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RE: University Campus Safety

Although university campuses are generally quite safe, our nation's history shows us that no environment is immune from tragic events such as those that occurred at Virginia Tech and more recently in Colorado and Massachusetts. In keeping with new requirements of the Clery Act, a group on campus is developing several new policies and a coordinated approach to educating our campus about safety.

As we await the recommendations of the committee, we believe it is important to provide students with information about the steps to take in the event of an active shooter on campus or a similar critical event. We provide the link below and request that you present the video to students in a venue that you deem most appropriate. Because the video content is intense, ideally the venue would provide the opportunity for discussion. We also suggest you show the video to faculty and staff.


We recognize that it is difficult to raise these issues with students and employees, and thank you for helping to educate the campus about safety measures. Your Associate Deans for Students are cc’d because the video was previewed and discussed in a recent meeting with them.