. In addition, according to the requirements of the "Opinions on Implementing the Employment Prohibition System," if a teacher has committed a sexual crime, the court can prohibit them from engaging in related occupations within a certain period of time if necessary.
Collecting Annual Crime Statistics

For the purpose of compiling annual crime statistics, the Georgia Tech Police Department Crime Analyst is responsible for collecting crime reports from Campus Security Authorities (CSAs), as defined below. CSAs are individuals who, because of their responsibilities at Georgia Tech, have a duty to share information with the Institute about all alleged Clery crimes they become aware of. At the Georgia Institute of Technology, some common examples of CSAs include, but are not limited to, employees of the Georgia Tech Police Department, Housing and Residence Life, Office of the Dean of Students, Georgia Tech Athletic Association, and Title IX as well as all academic deans, associate deans, and assistant deans. A definition and list of additional CSAs can be found at police.gatech.edu/campus-security-authorities.

CSAs submit information through an online form. A database is used to manage data from CSAs and inform the tabulation and reporting of Clery Act crimes.

The Crime Analyst is also responsible for requesting Clery-related crime reports affecting the Georgia Tech campus from the Atlanta Police Department. The Crime Analyst confers biweekly with the Deputy Chief of Police in determining the classification and counting of crime statistics.

Record Keeping – Clery Crimes

As required by the federal Clery Act, Georgia Tech retains for at least seven years all records documenting reports of Clery crimes made to the Georgia Tech Police Department, other Campus Security Authorities, and local law enforcement. This will include the timely warning determination for each report and, if a timely warning was made, a copy of that warning. Also retained are records of all crime prevention and educational programming offered, including but not limited to security procedures, alcohol and other drugs, and sexual violence, across the Institute.

Georgia Tech retains all entries made in the daily crime and fire log for at least seven years. Copies of these archived entries will be made available for public inspection within two business days of a request.

For a period of seven years, the Georgia Institute of Technology will maintain records of:

- Each investigation conducted involving reported sexual misconduct, including any determination regarding responsibility and any audio or audio-visual recording or transcript, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the respondent, and any remedies provided to the complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to Institute programs or activities.
- Any appeal and the result therefrom.
- Any informal resolution and the result therefrom.
- Any supportive measures or actions taken in response to a report or formal complaint under this policy and the rationale for the measure/response.

Preparing the Annual Fire Safety Report

This report is in accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (PL 110-315). Copies of the Fire Safety Report can be found at: www.ehs.gatech.edu/fire.
Georgia Tech’s fire safety rules and policies are intended to prevent fires, and fire-related injuries and deaths. The Institute maintains a Fire Safety Office consisting of a fire marshal, deputy fire marshal, and two fire safety specialists. The Fire Safety Office manages a comprehensive risk reduction program consisting of plan review, construction inspections, annual fire inspections, the Hot Works program, night inspections, event support, operational permits, the Fire Protection System Management program, a statewide fire department liaison, and Campus Fire Safety Month.

Along with this program, the state fire marshal annually deputizes the Georgia Tech fire marshal to perform the duties of safety inspections, issuance of Certificates of Occupancy, and fire investigations.

Plan Review is an opportunity for the Fire Safety Office staff to provide feedback and oversight on construction projects and lab renovations for the Institute. Permits are issued and inspections provided throughout the project phases. Georgia Tech aggressively upgrades fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, and other egress-related components as needed and when buildings go through renovations. Whenever possible, projects are created outside the set renovation schedule to upgrade older systems.

Construction Inspections involve the progressive inspection process of examining construction-related features against permit drawings. Typical intervals of inspection are at 50%, 80%, and 100% completion levels.

Annual Fire Inspections involve formal examination of an occupancy and its associated uses or processes to determine compliance with fire and life safety codes and standards.

Hot Works is a permit program for any work that generates sparks or heat. The web-based system allows contractors and facilities staff to apply for permits. Georgia Tech’s fire safety specialist provides fire prevention oversight in alignment with guidelines from FM Global, Hot Works, and the International Fire Code.

Night Inspections and Event Support provide opportunities for campus-based organizations and groups to collaborate on fire and life safety aspects of events, celebrations, and large gatherings.

Operational Permits, as defined by the International Fire Code, are for 43 different operational conditions that require annual procedural review and permitting.

Fire Protection System Management is a web-based program that provides coordination and oversight during the temporary shutdowns of fire alarm systems and fire suppression systems for modification or repair. Building evacuations, fire watches, or official notices are required as needed to offset the risk associated with any temporary shutdowns.

