

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 supportive measures and resources 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 this brochure and in the *Policy*.

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



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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/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.

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 discipline 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.**

You do not need to make a formal complaint to receive support and resources from UConn.

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 with the victim-survivor throughout the investigation
- For off-campus crimes, state or local police are responsible for investigations

Office of Community Standards

8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday

Wilbur Cross Building, Room 301
860.486.8402 | community.uconn.edu

- Investigates when the accused individual is or may be 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
860.486.2943 | titleix.uconn.edu
equity@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

Medical and Mental Health Care (On Campus)

Confidential - NOT required to report to OIE

Student Health and Wellness (SHaW)

studenthealth.uconn.edu

Medical Care

Hilda May Williams Building
860.486.2719 (Appointment Desk)

Advice Nurse On Call: 860.486.4700

Fall and Spring semesters: Available 24/7

Summer and semester breaks:

8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday

- 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)

Mental Health

Arjona Building
860.486.4705 (Appointment Desk)

Mental Health Crisis Support Line

Available 24/7/365: 833.308.3040

- Immediate crisis intervention, and individual and group therapy
- Therapists can be accessed by appointment, walk-in, or after-hours emergency

For current SHaW office hours visit:
studenthealth.uconn.edu/hours-offices/

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

Exempt employees are not required to report information to the University with some narrow exceptions (unless someone is in imminent risk of serious harm or a minor). Exempt employees will offer students and employees information about resources, support and how to report incidents to law enforcement and the University.

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

Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence

Statewide Hotline: 1.888.999.5545 (24/7)

Spanish Hotline: 1.888.568.8332 (24/7)

- Provides no cost crisis and short-term counseling
- Hospital, police, and court accompaniment
- Information and referral services, including 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

Waterbury Area - Local Hotline: 203.753.3613

Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury

Torrington Area - Local Hotline: 860.482.7133

Susan B. Anthony Project

Hartford Area - Local Hotline: 860.547.1022

YWCA Sexual Assault Crisis Service

Stamford Area - Local Hotline: 203.329.2929

The Rowan Center

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)

Each of the offices below can:

- Explain the available resources and University investigation processes and provide accompaniment during reporting and investigation meetings

Required to report to OIE

Dean of Students Office

8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday

Wilbur Cross Building, Second Floor
860.486.3426 | dos.uconn.edu | dos@uconn.edu

- Assists with implementation of supportive measures, including academic and other concerns, modifications to class schedules, rescheduling exams, safety planning, and more

Department of Residential Life

Residential Life staff are on call 24/7

Whitney Hall, Garden Level
860.933.2220 | reslife.uconn.edu

- Provides information about on-campus housing

Exempt - NOT required to report to OIE

Cultural Centers (CC)

Student Union, Fourth Floor

- Provides culturally responsive and gender inclusive advocacy, support, and referral services

African American CC | aacc.uconn.edu

Asian American CC | asacc.uconn.edu

Puerto Rican Latin American CC | latinx.uconn.edu

Rainbow Center | rainbowcenter.uconn.edu

Women's Center | womenscenter.uconn.edu

- Provides advocacy, support and assistance for victim-survivors regardless of their gender identity

In-Power Support Group

Contact inpower@uconn.edu for meeting times

- Student-led group dedicated to building a gender-inclusive community welcoming victim-survivors at any point in their healing process

Office for Diversity and Inclusion

Budds Building, Room 311 | 860.486.2422
diversity.uconn.edu | diversity@uconn.edu

For current office hours please refer to each office's website