

AMNESTY & LENIENCY

BYU Title IX

If I Report a Sexual Assault to Title IX, Will I Face Honor Code Sanctions?

Being a victim of sexual assault is NEVER a violation of the Honor Code, and victims will never be punished for being sexually assaulted. The university recognizes that victims or witnesses of Sexual Harassment might be hesitant to report an incident to university officials if victims or witnesses fear the discovery of Honor Code violations, such as alcohol use, drug use, or consensual sexual activity outside of marriage.

To help address this concern and to encourage the reporting of Sexual Harassment, *the Title IX Office will not share the identity of a victim or witness with the Honor Code Office* unless requested by such person or a person's health or safety is at risk. Additionally, amnesty will be given for any Honor Code violations that may arise out of the same facts and circumstances as the report.



What Does Amnesty Mean?

Victims or witnesses who report an incident of Sexual Harassment to the Title IX Office **will not be disciplined by the university for any related Honor Code violations arising out of the same facts or circumstances as the report** unless a person's health or safety is at risk.

Additionally, **leniency will be given to victims and witnesses for other Honor Code violations that are not related to the incident but which may be discovered as a result of the investigation.** Such violations will generally be handled so that the student can remain in school.



AMNESTY & LENIENCY QUICK FACTS

Victim and witness information is not shared with the Honor Code Office

Being a victim of sexual assault is never a violation of the Honor Code

The Honor Code Office will refer individuals to the Title IX office if the parties in any way suggest an activity or behavior that violates the Sexual Misconduct Policy

Victims or witnesses will not be disciplined for Honor Code violations arising out of the same facts or circumstances as reported sexual harassment