

Reporting Options and Resources: Sexual Assault, Dating/Intimate Partner Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking

The University of California is committed to creating and maintaining a community where all individuals who participate in University programs and activities can work and learn together in an environment free of harassment, exploitation, or intimidation. Every member of the community should be aware that the University prohibits sexual harassment and sexual violence, and that such behavior violates both law and University policy.

For more information:

CARE ADVOCATE

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There are reporting options available to victims/survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. Reporting options include: Criminal, Civil, Administrative, and Non-reporting. This handout provides a brief description of each option. Regardless of which option the survivor chooses the UCSF CARE Advocate can provide free and confidential support as well as an explanation of each reporting option in detail.

The CARE Advocate:

- * Can explain a survivor's options, accompany the survivor throughout any reporting process (should they choose to report), and assist with academic, housing, or employment concerns and accommodations.
- * Can be with the survivor during interviews, phone calls, hearings, or any other proceedings involving criminal, civil, or administrative reports. If a survivor is in a situation without the advocate, they have the right to wait until the advocate is present.

CRIMINAL REPORTING

It is a survivor's choice whether to report a sexual assault. Reporting to the police is an option at any time. It's best to report right away but if not reported immediately, the crime can still be reported later. Going to the police doesn't commit you to taking the process further but getting assistance from the police does make it possible for action to be taken at a later date. The CARE Advocate can assist you with this process.

* **Evidence Collection**

If you experience a sexual assault and think you might want to pursue a criminal case now or in the future you should consider a forensic exam. Forensic exams are performed for free at **San Francisco General Hospital Rape Treatment Center located in the Emergency Department**. They can be performed as late as 5 days after the assault but sooner is better and if performed within 72 hours they can include **HIV prevention medication and emergency contraception**. If you can, in order to preserve evidence, don't wash, shower, or change. If you do change put each item of clothing in a separate paper (not plastic) bag. If possible leave the area where the assault occurred undisturbed. The hospital is mandated to report the assault, but the police generally do not pursue investigation without the victim's involvement. If you *would* like to file a police report hospital staff can help you to do so.

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CONFIDENTIAL UCSF RESOURCES:

CARE Advocate
(415) 502-8802
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Office of the OMBUDS
(415) 502-9600
www.ombuds.ucsf.edu

Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP)
(415) 476-8779
www.ucsfhr.ucsf.edu/fsap

UCSF RESOURCES:

Title IX Officer
(415) 476-7700
Title9@ucsf.edu

UCSF Police
24 hour emergency: 9& 911
Emergency from cell(415) 476-6911
Non Emergency (415) 476-1414

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Trauma Recovery Center / Rape Treatment Center
(415) 437-3000
www.traumarecoverycenter.org

W.O.M.A.N. Inc.
24 hr hour crisis line (415) 864-4722
www.womaninc.org

SF W.A.R.
24 hr hour crisis line (415) 647-7243
www.sfwar.org

Community United Against Violence
(415) 333-4357
www.cuav.org

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CIVIL REPORTING

* **Obtaining a Protective/Restraining Order**

A survivor may choose to request a restraining order. This is an order that protects those who have experienced or are reasonably in fear of violence, sexual assault, stalking or threats of violence. Contact the CARE Advocate or call the Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic at 415-255-0165 for free and confidential assistance with this process

* **Filing a Civil Suit**

Whether or not criminal charges have been filed, a survivor may choose to file a civil suit. A civil suit presents an opportunity to recover actual damages such as compensation for medical expenses, lost wages or property damage. Contact the CARE Advocate for free and confidential assistance with this process.

REPORTING TO UCSF CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION

Any survivor has the choice of reporting to the campus administration under UCSF policy—*this process is separate from legal proceedings*. UCSF encourages anyone who has experienced sexual assault, relationship violence, or stalking to report the offense as soon as possible after its occurrence in order for appropriate and timely action to be taken.

When an administrative complaint is made the Title IX Officer conducts an investigation as to whether a violation of policy took place. For more information about administrative procedures contact the Title IX Officer at (415) 476-7700.

* A survivor has the right to have a CARE Advocate present while making a complaint to the Title IX office.

CONFIDENTIAL NON-REPORTING OPTIONS

For more information, emotional support, individual and group counseling, survivors may contact:

- * CARE Advocate, (415) 502-8802
- * The Office of the Ombuds (415) 502-9600
- * Student Health and Counseling Services (415) 476-1281
- * Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) (415) 476-8279