



Campus Security Report 2018

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Campus Security

The goal of Arclabs Welding School ('Arclabs') is to protect the community and reduce campus crime. Help us help you by taking personal safety steps and by reporting emergencies, suspicious activity and criminal behavior. Arclabs publishes an annual security report that includes crime statistics and other information related to security, including an explanation of the *Clery Act* and details about crime prevention on campus and more.

Campus Facilities

The school administration is responsible for the security of students, employees, and the structures on campus. The administrators are responsible for checking all facilities to ensure they are secured. Campus academic buildings are locked outside of normal class hours. Campus academic buildings are opened by an administrator at approximately 6:45 am and are closed at approximately 11:15 pm, Monday through Friday. Students can gain access to study through e-mail requests from their instructors. Visitors must check in at the administrative office.

Arclabs Welding School does not have any on-campus housing or off-campus facilities.

Reporting Crimes and Emergencies

Arclabs Welding School's students, employees, visitors, and community members are encouraged to immediately report all emergencies, suspicious activity, and criminal behavior to the school administration and the local police department. Arclabs will take appropriate action based upon the information given and will notify local law enforcement authorities when appropriate. Arclabs does not have any written policies or memoranda of understanding with any local or state enforcement agency for the investigation of alleged criminal offenses.

Arclabs does not accept anonymous reporting of crimes; however, every appropriate effort will be made to maintain confidentiality. Persons wishing to discuss a situation in strict confidentiality may do so by speaking with the corporate directors.

Emergency Procedures

Emergency Threat Assessment

Arclabs Welding School strives to protect the community and provide a safe place of learning for our students. Arclabs is not immune to the possibility that a campus visitor or a member of the campus community poses a threat of harm to him/herself or others. We encourage students, employees, visitors, and the community to take steps to keep themselves and their property safe and to report any observed threatening behavior that may represent a safety concern to the campus community.

Emergency Response and Notification

When a threat is reported, our staff attempts to confirm the validity of the report and collect additional information. We will contact emergency personnel if needed, such as local law enforcement, EMS, and/or the fire department. Arclabs Welding School will attempt to contain the situation until authorities arrive, at which point emergency personnel will assume authority and act as first responders.

Emergency Notification

In the event of an emergency situation that threatens the safety of our students and staff, Arclabs Welding School will make a timely announcement via loud speaker system. However, if it is determined by the campus administrator that a timely warning may compromise efforts to assist a victim or contain or respond to the situation, the notification may be delayed.

Evacuation Information

Evacuation procedures are posted in our classrooms and welding shops. The campus may be subject to evacuation in the event of a severe emergency situation.

Crime Statistics

In compliance with the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act)*, Arclabs Welding School publishes statistics about reported crimes on campus and its adjoining public property (such as public roadways, sidewalks, parking lots). The “Summary of Reported Crimes” includes incidents of alleged crimes, both attempted and completed, that have been reported by students, employees, visitors, and community members directly to the school administrators as well as to the law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over each of our school locations. Per *Clery Act* regulations, Arclabs uses the crime definitions set forth by the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s *Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Handbook* for all crimes except sex crimes, in which definitions are used from the FBI’s *National Incident-Based Reporting System Edition of the UCR*. No information regarding victims, perpetrators of reported crimes, confirmation of crimes, or findings of the crimes are reflected in the report.

Crime statistics are reported to the Department of Education via a website database. It can be accessed by the public at <http://ope.edu.gov/security/>. Paper copies of this report can be downloaded from our website at www.arclabs.edu/campus-security.php or requested from our administrative offices.

Criminal offenses are compiled for the following categories: Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter, Manslaughter by Negligence, Rape, Fondling, Incest, Statutory Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson.

Hate Crimes

A hate crime is a criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against the victim's actual or perceived race, gender, religion, disability, ethnic origin or sexual orientation. The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 expanded the list of crimes for which bias must be reported to include the criminal offenses listed above as well as Larceny-Theft, Simple Assault, Intimidation, and Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property.

VAWA Crimes

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was initially passed in 1994. VAWA created the first U.S. federal legislation acknowledging domestic violence and sexual assault as crimes, and provided federal resources to encourage community-coordinated responses to combating violence. Its reauthorization in 2000 improved the foundation established by VAWA 1994 by creating a much-needed legal assistance program for victims and by expanding the definition of crime to include dating violence and stalking. Its subsequent reauthorization in 2005 took a more holistic approach to addressing these crimes and created new programs to meet the emerging needs of communities working to prevent violence. Included in the 2005 reauthorization were new focus areas such as prevention, landmark housing protections for survivors, funding for rape crisis centers, and culturally- and linguistically-specific services.

