

# 2007 CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT

## ROWAN UNIVERSITY

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Rowan University has over 10,000 students and 1,400 employees. The campus lies within the Borough of Glassboro with a population of almost 15,000 residents. ROWAN shares the concerns of students, parents, and community residents regarding crime and personal safety. While no campus can guarantee the complete safety of its community, we can join together to provide the safest possible environment.

The goal of the Department of Public Safety is to provide members of the university community with a safe and pleasant environment in which to live, work and learn. Specifically, we strive to protect life and property, prevent crime on campus, and provide other essential police, security, and public safety services. We also seek to promote crime prevention education throughout the campus. However, no agency can function effectively without the cooperation of concerned and responsible members of the academic community. We depend on you to call and alert us whenever you observe suspicious activities.

Help us help you! For any campus Public Safety service, please call 856-256-4922.

## Department of Public Safety

The Department is composed of several service sections: University Police, Campus Security, Parking, Safety & Emergency Medical Services, and Emergency Management. Campus police are armed commissioned police officers with full arrest powers. They are graduates of New Jersey accredited Police Training Courses and undergo continuing training to upgrade their skills and abilities. They provide special police service to the university community and work with area police departments to provide us with a safe environment. The Campus Police section provides patrol, investigative and crime prevention services. The police also oversee the communications center and the 45-member Student Community Policing Program.

The Security section provides 24-hour patrol service to the university community. It includes a campus patrol that provides special security to the Residence Life facilities and grounds. Security personnel may be assigned to foot patrol, parking lot patrol, vehicular patrol, bike patrol, and patrol of university residence and apartment areas. They have combined experience and training from various professional organizations and participate in other training programs throughout the year. While security personnel are not commissioned police officers with arrest powers, they do work closely with campus and local police and will notify them in the case of a police emergency or to effect arrest for violations of the law.

# Security and Access to Campus Facilities

To promote personal safety and the protection of property, campus facilities are secured after business hours according to established schedules set by Public Safety and the department controlling the location. Entry into secured areas requires written approval from the controlling department head and notification to the Public Safety Department. All members of the university community should carry their ROWAN identification cards with them at all times, as they may be requested to present them by a university official or public safety officer.

The Department of Public Safety provides service to all campus residence and apartment complexes on a 24-hour basis. During the Fall and Spring semesters, the special residence life patrol program provides additional service to residence facilities and grounds during the evening and night hours. Services include patrols to the housing complexes and personal safety walking escorts. These officers have the responsibility for ensuring that exterior doors are kept locked and are not propped open. They do not enter individual rooms or apartments, except in the event of an emergency, a fire alarm, or when asked.

Campus residence facilities are restricted to residents and invited guests. Accordingly, the exterior doors of residence halls are kept locked and residents must use their assigned key to enter. Residents of apartment complexes are strongly encouraged to keep their exterior doors locked at all times. Anyone who is found attempting to override the security measures is subject to sanctions through the Campus Judicial System.

Residence halls have lights on the outside entrances and windows have locking devices. Some residence halls have security screens on the ground level windows. Every resident unit is equipped with a telephone by which Public Safety can be reached with the push of a single button.

The Department of Public Safety works closely with the Facilities Department to maintain a safe environment. Members of the university community are encouraged to report lock problems, lighting problems, or other security concerns as soon as possible.

## Crime Statistics and Rates

Although ROWAN has been fortunate in not experiencing a significant number of crimes in the past, you should be aware that crimes have occurred on campus. The Department of Public Safety wishes to remind our students and employees that safety and security is a shared responsibility. Part of this responsibility involves the prompt reporting of crimes or suspicious conditions so that we may investigate and take appropriate corrective measures. Collectively, we can be successful in improving safety and security. All of our incident reports are classified and coded by crime so we may provide the crime statistics that follow. We solicit information from the Division of Student Affairs for any crimes that may have occurred but were not reported to our agency. We also solicit information from Glassboro Police for incidents that may have happened on adjacent public property or non-campus buildings or properties as defined below. Our Crime Prevention section also uses this information on a daily basis to determine if an advisory should be issued to the campus community or if extra preventive attention is warranted.

The Department submits a monthly Uniform Crime Report to the New Jersey State Police and maintains statistics on crime as required by federal law. Below are the crime statistics for the last three calendar years:

Crime statistics for Glassboro are reported in the publication “Uniform Crime Report State of New Jersey – 2006.” You can view these statistics at the following site:  
<http://www.njsp.org/info/stats.html>.

