
Safety and Security Update

Presented to the:

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- Where we are Today
 - Roles and Responsibilities
 - University Regulations, Student Code of Conduct
 - Policies, Protocols and Practices
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1. Emergency Response Plan

www.uwyo.edu/safety/risk/risk/manual/EmergencyResponsePlan.doc

2. 2007 Safety Report to President Buchanan

www.uwyo.edu/presidentsupport/docs/Safety_%20Report_413-2007_Final.pdf

3. Crisis Team Review of Safety

1. UW Emergency Response Plan

- Pandemic Planning
 - Arena Auditorium Emergency Response Exercise – 5/21-24
 - Campus Security Report
www.uwyo.edu/uwupd/PublicSafety.asp
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2. Safety Report to the President - 2007

- Establish Safety Advisory Group to President Buchanan
 - Review policies and practices for student health and safety
 - Stay current with national trends and best practices in campus safety
 - Continuous Review of UW efforts
 - Take appropriate actions and advise President Buchanan
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■ Residence Life Staffing and Training

Findings:

- Significant changes in last five years
 - Doors and lower level elevators are locked 24-7
 - 2 residence hall assistants per freshman floor
 - Bathroom doors are locked
 - All first-year residence halls are alcohol free
 - Training manual for residence hall assistants
 - Installation of room locks that allow downloadable access
 - Alcohol assessments
 - Fire safety enhancements
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- Low staff/student ratios

- Residence Hall Assistants UW = 1:25

- Comparators = 1:35

- Live In Professional Staff UW = 1:475

- Comparators = 1:487

- Total Professional Staff UW = 1:300

- Intensive training programs

- 24-hour desks in all residence halls

Recommendation: Continue effective staffing and training programs and associated resources

■ Communication Protocols and Training

Findings:

- Residence Hall Assistants trained to contact UW Police Department for:
 - Alcohol offenses
 - Weapon offenses
 - Assault

 - Daily Activity Report disseminated by UW Police Department

 - Formal/informal interaction occurs among the UW Police Department, the Dean of Students, Residence Life and Student Affairs
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Recommendation:

- ❑ Develop Memorandum of Understanding with UW Police Department; Laramie Police Department; Dean of Students; Residence Life and Student Affairs
 - MOU clarifies the existing procedures and enhancements from team
 - Establish regular meeting schedule among entities
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- **Weapon Storage and Comparator Study**

Findings:

- Weapons not allowed in Residence Halls
 - Firearm storage in UW Police Department only
 - Policies similar at 9 of 11 comparator institutions
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Recommendation:

❑ Student Code of Conduct Changes

<http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/DOS/filesWORD/code.doc>

- Clarifies that firearms prohibited on campus
 - Sanctions-offenses against persons when a weapon is involved, up to and including dismissal from UW
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■ Parental Notification

Findings:

□ Current policy

- UW's written parental notification for alcohol or substance abuse when the behavior of the student is a risk to others or self or is a pattern of repeat offenses. The Dean of Students implements the policy.
 - Comparator information shows that 6 of 11 institutions do not have established policies for parental notification.
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Recommendation:

- Student Code of Conduct changes
 - Parental notification may also be appropriate for offenses involving illegal or unauthorized possession of weapons and offenses against persons. The Dean of Students administers the policy.

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- Related Programs: Alcohol-Team; **STOP** Violence; Gate Keepers Training; Peer Education

 - Building Community
 - “Be watchful and knowledgeable about those around you”

 - Take responsibility to make referrals...
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3. Crisis Team Actions

- Law enforcement coordination
 - Response to critical incidents

 - Team initiatives
 - Improved dissemination and clarification of campus firearms policy
 - Working Group established to review
 - Information sharing protocols – UW Police Department; Laramie Police Department; Dean of Students; Residence Life
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❑ Communication

- Working Groups established to determine:
 - ❑ Emergency announcement dissemination systems
 - ❑ Anonymous tip communication
- Enhancing mechanisms for communication with families; external entities



- Orientation

- Parents – safety panel; Dean of Students

- Student Sessions – Residence Life; Dean of Students; Orientation Leaders

- New Faculty and Department Head Orientation

- New Employee Orientation

- Ongoing Training

- Faculty
- Staff
- Students

- Everyone's responsibility to be aware of environment

Questions/ Comments
