

What to Do if You Have Been Sexually Assaulted

Seek Refuge: If you are assaulted, get to a safe place as soon as you can. The University has resources available to you for emotional and physical support.

The Office of Safety and Security, 812-488-6911 or 812-488-2051, can provide assistance to you by telling you how you can reach a counselor, contact law enforcement authorities, obtain hospital transportation and the like. The University's Title IX Coordinator is Michael Austin, PhD (812-488-1178, Olmsted Hall 204).

Preserve Evidence: Resist the urge to bathe, use the toilet, change clothing or apply soaps or lotions. If you must change clothes, put them in a paper bag or wrap them in a clean sheet. Do not place these items in a plastic bag as the bag may distort evidence. It is also important not to disturb any evidence that may be present in the location where the offense occurred or destroy or delete any correspondence relative to the offense.

Get medical attention as soon as possible: It is important to seek medical attention in the case of sexual assault in order to check for injuries, effectively preserve evidence, and test for sexually transmitted diseases. You can contact the Office of Safety and Security 812-0488-2051 for assistance. Medical attention can also be obtained directly from one of these locations:

UE Crayton E. and Ellen Mann Health Center	812-488-2033
St. Mary's Hospital	812-485-4491
Deaconess Hospital	812-450-3405

Personal Support: A University counselor is available 24 hours a day to provide personal support and guidance after an assault. The office phone number is 812-488-2663. After normal business hours, you can reach the counselor on call by contacting the Office of Safety and Security 812-488-2051 and requesting a counselor.

Amnesty for Victims of Sexual Misconduct and Witnesses: Reporting sexual misconduct is important. The University recognizes that an individual who reports sexual misconduct may be engaged in under- age drinking or drug use or other prohibited conduct at or near the time of the incident complained of. To encourage reporting under these circumstances, the University will not take disciplinary action against a Complainant or against witnesses for their personal use of alcohol or drugs or for other prohibited conduct at or near the time of the incident complained of if such violations do not or did not subject other people to harm.

Reporting Options

Professional and Pastoral Counselors (Confidential Reporting*)

The University's professional, licensed counselor(s) *including those who act in that role under the

supervision of a licensed counselor] and pastoral counselors who provide mental-health counseling to members of the University community are not required to report any information about an incident to the Title IX coordinator without a victim's permission. The following is the contact information for these individuals:

1. Ms. Sylvia Buck, LCSW, director of Counseling Services
University Counseling Center – Ridgway University Center, Room 200
812-488-2663, sb79@evansville.edu

Ms. Karen Stenstrom, LCSW, Counselor
University Counseling Center
Ridgway University Center, Room 200
812-488-2663, ks96@evansville.edu

Ms. Jamie Adams-Kemper, MSW, Coordinator of Health Education/Counselor
University Counseling Center
Ridgway University Center, Room 200
812-488-2663, ja200@evansville.edu

2. Reverend Dr. Tamara Gieselman, University Chaplain,
Neu Chapel
812-488-2240, tg85@evansville.edu

* See [Policy Prohibiting Sexual Misconduct](#) for exclusions and limitations related to confidentiality.

Non-Professional Counselors and University Health Center Employees (Semi-Confidential Reporting*)

Individuals who work or volunteer in the University's health center, including non-professional unlicensed counselors, front desk employees and students who work in the health center, can generally talk to a victim without revealing to the University any personally identifying information about an incident. A victim can seek assistance and support from these individuals without triggering a University investigation that could reveal the victim's identity or that the victim has disclosed the incident.

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Reporting to Responsible Employees (Official Reporting Resource*)

This includes all full-time, part-time, visiting, and volunteer faculty, administrators, staff, coaches, security personnel, and resident assistants (RAs). A responsible employee must report to the Title IX coordinator or her designee all relevant details about the alleged sexual misconduct that is provided

by the Complainant – including the name of the Complainant and Respondent, any witnesses, and other relevant facts, including the date, time and specific location of the alleged misconduct. To the extent possible, information reported to a responsible employee will be shared only with people responsible for handling the University’s response to a report of sexual misconduct.

* See [Policy Prohibiting Sexual Misconduct](#) for full description of this reporting option.

Reporting to Local Community Support Organizations

The victim may wish to report sexual misconduct to either of the following local community support organizations:

Albion Fellows Bacon Center
Domestic Violence Hotline: 812-422-5622
Sexual Assault Hotline: 812-424-7273

Holly’s House
750 N. Park Drive
Evansville, Indiana 47710
Phone: 812-437-7233

These organizations are not connected with or part of the University. The victim should be sure to ask each organization about its policy concerning confidentiality and the provision of personally identifying information to law enforcement and other authorities before providing personally identifying information.