

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 Office of Student Services, 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 you 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 medical and counseling services in Student Health and Wellness.

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
WOOD HALL, FIRST FLOOR
241 GLENBROOK ROAD, UNIT 4175
STORRS, CT 06269
860.486.2943

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Regional Campus 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/or physical assault. IPV may involve a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, or may involve one-time conduct. This behavior can be verbal, emotional, and/or physical.

What is Stalking*?

Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific individual that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety or the safety of others, or for the individual to suffer substantial emotional distress. Stalking includes unwanted, repeated, or cumulative behaviors that serve no purpose other than to threaten, or cause fear for another individual.

* 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

You 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. **You have the right to report without further participation in any investigation.**

UConn Police Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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 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

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

Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) and the Title IX Coordinator

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 is responsible for ensuring that all reports are addressed

Confidential Resources (On-Campus)

NOT required to report to OIE

Avery Point Mental Health Resource Center

Walk-in hours and by appointment

Branford House, Room 315
860.405.9044

Hartford Mental Health Resource Center

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Hartford Times Building, Room 113
10 Prospect Street, Hartford
959.200.3869

School of Law Counseling Services

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, Stamford
203.251.9597

Waterbury Mental Health Resource Center

Walk-in hours and by appointment

99 East Main Street, Room 236, 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

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

School of Law

Assistant Dean of Students
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