

Reporting and Resources

Sexual Assault, Relationship Violence and Stalking

As part of the Buckeyes ACT commitment, Ohio State will:

- > Respond promptly and effectively to sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking
- > Provide interim measures as necessary
- > Provide confidential and non-confidential support resources
- > Conduct a thorough, reliable, and impartial investigation
- > Provide remedies as necessary.

Ohio State places your immediate safety as our highest priority. This brochure is intended to identify places where you can get help. There are many other resources and sources of information available at titleIX.osu.edu.

If you need any assistance accessing these resources, contact us at titleix@osu.edu.

If you have experienced sexual assault, relationship violence or stalking

Immediately:

- > **Go to a safe place.**
- > **Call someone you trust.** In the case of an emergency, call 9-1-1
- > **Preserve evidence.**

After a sexual assault, try not to shower until you have considered whether or not to have a no-cost forensic sexual assault examination at the hospital. Also, try to avoid using the restroom and eating, drinking, or smoking while considering an exam. Save the clothes you were wearing (unwashed) in a paper bag. After sexual assault, relationship violence, and/or stalking, take photos of any damage or injury and keep communication records.

Within 24 hours:

- > **Seek out confidential support.** You are not alone. Campus and community resources can help you understand your options and provide support.
- > **Seek medical attention.** A medical provider can assess and treat physical injuries, sexually transmitted infections, and pregnancy. Seeking a forensic sexual assault examination is ideal within four days of the assault. A report does not need to be made to receive medical attention.

At any time:

- > **Consider making a formal report.** You can decide how much you would like to participate in any investigation process. Retaliation for filing a formal report or participating in an investigation is not tolerated at OSU.
- > Connect with Ohio State resources. Campus resources are available to you whether or not you file a formal report.

Confidentiality

While a victim/survivor's conversation with any university employee will be kept private (will not be shared unnecessarily with others), only a conversation with a confidential resource can be kept confidential (will not be shared with anyone without the express consent of the victim/survivor).

Under Ohio law, medical clinicians are required to report to the police instances in which they observe physical injury caused by assaultive conduct. This does not require the victim/survivor to report to law enforcement or participate in future criminal investigation.

Resources

**designates 24/7 assistance*

For students:

Confidential

Office of Student Life *

Counseling and Consultation Service

ccs.osu.edu

614-292-5766

Confidential Medical

Office of Student Life

Wilce Student Health Center

shs.osu.edu

614-292-4321

Non-Confidential

Office of Student Life

Student Advocacy Center

advocacy.osu.edu

614-292-2111

Student Legal Services

Studentlegal.osu.edu

614-292-5853

Office of Student Life *

Residence Life resident advisors and hall directors

housing.osu.edu

614-292-3930 or the building front desk

For employees:

Confidential
Employee Assistance Program
osuhealthplan.com/eap
614-292-4472
800-678-6265

For anyone:

Confidential
**Sexual Assault Response
Network of Central Ohio
(SARNCO) ***
[Ohiohealth.com/sarnco](https://ohiohealth.com/sarnco)
614-267-7020

**Buckeye Region Anti-
Violence Organization
(BRAVO)**
bravo-ohio.org
614-294-7867

For all members of the university community:

Non-Confidential
Title IX coordinator - Kellie Brennan
titleIX.osu.edu
614-247-5838
21 E. 11th Ave. in University Compliance and Integrity

Confidential Medical
OSU Wexner Medical Center *
on campus
wexnermedical.osu.edu
614-293-8333

OSU Hospital East *
181 Taylor Ave
Columbus, OH 43203
614-257-3000

Nearest Emergency Room *
9-1-1 (emergencies)

Non-Confidential
University Police *
dps.osu.edu
614-292-2121 or 9-1-1

Columbus Police *
Columbus.gov/police
614-645-4545 or 9-1-1

Local law enforcement
9-1-1 (emergencies)

Reporting Options

Victims/survivors have the right to report without further participation in any investigation. If a victim/survivor chooses to report, a university authority can assist. The university will make available interim measures, such as academic accommodations, regardless of whether the victim/survivor chooses to report to police or the university.

To make a Report:

If making a report, please contact the Title IX coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu or a deputy coordinator. For a list of deputy coordinators or the online reporting form, visit titleIX.osu.edu.

Anonymous Report
Anonymous reporting line
866-294-9350
ohio-state.ethicspoint.com

Criminal Report
University Police or local police
911 (emergency)
614-292-2121 (OSU non-emergency)
dps.osu.edu/police

Report involving employees:

**Office of Human Resources
(deputy Title IX coordinator)**

614-292-2800

614-293-4988 (medical center employees)

hr.osu.edu/services

sexualharassment@osu.edu

Report involving students:

**Office of Student Life, Student Conduct Department
(deputy Title IX coordinator)**

614-292-0748

studentconduct.osu.edu

studentconduct@osu.edu

Interim Measures

Your immediate safety and equal access to the university's education and employment programs and activities are Ohio State's priority. The university can offer many interim measures to support you, including, but not limited to:

- > No contact directives
- > Health services
- > Safety resources
- > Housing assistance/relocation
- > Free, confidential counseling
- > Victim advocacy
- > Academic support
- > Financial aid services
- > Visa and immigration services
- > Transportation assistance

For more information on interim measures, investigations, and remedies, please visit titleIX.osu.edu.

Important Definitions

More definitions can be found at hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf

> **Sexual assault**

Any sexual touching or penetration, however slight, with any body part or object, by any individual upon another individual that is without consent and/or by force or coercion.

> **Relationship violence**

Dating violence and domestic violence.

> Dating violence

Violence or threat of violence by an individual who has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the complainant. Whether there was such relationship will be determined based on the reporting party's statement and with consideration of the length and type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction of the persons involved in the relationship.

> Domestic violence

Conduct that would meet the definition of a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by the complainant's current or former spouse or intimate partner, a person with whom the complainant shares a child in common, a person who is or has cohabitated with the complainant as a spouse or intimate partner, or individual similarly situated to a spouse under domestic or family violence law, or anyone else protected under the domestic or family violence law of the jurisdiction in which the offense occurred.

> Stalking

A course of conduct directed at a specific individual that would cause a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the complainant to fear for their or others' safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress. A course of conduct includes two or more acts, including but not limited to, those in which the alleged perpetrator directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about the complainant, or interferes with the complainant's property.

> Consent

Permission that is clear, knowing, voluntary, and expressed prior to engaging in and during an act. Consent is active, not passive. Silence, in and of itself, cannot be interpreted as consent. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create mutually understandable clear permission regarding willingness to engage in (and the conditions of) sexual activity.

Reduce Your Risk

Becoming the victim of a crime is never the fault of the victim. We remind you to increase your overall safety by being cautious and looking out for one another, being aware of your surroundings and looking assertive, and walking with a trusted friend or co-worker when possible. If a situation makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, choose an alternative. Please use transportation services, when possible, and take advantage of our additional safety resources such as the Student Safety Service Safe Ride program.

For more information, please visit dps.osu.edu