

Safety Notification Issuance Policy

When the UNLPD receives a report of an incident, whether a crime or dangerous situation, it is promptly reviewed to determine whether there is an immediate, or a continuing, threat to the campus community. If the reported incident, in the judgment of the UNLPD's On-duty supervisor or other sworn supervisor, constitutes an immediate threat, they will work with UNLPD's Dispatch to issue a UNL Alert; if it is a serious or continuing threat to the campus community but does not rise to the level of a UNL Alert, a Timely Warning will be issued in the form of a "Safety Message" email.

UNL Alerts are typically issued for immediate threats such as active shooters, gas leaks, fires, and impending threatening weather.

Timely Warnings are typically issued for the following Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR)/National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) crime classifications as per the Clery Act:

- Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter
- Aggravated Assault (cases involving assaults among known parties, such as two roommates fighting which results in an aggravated injury, will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine if the individual is believed to be an ongoing threat to the larger University community).
- Robbery involving force or violence (cases including pick pocketing and purse snatching will typically not result in the issuance of a Timely Warning but will be assessed on a case-by-case basis).
- Rape and Fondling are considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the facts of the case, when and where the incident occurred, when it was reported, and the amount of information known by the UNLPD. In cases involving sexual assault, they are often belatedly reported after the incident occurred, so there is no ability to distribute a "timely" warning notice to the community regarding the incident. All cases of sexual assault, including stranger and non-stranger/acquaintance cases, will be assessed for potential issuance of a Timely Warning notice.
- Major incidents of Arson
- Other Clery Act crimes
(<https://police.unl.edu/documents/CleryActCrimeCategories.pdf>) as determined necessary by authorized UNLPD personnel.

The UNLPD Supervisor or his designee will develop the Timely Warning and issue it to the community by mass email at minimum. The mass email will be sent to all University of Nebraska-Lincoln community members at their UNL email address with the pertinent facts and details of the crime known to the

UNLPD and suggestions for protective measures a person could take and, if relevant, any suspect information.

The Clery Act requires the names of victims be withheld as confidential from any UNL Alert or Timely Warning. The decision to issue a safety notification will be decided promptly, and on a case-by-case basis evaluating all the facts surrounding the incident, including factors such as the amount of information known by the UNLPD at the time, the nature of the incident, the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts, and whether there is an immediate or continuing danger to the campus community.