

# SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

# WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW

## Obtaining Information, Assistance and Support; Reporting Options



If you have experienced sexual or gender-based violence, there are a number of ways to report the incident and multiple channels for obtaining information, assistance and support to ensure your health and safety, both physical and emotional. This Infographic provides an overview of your options. Detailed information can be found in the **Resource Guide for Students** (<http://bit.ly/1JN4vBM>) and on the **Sexual Violence Education & Resources website** (the "SV Website"), at [www.virginia.edu/sexualviolence](http://www.virginia.edu/sexualviolence).

The term "sexual and gender-based violence" is used here as an umbrella term to refer to all "Prohibited Conduct," as defined in the University's Policy on Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment and Other Forms of Interpersonal Violence (the "Policy"). Prohibited Conduct includes Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Intimate Partner Violence, Stalking, Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment, Complicity (in the commission of any such conduct), and Retaliation against any person for making a good faith report of Prohibited Conduct or participating in any proceedings under the Policy. Detailed definitions of these and other key terms, including "Affirmative Consent" and "Incapacitation" are set forth in the Policy: <http://eocr.virginia.edu/policies-procedures-and-resources>

## 1 IMMEDIATELY AFTER INCIDENT

### Reporting the Incident

You are strongly encouraged to report sexual and gender-based violence to the police.



Report to any police officer, in person, or by calling one of the numbers to the right. If you seek medical attention at the UVA Emergency Department (see below), you may ask to make a police report at the hospital. Reporting to police will not affect your ability to pursue resolution through the University process (see next page). The University's process is independent of the criminal process.

#### HOW TO CONTACT THE POLICE

**Emergency:** 911  
**Non-emergency:**

- Albemarle County Police: (434) 977-9041
- City of Charlottesville Police: (434) 970-3280

### Seeking Emergency Medical Attention

You are strongly encouraged to seek medical attention.



You may obtain medical attention at any facility. However, the UVA Hospital Emergency Department and UVA Student Health are the only local healthcare facilities with nurses (called "SANE nurses") who are specially trained to perform a forensic sexual assault examination that preserves evidence within the first 72 hours after an assault. These include assessment for injuries, as well as prevention of sexually-transmitted infections and pregnancy. More information about the forensic exam can be found in the Resource Guide for Students (<http://bit.ly/1JN4vBM>) and on the SV Website. Students are not required to report an incident to law enforcement or the University in order to receive medical attention or a forensic exam. *Both facilities provide other appropriate medical services whether or not a student chooses collection of forensic evidence.*

#### WHERE TO GO FOR CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL ATTENTION

**24 hours/7 days a week**

- UVA Hospital ER  
1215 Lee Street  
(434) 924-2231

**Regular business hours**

- Elson Student Health Ctr  
400 Brandon Avenue  
(434) 924-5362  
[www.virginia.edu/studenthealth](http://www.virginia.edu/studenthealth)

### Seeking Confidential Crisis Counseling

You are strongly encouraged to seek confidential counseling.



You may obtain crisis counseling and confidential information, advice and support through any of the sources listed to the right.

#### UVA CONFIDENTIAL CRISIS RESOURCES

- UVA Counseling and Psychological Services ("CAPS"): (434) 243-5150 (daytime); (434) 972-7004 (evenings/weekends)
- UVA Women's Center: (434) 982-2252 (daytime)

#### COMMUNITY CONFIDENTIAL CRISIS RESOURCES

- Sexual Assault Resource Agency ("SARA"): (434) 977-7273
- Shelter for Help in Emergency ("SHE"): (434) 293-8509
- Family Violence and Sexual Assault Virginia Hotline: 1 (800) 838-8238

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### Seeking Emotional Support

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## OTHER INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT

There are many sources of information, assistance and support at the University and in the community.



### Seeking Ongoing Confidential Counseling

At the University, confidential support is available through CAPS (434) 243-5150, the Women’s Center (434) 982-2252, and at Student Health (434) 924-5362 (in the departments of Gynecology, General Medicine, and the Student Disability Access Center).

In the Charlottesville Community, confidential support is available through SARA (434) 977-7273 and SHE (434) 293-8509. Detailed contact information and a list of other sources of confidential support is contained on the SV Website: [www.virginia.edu/sexualviolence](http://www.virginia.edu/sexualviolence).

### Seeking Remedial and Protective Measures

**University Measures:** ODOS can arrange for a broad range of protective and remedial measures, including (1) a “No-Contact Directive,” which is enforceable through the Standards of Conduct, and (2) appropriate and available academic, University housing and/or university employment modifications. **Information you share with ODOS will be evaluated to assess individual and community safety consistent with UNIVERSITY OBLIGATIONS outlined below.**

Remedial measures are available regardless of whether a student pursues a report or investigation under the Policy. The **Resource Guide for Students** (<http://bit.ly/1JN4vBM>) describes such measures in detail.

**Judicial Protective Orders:** Where there is an immediate threat to health or safety, it may also be possible to obtain a judicial protective order. ODOS and/or the University Police can provide information and assistance in filing for a protective order.

#### WHO TO CONTACT

**Office of the Dean of Students (“ODOS”) Dean on Call:** ODOS provides 24-hour crisis management services.

During regular business hours, call ODOS at (434) 924-7133.

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## REPORTING OPTIONS

You may report to the police and/or to the University.



You may report to: (1) the police, in which case the Commonwealth’s Attorney will decide whether or not to pursue criminal charges, and (2) the University, in which case the University will assess the report and determine the appropriate course of action. You may pursue both or neither of these options. While you may make a report at any time, filing a report immediately after an incident can help to preserve important evidence.

### University Report

You may report to the University through its reporting website, **Just Report It:** [www.virginia.edu/justreportit/titleix-vawa](http://www.virginia.edu/justreportit/titleix-vawa), or by contacting the University’s Title IX Coordinator, directly at (434) 297-7988 or [titleixcoordinator@virginia.edu](mailto:titleixcoordinator@virginia.edu). You may also contact ODOS Dean on Call after hours.

You may also pursue University resolution under the Policy. The standard of proof under the Policy is a “preponderance of the evidence,” and sanctions may include disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

### Police Report

You may report to the police directly or you may request assistance from ODOS in reporting to the police. The criminal process is governed by applicable criminal statutes; the standard of proof is “beyond a reasonable doubt,” and sanctions may include all applicable criminal penalties.

### Anonymous Report

You may report anonymously through **Just Report It:** [www.virginia.edu/justreportit/titleix-vawa](http://www.virginia.edu/justreportit/titleix-vawa). However, the University’s ability to respond to an anonymous report may be limited.

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## UNIVERSITY OBLIGATIONS



Once a report of Prohibited Conduct is received, the University will conduct an initial assessment, a threat assessment, and take any immediate action that may be necessary to protect the health and safety of individuals and the University community. Depending on the nature and severity of the conduct reported, the University may be required to share all known information, including names, with law enforcement. The University is committed to protecting the safety of the broader University community, which includes reporting crime statistics and, in some cases, issuing incident notifications in accordance with federal law. Most University employees – “Responsible Employees”- **are required to report** any knowledge of an incident of sexual or gender-based violence or harassment to the University’s Title IX Coordinator within 24 hours. Licensed clinical health and mental health care providers are considered confidential resources and **will not report** Prohibited Conduct to the University’s Title IX Coordinator.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

about reporting requirements and confidential resources:

**Resource Guide for Students:** <http://bit.ly/1JN4vBM>