Table 1: Clery Offenses

Category	2006				2005				2004			
	A	B	C	D*	A	B	C	D*	A	B	C	D
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder / Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses												
Forcible	2	1	0	0	6	4	0	0	3	2	1	0
Non-Force	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Burglary	21	20	0	0	13	6	0	0	9	6	0	0
Auto Theft	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests for	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
Alcohol	25	1	0	2	13	6	0	0	4	4	0	0
Drug Offense	18	11	0	0	10	5	0	0	18	10	0	0
Weapons	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Referrals for	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
Alcohol	280	280	0	0	314	308	0	0	304	302	0	0
Drug Offense	62	57	0	0	41	31	0	0	33	25	0	0
Weapons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	0
Hate Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Location Key:**

A = Occurred on Campus

B = Occurred in Residence Hall (Subset of A)

C = Occurred in a non-campus building or property (owned or controlled by a recognized student organization, or an off-campus educational property owned or controlled by Rowan)

D = Occurred on adjacent public property

# Personal Safety and Crime Prevention

Crime prevention is an important goal of the Department of Public Safety. The key to preventing crime is the involvement of students and employees. ROWAN believes that safety is a shared responsibility and that "security begins at home". The Department offers programs designed to interact with the campus community at every level. They include presentations about personal safety awareness, special interest topics, sexual assault prevention, student and parent orientation, printed material, and prevention of burglary and vandalism. Information on crime prevention and personal safety is provided through seminars, videos, crime alerts and advisories, and other means. The Department schedules these types of events each semester. In addition, we conduct an orientation information station for summer orientation, a personal safety and sexual assault seminar for the Pre-College Institute program each summer, a late summer new-faculty orientation program, and several new employee orientation programs as scheduled by the Human Resources department.

Because we believe so strongly in the concept of crime prevention and personal safety education, Public Safety and Residence Life operate a Student Crime Prevention Practitioner program. We hire and train approximately fifty-five students who work in the Residence Halls and academic buildings. Student Crime Prevention Practitioners provide evening walking escorts, peer educational programming, and security coverage to academic buildings and residence hall facilities.

The public areas of the campus are well lit, and members of the campus community are advised to use established sidewalks and parking lots. Outdoor emergency telephones are also available throughout the campus. They report directly to the Public Safety Dispatcher and should be used whenever necessary. We encourage you to look at crime prevention through the "Crime Prevention Triangle". It illustrates the three things a criminal needs in order to commit a crime: ability, desire, and opportunity.

While we can't control a criminal's "desire" or "ability" to commit crime, we can control the opportunities we create. By eliminating or reducing those opportunities, we can reduce our likelihood of becoming a victim. Walking in groups of two, three, or more, securing your valuables, locking your room and suite doors, being aware of your surroundings, and attending crime prevention presentations are all good examples of how to reduce the opportunities you may be creating for crime victimization.

Our Crime Prevention section maintains a daily crime log in our Communications Center. This log provides a brief description of crimes reported on campus. The information is also maintained on our web site. In addition, Crime Prevention will distribute an "Owl Alert" advisory when a crime is committed and we determine that a threat or security concern could exist for the campus community.

## Security Policies and Procedures

In the last academic year, approximately 10,000 students attended ROWAN. Nearly 3000 students reside in six residence halls and four apartment complexes on campus. Students and employees at ROWAN have access to academic, recreational, and administrative facilities on campus. Access to residence halls by university employees is on an "as-needed" basis and incorporates strict key control procedures. The general public can attend cultural and recreational events on campus, with their access limited to the facilities in which these events are held. Because the university is a public institution, the general public has access to the grounds. The university does not request information from student applicants concerning involvement in criminal offenses, but does request information concerning criminal convictions from applicants for employment with the university.

# Escort Service

Students, employees and visitors are urged to take advantage of the Public Safety Department's escort service. During the hours of darkness, any individual can contact the Department and request an escort. Officers either on foot or in a vehicle are dispatched to the site of the caller and will escort that individual anywhere on campus. A team of two Student Crime Prevention Practitioners are on duty each night during the Fall and Spring semesters to assist with this service.

Rowan University offers Safe Walk & Ride, an expanded Department of Public Safety escort program that provides escorts and/or rides to and from nearby off-campus residences and the campus itself.

Students or employees seeking escorts may call Public Safety at 256-4922 to arrange this service. Uniformed escorts will accompany you on foot or via car to your destination.

Safe Walk & Ride, which is newly named, is an expansion of a 20-year-old security service for students, faculty and staff on and near campus. While the department strives to respond immediately to calls for an escort, please be aware that it may take a few minutes for a safety officer to arrive at your location. Safe Walk & Ride is primarily a dusk-to-dawn service.

Rowan Radio, WGLS/FM at 89.7 FM issues periodic reminders to listeners to use the escort service.

# Reporting Criminal Activity or other Problems

For Police, Fire, or Medical Emergencies Dial 9-1-1. This will connect you to the Gloucester County 911 Radio Room. The Rowan Public Safety Department has a direct link to County 911 and will be advised of your emergency.

Criminal activity and problems on campus can be reported directly to the Department of Public Safety by any student, employee or visitor, 24 hours a day, by dialing ext. 4911 or 256-4911. For general business dial 4922. Any campus public safety officer, crime prevention officer, or administrator within the Department may be contacted to receive a report of criminal activity. Reports can also be made in person at our office located in Bole Annex.

