

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q: Does information about a complaint remain private?**

*A: Illinois will support an individual's desire to keep a complaint private, except when that request interferes with Illinois' obligation to provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all students. In any case, Illinois will take steps to protect the student bringing the complaint and limit disclosure of information to those who have a need to know.*

### **Q: If I am a student, will Illinois tell my parents?**

*A: No. Because Illinois' primary relationship is with the student – not his/her parents – Illinois will not inform the parents of either the complainant or the accused student. However, Illinois strongly encourages students to inform their parents, especially if the student faces major medical, disciplinary, or academic jeopardy.*

### **Q: Do I have to name the alleged offender?**

*A: You can choose whether to identify the alleged offender or not. If you want Illinois to pursue formal disciplinary action against that individual, you must name him/her. If you choose to not to file a formal complaint, you do not need to name the individual. However, you should be aware that failure to name the alleged offender may limit the Illinois' ability to respond comprehensively to the alleged sexual misconduct.*

### **Q: Where can I confidentially report an incident?**

*A: There are several campus and community resources available for individuals who want to maintain confidentiality. On campus, these include the Women's Resource Center, the Counseling Center, and McKinley Health Center. In the Champaign-Urbana community, Rape Advocacy Counseling & Education Services ("RACES") provides confidential counseling and support.*

### **Q: If at first I choose not to file a report regarding an incident of sexual misconduct, how long do I have to file one?**

*A: Illinois encourages individuals to immediately report incidents of sexual misconduct, but we recognize that some individuals may be reluctant at first. Although there is no specific time limit, we recommend reporting as soon as possible. Faculty and staff who are made aware of sexual misconduct must immediately report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator.*

## CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

### **McKinley Health Center**

1109 S. Lincoln, Urbana  
**217-333-2705** // [mckinley.illinois.edu](http://mckinley.illinois.edu)  
8:00am–5:00pm, Monday–Friday

### **Counseling Center**

610 E. John Street, Champaign  
**217-333-3704** // [counselingcenter.illinois.edu](http://counselingcenter.illinois.edu)  
8:00am–5:00pm, Monday–Friday

### **Women's Resources Center**

703 S. Wright Street, Champaign  
**217-333-3137** // [oiir.illinois.edu/womens-center](http://oiir.illinois.edu/womens-center)  
8:30am–5:00pm, Monday–Friday

## CAMPUS RESOURCES

### **Student Assistance Center**

Office of Dean of Students  
300 Student Services Building  
610 E. John Street, Champaign  
**217-333-0050**  
[odos.illinois.edu/studentAssistance/index.asp](http://odos.illinois.edu/studentAssistance/index.asp)  
8:30 am–5:00pm, Monday–Friday

### **Office of Diversity, Equity & Access (Title IX Office)**

Menah Pratt-Clarke, Title IX Coordinator  
601 E. John Street, Champaign  
**217-333-0885** // [diversity.illinois.edu](http://diversity.illinois.edu)  
8:30am–5:00pm, Monday–Friday

### **University Police**

1110 W. Springfield Avenue, Urbana  
**911 (Emergency)** // **217-333-1216 (Non-Emergency)**  
[dps.uiuc.edu](http://dps.uiuc.edu)  
24 hours/day, 365 days/year

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### **Rape Advocacy Counseling & Education Services**

300 S. Broadway, Urbana  
**217-384-4444** // [cu-races.org](http://cu-races.org)  
24 hours/day, 365 days/year

### **Champaign or Urbana Police Departments**

**911 (Emergency)** // **217-333-8911 (Non-emergency)**

# SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESOURCE GUIDE

*What Illinois Students  
Need to Know*



To fulfill its responsibility to provide a safe and welcoming environment free from discrimination, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ("Illinois") is committed to promptly and effectively addressing incidents of sexual harassment, which includes sexual misconduct and violence. Once Illinois is informed of sexual harassment, Illinois will promptly respond in a manner designed to eliminate the harassment, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects.

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## WHAT IS SEXUAL MISCONDUCT?

The Student Code broadly defines “sexual misconduct” as “any sexual activity that does not involve the knowing consent of each individual.” Section 1-302(b). Examples of sexual misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Any form of sexual penetration without consent;
- Intentional fondling without consent of sex organs, buttocks, or breasts for the purpose of sexual gratification;
- Indecent exposure with sexual intent;
- Sending sexually explicit or intimidating emails, texts, or other communications that are unwelcome to the recipient;
- Sexual harassment;
- Recording, transmitting, or allowing third parties to view, sexual acts involving one or more others without their knowledge and consent;
- Stalking, sexual violence, domestic violence, and dating violence.

Under this Student Code, consent must be informed, freely and actively given through mutually understandable words or actions that demonstrate willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. Consent resulting from force, threats, intimidation, coercion, or from someone who is incapable of making a rational, reasonable decision is not effective.

## IF YOU OR A FRIEND HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

**If you are concerned about safety or need medical attention, call 911 or go to a local medical facility:**

- McKinley Health Center, 1109 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana
- Carle Foundation Hospital, 611 W. Park St., Urbana
- Presence Covenant Medical Center, 1400 W. Park St., Urbana

*If there are no safety risks or serious injuries, go to a safe place and contact a friend or family member you trust to stay with you.*

### STEPS TO CONSIDER

#### Preserving Evidence

It is important to preserve physical evidence of an assault even if you do not yet know whether you want to report the assault or pursue filing a complaint. Evidence is best collected as soon as possible or at least within 96 hours of the incident. Do not shower to avoid washing away evidence. You can also preserve evidence by saving text messages, instant messages, and other communications that may be useful to investigators.

#### Seeking Medical Attention As Soon As Possible

If you go to a medical facility, the trained professionals can collect necessary physical evidence. Even if you do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care professionals can treat injuries and take steps to address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted disease.

#### Reporting the Sexual Misconduct

Although Illinois strongly encourages all members of the community to immediately report sexual misconduct to law enforcement, you have a choice whether to make such a report, and you can decline to involve the police. Refer to the Options for Reporting Sexual Misconduct section of this brochure for more information.

#### Seeking Other Assistance and Support

You may want to seek confidential counseling from the organizations listed in the Resources section of this brochure. For immediate assistance with academic matters, contact the Student Assistance Center in the Office of the Dean of Students at 217-333-0050 or [HELPdean@illinois.edu](mailto:HELPdean@illinois.edu).

## OPTIONS FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Illinois strongly encourages prompt reporting of sexual misconduct. You have several options.

**You can:**

- Seek confidential assistance by contacting the confidential resources listed in the Resources section of this brochure.
- Report the incident to the Title IX Office.
- File a criminal report with the University of Illinois Police Department, Champaign Police Department, or Urbana Police Department.
- Pursue student discipline by contacting the Office for Student Conflict Resolution (“OSCR”) at 217-333-3680. For a description of the procedures in the student discipline process, please refer to [conflictresolution.illinois.edu/student-discipline](http://conflictresolution.illinois.edu/student-discipline)

**Reports may be made by:**

- An individual who has experienced sexual misconduct;
- Anyone who receives a report from someone who experienced sexual misconduct; and/or
- Anyone who witnesses or otherwise has information that sexual misconduct may have occurred.

In most instances, the individual or department receiving the initial information will complete a report and provide a copy to the Title IX Office for follow up. Faculty and staff who are made aware of sexual misconduct must immediately report the incident to the Title IX Office.