

STUDENT SEXUAL ASSAULT

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Obtaining Information, Support and Assistance, Filing a Complaint



If you have been impacted by sexual misconduct, there are a number of ways to report the incident and a wide array of services available to obtain the information, support and assistance you need to ensure your health and safety. Additional information can be found on the University's Sexual Violence website: www.millersville.edu/sexualviolence

IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN INCIDENT

REPORTING THE INCIDENT

You are strongly encouraged to report sexual violence to the police.

Additional reporting options listed in section 3.

Report sexual misconduct to the police by calling one of the numbers below. You may also report, in person to any police officer. If you seek medical care at Lancaster General Hospital, you can ask to report the sexual misconduct incident at that time as well. Your decision to report to the police will not affect your ability to file a complaint through the University's conduct process (see back), which is independent of the criminal process.

SEEKING EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION

SEEKING CONFIDENTIAL CRISIS COUNSELING

2 SEEKING SUPPORT IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS

SEEKING EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

There are CONFIDENTIAL sources of support and counseling available on campus.

SEEKING PROTECTIVE SERVICES

University Protective Services

Once notified of the assault, if both parties involved are students, the University is able to impose a "no-contact order," a document that orders parties to refrain from having in-person or electronic contact with each other. Violation of the no-contact order is enforceable through the University's Code of Conduct, and the order may be issued whether or not there is a formal complaint filed. In addition, the Title IX office may assist with room changes or emergency relocation options when the parties live in close proximity or have classes or other activities in common.

3 REPORTING OPTIONS

You have several options for filing a report of sexual assault. You may pursue all or none of these options. You are not required to file a report immediately; however it is important to preserve any evidence of the sexual assault.

Police Report (Criminal Investigation)

Students are encouraged to report sexual assault to the police. Both the police department and District Attorney's offices are victim-centric. Police do not force individuals to "press charges." It is the first step of a criminal investigation. The goal of a criminal investigation is to determine if a crime has occurred and if a suspect can be linked to the crime. The Millersville police department will involve a YWCA advocate during the initial stages of a police report. All other Lancaster departments will involve a YWCA advocate upon a hospital medical exam if not earlier. Police will not charge a complainant who had been drinking with underage drinking charges.

University Complaint

If the alleged respondent is a University student, the Title IX office will investigate the incident and provide support services to the complainant.

Anonymous Complaints

You may file an anonymous complaint through Student Conduct online: www.millersville.edu/studentconduct. However, filing out a complaint anonymously limits Student Conduct staff in offering support services and their ability to investigate and respond to the incident.

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