



Sexual Assault Care and Reporting Guide

Sexual Assault/Harassment Advising, Resources and Education Program
University Health Services
217 McCosh Health Center
609-258-3310

(Princeton's Sexual Assault Policy can be found at http://www.princeton.edu/uhs/ss_share.html)

Sexual Assault Care and Support Options

As a member of the University Community, the following options for care/treatment are available to you:

UNIVERSITY SUPPORT and CARE OPTIONS

***CONFIDENTIAL ACTION**-Service does NOT require further reporting

- **SHARE ***. Confidential, protected support and guidance from a SHARE Counselor (609-258-3310/3139). The SHARE advocate will discuss available care options, including securing medical attention, counseling services, and adjudication options. (Available 24 hours a day.)
- **University Health Services*** Medical treatment, including emergency contraception, STI treatment, is available at University Health Services (609-258-3139) (Available 24 hours a day.)
- **Counseling and Psychological Services*** has professional therapists to work with students who are survivors of assault and abuse and can provide information regarding reporting and other support options (609-258-3285) (Available 24 hours a day).
- **The Office of Religious Life *** is available for support in Murray-Dodge Hall, M-F, 9am-5pm, (609-258-3047).

NON-CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT OPTION

- **The Department of Public Safety** is available to ensure your personal safety and to *provide transport* to University Health Services or University Medical Center at Princeton (local hospital). (609-258-1000) (Available 24 hours a day.) (Any information about the incident provided to Public Safety will **not** be deemed confidential and may be investigated.)

EXTERNAL SUPPORT and CARE OPTIONS OFFERED BY MERCER COUNTY

- **Evidence Collection** by specially trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner at University Medical Center at Princeton. It is recommended that survivors do not shower, brush their teeth, or change clothes before evidence collection. Available up to 96 hours after an assault.



- **Womanspace** (Trenton) provides 24-hour advocacy, information and support (609-394-9000) including accompaniment to University Medical Center at Princeton for evidence collection

**The SHARE Office can provide information about reporting options available to you in a confidential setting; SHARE is under no obligation to act on the information you provide. SHARE provides accompaniment to any office listed.*

REPORTING OPTIONS

- **University Anonymous Report.** You may file an anonymous report by downloading from www.princeton.edu/uhs/pdfs/SHAREAnonRptForm.pdf an anonymous report form and returning it to the SHARE office at 217 McCosh Health Center

For the following options confidentiality cannot be promised. Under certain circumstances, these offices may be required to take further action even without your approval:

- **The Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students (ODUS)** (609-258-5750) The Dean's Office will inform you of the University's internal disciplinary process and possible options regarding academic and living situations.
- **Office of Graduate Student Life** (609-258-3028) The Dean's Office will inform you of the University's internal disciplinary process and possible options regarding academic and living situations.

The University's Department of Public Safety (609-258-1000) Public Safety officers are required to handle a report of sexual assault in accordance with State and County guidelines, and must:

1. Obtain basic information about the incident from you, and inform you of your right to immediate medical attention and the importance of evidence collection.
 2. Advise you of the resources available through the University (SHARE and University Health Services) and the County (County designated sexual assault nurse examiner, who can perform sexual assault examinations and evidence collection at the University Medical Center at Princeton; and/or a rape care advocate.)
 3. Assist student in notifying the municipal police if you request a police investigation. (The investigation will likely be conducted by the municipal police and the county prosecutor's office).
- **Municipal Police.** Like Public Safety, the municipal police department is required to respond to a report of sexual assault in accordance with State and County guidelines. Princeton Borough Police: 609-924-4141; Princeton Township Police: 609-921-2100.

Resources

On-Campus
Sexual Harassment/Assault Advising, Resources and Education Program

609-258-3310



(SHARE)

University Health Services	609-258-3139
Counseling and Psychological Services	609-258-3285
Public Safety Transport	609-258-1000
Emergency-Public Safety	911
The Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students	609-258-3052
Office of Graduate Student Life	609-258-3028
University Ombudsman Office	609-258-1775
Office of Religious Life	609-258-3047

Off Campus:

WOMANSPACE Hotline	609-394-9000
Princeton Borough Police	609-924-4141
Princeton Township Police	609-921-2100
University Medical Center at Princeton	609-497-4432

*You may contact **SHARE (24 hours) at 258-3310 (8:45 am-4:45 pm)** and at **258-3139 (4:45 pm-8:45 am)** for consultation and support. After 4:45 pm, you can request the SHARE advocate by going to the University Health Services (UHS) In-Patient Unit, 2nd floor, McCosh Health Center during the fall and spring semesters.

- WomanSpace which operates a 24-hour hotline in Mercer County at **609-394-9000**. They can dispatch a rape crisis advocate to the hospital, have a sexual assault nurse examiner be called to the hospital and/or have the police called. It is up to the victim to decide which, if any of these services she/he would like.

Time Frames:

1. Evidence can be collected from survivors of sexual assault via a forensic examination (i.e., rape kit) **up to 5 days after an assault**. Survivors should not bathe, shower, douche, brush their teeth, change clothes, eat, drink, smoke or urinate if possible. If someone does change clothes, the clothes they were wearing when assault occurred should be transported to hospital in a **paper** bag.
Forensic evidence can be collected only at an area hospital, including University Medical Center at Princeton on Witherspoon. A SHARE advocate and/or WomanSpace advocate can accompany survivors to the hospital. The evidence will be held up to 90 days. A survivor does not have to report to the police to have evidence collected and does not have to speak with the police if she/he does not wish to report at the time evidence is collected.
2. Emergency contraception **can be taken up to 5 days** after unprotected sex. Emergency contraception is available free at University Health Services (UHS), can be purchased over-the counter and at hospitals.
3. A survivor can be checked out medically any time after an assault for injuries and STIs. This can be done at University Health Services (UHS).