The purpose of the statewide Fire Department Liaison is the active collaboration of the campus fire marshal and the fire service in the communities where Georgia Tech operates or occupies facilities.
Institute Policies and Rules in the Prevention of Fire

Prohibited Behaviors in Georgia Tech Residential Facilities

- Misusing or tampering with fire safety equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, fire extinguishers, hoses, horns, bells, conduit sections, alarm-pull trigger devices, fire sprinklers, central-relay control bases, and glass covers for fire extinguishers, as well as pulling false alarms.
- Obstructing hallways, sidewalks, or stairwells and impeding evacuation from a building during an emergency.
- Propping open any fire doors.
- Blocking or locking exit doors.
- Storing bicycles in stairwells or any other location that might impede evacuation from a building during an emergency.
- Possessing chemicals or substances that are potentially dangerous or highly flammable. This includes, but is not limited to, gasoline, propane, lighter fluid, etc.
- Leaving food cooking unattended.
- Failing to vacate the building when the fire alarm system is activated.

Portable Electrical Appliances
  - Halogen lamps are prohibited in all housing facilities.
  - Hot plates are prohibited in all housing facilities.
  - All appliances must be plugged directly into an appropriate wall receptacle of the appropriate amperage as indicated by the manufacturer’s instructions.
  - Extension cords, splitters, and power taps are prohibited from being used in conjunction with all portable electrical appliances.

Smoking and Open Flames
  - Candles, incense, burners, and other open flame devices are prohibited.
  - Using any items that are potentially dangerous/flammable, including fireworks, hazardous materials, etc. is prohibited.
  - Smoking is prohibited in all residence hall areas (rooms, apartments, suites, common areas, lobbies, lounges, stairwells, elevators, activity and recreation rooms, bathrooms, etc.).
  - People who choose to smoke must be outdoors at least 25 feet from any residence hall.

Fire Safety Disclosure for Student Housing

The Fire Safety Office annually inspects all Georgia Tech-Shenzhen residential facilities. Additionally, the facility management of the residential buildings performs safety inspections at random times during the year to ensure compliance with the Housing Department’s fire safety policy.

Because of the seriousness of the consequences that could result from failure to comply with fire codes and Georgia Tech’s Housing Policy, Georgia Tech takes disciplinary action on the first offense. The Institute also has the right to require students who violate these safety rules to vacate their accommodations with no financial credit for the remainder of the semester.
Fire and Life Safety Overview

Reporting a Fire

Fire Alarm Systems/Initiation

- Pull Stations. Fire alarm pull stations are located at exit doors, exit stairs, and corridors in Georgia Tech-Shenzhen Housing facilities. Fire alarm activation automatically alerts the building occupants and automatically dials the central station monitoring system. The central station monitoring notifies the appropriate authorities including the local fire department.
- Smoke Detection. Smoke detectors are located throughout each floor of every Georgia Tech-Shenzhen Housing facility on campus. If smoke is detected, the fire alarm system will notify the building occupants through visual and audible alarms and automatically send a signal to central station monitoring.
- Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems. The rise of temperature associated with fire in an area will activate a sprinkler, causing the sprinkler system to send a signal to the Fire Alarm Control Unit; the fire alarm system will notify the building occupants through visual and audible alarms and automatically send a signal to central station monitoring.

Sprinklers must not be tampered with or used to hang personal items. This could activate the system, causing substantial water damage. Georgia Tech-Shenzhen is not responsible for any loss students may incur because of negligence due to tampering with sprinkler heads. A resident who knowingly or accidentally activates a sprinkler may be charged for the repairs/cleanup and may be subject to the judicial process.

Fire Evacuation Drills

- Emergency evacuation drills are conducted a couple of times each year. The drills are conducted by activating every individual fire alarm system in each student housing facility. After the fire alarm is activated, students and visitors must exit immediately and gather at the designated safe refuge location. A sweep of all floors and a head count is conducted by a Housing staff representative. Only when the alarm is silenced, and the GT-Shenzhen local authority gives the “All Clear,” may the building be reentered. Students who do not vacate the building when a fire alarm is activated may be subject to judicial action.

Fire and Life Safety Inspections

Fire inspections in the residence halls are conducted annually by the local Fire Department. During each semester, Georgia Tech-Shenzhen Housing staff will check rooms, per the following rules, to ensure that there are no fire hazards or unusual safety hazards present.

- Electrical circuits must not be overloaded. There can be only one major appliance (such as refrigerator, TV, computer, microwave) per receptacle.
- Appliances and other higher-wattage equipment should be plugged directly into a wall outlet.
• Nothing can hang from the overhead lights, sprinkler heads, or pipes, or be attached to the ceiling.
• Appliances with damaged cords must be properly disposed of or repaired.
• Electrical appliances must be classified or listed for safety by the local regulations.
• Appliances with exposed heating elements must never be left unattended while in operation. They must be unplugged after each use and stored appropriately.
• No cords may be run under carpet. Stapling or tacking electrical wires to fixtures is prohibited.
• Hot plates are not allowed.
• Open element cooking or heating equipment is prohibited.

