

Sexual Assault

Relationship Violence

Stalking

Introduction

Sexual misconduct is a broad term encompassing sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking. All reported instances of sexual misconduct shall be reviewed and responded to promptly, thoroughly and impartially by university officials who receive annual training regarding sexual misconduct and the related procedures. The university will not tolerate sexual misconduct and will take necessary steps to end reported sexual misconduct.

To read the Georgia State University Sexual Misconduct Policy visit codeofconduct.gsu.edu.

You Have Rights

Georgia State University students who report that they are victims of sexual misconduct have the following rights:

- The right to notify proper law enforcement authorities, including on campus and local police.
- The right to get assistance from university officials to make reports to law enforcement.
- The right not to notify law enforcement. (Reporting to law enforcement is not required to receive support services from Georgia State University).
- The right to receive information from the university about how to obtain an order of protection and be informed of how the university will honor protective orders.

For specific rights related to reports of sexual assault see the “Sexual Assault Victims Bill of Rights” at codeofconduct.gsu.edu.

Victim assistance services are available for students who have experienced a traumatic event or have been the victim of sexual misconduct.

Student Victim Assistance, 75 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 239, 404-413-1965.

On Campus Resources

Student Health Clinic

Confidential Disclosure
141 Piedmont Avenue, Suite D
404-413-1950
health.gsu.edu

Counseling & Testing Center

Confidential Disclosure
75 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 200
404-413-1640
counselingcenter.gsu.edu

Student Victim Assistance

Confidential Disclosure
75 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 239
404-413-1965
victimassistance.gsu.edu

Office of the Dean of Students

Incident Reporting
Student Center East, Suite 303
404-413-1515
deanofstudents.gsu.edu

Human Resources-Administration

Incident Reporting
1 Park Place South, Suite 308
404-413-3290
odaa.gsu.edu/title-ix/

Georgia State University Police Department

Law Enforcement Reporting
15 Edgewood Avenue, NE
404-413-3333
safety.gsu.edu

Policy Against Retaliation

Retaliation against any member of the university community who makes a report of sexual misconduct or cooperates in the review of such report is strictly prohibited and is a violation of the sexual misconduct policy. Retaliation includes intimidation, threats or other adverse action and/or speech. Retaliation of any kind should be promptly reported to one of Georgia State University’s Title IX coordinators as described below:

- Retaliation by students should be reported to the Dean of Students, Office of the Dean of Students, Suite 303, Student Center East, 404-413-1515, deanofstudents.gsu.edu.
- Retaliation by faculty or staff should be reported to the Assistant Vice President for Human Resources Administration and Opportunity Development/Diversity Education Planning (ODDEP), Human Resources Administration, 1 Park Place South, Suite 308, 404-413-3290.

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Preservation of Evidence

Students who are considering filing a university or law enforcement report of sexual misconduct are encouraged to preserve any evidence of sexual misconduct. Examples of evidence that would assist in an investigation of sexual misconduct include things such as:

- Clothing worn during the incident, including undergarments.
- Sheets, bedding and condoms, if used.
- List of witnesses and their contact information.
- Text messages, call history and social media posts.
- Pictures of injuries.
- Results of a forensic medical examination.

Medical Attention

You are encouraged to seek medical attention as soon as possible after an assault occurs. Please see the resources section of this brochure for a list of medical providers. You can receive medical services without filing a university or law enforcement report. Working with a health care provider will allow you to:

- Treat and document any injuries.
- Obtain medications to prevent the transmission of sexually transmitted infections, HIV and pregnancy, if applicable.
- Seek information about counseling and support services to address the emotional impact of an assault or relationship violence.

*Within 72 hours of a sexual assault, inquire about a forensic medical examination, which will allow for the collection of evidence, document any injuries sustained during the assault, pregnancy testing and STI testing/treatment at no cost to the victim. If you are considering a forensic medical examination, do not bathe or douche, as it may remove evidence. Forensic medical examinations may be completed by a trained doctor or sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE).

Visit the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council website at cjcc.ga.gov for more information.

Options for Disclosure and Reporting

The options for disclosure and reporting sexual misconduct are listed below and assistance is available upon request to help students review these disclosure and reporting options. University support services are available to students regardless of whether they choose to formally report the violation to the university or to law enforcement.

Confidential Disclosure

Sexual misconduct may be disclosed confidentially, by students, at the following locations:

- Georgia State University Counseling and Testing Center, Suite 200, 75 Piedmont Ave., NE, 404-413-1640.
- Georgia State University Student Health Clinic, Suite D, 141 Piedmont Ave., NE, 404-413-1950.
- Georgia State University Student Victim Assistance, Suite 239, 75 Piedmont Ave., NE, 404-413-1965.

