

Appendix J: Safety Messages

Oregon State University has a responsibility to its community to provide timely communications about safety matters. The following principles and values represent the foundational agreements that underpin this important work.

Safety messages may include Clery Timely Warnings, public safety notices, RAVE notices, news releases, social media communications, website information, and departmental communications and may be distributed to a variety of audiences, including a specific OSU campus community, an audience affected by a safety matter, the overall university community or the general public.

The OSU Alert system is the primary distribution mechanism for emergency notifications, timely warnings and related follow-up communications as required by the Clery Act. OSU Alerts are sent via text and email. OSU Alert may also be used to disseminate security information and other campus notifications not mandated by the Clery Act. Information below outlines the implementation of OSU Alert.

The OSU Clery Team is a multi-department team that decides upon safety messages for campus. They are activated when an incident is complex and requires additional perspectives, has significant unintended consequences that must be mitigated, has lack of agreement upon participants, or OSU reputational and other risks need to be assumed or mitigated by the response.