

CUNY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH POLICY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

If you have been subjected to **sexual violence** (including sexual assault; dating, domestic and intimate partner violence; stalking and/or voyeurism)

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT

- to make a report to campus security, local law enforcement, &/or state police or choose not to report
- to report the incident to the College
- to receive assistance and resources from the College
- to be protected by the College from retaliation for reporting an incident

STAY SAFE AND PRESERVE EVIDENCE

1. **GET TO A SAFE PLACE.** If you are being stalked or threatened, or are concerned about your personal safety, call Graduate Center Public Safety at **646.364.0272**, the NYC Police Department at 911, or go to a police station or hospital.
2. **CALL FOR ASSISTANCE.** Call the CUNY SPH Counseling and Wellness Center at 646.364.9526 or Public Safety at **646.364.0272** or the NYC Police. A public safety officer or counseling staff member can accompany you to a hospital or police station.
3. **SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION.** From a listed **Resource** or at an Emergency Room. These **Resources** can provide treatment for injuries and for possible exposure to sexually transmitted diseases or emergency contraception.
4. **PRESERVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.** You can decide whether to press charges later, but you can only preserve physical evidence now. Many NYC hospitals have specially trained “sexual assault forensic examiners” (SAFE) who gather evidence usable in court. SAFE exams are free, and you can stop them at any time if you are not comfortable. If possible, avoid drinking, eating, showering, brushing teeth, combing hair or changing clothes before seeing a SAFE. But if you have done any of these things, evidence can still be collected, and it remains important to seek medical attention. Evidence collection does *not* require you to make a police report or press charges, it just preserves these options.

Find a SAFE Center near you: <https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/safe/>

CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

Confidentiality. Some **Resources** can provide confidentiality; they are not required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinator or other CUNY SPH or law enforcement officials. These **Resources** generally include licensed health care providers, rape crisis counselors and clergy.

Privacy. Many CUNY SPH faculty and staff are legally obligated to notify the Title IX Coordinator. Those who cannot guarantee confidentiality will maintain your privacy to the greatest extent possible and share information only on a need-to-know basis. The information you provide to a non-confidential resource will be shared only as needed to investigate or seek a resolution.

Confidential Resources and Private Resources are available on an emergency basis. You may speak with a trained **Resource** who can provide information about your options, confidentiality and privacy, preserving evidence and obtaining a sexual assault forensic examination, and the differences between the criminal justice process and CUNY processes.

Please remember that criminal proceedings and campus proceedings are different: only law enforcement officials, such as the NYPD or DA's Office, can advise whether specific conduct violates criminal laws.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

POLICE	*911 or NYPD Special Victims Division hotline 646-610-7272
PUBLIC SAFETY	646.664.9211
CONFIDENTIAL	Wellness Center/Student Counseling Services * CCA Employee Assistance Program ,
PRIVATE— BUT NOT ALWAYS CONFIDENTIAL	Title IX Coordinator. 646.618.0129 Office of Public Safety Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Alumni Relations Office of Human Resources (employees)
OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES	Safe Horizon Hotline, (212) 227-3000 NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault 212-514-SAFE(7233) RAINN: Rape Abuse & Incest Nat'l Network (Chat at: online.rainn.org) NYC Family Justice Centers: www1.nyc.gov/site/ocdv/programs/family-justice-centers.page NYS Office of Victim Services 800-247-8035 https://ovs.ny.gov/