

# **KNOW YOUR OPTIONS**



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

If you have been subjected to <u>sexual violence</u> (including sexual assault; dating, domestic and intimate partner violence; stalking and/or voyeurism) YOU HAVE A RIGHT:

- to make a report to campus security, local law enforcement, &/or state police or choose not to report
- to report the incident to the College
- to receive assistance and resources from the College
- to be protected by the College from retaliation for reporting an incident

#### STAY SAFE AND PRESERVE EVIDENCE

- 1. **GET TO A SAFE PLACE**. If you are being stalked or threatened, or are concerned about your personal safety, call CUNY Public Safety at (646) 664-2911, Hunter's Public Safety at (212) 772-4444, or the NYC Police Department at 911 or go to a police station or hospital.
- 2. <u>CALL FOR ASSISTANCE</u>. Call Hunter's Counseling Service (212) 772-4931, Public Safety (212) 772-4444 or the NYC Police. A public safety officer or counseling staff member can accompany you to a hospital or police station.
- 3. <u>SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION</u> from a listed **Resource** or at an Emergency Room. These **Resources** can provide treatment for injuries and for possible exposure to sexually transmitted diseases or emergency contraception.
- 4. PRESERVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. You can decide whether to press charges later, but you can only preserve physical evidence now. Many NYC hospitals have specially trained "sexual assault forensic examiners" (SAFE) who gather evidence usable in court. SAFE exams are free and you can stop them at any time if you are not comfortable. If possible, avoid drinking, eating, showering, brushing teeth, combing hair or changing clothes before seeing a SAFE. But if you have done any of these things, evidence can still be collected and it remains important to seek medical attention. Evidence collection does *not* require you to make a police report or press charges, it just preserves these options. The SAFE nearest Hunter College is the ER at NY Presbyterian located at 525 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street (212) 746-9419 for a SAFE location near you please see: <a href="http://svfreenyc.org/center-locator">http://svfreenyc.org/center-locator</a>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about your rights and available assistance, contact the RESOURCES on the back of this page or visit: <a href="www.hunter.cuny.edu/Diversityandcompliance">www.hunter.cuny.edu/Diversityandcompliance</a> You may also email <a href="mailto:TitleIX@hunter.cuny.edu">TitleIX@hunter.cuny.edu</a> for any questions or concerns. To make on online complaint please visit: <a href="http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/diversityandcompliance/title-ix">http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/diversityandcompliance/title-ix</a>

## **EMEREGENCY NUMBERS ON HUNTER'S CAMPUSES:**

68<sup>th</sup> Street Campus (212) 772-4444 Silberman School of Social Work (212) 396-7777 Brookdale (212) 481-4444 Campus Schools (212) 860-1264

### **CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY**

**Confidentiality:** Some **Resources** can provide confidentiality; they are not required to report incidents to the Title IX coordinator or other CUNY or law enforcement officials. These **Resources** generally include licensed health care providers, rape crisis counselors and clergy, and are identified in the box below marked "Hunter Confidential."

**Privacy:** Many Hunter faculty and staff are legally obligated to notify Title IX coordinators. Other Hunter resources, listed below, cannot guarantee confidentiality will maintain your privacy to the greatest extent possible and share information only on a need-to-know basis. The information you provide to a non-confidential resource will be shared only as needed to investigate or seek a resolution.

**Confidential Resources and Private Resources** are available on an emergency basis. You may speak with a trained **Resource** who can provide information about your options, confidentiality and privacy, preserving evidence and obtaining a sexual assault forensic examination, and the differences between the criminal justice process and CUNY processes.

Please remember: criminal proceedings and campus proceedings are different: only law enforcement officials, such as the NYPD or DA's Office, can advise whether specific conduct violates criminal laws.

RESOURCES  * Available 24/7	
POLICE	*911 or NYPD Special Victims Division hotline 646-610-7272
CUNY or HUNTER'S	*(646) 664-2911 – CUNY
PUBLIC SAFETY	*(212) 772-4521 -HUNTER COLLEGE
HUNTER	College counseling center – Counseling and Wellness Services E1123 (212) 772-4931
CONFIDENTIAL	Pastoral Counselor on Campus: Sister Barbara-Newman Catholic Center (212) 772-
	4752, Reverend Lacey- Protestant Association (212) 772-4293, Merav Braun- Hillel
	Foundation (516) 551-6565
	Designated staff member at Campus women's or men's center
	Employee Assistance Plan Helpline (866) 327-2400 (employees at CUNY)
PRIVATE—	Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator(s) – Title IX Team (see below)
BUT NOT ALWAYS	Office of Public Safety employees (all)
CONFIDENTIAL	Vice President for Student Affairs or Dean of Students (students)
	Residence Life staff (students and housing visitors)
	Office of Human Resources staff (employees)
	Student Services Liaison: Valerie Hardt (212) 772-4897
TITLE IX TEAM	Title IX Coordinator, <b>John Rose</b> (212) 772-4242
	Deputy Title IX Coordinator, <b>Colleen Barry</b> (212) 650-4354
	Deputy Title IX Coordinator, <b>Laura Nelson</b> (212) 396-6662
	Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Blackman (212) 396-6466
	Director of Public Safety, <b>Joseph Foelsch</b> (212) 772-4521
	VP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Eija Ayravainen (212) 772-4878
OFF CAMPUS	* Safe Horizon (212) 227-3000
	NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault 212.514.SAFE(7233)
	* RAINN: Rape Abuse & Incest Nat'l Network (Chat at online.rainn.org)
	NYC Family Justice Center: <a href="https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ocdv/programs/family-justice-">www1.nyc.gov/site/ocdv/programs/family-justice-</a>
	<u>centers.page</u>
	NYS Office of Victim Services 800-247-8035 ovs.ny.gov/help-crime-victims