



## Rights of Victims

Students who have been sexually assaulted have the right to receive medical and counseling services; to report offenses to campus authorities without pursuing further action; and to initiate action through law enforcement and/or the University disciplinary process. Students similarly have the right to refuse medical and counseling care, and to not report offenses. OIT seeks to ensure that appropriate services are available to students who have been assaulted, and that students understand available services. Please note that in situations where it is determined that there is significant risk to other students, OIT reserves the right to take necessary action to protect the campus community from harm.

## Reporting an Incident

Making a report offers the victim the chance to be in control of their situation and empowers the student to take action. It is also important for the safety of the campus community. Students may report sexual assaults to Campus Safety; the Dean of Students; the Director of Campus Access and Equal Opportunity, or to off-campus law enforcement officials.

- Students can file reports with campus officials, through the legal system or both.
- All involved students will be interviewed in a confidential and respectful manner.
- The victim will be encouraged to seek medical, psychological and legal assistance.
- The disposition of each case will be handled individually and with sensitivity.
- The victim may have someone with them during all of the steps of filing and processing a complaint. While the complaint is being reviewed, the University has the right to take all measures necessary to protect the safety and individual rights of all campus community members.

## Rights of Accused Students

A student accused of nonconsensual sexual activity and/or a violation of the Student Conduct Code has the right to timely adjudication through University disciplinary process. The accused student has a right to be presumed not guilty of the charges until such time as responsibility is determined. A student charged with an assault may be subject to reprimand, suspension or dismissal, but has the right to appeal. In some circumstances immediate intervention may be appropriate to avoid ongoing disruptions to the campus community and/or further violations of policy. Such action will be consistent with the procedures of the

