



SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CAMPUS: RESPONDING TO STUDENTS

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

If a student discloses a sexual assault to you:

Step 1: Care

Care for the student

- Ensure that they are safe
- Provide non-judgmental support

Step 2: Connect

Connect the student with resources

- SANet
- Reporting Options
- Counseling and Support

(Resources are listed below and on the reverse side)

Step 3: Contact

Contact the Title IX Coordinator for students

- Katie O’Dair:
617-552-3482
odair@bc.edu

You must report the incident to Katie O’Dair.

SEXUAL ASSAULT NETWORK (SANet)

Sexual Assault Network (SANet): 617-552-2211

- 24/7 private hotline for anyone affected by sexual violence (even if the caller is not a survivor)
- Staffed by trusted and trained advocates

Advocates assist callers with:

- Understanding all options available to survivors or friends of survivors, including accompaniment through this often difficult journey
- Seeking professional support (on and off campus)
- Seeking medical evaluation and treatment (on and off campus)
- Seeking evidence collection
- Reporting internally or through the police department

Please note that SANet utilizes cell phones and advocates may at times be in areas without service. Callers are encouraged to leave a message or to call back.

Sexual assault is any sexual contact or behavior that occurs without consent of the recipient of the unwanted sexual activity, including rape and attempted rape, groping, and forced kissing. Boston College prohibits all forms of sexual violence, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct, including:

- sexual assault
- sexual exploitation
- stalking
- relationship violence
- voyeurism
- exposure
- video or audio taping of sexual activity
- sexual activity resulting from emotional coercion

VICTIM REPORTING OPTIONS

Office of the Dean of Students:

- Carole Hughes: 617-552-3486; Kristin O'Driscoll: 617-552-9294; or Administrator On-Call (outside of normal business hours) through Boston College Police.
- Offers information to students about options through the internal disciplinary system as well as guidance and support regarding academic and housing concerns.
- Provides students details for stay away orders and other immediate concerns.

Title IX Coordinator

- Katie O'Dair: 617-552-3482
- Oversees the University's response to sexual violence complaints.
- Ensures that appropriate measures are taken to address complaints.

Boston College Police

- (617) 552-4444 (emergency); (617) 552-4440 (non-emergency)
- Provides assistance with medical treatment and assistance in pursuing legal action both on and off campus.
- Will take a report from a student and a specially trained officer will conduct an investigation which involves asking the student to describe the assailant and what happened. An officer may ask questions about the scene of the crime, any witnesses, and what happened before and after.

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT

Women's Resource Center, Office of Health Promotion

- Katie Dalton: 617-552-6919
- Advocates for survivors
- Provides all available options/next steps to survivors or friends of survivors
- Accompanies survivors on their healing journey

University Counseling Services

- 617-552-3310 (day); 617-552-3227 (nights and weekends)
- Professional and confidential counseling available; psychologist on-call 24 hours a day.
- Counseling available to friends and survivors

Campus Ministry

- Tammy Liddell: 617-552-3170 or Rick Rossi: 617-552-6592
- Offer pastoral counseling and spiritual direction to survivors and friends.