

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

Immediate steps

- **Go to a safe place.** Your RA's room, 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 and the Title IX Coordinator
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Reporting and Resources

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.

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

126 North Eagleville Road, Storrs
860.486.4800 | publicsafety.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

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

Student Health Services

Advice Nurse on call 24/7: 860.486.4700*

234 Glenbrook Road, Storrs
Phone: 860.486.2719 (Appointment Desk)
shs.uconn.edu

- Crisis and follow-up care for victim-survivors
- **Free** medical examinations, medications, STD testing, and referrals to counseling
- Site for sexual assault forensic examinations (Fall and Spring semesters)

** During semester and summer breaks, advice nurse is available 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily*

Counseling and Mental Health Services (CMHS)

Therapist on call 24/7: 860.486.4705*

**Office hours 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Friday**

Arjona Building, 337 Mansfield Road, Storrs
860.486.4705 | counseling.uconn.edu

- Immediate crisis intervention and therapy for recent or past victim-survivors
- Therapists can be accessed by appointment, walk-in, or after-hours emergency

** During semester and summer breaks, therapist available:
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday*

Stronger Support Group

Contact CMHS for meeting times: 860.486.4705

- Confidential support and discussion group for UConn student victim-survivors
- Supportive, confidential environment to help victim-survivors gain strength and empowerment

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 to legal assistance
- Support for victim-survivors of sexual violence

Storrs-Mansfield and Avery Point 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

Waterbury Area

Local Hotline: 203.753.3613

Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury
29 Central Avenue, Waterbury

Torrington Area

Local Hotline: 860.482.7133

Susan B. Anthony Project
179 Water Street, Torrington

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

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

Dean of Students Office

8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday

Wilbur Cross Building, Second Floor
233 Glenbrook Road, Storrs
860.486.3426 | dos.uconn.edu | dos@uconn.edu

- Assists with academic and other concerns including changes or modifications to class schedules, rescheduling exams, and more
- The Assistant Dean of Students can explain the available resources and University investigation process, and can assist students throughout the course of the investigation
- You do not need to make a formal report or press charges to receive help from the Dean of Students Office

Department of Residential Life

RA's and Hall Directors are on call 24/7 during the academic year.

Whitney Hall, Garden Level
1346 Storrs Road, Storrs
860.933.2220 | reslife.uconn.edu

- Knowledgeable and able to provide information about campus services
- Assists victim-survivors with navigating the campus investigation process
- Manages changes in housing

Women's Center

8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday

Student Union, Fourth Floor
2110 Hillside Road, Storrs
860.486.4738 | womenscenter.uconn.edu

- Provides advocacy and support, including accompaniment during reporting and investigations
- Information and referral services
- Assists victim-survivors regardless of gender identity