



Campus Crime Awareness, Prevention, and Reporting Policy

This policy provides information about the options for reporting crime, including dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; the university's crime awareness and prevention efforts; and resources for crime victims. Criminal acts are contrary to the teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the [Church Educational System Honor Code](#).

Definitions

Campus Security Authority means a university official who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including, but not limited to, campus security, student housing, and student discipline. For a list of positions designated as Campus Security Authorities, please refer to BYU's annual security report available at <https://police.byu.edu/annual-security-report>.

Dating Violence means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship will be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: the length of the relationship; the type of relationship; and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Domestic Violence means a violent act committed on the basis of sex by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim, or by any other person against a victim who is protected from that person's acts under state domestic or family violence laws.

Pastoral Counselor means a person who is associated with a religious order or denomination and is recognized by that religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor. An individual who is not yet licensed or certified as a counselor but is acting in that role under the supervision of an individual who meets the definition of a Pastoral Counselor is considered to be a counselor for the purposes of the Clergy Act.

Professional Counselor means a person whose official responsibilities include providing mental health counseling to members of the campus community and who is functioning within the scope of his or her license or certification. This includes professional counselors who are not employees of the university but are under contract to provide counseling to the campus community. An individual who is not yet licensed or certified as a counselor but is acting in that role under the supervision of an individual who meets the definition of a Professional Counselor is considered to be a counselor for the purposes of the Clergy Act. An example is a BYU Ph.D. counselor-trainee acting under the supervision of a professional counselor.



Sexual Assault means any sexual act directed against the victim without the victim's consent. Sexual Assault includes fondling, incest, rape, sexual assault with an object, sodomy, and statutory rape.

Sexual Violence means Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking.

Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct (two or more acts) directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others, or to suffer substantial emotional distress. Both in-person and electronic stalking are prohibited.

Reporting a Crime

Students and personnel are strongly encouraged to report all criminal and suspicious activity to University Police in a timely manner. Immediate reporting allows University Police to identify crimes and situations that pose an immediate or ongoing threat to the campus community and prevent future crime.

Individuals may also submit reports of crimes, including anonymous reports, through EthicsPoint (the university's 24-hour hotline provider) by telephone at 888-238-1062, or by submitting information online [here](#). The hotline should not be used to report a crime in progress, an emergency, or any other event presenting an immediate threat to a person or property. The hotline does not replace other channels for reporting concerns regarding criminal activity that can be directed to a particular office.

Reporting a Crime of Sexual Violence

The university strongly encourages the reporting of all incidents of Sexual Violence so that support can be offered and Sexual Violence can be prevented and addressed. Being a victim of Sexual Violence is never a violation of the [Church Educational System Honor Code](#) (see [Sexual Harassment Policy](#)).

Reporting Sexual Violence to Law Enforcement

Making a report of Sexual Violence to law enforcement is a personal decision. Individuals experiencing Sexual Violence have the right to make a report or decline to make a report to law enforcement. Law enforcement can help individuals obtain orders of protection, "no-contact" orders, and restraining orders. BYU cannot represent employees and students in legal proceedings relating to Sexual Violence, but general information about the different types of court orders is available on the Utah Courts website at <https://www.utcourts.gov/index.html>.

Assistance from campus authorities is available to those who report Sexual Violence to law enforcement, including assistance in notifying officers. Assistance is also available to those who do not wish to notify law enforcement.



Reporting Sexual Violence to the Title IX Office

Individuals may report Sexual Violence to the university's Title IX Office. As described in the university's [Sexual Harassment Policy](#), BYU has actual knowledge of alleged Sexual Violence only when its Title IX coordinator receives a report. Reports may be made in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, at the following locations:

BYU Title IX Office
1085 WSC
Provo, UT 84602
801-422-8692
t9coordinator@byu.edu

This information is also located on the Title IX Office's website: <https://titleix.byu.edu/titleix/contact-us>. Reports may be made at any time, including during nonbusiness hours, although in-person reports may only be made during regular business hours.

Written Information

Individuals reporting Sexual Violence to the Title IX Office will be provided with a written explanation of their rights and options, including the following information:

- key procedures to follow, including information about the importance of preserving evidence that may be necessary to prove Sexual Violence
- options to report the offense to law enforcement authorities, including on-campus and local police, and to obtain protective orders
- assistance in notifying law enforcement authorities
- information about how confidentiality will be protected
- existing counseling, health, mental health, sexual assault survivor advocacy, legal assistance, student financial aid, and other services available for victims, both within the university and in the community
- options and available assistance for requesting changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations or protective measures, which are available regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to law enforcement
- information about the university's disciplinary procedures
- possible sanctions or protective measures the university may impose following a final determination of an institutional disciplinary procedure



Clery Act Crime Reporting

Campus Security Authority

A Campus Security Authority who receives a report of crimes that are required to be reported under the Clery Act must inform University Police of that report so the university may issue timely warnings about crimes that pose a threat to students and employees (see [Campus Security Timely Warning Notice Policy](#)) and so the incident can be accounted for in the university's annual security report, as required by federal law. A report of Sexual Violence made to a Campus Security Authority does not constitute actual knowledge to BYU for purposes of the [Sexual Harassment Policy](#).

