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Responding to Allegations of Sexual Assault

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Bill of Rights
For
Students Who Have Been
Sexually Assaulted

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Instructions:

A staff member reviews this form with the survivor to ensure that issues and resources have been relayed to the survivor.

1. You have the **right to seek medical treatment** and to do an anonymous rape kit (Jane Doe Law, 2007) at the **Sexual Assault Treatment Center (260) 423-2222**.

The Sexual Assault Treatment Center (SATC) provides first-response medical forensic examinations to women, children and men who have been victims of sexual assault. Services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at no cost to the patient. The SATC responds to sexual assaults in Allen County and the fifteen surrounding counties.



2. You have the **right to file a report with University Police (260) 481-6827 or 911**. Even if you choose not to report it now, you may change your mind and report later.

3. You have the **right to know that** a responsible employee **must report to University Police** that a sexual assault has occurred. Your name does not have to be disclosed. This information is compiled pursuant to federal law (Clery) that requires the University to disclose annual information on campus crime and security.



When Law Enforcement Gets Involved

- Uniform Officers meets with the victim for initial report and explanation of victim rights
- Statements are gathered from victim and witnesses
- Uniform Officers contact the Detective
- Victim may be taken to the hospital or Sexual Assault Treatment Center
- Evidence is collected from victim and scene
- Detective meets with victim for statement
- Detective meets with witnesses for statement
- Suspects collected and interviewed, arrested if necessary
- Case is put together for Prosecutor or arrest on the scene
- Detective stays in contact with victim throughout the process and the Office of the Dean of Students.

4. You have the **right to a learning environment free from sexual harassment and assault**. Any employee, student, campus visitor or person participating in a University activity, whether on or off campus, who believes he or she has experienced or witnessed discrimination and/or harassment is encouraged to report the incident(s) promptly to the **Office of Institutional Equity/Title IX Coordinator (260) 481-6106**.

The University reserves the right to investigate circumstances that may involve discrimination and/or harassment where no complaint has been filed.



5. You have the **right to change academic and/or living situations through the Dean of Students Office or OIE.**

6. You have the **right to receive the “Sexual Assault: What it is, What to Do and Where to go” pamphlet** provided by the Office of Institutional Equity and/or your Resident Assistant (RA)/Resident Director (RD).

7. You have the **right to file a complaint through the Office of the Dean of Students who will work in conjunction with the Office of Institutional Equity.**

The accuser and accused must have the same opportunity to have an advisor present during the process. Both parties shall be informed of the outcome of any disciplinary proceeding.

8. You have the **right to receive free counseling services** (fee paying IPFW students) by contacting the IPFW/Parkview Student Assistance Program (260) 266-8060 or (800) 721-8809.

After Hours Crisis Assistance is available through the Call Helpline at (260) 373-7500 or (800) 284-8439.



Tips for Working with Victims

- **Empathize** with the victim and do not judge.
- **Empower** the victim to talk about the event.
- **Listen** to the victim and do not try to solve the problem.
- **Educate** the victim by providing options and then support.
- **Affirm** to the victim that they are so much more than what happens to them. They do not have to define themselves by this one event.

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