

GETTING HELP: Reporting Options & Resources

Making a report of sexual misconduct is an important step. This is a guide on *how to report and to whom* when you are ready.

Please note: if you are in need of immediate medical attention or wish to have a forensic examination performed please dial 911 or proceed to an emergency room of a hospital of your choosing. If the assault has taken place within the past 120 hours, a forensic examination may be performed in order to preserve evidence in the event you wish to report to law enforcement. Even if you do not yet know if you wish to make a report to law enforcement, you can have a forensic examination (rape kit) performed at no cost to you; you can decide at a later time if you wish to make a report to law enforcement. If the assault has just occurred and you wish to preserve evidence for a possible law enforcement investigation, do not wash any bedding or take a shower until you have completed the examination. When you go to the hospital following a sexual assault and have a forensic examination, the nurse will typically need to take the clothing you were wearing during the assault. Therefore, it is important to not wash those clothes if you have not already done so.

- I. REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
 - a. Making a report to a police officer is a separate process than making a report to the school. You have the right to make a report to law enforcement and school officials can assist you in contacting the police if you wish.
 - b. Contacting the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department: to report an assault to the police, simply call 911. If you have questions for detectives in the Sex Crimes Unit, you may call 314.444.5385. Information online can be found at www.slmpd.org
 - c. You have the right to make a report to both law enforcement AND Saint Louis University; choosing one does not eliminate the other entity as a reporting option.
 - d. Orders of protection can be applied for through the court system, and the St. Louis Sexual Assault Response Team can dispatch an advocate to assist you in making that application to the court. The Sexual Assault Response Team is managed by the YWCA of St. Louis and their 24 hour hotline can be reached at 314.531.7273.

II. REPORTING TO SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

- a. You may make a report to the school regarding sexual misconduct. Depending on if the person who hurt you is a student or non-student, the school can take a variety of steps (in any case) to help end the harassment and provide resources to you. You have the right to make a report to both the school and law enforcement.
- b. To deal with an emergency situation on campus, dial 911 and/or contact the Department of Public Safety at 314.977.3000.
- c. Saint Louis University has a variety of staff and departments that have training in addressing matters of sexual misconduct. You may wish to consult with one of these reporting contacts at any point, however, please know that ultimately you will be referred to the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity (OIED) to make a report of sexual misconduct. The staff in the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity can initiate an investigation of the report you make.
 - i. To set up a time to meet with staff from the OIED, please call 314.977.9868 or email Kim Sahr (Equity Officer for Title IX issues) at ksahr@slu.edu
 - ii. Please note: the phone number for the OIED is not monitored 24/7 but during regular University business hours. If you need immediate crisis services please consider contacting one of the service providers listed below.
- d. If you are in need of immediate crisis services, please contact one of the following local resources:
 - i. University Counseling Center (UCC) operates a 24 hour talk line at 314.977.8255 (TALK)*
 - ii. The YWCA of St. Louis operates a 24 hour hotline that can be reached at 314.531.7273 (RAPE)*
 - iii. Safe Connections of St. Louis operates a 24 hour crisis helpline that can be reached at 314.531.2003*
- e. Other University Reporting Contacts
Please note: the contact listed below in this section are NOT confidential reporting contacts. They will absolutely honor your privacy but are required by law to report what is shared with them with the Title IX Coordinator and/or Title

IX Equity Officer at SLU. They will NOT share your information with other students or others who do not have a legitimate need to know.

If you need a Confidential Reporting Contact, please contact the University Counseling Center at 314.977.8255.

The licensed counselors at the UCC are the campuses designated CONFIDENTIAL reporting contacts.

- i. Housing and Residence Life staff: Housing and Residence Life staff can assist you in making emergency accommodations and/or getting in touch with police or other campus reporting contacts. Resident Advisors and Residence Hall Coordinators are trained in responding to reports of sexual misconduct and will work with students to make sure they are safe and understand the next steps in a reporting process. HRL staff do not conduct investigations and are required to report sexual misconduct matters to the Title IX Coordinator.
- ii. Department of Public Safety staff: DPS can assist students in making sure they are safe on campus. DPS staff can also provide security escorts and will respond to emergency situations. DPS staff are trained in responding to reports of sexual misconduct and can assist students in reporting to law enforcement, obtaining orders of protection from the local courts system, and are required to report sexual misconduct matters to the Title IX Coordinator.
- iii. Campus Ministry staff: Campus Ministers can serve as emotional and spiritual support for anyone involved in a sexual misconduct situation. Campus Ministers are trained in how to respond to students who are involved in sexual misconduct situations. Campus Ministers are NOT confidential reporting contacts and are required to report sexual misconduct situations to the Title IX Coordinator. Campus Ministers, while they cannot keep confidentiality, will always keep student information private and will safeguard student information to the fullest extent possible.
- iv. Dean of Students and Dean of Students staff: The Dean of Students Office assists the Title IX office in

providing and coordinating various accommodations for those who have been impacted by sexual misconduct. Staff in this office are trained on handling matters of sexual misconduct and will report these situations to the Title IX Coordinator. Dean of Students staff can assist students in making academic accommodations and getting in touch with other campus or local resources. Dean of Students staff, while not able to keep total confidentiality, will safeguard student information and treat what they are told as private and sensitive.

*denotes a confidential reporting contact

III. ANONYMOUS REPORTING

- a. Anyone who wishes to inform the University of sexual misconduct but who wishes to remain completely anonymous may choose to utilize the University's Compliance Hotline by calling 1.800.525.5669 (KNOW). You do not have to leave your name if you do not wish to, and this line is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information on the compliance hotline, please visit: <http://www.slu.edu/general-counsel-home/compliance/hotline-information-and-faqs>

IV. RESOURCES FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

- a. Campus resources are designated for any person who has been impacted in any way by sexual misconduct or sexual misconduct allegations. Students who are acting as support persons for friends who have been impacted by sexual misconduct may also access campus resources for counseling, campus minister support, etc. Students may access any of the measures or services listed below whether or not they are choosing to make a formal report or participate in an investigation.
- b. Interim Measures
 - i. No Contact Orders: Students harmed by another student may wish to seek a No Contact Order to

prohibit any further contact. No Contact Orders are facilitated by the Office of Student Responsibility and Community Standards. Students may ask for a No Contact Order even if they do not wish to participate in a full investigation through.

- ii. Change of living environment: At times it may be necessary for one (or both) parties to have a change of residence hall or residence hall room (if they live on campus).
- iii. Academic Accommodations: Students can work with the Office of Equity and Diversity as well as the Dean of Students Office to make arrangements with academic advisors and instructors to help students be successful in class.

c. Safety Resources

- i. Campus safety escorts: DPS Officers can escort any student to any campus location. A safety escort can be obtained by contacting DPS at 314.977.3000.
- ii. SLU Ride: Students can utilize SLU Ride to any campus location by calling 314.977.7433 (RIDE)
- iii. DPS offers regular classes on self-defense that are open to SLU students

d. Counseling Resources

- i. The University Counseling Center offers counseling services to students free of charge. The UCC can be contacted at 314.977.8255 (TALK)
- ii. Both Safe Connections (South City on Hampton Avenue) and the YWCA of St. Louis have individual and group therapy at no cost.