Frequently Asked Questions

What are confidential resources?
Confidential resources include counselors and victim advocates who are not required to report the incident to the police or the University and who have legal protections from disclosing information provided by survivors. Non-confidential resources are legally obligated to report incidents of sexual misconduct to a Title IX Coordinator. Confidential resources are listed on the back panel.

If I file a report with the University, does my information remain private?
The University will support an individual’s choice as to how to proceed, unless the University must act to fulfill its obligation to provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all students. In each case, the University will take steps to protect the student making the report and disclose information only to those with a need to know.

If I am a student, will the University tell my parents?
No. Because the University’s primary relationship is with students—rather than their parents—the University will not inform the parents of either the complainant or the accused student. However, the University strongly encourages students to inform their parents, especially if the student faces major medical, disciplinary, or academic jeopardy.

Do I have to name the alleged offender?
You can choose whether to identify the alleged offender or not. If you want the University to pursue formal disciplinary action against that individual, you must name the individual. If you choose to not to file a formal complaint, you do not need to name the individual. However, you should be aware that failure to name the alleged offender may limit the University’s ability to respond comprehensively to the alleged sexual misconduct.

How long do I have to file a report regarding an incident of sexual misconduct?
The University encourages individuals to immediately report incidents of sexual misconduct, but we recognize that some individuals may be reluctant at first. Although there is no specific time limit, we recommend reporting as soon as possible.

If I illegally used alcohol or other drugs when I experienced sexual misconduct, will I be disciplined?
The University will not pursue disciplinary action against a complainant for using alcohol or other drugs at or around the time of the reported incident. Refer to the Statement on Medical Amnesty and Good Samaritan Procedures at conflictresolution.illinois.edu/goodsamartian.asp.

Confidential Resources

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<td>McKinley Health Center (Students)</td>
<td>(217) 333-2705 mckinley.illinois.edu 1109 S. Lincoln, Urbana 8 am–5 pm, Monday–Friday</td>
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<td>Counseling Center (Students)</td>
<td>(217) 333-3704 counselingcenter.illinois.edu 610 E. John Street, Champaign 8 am–5 pm, Monday–Friday</td>
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<td>Women’s Resources Center</td>
<td>(217) 333-3137 oir.illinois.edu/womens-center 703 S. Wright Street, Champaign 8:30 am–5 pm, Monday–Friday</td>
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<td>Student Assistance Center (Students)</td>
<td>(217) 333-0050 odos.illinois.edu/studentAssistance/Office of Dean of Students 300 Student Services Building, 610 E. John St, Champaign 8:30 am–5 pm, Monday–Friday</td>
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<td>Title IX Office (Office of Diversity, Equity &amp; Access)</td>
<td>(844) 616-7978 <a href="mailto:titleixcoordinator@illinois.edu">titleixcoordinator@illinois.edu</a> Menah Pratt-Clarke, Lead Title IX Coordinator 1004 S. Fourth Street, Champaign 8:30 am–5 pm, Monday–Friday</td>
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<td>University Police</td>
<td>(217) 333-1216 police.illinois.edu 1110 W. Springfield Avenue, Urbana 24 hours/day, 365 days/year</td>
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Community Resources

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<td>Rape Advocacy Counseling &amp; Education Services</td>
<td>(217) 384-4444 cu-races.org 300 S. Broadway, Urbana 24 hours/day, 365 days/year Confidential 24-Hour Hotline</td>
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<td>Courage Connection (Domestic Violence)</td>
<td>(217) 384-4390 courageconnection.org Confidential 508 E. Church Street, Champaign 24 hours/day, 365 days/year 24-Hour Hotline</td>
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<td>Champaign or Urbana Police Departments</td>
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<td>Non-Emergency: (217) 333-8911</td>
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More resources are available at wecare.illinois.edu/resources/students/ and wecare.illinois.edu/resources/employees/.

Statement of Policy

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (“University”) is committed to providing a safe and welcoming campus environment free from discrimination based on sex, which includes sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, sexual harassment, dating violence, and domestic violence (collectively referred to as sexual misconduct). The University prohibits and will not tolerate sexual misconduct because such behavior violates the University’s institutional values, adversely impacts the University’s community interest, and interferes with the University’s mission. The University also prohibits retaliation against any person who, in good faith, reports or discloses a violation of this policy, files a complaint, and/or otherwise participates in an investigation, proceeding, complaint, or hearing under this policy. Once the University becomes aware of an incident of sexual misconduct, the University will promptly and effectively respond in a manner designed to eliminate the misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects.

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Sexual Misconduct Policy

The University’s sexual misconduct policy prohibits:

- Sexual assault
- Sexual exploitation
- Sexual harassment
- Stalking
- Dating violence
- Domestic violence
- Retaliation

Scope of Policy. This policy applies to:
- all students, Registered Organizations, Registered Student Organizations, and others subject to student discipline pursuant to § 1-301 of the Student Code;
- all University employees;
- other affiliated individuals, including but not limited to, for purposes of this policy, visiting faculty, visiting scholars, and post-doctoral fellows; and
- third parties, including but not limited to contractors, subcontractors, volunteers, and visitors.

Any person asserting a violation may invoke this policy. This policy applies regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. This policy covers conduct that occurs on University premises or property, as well as conduct that does not occur on University premises or property that substantially affects the University community’s interest.

Consent is informed, freely and actively given, mutually understandable words or actions that indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. A person can withdraw consent at any time. There is no consent when there is force, threats, intimidation, or duress. A person’s lack of verbal or physical resistance is no consent when there is force, threats, intimidation, or duress. A person’s lack of verbal or physical resistance is no consent when there is force, threats, intimidation, or duress.

Steps to Consider

Preserving Evidence
It is important to preserve physical evidence of an assault even if you do not yet know whether you want to report the assault or pursue filing a complaint. Evidence is best collected as soon as possible or at least within 72 hours of the incident. Do not shower to avoid washing away evidence. You can also preserve evidence by saving text messages, instant messages, and other communications that may be useful to investigators.

Seeking Medical Attention As Soon As Possible
If you go to a medical facility, the trained professionals can collect necessary physical evidence. Even if you do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care professionals can treat injuries and take steps to address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted disease.

Role of the Title IX Coordinator
The Lead Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the University’s efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"), which prohibits sex discrimination, including sexual misconduct, in education programs and activities for institutions that receive federal financial assistance, as well as retaliation for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege protected by Title IX. The Lead Title IX Coordinator oversees the University’s response to all reports and complaints of sexual misconduct to monitor outcomes, identify and address any patterns or systemic problems, and to assess their effects on the campus climate. More information about the Title IX Coordinator’s role is available at wecare.illinois.edu/titleix/.

Information about reporting options and resources for employees is available at wecare.illinois.edu/resources/employees/.