

# Reporting Options: Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking

*The University of California is committed to creating and maintaining a community where all individuals who participate in University programs and activities can work and learn together in an environment free of harassment, exploitation, or intimidation. Every member of the community should be aware that the University prohibits sexual harassment and sexual violence, and that such behavior violates both law and University policy.*

For more information:

CARE at the  
Sexual Assault Resource Center  
Student Services Center 555

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There are reporting options available to someone who is a victim of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. Reporting options include: Criminal, Civil, Administrative, and Non-Reporting. This handout provides a brief description of each option. Regardless of what option a victim chooses, Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education at the Sexual Assault Resource Center (CARE at SARC) can provide free and confidential support as well as an explanation of each reporting option in detail.

### ***CARE at SARC Campus Advocate:***

- \* Can explain all of a victim's options, accompany the victim throughout any reporting processes (should they choose to report), and assist with academic, housing or employment concerns.
- \* Is available to assist a victim 24/7.
- \* Can be with a victim during interviews, phone calls, line-ups, or any other proceedings that involve criminal, civil or administrative reports. If a victim is in a situation without the advocate, they have the right to wait until the advocate is present.

### **CRIMINAL REPORTING**

It is a victim's choice to report a crime. For the quickest response, call 911 to be connected to the nearest police department. Reporting to the police is an option at any time. If a victim chooses not to report the crime immediately, the report can still be made at a later time. Crimes may be reported anonymously and confidentially to the UC San Diego Police at 858-534-HELP (4357). A Campus Advocate can also offer free and confidential assistance with this process.

### **CIVIL REPORTING**

#### **Filing a Civil Suit**

A victim may choose to file a civil suit against the defendant whether or not criminal charges have been filed. A civil suit gives a victim an opportunity to recover actual damages. This may include compensation for medical expenses, lost wages, pain, suffering, and emotional distress. Contact CARE at SARC for free and confidential help with this process.

#### **Obtaining a Protective/Restraining Order**

A victim may also choose to obtain a protective/restraining order. Protective orders are civil court orders to protect victims who have experienced or are reasonably in fear of physical violence, sexual assault, or stalking by another individual. In California, one may obtain a domestic violence restraining order or a civil harassment restraining order. A Campus Advocate can also offer free and confidential assistance with this process.

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### RESOURCES:

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Sexual Assault Resource Center  
(858) 534-5793  
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Office for the Prevention of  
Harassment & Discrimination  
(858) 534-8298  
ophd.ucsd.edu

Office of Student Conduct  
(858) 534-6225  
studentconduct.ucsd.edu

UCSD Police Department  
(858) 534-HELP (4357)  
police.ucsd.edu

Counseling and Psychological  
Services (CAPS)  
(858) 534-3755  
caps.ucsd.edu

Faculty and Staff Assistance  
Program (FSAP)  
(858) 534-5523  
blink.ucsd.edu/go/fsap

Center for Community Solutions  
1 (888) 385-4657  
ccssd.org

### REPORTING TO UCSD CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION

Any victim has the choice of reporting to the campus administration under UC San Diego policy. UC San Diego encourages anyone who has experienced sexual assault, relationship violence, or stalking to report an offense as soon as possible after its occurrence, in order for appropriate and timely action to be taken.

When an administrative complaint is made, the Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination (OPHD) conducts the investigation as to whether a violation of policy took place. For more information about administrative procedures, contact OPHD at (858) 534-8298. Student victims also have the option of initiating administrative complaints through the Office of Student Conduct (OSC). For more information, contact OSC at (858) 534-6225.

\*A victim has the right to have a Campus Advocate present while making a complaint to campus administration. Contact CARE at SARC to speak confidentially and anonymously with a Campus Advocate who can explain more about your options and rights.

### NON-REPORTING OPTIONS

Victims may contact CARE at SARC, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), or Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) for more information, emotional support, and individual and group counseling.

If the victim would like to seek support off campus, the Center for Community Solutions (CCS) provides services to victims of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking in San Diego County.

### **Non-Investigative Reporting (NIR) for Sexual Assault Victims**

A sexual assault victim has the option to have a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) (commonly referred to as "rape exam") without filing a police report. This is referred to as a Non-Investigative Report (NIR).

Student Health Services and Thornton Hospital **DO NOT** conduct SAFE/NIR Exams. **UCSD students or employees who want to utilize the NIR option should contact CARE at SARC, and a Campus Advocate can offer free and confidential help with this process.**