Upon receiving a report, a Campus Public Safety Officer is dispatched immediately to the site of the complaint. Arrests, if warranted, can be made by the campus police or by security with the assistance of a campus police officer. Reports of incidents are written and information may be shared with the Glassboro Police Department or other agencies. A Department Supervisor who coordinates follow-up investigations reviews all reports. Reports of stolen property, with serial numbers, are entered into the National Crime Information database in an effort to facilitate recovery.

Some individuals may wish to confidentially report a crime, ask a question, or explore what types of victim services are available to them. Our Crime Prevention section is available to assist in these cases and can be reached through extension 4933.

# Policy Regarding Use of Alcohol / Drugs / Weapons

ROWAN Public Safety officers enforce laws regulating underage drinking and the use or possession of alcohol, controlled substances and weapons. Violations of any of these laws may be processed both through the Campus Judicial System and the Municipal Court System in the Borough of Glassboro.

Purchase and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages by anyone under the age of 21 is a violation of New Jersey law. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in residence halls or on campus grounds. Students over 21 who live in campus apartments should refer to the alcohol policy in the Student Handbook. The Glassboro Police Department and the ROWAN Public Safety Department will sign municipal complaints against any person, regardless of age, carrying an open container of an alcoholic beverage in public areas.

ROWAN fully endorses the mandates of the Drug-Free Campus provisions of the Higher Education Act. As with unauthorized alcohol possession or consumption, municipal complaints may be lodged against suspected violators of the drug laws. Violators will also be subject to the Campus Judicial System. Mandatory alcohol and drug abuse workshops for all new members of Greek societies are coordinated each year by the Dean of Students Office. Drug and alcohol abuse counseling is available in the Counseling Center. In addition, the Dean of Students Office sponsors a drug and alcohol awareness week each semester.

Firearms, dangerous weapons, or weapon replicas of any type are not permitted on campus. Anyone in the possession of such items is subject to criminal prosecution.

## Special Information on the Prevention of Sexual Offenses

It is the policy of ROWAN that no student or employee may threaten the health and safety of any member of the university community, of any person on the university campus, or at any university supervised event, through the commission of a sexual offense. The university offers a variety of programs throughout the year designed to educate the campus about sexual offenses and direct victims to appropriate service, assistance, and reporting options. The Dean of Students Office, the Counseling Center, Health Services, and Residence Life offer programs throughout the year and are available to provide information and counseling. A special "Help Hotline" also operates each semester and can be reached during evening hours by calling 256-HELP. Trained students who can assist the caller with counseling and referral service staff it. The Department of Public Safety also offers educational programs and should be notified for legal reporting of criminal incidents. This is especially important for the collection and preservation of evidence for criminal court cases. Successful criminal prosecution depends heavily on proper evidence procedures.

## Notification Procedures

In the event of a sexual offense, the university's first concern is to ensure that the victim has the necessary support and assistance needed, and that the victim's wishes concerning confidentiality are respected. Several options are available to victims. The university strongly recommends that a police agency be notified as soon as possible. A victim should notify the

Department of Public Safety for offenses that occur on campus, or the Glassboro Police Department for offenses that occur off-campus.

The university encourages victims to contact any of the following departments, even if the report is a delayed one. Those departments include the Student Health Center, Counseling Center, Dean of Students Office, EOF Office, and Residence Life Office. Professional staff are available to lend assistance and service as required. These individuals can also help direct victims to other service agencies located within the community. Victims may use university services with or without filing a formal incident report; however, all of these individuals will gladly assist the victim through the police reporting process. A victim may also request the university to make an adjustment in their academic or living arrangements on campus. Assistance with such adjustments may be reasonably accommodated through the Dean of Students Office.

The Campus Judicial Process conducts hearings for cases involving sexual offenses. Both the accused and the accuser are entitled to due process. A written complaint filed by the accuser is the basis for the charge against the accused. During the judicial process, the accuser and the accused are entitled to have the same opportunities to have witnesses present, and to be advised of the outcome of the hearing. This information includes the final determination with respect to the alleged sexual offense and any sanctions imposed against the accused. Sanctions against the accused may include disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from the institution. University sanctions do not preclude the accuser from seeking off-campus adjudication through the criminal justice system.

Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (CSCPA). The Disclosure of Education Records Concerning Registered Sex Offenders is permitted under FERPA (20 U.S.C. Sec 1232g); and the Wetterling Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 14071). Interested persons can check the registered sex offender files by accessing the New Jersey Sex Offender Registry operated by the New Jersey State Police. Address follows: [http://www.njsp.org/info/reg\\_sexoffend.html](http://www.njsp.org/info/reg_sexoffend.html)

## Further Information

Further information concerning the Department of Public Safety and its services can be obtained by calling our Administrative Office at 856-256-4570. The following telephone lines are recorded: 4911, 4922, and parking services.

Rowan University Department of Public Safety Glassboro, NJ 08028

Communications Center: 856-256-4911

Business Information:: 856-256-4922

Administrative Offices: 856-256-4570

Crime Prevention: 856-256-4933

Parking Services: 856-256-4575

Environmental Health & Safety: 856-256-4567

Counseling Center: 856-256-4222

Dean of Students Office (Victim Assistance for Sexual Assault Offenses) 856-256-40  
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