Georgia Tech Housing Facilities Evacuation Plans

General Procedures

If smoke or fire is discovered, the fire alarm must be activated immediately. Exit through the nearest door or stairway and proceed to the designated safe refuge area. If the nearest exit or exit stairwell is obstructed by smoke, fire, or other hazards, proceed to an alternate exit. Do not use elevators. Once everyone has assembled outside at the emergency evacuation assembly point, the residence manager will account for all occupants and communicate with first responders if anyone is not accounted for, providing other information vital to safety and rescue. Building occupants shall not reenter the building until the “All Clear” authorization is given by public safety officials/the authority having jurisdiction.

Housing Related Fire Incidents:

Georgia Tech-Shenzhen Student Housing Fire Safety Overview – 2023

There were no reported fire incidents in the off-campus apartments in 2020, 2021, or 2022.

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Preparing the Annual Safety and Security Report

The Georgia Institute of Technology is presenting a three-year report of Clery reportable crimes, including definitions of reportable Clery Act Crimes and Geography, as well as the Clery Geography Map and the Crime Statistics Charts.
In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Crime Statistics Act, this report reflects information maintained by GTPD and information provided by other Georgia Tech offices such as the Office of Student Integrity, Equity and Compliance Programs, Women’s Resource Center, Wellness Empowerment Center, Housing and Residence Life, Athletics, and other Campus Security Authorities, as well as the Atlanta Police Department. Each of these offices provides updated policy information and/or crime data. This report provides statistics for the previous three years concerning reported Clery Act crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings; or on property owned, leased, or controlled by Georgia Tech. This report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies regarding sexual assault, alcohol, and other drugs.

Georgia Tech distributes a notice of the availability of this Annual Safety and Security Report by Oct. 1 of each year to every member of the Georgia Tech community. Members of the public may obtain a paper copy of this report by contacting GTPD at 404.894.1802 or by visiting police.gatech.edu/georgia-tech-annual-safety-security-reports.

Definitions of Reportable Clery Act Crimes

Federal/Jeanne Clery Act Definitions

Criminal Offenses
Eleven crimes are designated as Clery Act crimes by the U.S. Department of Education’s Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting:

Aggravated Assault – Unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

Arson – Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property, etc. of another.

Burglary – Unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

Manslaughter / Murder – The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Manslaughter / Negligent Manslaughter – The killing of another person through gross negligence.

Motor Vehicle Theft – Theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Robbery – Taking or attempting to take anything of value from the car, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Sex Offenses – Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.
  A. Rape – The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with a body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.
B.  **Fondling** – The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of their age or because of their temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

C.  **Incest** – Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

D.  **Statutory Rape** – Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

**Hate Crimes**
The Clery Act requires that hate crimes must be reported to the U.S. Department of Education. For a crime to also be considered as a hate crime, the investigation must uncover evidence that the perpetrator holds one of the categories of bias listed in the next section, and intentionally selected the victim based on that bias. The perpetrator’s bias must be partnered with one of the 11 crimes listed above, or one of the following crimes:

- **Larceny/Theft** – Includes pocket picking, purse snatching, shoplifting, theft from building, theft from motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle parts or accessories, and all other larceny.

- **Simple Assault** – Unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

- **Intimidation** – To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or other conduct but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

- **Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property (except arson)** – To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it.

**Categories of Bias**
Bias is a preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their actual or perceived race, ethnicity/national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity. Bias factors into hate crime reporting when the bias is the reason the offender selected the victim. Although there are many possible categories of bias, under the Clery Act, only the following categories are reported to the U.S. Department of Education:

- **Racial Bias** – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who may possess or are perceived to possess common physical characteristics genetically transmitted by descent and heredity.

- **Ethnicity/National Origin Bias** – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons whose members identify with each other through a common heritage, often consisting of a common language, common culture (often including religion), and/or ideology that stresses common ancestry.
Religious Bias – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being.

Disability Bias – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or groups of people who have physical or mental impairments/challenges, whether such disability is temporary or permanent, congenital, or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age, or illness.

Sexual Orientation Bias – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person’s physical, romantic, and/or emotional attraction to members of the same and/or opposite sex.

Gender Bias – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or groups of people who have been assigned male or female at birth.

Gender Identity Bias – A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person’s internal sense of being male, female, or a combination of both.

Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking

Dating Violence - Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.

