

STUDENTS—CRIME/ EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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11.1 OVERVIEW

It is an unfortunate fact of life that criminal law has become a relevant subject for school and college administrators. As must all businesses, schools and colleges must focus on the modern reality of workplace violence and the effect of crime on students, employees, and on the business itself. In this chapter, we focus specifically on students as perpetrators and victims of crime and violence, although much of the discussion and many of the recommendations would help schools and colleges deal with the broader security risks that they face. In Section 11.2, we focus on legal mandates designed to foster security and suggest steps to help prevent crime on campus or handle an immediate crisis.

The rest of the chapter looks at other issues at the forefront of student affairs. In Section 11.3, we discuss legal issues attending current efforts to control drug and alcohol abuse by students. Sections 11.4 through 11.7 address pressing issues related to school-sanctioned student organizations, including specifically, student newspapers, and to athletics and gender-equity requirements. Finally, Sections 11.8 through 11.10 highlight the risks of off-campus field trips, internships and study-abroad programs. Although the risks of foreign study have always been present to a certain degree, we may be more ready to acknowledge them in this post-9-11 world.