Not all victims had been protected or reached through earlier iterations of the bill. ***VAWA 2013 closed critical gaps in services and justice.*** VAWA 2013 reauthorized and improved upon lifesaving services for **all** victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking - including Native women, immigrants, LGBT victims, college students and youth, and public housing residents.

VAWA 2013 also authorized appropriate funding to provide for VAWA's vitally important programs and protections, without imposing limitations that undermine effectiveness or victim safety. (<http://nmedv.org/policy/issues/vawa.html>)

Arclabs Welding School prohibits domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and is committed to maintaining an academic environment free from any form of sexual assault, as defined by the VAWA. Arclabs will report crimes determined to be unfounded and removed from crime statistics, per VAWA requirements. Reported statistics will not identify victims of crimes or persons accused of crimes.

Arclabs Welding School will take disciplinary action against students engaged in any sexual offense, regardless of whether it takes place on or off campus, and notwithstanding any action taken or not taken by the police department. Victims and the accused both will be provided the opportunity to present testimony and witnesses to argue his or her case, and representation is

permitted. Both parties shall be informed of the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings. Sanctions may include disciplinary measures up to and including suspension or dismissal from school.

VAWA Crime Definitions

Dating Violence – the performance or threat of an act of violence by at least one member of an unmarried couple on the other member within the context of dating. This may include any form of sexual assault, physical violence, and verbal or emotional abuse.

Domestic Violence – is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person in an intimate relationship, through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence. It may include relationship abuse, child abuse, or elder abuse and be carried out as physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, economic abuse, and/or psychological abuse.

Those covered under domestic violence are: (1) A spouse of the alleged abuser; (2) A former spouse of the alleged abuser; (3) A person who has a child in common with the alleged abuser; (4) A male and female who are living together or have formerly lived together.

Stalking - a pattern of words, whether verbal, written, or electronic, or a pattern of conduct that serves no legitimate purpose and is intended to cause and does cause a targeted person and would cause a reasonable person in the targeted person's position to fear: (1) death of the person or a member of his family; (2) assault upon the person or a member of his family; (3) bodily injury to the person or a member of his family; (4) criminal sexual contact on the person or a member of his family; (5) kidnapping of the person or a member of his family; or (6) damage to the property of the person or a member of his family.

Campus Disciplinary Action for Law Violations

On campus violations of Arclabs Welding School's policies will result in disciplinary action taken by the school in accordance with the procedures outlined within the Student Handbook or Employee Handbook. Violations of law committed on campus may be addressed by local, state, and/or federal law enforcement agencies.

Additional Information can be found in the VAWA Training Guide available by request in the administrative office of each campus. Additional topics covered include:

- Consent
- Bystander Intervention
- Identifying Warning Signs
- Avoiding Potential Harm
- Reporting an Offense
- Investigation & Disciplinary Proceedings
- Disciplinary Actions & Sanctions
- Campus Resources

Summary of Reported Crimes – Reporting Years 2015, 2016, and 2017 (All Campuses)

	Piedmont			Columbia			Charleston			Houston		
Criminal Offenses - On Campus	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Hate Crimes - On Campus	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0

	Piedmont			Columbia			Charleston			Houston		
Criminal Offenses - Public Property	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Hate Crimes - Public Property	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0

	Piedmont			Columbia			Charleston			Houston		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Offenses - On Campus												
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Arrests - On Campus												
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Disciplinary Actions - On Campus												
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Unfounded Crimes												
Total Unfounded Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0

	Piedmont			Columbia			Charleston			Houston		
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Offenses - Public Property	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Arrests - Public Property	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Disciplinary Actions - Public Property	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0

Drugs and Alcohol

Arclabs Welding School maintains a drug and alcohol-free policy requiring all students to report to training in a substance-free condition. Whether on or off campus, students may not be under the influence, possess or use (without valid medical or dental prescription), manufacture, furnish, or sell narcotic, mood altering, or dangerous drugs controlled by federal, South Carolina, or Texas law. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at Arclabs is prohibited. It is also prohibited to be under the influence of alcoholic beverages at any time while at the school.

Violations of the Arclabs' drug and alcohol policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and including, termination from Arclabs Welding School. Violators of state and federal drug and alcohol laws are subject to arrest by local law enforcement and may face criminal prosecution, fines, imprisonment, and/or other penalties.

Sexual Harassment

Arclabs Welding School is committed to providing an environment free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment by any member of the school community is a violation of law and school policy and will not be tolerated. Both males and females can be victims of sexual harassment, and both males and females can be perpetrators of sexual harassment; the victim and the harasser can also be the same sex. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, physical harassment of a sexual nature, and offensive remarks about a person's sex.

Sexual harassment is an issue that may affect any member of the school community and will be dealt with promptly by the administration. If the alleged perpetrator of sexual harassment is a member of the Arclabs' staff, a formal complaint should be made to the Vice President.