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 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.

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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.

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 Discrimination*

Discrimination is the act of treating someone unfairly based on a person’s race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, or status as a qualified individual with a disability. UConn complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination and provides reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. Contact: Office of Institutional Equity; (860) 486-3943; equity@uconn.edu; http://www.equity.uconn.edu.

* 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

Impacted individuals 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 disciplines up to and including expulsion and/or termination. You have the option to report and have the right to choose whether to participate in any investigation process.

**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

**Connecticut State Police**, 860.685.890

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 a UConn student
- Enacts University no-contact directives

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

**Mental Health Care**
(On Campus)

Confidential - 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.

**Off-Campus Advocacy**
Confidential - 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).

**University Support and Assistance (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 301
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**
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**
Director of Student Services
Waterbury Campus, Room 228H
99 East Main Street, Waterbury
203.236.9871