Pastoral and Professional Counselors

Pastoral and Professional Counselors (Counselors) are generally exempt from reporting requirements under the Clery Act. To be exempt from disclosing reported offenses, Counselors must be acting in the role of Pastoral or Professional Counselors. Counselors may provide advice, support, and guidance as well as information about crime reporting options. Discussions with Counselors are not considered a report to the university or a request that any action be taken by the university in response to any allegation.

Actions to Take Following Sexual Violence

An individual who has experienced recent acts of Sexual Violence should take the following actions.

Medical Attention

Seek medical attention immediately. Victims can request a free sexual assault examination by contacting the police or by visiting any hospital emergency room or the BYU Student Health Center during its regular business hours. The exam provides care to minimize the risk of sexually transmitted diseases and preserves evidence that will be important if the decision is made to pursue criminal charges or a protective order. The cost of the exam is paid for by the Utah Office for Victims of Crime.

Evidence

Do not bathe, shower, or use toothpaste or mouthwash after an incident of sexual assault. Do not wash clothing, bed sheets, pillows, or other potential evidence. Even if victims have not taken steps to preserve evidence, they should still seek medical attention as soon as possible—even if some time has passed since the assault.

Confidential Sources of Support

Talk to a friend, family member, or someone else who can provide support. The university provides confidential on-campus resources for individuals to discuss Sexual Violence even if



they are not sure about reporting incidents to the Title IX coordinator or law enforcement. The following resources offer free and confidential sources:

- Counseling and Psychological Services, 801-422-3035 or 801-422-2222 after business hours, 1500 Wilkinson Student Center (open 24 hours a day)
- Sexual Assault Survivor Advocate, 801-422- 9071; advocate@byu.edu, 1500 Wilkinson Student Center
- Student Health Center, 801-422-2771, 1750 North Wymount Terrace Drive
- University Accessibility Center, 801-422-2767, 2170 Wilkinson Student Center
- Women’s Services and Resources, 801-422-4877, 3326 Wilkinson Student Center

These confidential sources are required to submit nonidentifying, statistical information about reports of Sexual Violence to the Title IX Office for the purpose of maintaining records required by the Clery Act. They must also make reports required by law, such as when they became aware of facts involving child abuse.

BYU publishes a list and description of victim resources that can be found both on and off campus at <https://titleix.byu.edu/resources>.

Crime Awareness and Prevention Programs

Each year, BYU provides numerous programs designed to inform students and employees about the awareness and prevention of crime and campus security procedures and practices. These programs encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others. BYU also provides educational programs and campaigns to promote the awareness and prevention of Sexual Violence. The university encourages students and employees to participate in these programs and make the prevention and reduction of crime a campus community effort.

Crime Awareness and Prevention

Information on crime awareness and prevention can be found on the University police website at <https://police.byu.edu/>.

Bystander Intervention

The only person responsible for an act of Sexual Violence is the perpetrator, but every member of the campus community has the ability to look out for the safety of others. The university encourages all members of the campus community to be engaged bystanders—persons who intervene in a positive way before, during, or after a situation or event involving Sexual Violence—and supports the use of safe and positive options for bystander intervention, such as the C.A.R.E. Model. The C.A.R.E Model of bystander intervention helps individuals be aware of the following options to prevent Sexual Violence.



- Create a Distraction. Act reasonably to interrupt the situation.
- Ask Questions. Talk directly to the person who might be in trouble.
- Refer to an Authority. Contact a neutral party with the authority to change the situation, like a resident assistant, security guard, waiter, or another employee.
- Enlist Others. Enlist the assistance of another person to help.

More information about being an engaged bystander and supporting survivors of Sexual Violence can be found on the BYU Title IX website.

Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

BYU's Title IX Office sponsors and conducts education programs that promote the awareness and prevention of sexual harassment and Sexual Violence. Information on current programs can be found on the Title IX website at <https://titleix.byu.edu/> and the University Police website at <https://police.byu.edu/>.

Additional resources and information about how to respond to and prevent Sexual Violence on college and university campuses can be found on the "Center for Changing Our Campus Culture" website at <http://changingourcampus.org/>. The Center for Changing Our Campus is an online resource center supported by the Office on Violence Against Women. Information about events can be found at <https://titleix.byu.edu/titleix/events>. Additionally, online training modules for students are available at <http://training.titleix.byu.edu>.

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RELATED POLICIES:

- [Campus Security Timely Warning Notice Policy](#)
- [Church Educational System Honor Code](#)
- [Discrimination Complaint Procedures](#)
- [Honor Code Investigation and Administrative Review Process](#)
- [Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity Policy](#)
- [Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedures](#)
- [Sexual Harassment Policy](#)