



# SEXUAL AND RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## Obtaining Information, Support and Assistance, Filing a Complaint

If you experience any form of sexual or relationship violence, there are a number of ways you can report the incident as well as a wide array of services available to obtain the information, support, and assistance you need.

Visit [www.BSUTitleIX.weebly.com](http://www.BSUTitleIX.weebly.com) for additional resources.

### BSU's Sexual Violence Policy Prohibits:

- Rape;
- Sexual Assault;
- Sexual Harassment;
- Gender-Based Harassment;
- Sexual Exploitation;
- Statutory Rape;
- Incest;
- Domestic Violence;
- Dating Violence;
- Stalking; and
- Retaliation.

Complete definitions, together with a discussion of what it means to give "effective consent," can be found in the policy regarding these offenses in the Student Handbook.



## OPTIONS IMMEDIATELY AFTER INCIDENT



### Seeking Confidential\* Crisis Counseling

There are a number of resources you may turn to for confidential\* advice, support and information.

#### BSU RESOURCES

- **Students:** Counseling Center, Weygand Hall, (508) 531-1331, M-F, 8:30 a.m. -- 4:30 p.m.
- **Employees:** Contact the University's Employee Assistance Program (EAP), Lifescope, at (800) 828-6025

#### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- A New Day provides free counseling and advocacy to all individuals impacted by sexual and relationship violence. (508) 941-7400; (508) 588-8255 (24 hour) <http://healthimperatives.org/aneday/new-day>
- Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (800) 841-8371 (24 hour hotline)
- Violence Recovery Program at Fenway Health (LGBTQ Services) (800) 834-3242 (M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.); (877) 875-2020 (after 5 p.m. or weekends)
- Additional options are listed in the Sexual Violence Policy.

*\*These resources are as confidential as possible with some limited exceptions as provided by law.*



### Seeking Emergency Medical Attention

You can receive health care to treat injuries and medications to prevent infections or pregnancy. To learn more about obtaining a Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit, go to [www.surviverape.org](http://www.surviverape.org).

#### ON CAMPUS

- **Health Services,** Weygand Hall, (508) 531-1252, M-F, 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

#### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- **Brockton Hospital Emergency Room\***, (508) 941-7400

*The following hospitals are located near the University's additional locations outside of Bridgewater:*

- **New Bedford Flight Training Center:** St. Luke's Hospital\* (508) 973-5388
- **Attleboro Corporate Campus:** Sturdy Memorial Hospital\*, (508) 222-5200
- **Cape Cod Campus:** Cape Cod Hospital\*, (508) 862-5969

*\*These hospitals have sexual assault nurse examiners (S.A.N.E.) who are trained to deliver medical intervention and forensic medical examinations for victims of sexual assault.*



### Reporting the Incident to the Police or to the Title IX Coordinator

Report an incident to the police by calling one of the following numbers or in person to any police officer. Your decision to report to the police will not affect your ability to file a complaint through the University's procedures, which are independent of the criminal process.

#### HOW TO CONTACT THE POLICE (24/7)

- **BSU Police:** (508) 531-1212 or 911 (on-campus incidents)
- **Bridgewater Town Police:** (508) 697-6118 or 911 (off-campus incidents)

You have the right not to make a report.

However, you are strongly encouraged to seek medical attention and counseling. Some individuals wish to file a report at a later date. However, please note that sometimes a delay in reporting can weaken evidence used to determine whether an individual is found responsible for misconduct.

**Make a report to the Title IX Coordinator. (508) 531-2744; [TitleIX@bridgew.edu](mailto:TitleIX@bridgew.edu).**

*For additional details on reporting to the Title IX Coordinator and other reporting options, please see reverse.*



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### Bridgewater State University

is committed to responding to sexual and relationship violence. It is required by federal law to investigate all allegations and implement necessary interim and other remedies.

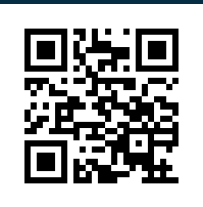
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## SEEKING SUPPORT IN THE AFTERMATH



### Seeking Protective Services

#### INTERIM MEASURES FROM BSU:

The Title IX Coordinator can assist with a variety of interim measures including interim restriction, suspension or leave of absence for the alleged perpetrator, a no contact order, academic support, and, whether or not you choose to report the crime to the police, changes to academic, housing, working, transportation, or other situations. Contact the Title IX Coordinator at TitleIX@bridgew.edu or (508) 531-2744 for more information.

#### PROTECTIVE ORDER:

A court-issued order that can be enforced anywhere in the United States, no matter where you obtain it. A violation of it can result in criminal charges. BSU Police can provide information and support throughout this process. Once issued, BSU will also work with you to make any necessary accommodations.



### Reporting Options

You may pursue either, both or none of these options.

**You are not required to file a report immediately. However, you may wish to consider preserving evidence of the incident.**

#### TITLE IX COMPLAINT:

If the alleged perpetrator is affiliated with BSU, you may file a University complaint by contacting the Title IX Coordinator or the other offices listed to the right. These complaints are governed by the University's policy regarding sexual misconduct and relationship violence. The standard of proof is "a preponderance of the evidence." Sanctions may include suspension or expulsion (for students) and termination (for employees). Contact Erin DeBobes at TitleIX@bridgew.edu or (508) 531-2744 with questions.

#### CRIMINAL COMPLAINT:

You may file a criminal complaint by contacting the police. If you choose to do so, BSU will provide you with support throughout the process. A criminal complaint is governed by applicable criminal laws; the standard of proof is "beyond a reasonable doubt;" and potential criminal sanctions include, but are not limited to, incarceration. You are not required to file a criminal complaint.



### Additional BSU Resources

The following campus resources can assist you, but they will also notify the Title IX Coordinator:

- Office of Community Standards
- Office of Student Affairs
- Residence Life and Housing
  - Resident Directors
  - Resident Assistants
- Athletic Department
- GLBTA Pride Center
- Human Resources
- President
- Any Vice President or Dean

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please see the policy regarding these offenses in the Student Handbook for additional information about reporting options, available resources, confidentiality, and grievance procedures

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