

# If You Have Experienced Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, or Stalking

## Immediate steps

- **Go to a safe place.** A friend's room, or any open offices on campus.
- **Call someone you trust.** A friend, family member, or victim advocate are good resources. You do not have to go through this alone.
- **Preserve evidence.** After sexual assault, do not shower until you have considered whether to have a no-cost sexual assault forensic exam within 120 hours of the assault. You do not need to make a formal report or press charges to have a sexual assault forensic exam. Save the clothes you were wearing (unwashed) in a paper or cloth bag. After sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and/or stalking, take photos of any damage or injury and keep communication records (e.g. texts, emails, letters).

## Within 24 hours

- **Seek out support.** You may want to turn to an advocate or counselor for support and advice. They will talk with you about your options for additional support services and reporting.
- **After unwanted physical contact, get medical attention.** A medical provider can check for and treat physical injury, sexually transmitted infections, and pregnancy. You do not need to make a formal report or press charges to receive medical care.

## At any time

- **Consider making a formal report.** You are encouraged to report what happened to both the police and the University. You can decide how much you would like to participate in any investigation process.
- **UConn can help.** Campus-based resources, like the Dean of Students Office, can help you with changes to your housing, classes, work, and more. You do not need to make a formal report or press charges to receive help from UConn.

# UConn's Commitment to a Safe and Supportive Community

UConn is committed to creating and maintaining a campus environment free from all forms of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking. All reports are taken with the utmost seriousness. Retaliation against any person who makes a report is strictly prohibited.

You are not alone. You do not have to make a formal report or press charges to receive support. The resources listed in this brochure can help with a range of assistance measures, including: medical and counseling services; academic support; modifications to working and living situations; assistance with transportation, financial aid, visa, and immigration issues; enacting University no-contact letters; referrals to legal and advocacy services; and more.

## Employee Reporting

The University cares deeply about supporting victim-survivors and protecting community safety. Therefore, under UConn's employee reporting policies, most employees who witness or receive a report of sexual assault, intimate partner violence or stalking must report the incident to the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE). Exceptions include employees who are empowered by law to maintain confidentiality, such as those in Student Health Services and Counseling and Mental Health Services.

Under the federal Clery Act, many employees also have a duty under federal law to report crimes to the UConn Police Department. Their report to police will include the date, time, place, and nature of the incident.



Office of Institutional Equity  
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241 GLENBROOK ROAD, UNIT 4175  
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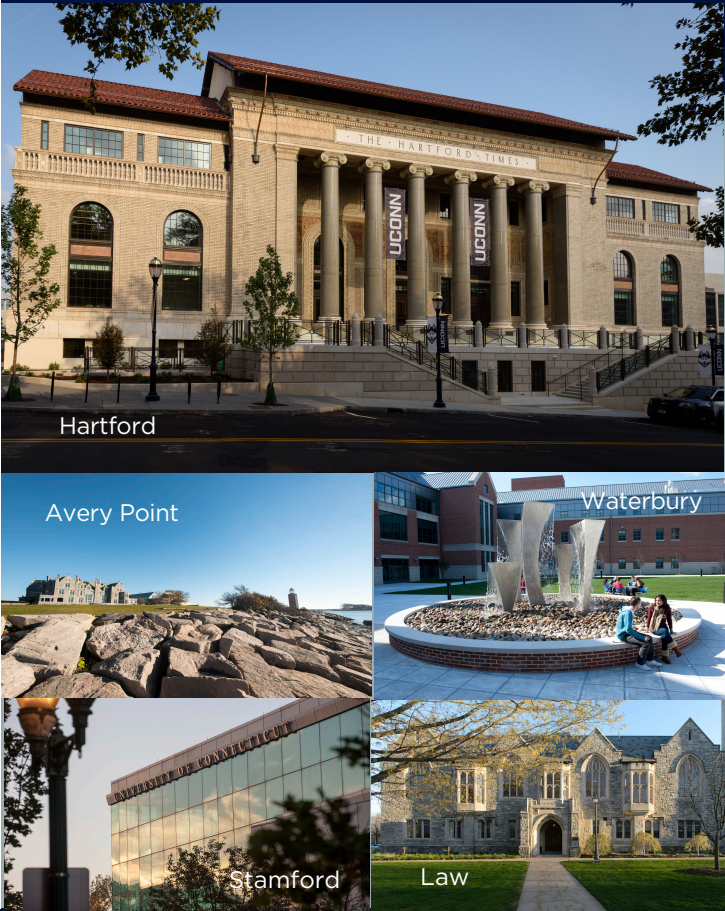
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## Regional Campus Reporting and Resources



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## What is Sexual Assault\*?

Sexual assault consists of sexual contact and/or sexual intercourse that occurs without consent. Sexual assault can happen to anyone, regardless of gender.

## What is Consent\*?

Consent is an understandable exchange of affirmative words or actions, which indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. Consent must be informed, freely and actively given. It is the responsibility of the initiator to obtain clear and affirmative responses at each stage of sexual involvement. Consent to one form of sexual activity [like kissing] does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity [like sex]. The lack of a negative response is not consent. An individual who is incapacitated by alcohol and/or other drugs, both voluntarily or involuntarily consumed, may not give consent. Past consent of sexual activity does not imply ongoing future consent.

## What is Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)\*?

IPV includes any act of violence or threatened act of violence that occurs between individuals who are involved or have been involved in a sexual, dating, spousal, domestic, or other intimate relationship. IPV may include sexual assault, stalking, and physical assault. A pattern of behavior is typically determined based on the repeated use of words and/or actions and inactions in order to demean, intimidate, and/or control another person. This behavior can be verbal, emotional, and/or physical.

