

UNDERSTANDING YOUR OPTIONS WHEN CONSIDERING REPORTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE



CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES ON & OFF CAMPUS

Resources are available on and off campus for you to discuss a situation with somebody in a confidential manner. They can also help you better understand your rights without necessarily having to file a report with the College.

ON-CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

- Rape Crisis Center
 Counselor/Advocate
 608-251-7273
 (ask for Edgewood advocate)
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- Personal Counseling Services 608-663-4148 Dominican 122
- Health Services 608-663-8334 Dominican 122
- Mary Klink, AVP for Dominican Life & Mission 608-663-3451 Predolin 222

These are the only resources on campus that are considered confidential when informed of sexual violence. All other staff and faculty are obligated to report information about sexual violence with the Assistant Dean of Students and/or the Title IX Coordinator.

PROCEDURES FOR PRESERVING EVIDENCE

It is important to preserve evidence of an incident of sexual violence as it may assist in proving an alleged offense or in obtaining a protective order. Options for preservation of evidence can include:

- * Seeking medical treatment, preferably from a Forensic Nurse Examiner or a hospital emergency room, when incidents of sexual assault, dating violence, or domestic violence have occurred. Medical treatment can ensure that the findings are documented, that testing for sexually transmitted infections or pregnancy is provided, and that treatment is offered, when appropriate.
- * Keeping, without washing, clothing worn at the time of the incident. Clothing may be brought to the hospital or given to law enforcement.
- * Saving or transferring digital evidence, such as phone call logs; text, voice, and instant messages; emails; and social media posts.
- * Taking photographs of injuries or writing a statement of a first-hand account of the incident.

OFF-CAMPUS CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

Rape Crisis Center (RCC)

- Advocates available both on and off campus.
- Advocates can provide education, help victims and survivors navigate their medical and legal needs, and review the reporting options available.
- Advocates available at all times for reporting to law enforcement and are always dispatched to a Forensic Nurse Exam.
- Crisis Line: 608-251-7273 | https://thercc.org/

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS)

- Support to individuals in situations involving domestic or dating violence, including crisis response, emergency shelter, and support groups.
- Help Line: 608-251-4445 or 1-800-747-4045
- https://abuseintervention.org/

UNIDOS of Wisconsin

- Provides advocacy services in English and Spanish, including legal advocacy, assistance with filing a restraining order, immigration information, accompaniment to court, and support groups.
- UNIDOS Help Line: 1-800-510-9195
- https://unidoswi.org/ | https://www.unidoswi.org/es/ (Español)

Forensic Nurse Examiners Program

- Services include a physical injury exam and collection of evidence (i.e., a "rape kit"). Evidence is kept for 10 years at the crime lab and the victim or survivor has the right to choose whether or not they report the crime to the law enforcement at any point in time. If the crime is reported, the evidence collected can later be useful to the victim or survivor's case.
- The cost of services may be covered by the "Wisconsin Safe Fund" if there is a financial need and/or you do not wish to use your family's insurance plan.
- Located at UnityPoint Health Meriter Hospital Emergency Room, 202
 S. Park Street, Madison, WI (located 1.6 miles from campus)
- 608-417-5916 | https://www.unitypoint.org/madison/forensic-nurse-examiner-program-.aspx

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

"Reporting" means that an investigation into the incident may take place. Reporting is a personal decision and efforts are made to take the victim or survivor's lead in deciding whether or not to proceed with an investigation. In the event that the incident is deemed a continued danger to the campus community, a notice without any information identifying the victim or survivor would be sent as an Eagle Alert and an investigation may proceed.

The following are available options for reporting sexual violence:

Reporting to the College

- Students can contact Matthew Sullivan, Assistant Vice President for Student Development, at 608-663-2212 or <u>msullivan@edgewood.edu</u>
- * Staff and faculty can contact Pam LaValliere, Title IX Coordinator, at 608-663-4304 or plavalliere@edgewood.edu
- Reports can also be submitted online at https://tinyurl.com/EdgewoodSV or https://tinyurl.com/EdgewoodSV or https://tinyurl.com/EdgewoodSV or https://tinyurl.com/EdgewoodSV
- If in immediate need, contact Edgewood College Security by calling 608-663-4321

Reporting to law enforcement

- If in immediate need, call 911.
- * If the incident took place in Madison and the need is no longer immediate, call the City of Madison Police non-emergency line at 608-225-2345.
- * If the incident occurred outside of Madison and the need is no longer immediate, call law enforcement in that area.
- Reporting to both the college and law enforcement
- Neither Choosing not to report the incident
 - * The victim or survivor can also report the incident at a later time if they choose to do so.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Report Online and/or Anonymously

https://tinyurl.com/EdgewoodSV or

http://tinyurl.com/EdgewoodEthicsPoint