

Ashland University

Elyria Center

Annual Security Report

The information presented in this report is in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. This information is also available on line at ashland.edu.

The Elyria Center of Ashland University is located on the campus of Lorain County Community College (LCCC) where undergraduate and graduate students come, Monday thru Saturday, to take courses which apply to a bachelors or master's degree in education or certification/licensure in a specific field of education. The Center has eight full-time faculty and nine full-time staff members. There are currently 103 part-time/full-time undergraduate students, 271 part-time/full-time graduate students and 502 professional development part-time graduate students attending classes at the Ashland University Elyria Center.

Ashland University Elyria Center
University Center/Ashland
1005 N. Abbe Rd., Suite 105
Elyria, OH 44035
Ph. (440) 366-7505
Fax (440) 366-4066

Access to Campus Facilities

Except for holidays, the University Center facility is open from 7:00 am - 11:00 pm Monday-Friday and 7:00 am - 8:00 pm on Saturday. The Center's Main AU office is open from 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Monday-Thursday and 8:30 am - 4:30 pm on Friday.

Safety and Facility Security

Personal safety and crime prevention are the responsibility of the individual student and employee and both are encouraged to be aware of their personal safety and security and the safety of others. While we will make every effort to maintain a safe environment (i.e. maintain adequate lighting, door hardware locking properly, etc.), we encourage students and employees to immediately report any security and/or safety issues to the Center Director at the above address, or by phone at the above listed phone number. Lorain County Community College has an on-site full-time security department and provides annual crime statistics to Ashland University. Victims of crimes and/or knowledge of a crime in the facility should be reported to the site director and the Elyria Police Department. Should you need assistance in contacting the local police, contact the site director who will provide assistance.

Reporting Crime or Emergencies

Any safety/security issues, or crimes, should be reported to the Center Director. Students may report issues to their instructor who should relay these issues to the Center Director. In the event of an emergency, or to report a crime, the campus community should notify LCCC Campus Security at x 4444 (440.366.4444) or the local police by dialing 911. They may also use one of the emergency phones located throughout the campus. In the event a security and/or safety issue may represent a threat to others on campus, the Center Director should be notified to initiate timely warnings to the campus community. Victims of any crime may file a confidential report with the site director. The site director must report all felony crimes to the local police department; however, identifying information may be withheld. Psychological and pastoral counselors are not on staff at this site.

Timely Warnings/Emergency Notification

All emergencies and/or crimes should be reported to the Center Director for the purpose of determining whether an emergency notification is warranted. When there is no immediate threat to the safety of the campus community, yet notification of security/safety concerns are warranted (i.e. patterns of theft) an “Advisory” may be issued with the incident summary. The LCCC Campus Security staff will assume responsibility in providing further communications.

In situations where there may be an immediate threat to the campus community, the Center Director will work with LCCC Campus Security staff to initiate without delay (upon confirmation of a threat and if doing so does not compromise efforts to contain an emergency) security/safety “Alerts,” or “Timely Warnings,” using the following resources:

Text Messaging/Voicemail

The AU Safety Services department can issue text messages to members of the campus community in the event a timely warning, or “Alert” is warranted. Text messaging is not used for event announcements and other marketing information. The free app to receive alerts can be downloaded on your smart phone by going to your app store on your smart phone. For iPhone users type in Campus Shield, to download and choose “Ashland University” as your download option and install. Android users can choose 911Shield from the play store to get the free app. Text campus alerts are not the only feature of the app. Additional features include campus resource information, being able to provide real time safety and security tips to the Safety Services office and an emergency button that will allow the user to directly contact 911 or the Ashland University Safety Services Department.

Elyria Center students have the option of requesting alerts for their campus only, or receiving all alerts. Class cancellations due to inclement weather, or any other reason, will also be sent out via text messaging and can be found on both the Ashland University and Lorain County Community College websites.

Radio/TV Messages

Ashland University/Lorain County Community College may also use local and/or regional media outlets to broadcast emergency information. This resource would be initiated by the Center Director who will contact the Ashland University Public Relations office. Students and employees are encouraged to monitor these outlets for additional information.

Web Page

Elyria Center students and employees are encouraged to also monitor both the LCCC and Ashland University web pages for any emergency information and/or class cancellations or closings. Alerts will be posted to web pages at www.lorainccc.edu or www.ashland.edu.

Bulletins/Postings

Notices will be posted in conspicuous locations throughout the facility. An Ashland University bulletin board is located outside the main office door.

Resources

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| AU Elyria Center | (440) 366-4080 |
| LCCC Campus Security | (440) 366-4053 |
| AU Safety Services (main campus) | (419) 207-5555 |
| AU Public Relations (main campus) | (419) 289-5007 |
| Local Police/Fire | 911 |

Preparedness

Inquiries regarding emergency preparedness should be directed to the Center Director.

Evacuations/Shelter-in-Place

If the local authorities issue an order of evacuation, all students and employees are to comply with any directive issues by a civil agency. Employees should secure the facility if time permits. In the event of a shelter-in-place (i.e. airborne hazardous release, etc.), employees are to secure the facility (i.e. close windows, lock doors if necessary, etc.). During shelter-in-place, occupants should monitor local media outlets and the AU web site for up to date information.

Crime Prevention Education

Any inquiries regarding crime prevention steps and education should be made with the Center Director who may provide resources or schedule an appropriate presentation/training. Any recommendations or inquiries regarding safety/security issues should also be presented to the Center Director.

Wellness

Resources for any wellness topic (i.e. substance abuse, sexual assault prevention and education, etc.) are not maintained at the sites. Inquiries for any of these resources should be made with the Center Director who will contact the appropriate office on the Ashland University main campus.

Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act Information

The Campus Sex Crime Prevention Act requires sex offenders to provide notice to each institution of higher education at which the person is employed or enrolled. Because the Ashland University Elyria Center is located on the campus of Lorain County Community College, the LCCC Campus Security staff provides regular email information updates. Ohio's eSORN website for Lorain County is (<https://loraincountysheriff.com/registered-sexual-predator-in-lorain-county-ohio/>).

Upon notification to the Center Director of a registered sex offender on or directly adjacent to campus, the information will be passed on to the Vice President for Student Affairs on the main campus of Ashland University. The Vice President for Student Affairs will determine if an advisory or alert is warranted.

Sexual Assault/Harassment

Any incident of sexual assault should be immediately reported to the local police by calling 911. The AU Center Director should also be notified (especially since an alert or timely notice may need to be issued). The Center Director will assist the victim with any arrangements regarding health and safety and reporting to civil authorities. Incidents involving students and/or employees where the alleged perpetrator is identified as a student, immediate sanctions may be instituted upon the alleged subject. These sanctions could range from restriction from the campus to an interim suspension (pending the outcome of a judicial proceeding). Both the accused and the accuser will be informed of the outcome of the judicial proceedings. The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during the judicial proceedings. The victim will be presented the opportunity to change academic arrangements after an alleged sexual assault, providing changes are reasonably available.

Ashland University promotes a productive campus environment and will not tolerate conduct by any member of the campus community that harasses another employee or student, disrupts or interferes with another, or creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile environment. This includes threatening behavior, violent actions, and sexual harassment. Students who feel they are the target of any type of harassment should immediately report the situation to the Center Director. Employees are to contact the Director of Human Resources. Please refer to the Harassment Free Policy in the Student Handbook and/or the Employee Handbook for further information. Students are protected under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and Title IX of the Education amendments.

Resources

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| Ashland University Elyria Center Director | 440) 366-7505 |
| Vice President for Student Affairs (main campus) | (419) 289-5324 |
| Human Resources (main campus) | (419) 289-3054 |
| Local Police Department | 911 |
| LCCC Campus Security | (440) 366-4053 |
| Lorain County Rape Crisis Center Hotline | (440) 204-4359 |

Alcohol/Drug Policies

Ashland University upholds the applicable drug laws that relate to controlled substances and prohibits the use, possession, sale and distribution of illegal drugs by students, guests, faculty and staff. Alcohol is not permitted at any AU Center.

Crime Statistics

The AU Center Director is responsible for gathering information and maintains the annual crime statistics that are included in this report. The information contained in this report is available on-line by visiting the Ashland University website at www.ashland.edu. Should you wish to receive a printed copy, please contact the Ashland University Safety Services department at (419) 207-5555. The e-mail address is security@ashland.edu and the mailing address is 401 College Ave., Ashland, OH 44805. You may also request a copy from the Elyria AU Center Director. The classification of reported crimes is based on the definitions in the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook published by the Department of Justice. Collection and publication of these statistics is required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security

Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. Please visit the Lorain County Community College’s website at <https://www.lorainccc.edu/security/annual-security-report/> for any crime statistics for this campus.

Elyria LCCC Campus (Elyria LCCC Campus 1005 North Abbe Road Elyria)

| Reportable Offenses | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | On-Campus Property | On-Campus Student Housing | Non-Campus Property * | Public Property** |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Negligent Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sex Offense – Fondling | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sex Offenses - Incest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sex Offense –Statutory Rape | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aggravated Assault | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Burglary | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Domestic Violence | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dating Violence | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stalking | 6 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Non-Campus Property refers to residential apartments/homes that the College subleases from their owner for our International Initiatives student exchange program. Property is reportedly 1 mile from campus.

**Public Property refers to thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campuses.

| Arrests | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | On Campus Property | Non-Campus Property | On Campus Student Housing | Public Property |
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| Liquor Law Violations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drug Law Violation | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Illegal Weapons Possession | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Referrals for Disciplinary Actions | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | On Campus Property | Non-Campus Property | On Campus Student Housing | Public Property |
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| Liquor Law Violations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drug Law Violation | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Illegal Weapons Possession | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Hate Crimes | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | On-Campus Property | On-Campus Student Housing | Non-Campus Property * | Public Property** |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Murder/Non Negligent Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Negligent Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sex Offense – Fondling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sex Offenses - Incest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sex Offense –Statutory Rape | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aggravated Assault | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burglary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intimidation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Theft - Larceny | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vandalism | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Unfounded Crimes – A reported crime that sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel make a formal determination that the report is false, or baseless. 2018 – 0 unfounded crimes; 2019 – 0 unfounded crimes; 2020 – 0 unfounded crimes.

References

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| AU Elyria Center | 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 | (440) 366-7504 |
| AU Elyria Center Director | | (440) 366-7505 |
| LCCC Campus Security | 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 | (440) 366-4053 |
| Onsite LCCC Campus Emergency | x4444 | (440) 366-4444 |
| AU Safety Services | 401 College Ave., Ashland, OH 44805 | (419) 207-5555 |
| AU VP for Student Affairs | 401 College Ave., Ashland, OH 44805 | (419) 289-5324 |
| AU Human Resources | 401 College Ave., Ashland, OH 44805 | (419) 289-5304 |
| Lorain County Rape Crisis Hotline | | (440) 204-4359 |
| Elyria Police Department | 18 West Ave, Elyria OH 44035 | (440) 323-3302 |
| Emergency Police/Fire | 911 | |