

# Student Resources for Sex Discrimination, Sexual Assault, and Relationship Violence

## What should I do if I need help?

### Immediate Assistance:

If you have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or another violent crime, you should:

- **Ensure immediate safety.** Immediately go somewhere safe and report the crime by dialing 911. Tell the dispatcher if you need immediate medical attention.
- **Preserve evidence.** Preserve any evidence to aid in law enforcement investigation and prosecution. Some ways to preserve evidence include:
  - Refraining from washing, bathing, showering, or douching, if possible.
  - Refraining from washing clothes or other items worn/used during the incident.
  - Keeping all text messages or emails.
- **Seek medical care.** Tucson Medical Center (TMC - <https://www.tmcaz.com/>) provides emergency services and can conduct medical forensic exams up to 120 hours after an assault. Banner – University Medical Center Tucson (UMC - <https://www.bannerhealth.com/>) and Campus Health Services can also provide medical assistance.
- **Reporting:**
  - Show the officer(s) where related items are located upon their arrival.
  - Give as detailed an account of the incident as possible to assist officers with their investigation.
  - University of Arizona Police Department (UAPD) – 520-621-8273
  - Tucson Police Department (TPD) – 520-791-6813

### Should I be concerned about confidentiality?

Your confidentiality will be protected. If you are a victim of a crime within the University's jurisdiction and do not want to pursue action within the criminal justice system or the University's conduct process, you are still encouraged to report the incident to the University's Dean of Students office for the purpose of making timely warnings to the campus community and for inclusion in the annual crime statistics report. Your report will not include any identifying data such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, and any other personally identifiable information.

### Where can I find support?

#### Seeking Support on Campus:

Counseling and Psych Services (CAPS)

[www.health.arizona.edu/counseling-and-psych-services](http://www.health.arizona.edu/counseling-and-psych-services)

(520) 621-3334

Counseling & Psych Services (CAPS) offers psychological counseling and psychiatric services to students to help them cope with personal problems so that they can successfully achieve their educational goals.

Campus Health Services

[www.health.arizona.edu](http://www.health.arizona.edu)

(520) 621-6490

Committed to promoting health, wellness and safety at the UA by providing quality medical and mental health care, outstanding health education, while assisting the institution in health-related policy development.

Student Legal Services

[www.legal.asua.arizona.edu](http://www.legal.asua.arizona.edu)

ASUA Student Legal Services (SLS) is a free service offered to all currently enrolled UA students including UA Online, UA South and any other satellite campus students. Students get a thirty-minute consultation with a legal professional.

Student Assistance

[www.deanofstudents.arizona.edu/student-assistance](http://www.deanofstudents.arizona.edu/student-assistance)

(520) 621-7057

Student Assistance serves as a central support resource for all students. We help students and their families manage crises, life traumas, and other barriers that impede success. The staff works to address the needs of students who struggle in such areas as psychological health, physical health, victimization, relationship issues, social adjustment, and academics through a variety of interventions, referrals, and follow up services. We strive for a culture of caring on campus.

Title IX Navigator

<http://www.titleix.arizona.edu/>

(520) 621-7057

[NavigateIX@email.arizona.edu](mailto:NavigateIX@email.arizona.edu)

Assistance with academic, housing or living, transportation, and working accommodations are available through the Title IX Navigator in the Dean of Students Office. These accommodations are available regardless of whether a student chooses to report the crime to campus police, local law enforcement, or the University.

### **Seeking Support in the Community:**

Emerge! Center Against Domestic Violence

[www.emergecenter.org](http://www.emergecenter.org)

(520) 795-8001

National Domestic Violence Hotline

[www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org)

1 (800) 799-7233 or 1 (800) 787-3224 (TTY)

Pima County Attorney's Office

[www.pcao.pima.gov](http://www.pcao.pima.gov)

(520) 740-5525

RAINN

Rape, Abuse, & Incent National Network

[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

(800) 626-4673

SACASA

Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault

[www.sacasa.org](http://www.sacasa.org)

(520) 327-7273

#### **Orders of Protection:**

Pima County Justice Court

[www.jp.pima.gov](http://www.jp.pima.gov)

(520) 740-3384

Tucson City Court

[www.tucsonaz.gov/courts/how-file-order-protection-against-domestic-violence](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/courts/how-file-order-protection-against-domestic-violence)

(520) 791-4971

#### **What are my rights in the University's student conduct process?**

##### **Procedures:**

Disciplinary action may be taken after a thorough investigation by investigators in the Dean of Students Office. These investigators are prompt, fair, and impartial. They receive annual training on issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and they conduct investigations and hearings in a way that protects the safety of complainants and promotes accountability.

Both the complainant and respondent are entitled to the same opportunity to have others present during an institutional disciplinary proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice. Both parties will be simultaneously informed in writing of the outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding that arises from an allegation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Both parties will be notified of any change to the results prior to the results becoming final and will be notified when the results are final.

In student discipline cases involving charges of sex discrimination, a Complainant, who is an alleged victim, has the opportunity to participate in disciplinary appeals. The Complainant has the opportunity to participate in any appeal hearing or request for reconsideration initiated by the Respondent. Any available review, appeal, or request for reconsideration process provided to Respondent is also available to a Complainant.

**Where can I learn more?**

The University maintains a comprehensive website with information about accommodations, the Title IX process, and many other resources in order to provide all members of the University community a place to turn if they have a concern, need assistance or support, or would like to file a complaint. This information can be found at [www.titleix.arizona.edu](http://www.titleix.arizona.edu).

**Definitions:**

Sex discrimination includes but is not limited to sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, dating/relationship violence, or sexual misconduct of any nature.

Consent, in the context of sexual activity, means informed and freely given words or actions that indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agree upon sexual activity. Consent may not be inferred from: silence, passivity, or lack of resistance; a current or previous dating or sexual relationship; acceptance or provision of gifts, meals, drinks, or other items; or previous consent to sexual activity. Consent may be withdrawn during sexual activity. Consent to one form of consensual sexual activity does not imply consent to any other form of sexual activity. Consent may not be obtained through physical force, violence, duress, intimidation, coercion, or an express or implied threat of injury. Consent may never be given by a person who is: incapacitated (by drugs, alcohol or otherwise), unconscious, asleep, or otherwise physically or mentally unable to make informed, rational judgments. The use of alcohol or drugs does not diminish one's responsibility to obtain consent and does not excuse conduct that violates the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) Student Code of Conduct (Code of Conduct).

The Code of Conduct prohibits endangering, threatening, or causing physical harm to any member of the university community or to oneself, causing reasonable apprehension of such harm or engaging in conduct or communications that a reasonable person would interpret as a serious expression of intent to harm.

The Code of Conduct prohibits stalking or engaging in repeated or significant behavior toward another individual, whether in person, in writing, or through electronic means, after having been asked to stop, or doing so to such a degree that a reasonable person, subject to such contact, would regard the contact as unwanted.

Sexual misconduct includes/is defined as:

- Sexual violence and other non-consensual sexual contact – actual or attempted physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person by force or without consent

- Sexual harassment – unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that is sufficiently severe or pervasive as to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment
- Other unwanted or non-consensual sexual conduct including but not limited to indecent exposure, sexual exploitation or voyeurism, or non-consensual photographing or audio-recording or video-recording of another in a state of full or partial undress or while engaged in sexual activity, or publishing or disseminating such materials.

Violations of these Code provisions may result in the imposition of a full range of sanctions up to and including expulsion. For more information, please visit <https://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/policies-codes>.