



Trojan Bill of Rights



Your Right to Know

Victims, whether student or staff, and the accused are afforded rights by the federal government, the state, and the institution. All victims have the right to emotional and physical safety. These rights/options are for anyone who reports being a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, whether the offense occurred on or off campus, and regardless of whether you choose to report the crime to campus police or local law enforcement.

As a victim, you are entitled to the following rights:

- You and the accused have the same opportunity to have others present throughout disciplinary proceedings.
- You and the accused shall be informed simultaneously and in writing of the procedures, outcome and any changes to the results that occurs of any disciplinary proceeding. At no time can a victim be required to keep the outcome confidential.
- You can obtain a free forensic exam from a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or forensic nurse without filing a police report at St. Mary's Hospital or VCU Medical Center. A free Physical Evidence Recovery Kit (PERK) exam may be obtained from Southside Regional Medical Center.

Virginia Law outlines the following:

- You have the right to know the range of sanctions the institution can impose on the accused, which include the following: written reprimand; denial of specified university privileges; fines; restitution; removal of the student from the course in progress; disciplinary probation; suspension; and expulsion.
- Any disclosure of a sexual assault made to a university employee can result in a report as an annual crime statistic (with victim's name withheld).
- You have a right to privacy and confidentiality. Unless you sign a waiver, no one can share information among one another or with any third party, including parents without your prior consent.

You also have the right to be:

- informed of your options to notify law enforcement or not.
- notified of counseling services that are available on- and off-campus.
- notified of options for obtaining protective orders, changing academic, living, transportation, and working situations, if so requested, and if such accommodations are reasonably available.

For additional information, please visit us online at:
www.vsu.edu/go/sexual-assault



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Additional Rights And Resources

The institution is committed to ensuring that you are afforded the following:

- **The right to an advocate of your choosing.** (For more information see resources below)
- **The right to access STI testing and treatment, emergency contraception, and pregnancy testing.**
- **The right to be informed of and have access to medical, mental health, crisis response, legal, forensic, campus disciplinary, and/or victim advocacy services.**
- **Law enforcement officers are not required to issue a minor-in-possession violation if you are underage and were drinking alcohol on the occasion of the assault.**
- **In a campus disciplinary hearing, you have a variety of options for how you offer your testimony, including video conference, phone, or with room partition.**
- **See the policies and grievance procedures www.vsu.edu/go/sexual-assault**

On Campus Resources

Counseling & Confidential Resources

Sexual Assault & Prevention Services
(804) 524- 6942 or (804) 524-5939

University Counseling Center
(804) 524- 5939

United Campus Ministries
(804) 524- 5214

Medical Resources

Student Health Services
(804) 524-5711

Financial Aid & Leave of Absence Information

University College
(804) 524-6755

Reporting & Investigation

Department of Police & Public Safety
(804) 524- 5411

Title IX Coordinator
(804)524-1007 or (804) 524-5090

International Student Advising

(804) 524-5928

Off Campus Resources

Free Counseling & Confidential Resources

Chesterfield Domestic & Sexual Violence Resource Center
(804) 318-8265
Counseling & Support Groups

LGBTQ Partner Abuse & Sexual Assault Helpline
1- 866- 356- 6998

The James House
(804) 458-2840

24 hour Crisis intervention, Advocacy for hearings, support groups

YWCA Greater Richmond Hotline
(804) 612- 6126
24 hour Crisis intervention, Advocacy for hearings, support groups

Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline
1- 800- 838- 8238
24 Hour Crisis Intervention & support

Medical Resources

VCU Medical Center
Forensic Nurse Examiner available 24 hours (804) 828-5250

Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital
Forensic Nurse Examiner available 24 hours (804) 285-2011

Southside Regional Medical Center
(804) 765-5000

Legal Resources

Central Virginia Legal Aid-Society
(804) 648-1012

Central-VA Legal Aid-Southside
(804) 862-1100

Chesterfield County Victim Witness Assistance Program
(804) 796-7087

Virginia Poverty Law Center, Inc.
(804) 782-9430

Petersburg Victim Witness Assistance Program
(804) 732-0226