



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 supportive measures as necessary
- > Provide confidential and non-confidential support resources
- > Provide a prompt, fair, impartial, and equitable investigation process
- > Provide remedies as appropriate.

Ohio State considers the safety of our campus community to be 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 equity.osu.edu.

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

If you have experienced sexual assault, relationship violence or stalking

Consider the following

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 96 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 report.** You can decide how much you would like to participate in any investigation process. Retaliation for filing a 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 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 meaning it will not be shared with anyone without the express consent of the victim/survivor or as provided by applicable law.

Under Ohio law, confidential resources are required to report information to law enforcement or other authorities under some circumstances. For example, medical professionals are required to report certain types of injuries. 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 *

Student Legal Services
Studentlegal.osu.edu
614-247-5853

Confidential Medical
Office of Student Life
Wilce Student Health Center
shs.osu.edu
614-292-4321

Non-Confidential
Resident advisors and
hall directors in Student Life
Residence Life
housing.osu.edu
614-292-3930 or the
respective building front
desk*

For employees:

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

For all members of the university community:

Non-Confidential
Interim Title IX Coordinator – Molly Peirano
titleIX.osu.edu
614-247-5838
Office of Institutional Equity at 410 Woody Hayes Drive

For anyone:

Confidential

**Sexual Assault Response
Network of Central Ohio
(SARNCO)**

ohiohealth.com/sarnco

614-688-2518 (on campus)

614-267-7020 *

**Buckeye Region Anti-
Violence Organization
(BRAVO)**

bravo-ohio.org

614-294-7867

**Mount Carmel Crime and
Trauma Assistance Program
(CTAP)**

[mountcarmelhealth.com/
crime-trauma-assistance](http://mountcarmelhealth.com/crime-trauma-assistance)

614-234-5900

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

**Office of Institutional
Equity Civil Rights
Intake Coordinators**

equity.osu.edu

614-247-5838

University Police *

dps.osu.edu

614-292-2121 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, the university can assist. The university will make available supportive measures, regardless of whether the victim/survivor chooses to report to the university or police.

To make a Report:

If making a report, contact The Office of Institutional Equity at equity@osu.edu or complete the online reporting form at equity.osu.edu or call **614-247-5838**.

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 = SUPPORT

Supportive Measures

Your immediate safety and equal access to the university's education or activity, which includes employment, are Ohio State's priority. The university can offer many supportive measures to help you, including, but not limited to:

- > Mutual no contact directives;
- > Extensions of deadlines or other course related adjustments;
- > Modification of work or class schedules;
- > Change in work or housing locations;
- > Change in reporting relationship;
- > Consideration of leave requests;
- > Referral to campus and community resources for advocacy, counseling, disability services, financial aid services, health services, immigration services, safety and transportation services.

For more information on supportive measures, investigations, and remedies, please visit equity.osu.edu.

Important Definitions

More definitions can be found in the [Sexual Misconduct Policy](http://policies.osu.edu) located on policies.osu.edu.

> Sexual assault

Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the complainant including instances where the complainant is incapable of giving consent. Sexual assault is an umbrella term that includes: **non-consensual sexual contact**, **non-consensual sexual penetration**, **incest**, and **statutory rape**.

> Relationship violence

Dating violence and domestic violence.

> Dating violence

Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the complainant.

- A. The existence of such a relationship will be determined based on the reporting party's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
- B. For the purposes of this definition—
 1. Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.

2. Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

> Domestic violence

Conduct that would meet the definition of a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the complainant, by a person with whom the complainant shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the complainant as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the complainant under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth complainant who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

> 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 own 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 Lyft Ride Smart program.

For more information, please visit dps.osu.edu