## What is Stalking\*?

Stalking occurs when a person engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person under circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety or the safety of others, or to experience substantial emotional distress. Stalking includes "cyber stalking," a particular form of stalking in which a person uses electronic media, such as the Internet, social networks, blogs, phones, texts, or other similar devices or forms of contact.

\* Please note that these definitions are contained within UConn's policies and are not the same standard applied in a law enforcement proceeding.

## Reporting and Investigations

Victim-survivors are strongly encouraged to make a report to both the police and to the University for assistance and investigation. Students and employees who violate University policies and conduct codes may be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion and/or termination. **Victim-survivors have the right to report assaults without further participation in any investigation.**

### UConn Police Department

**Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**  
police.uconn.edu

- Responsible for all criminal investigations for on-campus crimes
- An officer from the Special Victims Unit is assigned as the primary contact with the victim-survivor throughout the investigation
- For off-campus crimes, state or local police are responsible for investigations

**Storrs**, 860.486.4800  
126 North Eagleville Road, Storrs

**Avery Point**, 860.486.4800  
Stone Cottage on the West Circle

**Hartford**, 860.486.4800  
Hartford Times Building, Basement Floor

**School of Law**, 860.486.4800  
Library Building, Room 346

**Stamford**, 860.486.4800  
Stamford Campus, Room 142

**Waterbury**, 860.486.4800  
UConn Campus Building, Ground Floor  
East Main Street, Waterbury

**Connecticut State Police**, 860.685.8190

### The Office of Community Standards

**8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday**  
Wilbur Cross Building, Room 301  
233 Glenbrook Road, Storrs  
860.486.8402 | community.uconn.edu

- Investigates when the accused individual is or may be a UConn student
- Enacts University no-contact letters

**The Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) and the Title IX Coordinator**  
**Available 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday**  
Wood Hall, First Floor  
241 Glenbrook Road, Storrs  
860.486.2943 | titleix.uconn.edu

- Investigates when the accused individual is a UConn employee
- UConn’s Title IX Coordinator, Elizabeth Conklin, is responsible for ensuring that all reports are addressed and investigated by UConn

## Confidential Resources (On-Campus)

**NOT required to report to OIE**  
**Avery Point Counseling Services**  
**Walk-in hours and by appointment**  
Academic Building, ACD 114F  
860.405.9044

**Hartford Campus Counseling & Wellness Center**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday-Friday**  
Hartford Times Building, Room 108  
10 Prospect Street, Hartford  
959.200.3819

**School of Law Counseling Services**  
**Available by appointment, Monday-Thursday**  
William F. Starr Hall, Room 109, Hartford  
860.916.5243

**Stamford Mental Health Resource Center**  
**8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday**  
University Place, Room 213, Stamford  
203.251.9597

**Waterbury Campus Counseling Services**  
**Walk-in hours and by appointment**  
99 East Main Street, Room 112, Waterbury  
203.236.9817

While a victim-survivor’s conversation with any University employee will be kept *private* (will not be shared unnecessarily with others), only a conversation with a confidential resource can be kept *confidential* (will not be shared with anyone without the express consent of the victim-survivor).

## Confidential Resources (Off-Campus)

**NOT required to report to OIE**  
**All services are free and confidential.**

**Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence**  
**Statewide Hotline: 1.888.999.5545 (24/7)**  
**Spanish Hotline: 1.888.568.8332 (24/7)**

- Crisis and short-term counseling
- Hospital, police, and court accompaniment
- Information and referral services, including legal assistance
- Support for victim-survivors of sexual violence

**Avery Point and Storrs-Mansfield Areas**  
**Local Hotline: 860.456.2789**  
Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut  
90 South Park Street, Willimantic  
78 Howard Street, Suite C1, New London

**Hartford Area**  
**Local Hotline: 860.547.1022**  
YWCA Sexual Assault Crisis Services  
75 Charter Oak Ave., Building 1, Suite 1-304, Hartford

**Stamford Area**  
**Local Hotline: 203.329.2929**  
Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling & Education  
733 Summer Street, Suite 503, Stamford

**Waterbury Area**  
**Local Hotline: 203.753.3613**  
Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury  
29 Central Avenue, Waterbury

**Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence**  
**Statewide Hotline: 1.888.774.2900 (24/7)**  
**Spanish Hotline: 1.844.831.9200 (24/7)**

- Support for victim-survivors of domestic or dating violence and stalking
- 24-hour crisis counseling

## Non-Confidential Resources (On-Campus)

**Required to report to OIE**

### Office of Student Services

- Assists with academic and other concerns including changes or modifications to class schedules, rescheduling exams, and more
- Explains the available resources and University investigation process, and can assist victim-survivors throughout the course of the investigation
- You do not need to make a formal report or press charges to receive help from the Office of Student Services

**Avery Point**  
Director of Student Services  
Branford House, Room 306  
1084 Shennecossett Road, Groton  
860.405.9024

**Hartford**  
Assistant Director of Student Services  
Hartford Times Building, Room 127B  
10 Prospect Street, Hartford  
959.200.3836

**School of Law**  
Director of Student Services  
Thomas J. Meskill Law Library, Room 221A  
39 Elizabeth Street, Hartford  
860.570.5244

**Stamford**  
Director of Student Services  
Stamford Campus, Room 201  
1 University Place, Stamford  
203.251.8484

**Waterbury**  
Associate Director of Student Services  
Waterbury Campus, Room 228F  
99 East Main Street, Waterbury  
203.236.9871