Domestic Violence - A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by any of the following:
- A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim.
- A person with whom the victim shares a child in common.
- A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner.
- A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.
- Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

Stalking - Engaging in two or more acts directed at a specific person, including, but not limited to, acts in which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person’s property, that would cause a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim to:
- Fear for the person’s safety or the safety of others.
- Suffer substantial emotional distress, meaning significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.
Arrests and Disciplinary Referrals for Drug, Liquor, and Weapons Law Violations

**Drug Law Violations** – The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation, or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs.

**Liquor Law Violations** – The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness.

**Weapons Law Violations** – The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons.

**China/Local Law Definitions**

- **Consent:** There is no clear definition provided in Chinese Criminal Law for terms such as “mutual consent.” However, the definition could be interpreted/understood from the context of some of the articles in the Criminal Law. Also, judgments and legal commentaries would include definitions of such terms.

- **Domestic Violence and Dating Violence:** China has two statues that outlaw “family violence”: the Marriage Act of 2001 and the Domestic Violence Law of 2015. “Domestic violence” as used in the Domestic Violence Law of 2015 refers to “physical, psychological, or other infractions between family members effected through the use of methods such as beatings, restraints, maiming, restrictions on physical liberty, as well as recurrent verbal berating or intimidation.” While Chinese law does not speak specifically to “no-contact orders,” as a protective measure under the 2015 law, many of the barriers to obtaining restraining orders have been removed and no longer require that a lawsuit be filed to obtain them.

- **Sexual Assault:** Article 236 of the Chinese Criminal Law speaks to rape only in the context of age of consent and in reference to acts of sexual violence targeting women or girls under the age of 14. The code offers no corresponding provisions for males.

Instead, the Chinese Civil Code states, “A person who has been sexually harassed against his will by another person through oral words, written language, images, physical acts, or the like, has the right to request the actor to bear civil liability in accordance with the law.

The State organs, enterprises, schools, and other organizations shall take reasonable precautions, accept and hear complaints, investigate and handle cases, and take other like measures to prevent and stop sexual harassment conducted by a person through taking advantage of his position and power or a superior-subordinate relationship, and the like.”
• Stalking: China passed the Stalking and Harassment Prevention Act in 2021, which contains provisions for the prevention and control of stalking and harassment. While there is no singular, comprehensive definition of stalking provided, Article 3 of the Act contains an extensive description of activities or behaviors which intimidates a specific person and sufficiently affects their daily life or social activities.

• Alcohol laws: The legal age of consumption of alcohol in China is 18 years of age. It is illegal for individuals under the age of 18 to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages.

• Drug laws: Chinese law has strict provisions for illegal drugs, including marijuana, and law enforcement has little tolerance for violations of drug laws. Penalties for possessing, using, or trafficking illegal drugs in China are severe and are attached to long jail sentences, heavy fines, or the death penalty. China also has strict laws pertaining to driving under the influence of alcohol.

• Some prescription medications that may be readily and legally available in students’ home countries may be restricted or illegal in China.

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**Clery Geography Definitions**

**Campus**

1. Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution’s educational purposes, including residence halls.
2. Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the area identified in paragraph one of this definition, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor).

Non-Campus Building or Property
1. Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the Institute, such as Greek housing.
2. Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the Institute’s educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

Public Property
All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.
Clery Geography Map

Floor Plan of Georgia Tech Shenzhen Transitional Campus at Shenzhen International Innovation Valley
**Important Contacts**

**Georgia Tech-Shenzhen:**
404.385.1341

**Emergency Contacts on Campus:**

Georgia Tech Police Department
404.894.2500 (24/7)

Environmental Health and Safety
404.216.5237 (on-call phone)

**Emergency Contacts Off Campus:**

Crisis Text Line
Text HOME to 741741

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1.800.273.TALK

Suicide Crisis Lifeline (24 hours)
988

Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI)
AXA 24/7 Medical Assistance
(855) 327-1411 (in the U.S.)
+001 (312) 935-1703 (outside of the U.S.)

For more information about the topics covered in this report

Center for Mental Health Care and Resources
404.894.2575

Office of Emergency Management and Communications
404.894.2500

Dean of Students
404.894.2564

Office of Student Integrity
404.894.2566

Equity and Compliance Programs/ Title IX Coordinator
404.317.2270

Stamps Health Services
404.894.1420

Environmental Health and Safety
404.216.5237

VOICE Advocates (24/7 Line)
404.894.9000

GTPD (Campus Police, 24/7)
404.894.2500

Wellness Empowerment Center
404.894.9980

Housing
404.894.2470

Women’s Resource Center
404.385.0230

Human Resources
404.894.4847