

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 and supportive measures 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.

The *Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence* (the *Policy*), contains detailed information about reporting, accessing campus and community resources, investigations, and more.

Supportive Measures

The resources listed in this brochure can help with a range of supportive measures, including but not limited to: medical and counseling services; academic support; leaves of absence; modifications to working/living situations and class schedules; assistance with transportation, financial aid, visa, and immigration issues; enacting mutual University no-contact letters; and referrals to legal and advocacy services.

Employee Reporting

Under the Policy, 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 confidential and exempt employees as defined in the *Policy*, 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

UConn complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination, equal opportunity, affirmative action, and providing reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. Contact: Office of Institutional Equity; (860) 486-2943; equity@uconn.edu; <http://www.equity.uconn.edu>.

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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
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

Confidential employees are entitled under state law to have privileged communications.

More information related to employee reporting responsibilities can be found in the *Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment and Related Interpersonal Violence*.

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

Hartford Area

Local Hotline: 860.547.1022

YWCA Sexual Assault Crisis Services

Stamford Area

Local Hotline: 203.329.2929

Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling & Education

Waterbury Area

Local Hotline: 203.753.3613

Safe Haven of Greater 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

While an impacted individual’s conversation with a University employee in non-confidential offices will be kept *private* (will not be shared unnecessarily with others), only conversations with either a confidential or exempt resource will not be reported to OIE (unless the impacted individual requests that the information be shared).

Non-Confidential Resources (On-Campus)

Required to report to OIE

Office of Student Services

- Explains the available resources and University investigation processes
- Assists with implementation of supportive measures, including academic and other concerns, modifications to class schedules, rescheduling exams, and more

You do not need to make a formal complaint or press charges to receive help and supportive measures 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