

# Information for Victims

Dating Violence • Domestic Violence • Sexual Assault • Stalking



## TITLE IX

If you are a victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking—whether the offense occurred on or off campus—there are multiple resources available to you. The following explains what you should do and includes a list of these resources.

**REMEMBER**, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking are criminal acts and you are NOT responsible for another's act that violates your freedom. Dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking are violations of the law and BYU's Sexual Misconduct Policy.

If you are the victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, know that BYU is here to help and is able to take certain protective measures to ensure your safety on campus during and after a university investigation.

### SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION

**IMMEDIATELY** if you are a victim of sexual violence or sexual assault. You can request a sexual assault examination by contacting the police or by visiting any hospital emergency room for a referral to have a sexual assault examination completed. The examination provides care to minimize the risk of sexually transmitted diseases and preserves evidence that will be important if you decide to pursue criminal charges or wish to obtain a protective order against the person who assaulted you.

**PRESERVE EVIDENCE** by not bathing, showering, or using toothpaste or mouthwash after an incident of sexual assault. Do not wash clothing, bed sheets, pillows, or other potential evidence. However, if you do, you should still seek medical attention as soon as possible—even if some time has passed since the assault.

**SEEK SUPPORT:** Please do not feel you need to deal with this situation alone. Call a friend, family member, or someone with whom you feel you can talk. Counselors at BYU Counseling and Psychological Services are also available 24 hours a day to assist you. Contact them by calling (801) 422-3035 or (801) 422-2222 after business hours.

**REPORTING THE CRIME:** Deciding whether or not to report dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking may be difficult. Making a report to law enforcement is a decision left entirely up to you. As a victim, you may decline to notify law enforcement if you choose. If you decide to notify law enforcement, you can be assisted by campus authorities. Below is a list of contact information for local police offices:

- **University Police:** 911 or (801) 422-2222
- **Orem Police:** 911 or (801) 229-7070
- **Provo Police:** 911 or (801) 852-6210
- **Springville Police:** 911 or (801) 489-9421

Law enforcement can help you with orders of protection, “no-contact” orders, and restraining orders. General information about the different types of court orders is available on the Utah Courts website at [www.utcourts.gov](http://www.utcourts.gov). Please note that BYU cannot represent you in legal proceedings; see the list of Community Resources below for legal assistance.

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In addition to your right to pursue criminal charges, you can also file a complaint with the university. To do so, please contact any of the following:

- **BYU Title IX Coordinator:** (801) 422-8692
- **University Police:** 911 or (801) 422-2222
- **Anonymously:** 1-888-238-1062 or [titleix.byu.edu/report-concern](http://titleix.byu.edu/report-concern)

If you are worried about retaliation against you for reporting an incident, be assured that BYU does not tolerate retaliation in any form. It is against university policy to retaliate against you, your family, friends, close associates, and anyone who provides information for an investigation. If you feel that you have been retaliated against, contact the Title IX Coordinator.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** Reports of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking filed with the Title IX Coordinator will be investigated as

confidentially as reasonably possible. Records kept by BYU relating to sexual misconduct allegations are not publicly available. However, if the university is required to make records publicly available, any personally-identifying information about you will be excluded to the extent that the law allows. Federal law requires the university to publicly disclose statistics about reported incidents of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; however, no personally-identifiable information is published for purposes of such reporting.

**INTERIM MEASURES:** Before or during the investigation, the Title IX Coordinator or Investigator may recommend that interim measures be taken to protect you or others from retaliation or further acts of sexual misconduct. Interim measures may include a change to class schedules, change in housing accommodations, counseling and medical services, academic support, a police escort to protect you, or a number of other appropriate actions. You may request interim measures by speaking with the Investigator or the Title IX Coordinator. If requested and reasonably available, interim measures will be provided to you whether or not you choose to report the crime to law enforcement. The nature of any interim measures you receive will be kept confidential to the extent reasonably possible.

### DISCIPLINARY ACTION

**PROCEDURES:** After you make a report to the Title IX Coordinator, BYU will initiate an investigation. This investigation is separate from any criminal investigation conducted by the police. The investigation is conducted by officials who understand BYU's Sexual Misconduct Policy and “receive annual training on the issues related to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects” your safety “and promotes accountability.” The investigation and ultimate resolution will be conducted in a timely, fair, and impartial manner. Both you and the person who assaulted you will have the same opportunities to

present evidence and have others present during interviews or meetings. Both parties will be simultaneously informed in writing of the outcome of the disciplinary proceeding, the appeal procedures, changes to determinations, and when the determinations have become final. The investigator will use a preponderance of the evidence standard (i.e., more likely than not) in determining if dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking occurred. When possible, BYU seeks to conclude the investigation and resolution within sixty calendar days of receiving a report.

## PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND SANCTIONS:

After a Title IX investigation is completed and a final determination is made, BYU may take steps to protect you by making interim measures permanent, offering you remedies and accommodations, implementing changes in programs or activities, or providing training for the campus community, specific groups, or individuals. The university may also impose sanctions on the person who assaulted you. Sanctions that may be imposed by the university include: Retain Record, Counsel and Education, Warning, Probation, Suspension Withheld, Short-term Suspension, Suspension, Dismissal, Part or Full-ban from campus and Reassignment to Another Position, Reduction in Pay, Demotion, or Termination of Employment. The university may use any combination of the above sanctions to discipline an individual. Discipline will depend on the circumstances and the severity of the violation.