Disclosures made to the health care providers and Student Victim Assistance staff listed above will be held in strict confidence and will not serve as notice to the university requiring initiation of a review of the disclosed conduct.

University Report

Sexual misconduct by members of the university community should be immediately reported to one of Georgia State University's Title IX coordinators as described below:

- Sexual misconduct by students should be reported to the Dean of Students, Office of the Dean of Students, Suite 303, Student Center East, 404-413-1515, deanofstudents@gsu.edu.
- Sexual misconduct by faculty or staff should be reported to the Assistant Vice President for Human Resources-Administration and Opportunity Development/Diversity Education Planning (ODDEP), Human Resources-Administration, 1 Park Place South, Suite 308, 404-413-3290.

The university will protect confidentiality by not disclosing the complainant's information to anyone outside the university, except as required by law. Within the university, a complainant's request for confidentiality must be balanced by the university with its responsibility to provide a safe and non-discriminatory environment for the university community. Where the university cannot take disciplinary action against a student because of a complainant's insistence upon confidentiality, the university's response will be limited, but will pursue other steps where available to limit the effects of the alleged sexual misconduct and attempt to prevent its recurrence.

Law Enforcement Report

Sexual misconduct may be reported to campus or local law enforcement agencies. University officials are available to provide assistance with making such reports, upon request. Reporting to law enforcement is not required.

Student Sexual Misconduct Investigation Process

The Dean of Students will assign a Dean of Students Designee (Designee) to conduct a timely review of all complaints of Sexual Misconduct against Georgia State University students. Absent extenuating circumstances, review and resolution should take place within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the complaint.

Important Note: All university employees except those described above serve as Responsible Employees (mandatory reporters) who are required to share all reports of sexual misconduct with administrative officials for university review.

Suggested Safety Planning

If you are concerned for your safety, contact local law enforcement. When on campus contact the Georgia State University Police at 404-413-3333 and when off campus contact local police by dialing 911. For a personalized safety plan or information regarding safety accommodations please contact Student Victim Assistance at 404-413-1965.

On Campus Housing

If you are a resident of University Housing, contact your Resident Assistant (RA) or a Professional Staff Member (Residence Hall Director or Assistant Hall Director) to discuss your safety concerns and options for a temporary or permanent room change. After hours, you may contact the RA on duty at the number posted throughout the building for assistance

Off Campus Housing

If you live off campus, consider speaking to your landlord about increased safety measures that can be implemented in your unit. Consider staying with a friend or family member until your concerns are resolved. You can also contact a sexual assault or domestic violence crisis service to learn about housing resources in your area. For a list of local crisis services please see the resources section of this brochure.

Schedule

Inform your friends and family members of your schedule as well as what time they should expect to see you or hear from you, especially if you are experiencing domestic violence, dating violence and or stalking.

Employment

If you are employed, consider speaking to your supervisor about the availability of an alternative work schedule or assignment relocation to make it more difficult for someone to find you. Provide a picture of the person you are concerned about to those around you, so they can identify the person.

Travel to Work or School

Consider alternative routes of travel to school, work, and home. Safety escorts are available on campus by contacting the Georgia State University Police Department at 404-413-2100.

Visit victimassistance.gsu.edu for more safety planning resources.

Off Campus Resources

Atlanta Bar Association
229 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 400
Atlanta GA 30303
404-521-0777
www.atlantabar.org

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
104 Marietta Street NW, Suite 440
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-657-1956
www.cjcc.georgia.gov

Day League
formerly DeKalb Rape Crisis Center
204 Church Street
Decatur, GA 30030
404-377-1428
www.dayleague.org

DeKalb Medical Center-Hillandale
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)
2801 DeKalb Medical Parkway
Lithonia, GA 30058
404-501-8000

DeKalb Medical Center North
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)
2701 North Decatur Road
Decatur, GA 30033
404-501-1000

Grady Rape Crisis Center
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)
80 Jesse Hill Drive
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-616-4861
www.gradyhealth.org

Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)
Duluth, GA 30096
770-476-7407
www.gsac-cac.org

Partnership Against Domestic Violence
Address Confidential
404-873-1766 (Fulton)
770-963-9799 (Gwinnett)
www.padv.org

United4Safety (LGBTQIQ)
1530 DeKalb Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30307
404-688-2524 ext. 112
www.thehealthinitiative.org

Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence
Address Confidential
404-688-9436
www.wrcdv.org

Tapestri
3939 Lavista Road, Suite E
Tucker, GA 30084
404-299-2185
www.tapestri.org

National Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233