## RESOURCES

### CAMPUS RESOURCES

The following resources are also available to you. These departments will protect your privacy and confidentiality to the extent possible, but some departments are required by law to report sexual assaults to BYU's Title IX Coordinator and to University Police.

- **Victim Advocate:** Provides confidential support, guidance and information to help students make more informed choices. Lisa Leavitt, Ph.D. • 1535 Wilkinson Student Center (WSC) • (801) 422-9071 • [advocate@byu.edu](mailto:advocate@byu.edu)

- **Academic Support Office:** Provides support for students who are academically underperforming. Support is provided through sessions with a counselor, referrals for resources, or through the office's Academic Improvement Plan program. (801) 422-2723 • 2500 Wilkinson Student Center (WSC)

- **BYU Comprehensive Clinic:** Offers counseling services and psychological assessments for individuals, couples, and families in the Utah County community. (801) 422-7759 • John Taylor Building (TLRB) 1190 North 900 East Provo, UT

- **Counseling and Psychological Services (BYU):** Provides confidential individual counseling, group therapy, marital/couples therapy, and assistance for students in crisis. (801) 422-3035 or (801) 422-2222 after business hours • 1500 Wilkinson Student Center (WSC)

- **Dean of Students:** Supports student development and addresses issues and needs in a supportive environment. (801) 422-2731 • 3500 Wilkinson Student Center (WSC)

- **International Student Services:** Provides information regarding student visas and can direct individuals in need of additional assistance to resources that are able to help with other types of visas and immigration status issues. (801) 422-2695 • 1351 Wilkinson Student Center (WSC)

- **Financial Aid and Scholarships:** Provides information concerning discontinuance or withdrawal from classes and the effects that such action may have on financial aid and scholarships. (801) 422-1300 • D-155 Abraham O. Smoot Administration Building (ASB)

- **Student Health Center:** Provides comprehensive health care services EXCLUDING sexual assault examinations—which are available at any hospital emergency room. Student Health Center Services are available to students, their spouses, and their children. (801) 422-2771 •

1750 Wymount Terrace, Provo

- **University Police Safe Walk Program:** Provides walking police escort services from one campus location to another for an added level of security and safety during the later hours of the evening and early morning. To request an escort officer call (801) 422-2222.

- **Women's Services and Resources:** Provides individual consultations, support groups, educational outreach, and referral services. (801) 422-4877 • 3326 Wilkinson Student Center (WSC)

### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

A number of off-campus organizations provide support and specialized services for victims of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

- **The Center for Women and Children in Crisis:** Provides 24-hour crisis intervention, sexual assault education groups, rape survivor therapy groups, individual therapy for rape victims, and risk reduction education.

- **\*24-Hour Sexual Assault Hotline:** (801) 356-2511 or 1-(888)-421-1100 • 1433 East 840 North, Orem, UT

- **Sexual Assault Victim Advocate:** Offers sexual assault victims information, emotional support, and help with filling out paperwork. Provo: (801) 852-6375 or (801) 852-6280 • Orem: (801) 229-7128 or (801) 229-7126

- **Rape Recovery Center:** Provides 24-hour crisis intervention, advocacy, emotional support, and referrals in various languages.

- **\*24-Hour Crisis Line:** (801) 467-7273 • 2035 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City, UT

- **The Utah Domestic Violence LINKLine:** Provides individuals, who can call anonymously, with information on crisis intervention, safe shelters, community resources, legal assistance, victim advocates, and counseling agencies.

- **\*24 Hour Hotline:** 1-800-897-LINK (5465) • [udvc.org](http://udvc.org)

- **The National Domestic Violence Hotline:** Provides confidential individual support, crisis intervention, and information on ways to secure a victim's immediate safety. 1-800-799-7233 • [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org)

- **RAINN (Rape Abuse & Incest National Network):** Provides extensive support to sexual assault victims.

- **\*24-Hour Crisis Line:** 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) • [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

- **The Merrill Gappmayer Family Medicine Center:** Performs sexual assault examinations when a patient is referred by police or a local emergency room. Examinations include assessments and documentation of injury, collection of evidence, and treatment to prevent sexually transmitted infections. (801) 357-7930 • 475 West 940 North, Provo, UT

- **The Utah State Bar:** Answers questions about how to contact attorneys who can provide you with legal advice and service. (801) 531-9077 • [www.utahbar.org](http://www.utahbar.org)

- **Utah Legal Services:** Assists individuals who do not have the means to secure legal help. 1-800-662-4245 • [www.utahlegalservices.org](http://www.utahlegalservices.org)

- **The Timpanogos Legal Center:** Assists individuals who do not have the means to secure legal help. (801) 374-6766 ext.3523 • [www.timplegal.org](http://www.timplegal.org)

**Your health and safety are important to BYU.**

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