Sexual & Relationship Violence Resources for Students

Portland State University is committed to supporting students’ safe access to their education. Sexual assault, sexual/gender-based harassment, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking are all prohibited at PSU. Students have many options for accessing support, both on and off campus and for reporting.

Resource Sites:

- **PSU’s Sexual Misconduct Options Website** ([www.pdx.edu/sexual-assault](http://www.pdx.edu/sexual-assault)) is a centralized source for all PSU services, policies and reporting options. This includes **PSU’s Policy on Prohibited Discrimination & Harassment** (including Sexual Harassment), as well as the **Student Code of Conduct**.
- **Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force Campus Reporting Options Website** ([campus.oregonsatf.org](http://campus.oregonsatf.org)) is a non-PSU site outlining students’ Title IX rights and reporting options.

Services & Resources Available Without Making A Report:

**On-Campus Confidential Support Services**: Details can be found at [www.pdx.edu/sexual-assault](http://www.pdx.edu/sexual-assault)

- **The Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)**: 1880 SW 6th Ave, (503) 725-2800

  SHAC provides confidential counseling and medical care to registered PSU students, including trauma-informed sexual assault nurse services and forensic evidence collection. This means that any information you share with a SHAC employee will not be disclosed to outside parties without your written consent, except in very limited exceptions as required by law.

  The exceptions to confidentiality may include: (1) if the student seeking services indicates an intent to harm oneself or others; (2) if the student reveals abuse or neglect of a child, including oneself if the student is under the age of 18, or of an elderly or disabled adult; (3) if a court of law orders disclosure of information about your treatment; (4) if you initiate legal proceedings regarding your mental health treatment, or use mental illness as a defense in a criminal or civil action; (5) if you are diagnosed with a reportable disease as required by the State Health Department; or (6) if you are at risk of operating a motor vehicle. Confidentiality in these cases will be limited as required by law.

- **Interpersonal Violence Advocates** (503) 725-5672

  Interpersonal Violence (IPV) Advocates are confidential. Students’ disclosures to IPV Advocates will **not** trigger a PSU investigation into an incident without the student’s written consent, except in very limited exceptions as required by law.

  The exceptions to confidentiality for an IPV Advocate include: (1) if the student seeking services indicates an intent to harm others; (2) if the student who discloses interpersonal violence is under the age of 18; (3) if the student reveals abuse or neglect of a child; or (3) if a
court of law orders disclosure of information. Confidentiality in these cases will be limited to the extent the law requires. IPV Advocates can help by:

❖ Making a safety plan to ensure a student’s ability to safely attend classes, work on campus and participate in campus life.
❖ Helping students change academic and on-campus living situations as needed.
❖ Connecting students to the Financial Aid or Registrar’s office to assist with making arrangements for your tuition or financial aid.
❖ Going over all reporting options and supporting you with whatever choice you make.
❖ Connecting students to on and off-campus resources such as counseling, medical or legal services.

● **Student Legal Services**: 1825 SW Broadway, (SMSU) M343, (503) 725-4556

Students may be eligible for a Protective Order or other legal remedy. Student Legal Services (SLS) provides confidential legal advice, advocacy and representation on a wide range of issues for eligible students. (SLS cannot provide assistance in student vs. PSU student or student vs. PSU employee/university cases, but will provide referrals).

**Off Campus-Community Based Services:**

• **Call to Safety (formerly Portland Women’s Crisis line):** (http://pwcl.org/) at 503-235-5333; Services for domestic and sexual violence


• **Sexual Minorities Youth Resource Center**: www.smyrc.org (503) 872-9664 SMYRC Services for mental health counseling to minority youth 23 and under and LGBTQ youth. Services include assessment, individual treatment, groups, couples, and family therapy.

• **El Progama El Hispano-Project UNICA**: http://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/latino_services_unica.asp 24-Hour Crisis Line TOLL FREE: 1-888-232-4448 Portland Tel: (503) 688-2630 and Gresham Tel: (503) 669-8350. Project UNICA's goal is to provide support, advocacy, and opportunity for self-empowerment, enabling survivors to exercise free and informed life choices. Project UNICA operates the UNICA Crisis Line, which is the first Crisis Line in Spanish in Multnomah County.

• **Oregon Department of Justice, Victims’ Services Division**: http://www.doj.state.or.us/victims/pages/index.aspx The Crime Victims’ Services Division (CVSD) is to reduce the impact of crime on victims’ lives by supporting statewide victim services programs, promoting victims’ rights, and providing victims access to information and resources in a compassionate, responsive, and dedicated manner. CVSD provides advocacy for victims navigating the criminal justice system, as well as information on victims’ rights, resources and compensation for crime victims.
• **Oregon Coalition against Domestic & Sexual Violence (OCADSV):** [http://www.ocadsv.org/](http://www.ocadsv.org/) (503)-230-1951; OCADSV promotes equity and social change in order to end violence for all communities, lobbies and provides trainings to end domestic and sexual violence.

• **Victim’s Right Law Center (VRLC):** [http://www.victimrights.org/](http://www.victimrights.org/) 503-274-5477 x6; VRLC provides free, holistic legal assistance to victims of rape and sexual assault in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties, Oregon.

• **Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force:** [http://campus.oregonsatf.org/](http://campus.oregonsatf.org/)

• **Any clergy:** Priest, Pastor, Minister, Iman, Rabbi, Sangha or any spiritual leader of a religious faith.

**Reporting Options:**

There are multiple ways to make a report on and off campus, and students can make reports to different offices and entities at the same time. An IPV Advocate can help answer any questions about these options and support you through any option you choose:

- **Campus Public Safety:** (503) 725-4404

  Campus Public Safety (CPSO) can be reached 24 hours a day. Reporting to CPSO is the same as reporting to Portland Police. CPSO has a Police Detective who has received advanced training in the investigation of sexual assaults and interpersonal violence. CPSO will report incidents to PSU’s university officials.

- **Portland Police Bureau:** Call 911 or (503) 823-3333

- **Student Code of Conduct Complaint:** (503) 725-4422

  This report is applicable if your situation involves another PSU student. You may review the flow chart of the investigative process and make a written report at: [http://www.pdx.edu/sexual-assault/student-code-of-conduct](http://www.pdx.edu/sexual-assault/student-code-of-conduct) or call the Office of The Dean of Student Life at (503) 725-4422. The Conduct process can provide immediate No Contact Orders, ensure classroom safety, and address other safety concerns.

- **Office of Equity and Compliance:** (503) 725-5919

  This report is applicable if your incident involves faculty or staff. You may review the flow chart of the investigative process and make a written report at [http://www.pdx.edu/diversity/office-of-equity-compliance](http://www.pdx.edu/diversity/office-of-equity-compliance) or call 503-725-5919.

- **PSU’s Title IX Coordinator:** (503) 725-4410

  You may make a report to PSU’s Title IX Coordinator, who oversees PSU’s compliance with Federal Title IX requirements, as well as the PSU Policy on Prohibited Discrimination & Harassment (including Sexual Harassment). PSU’s Title IX Coordinator is Julie Caron, who can be reached via jucaron@pdx.edu, (503) 725-4410 or at The Market Center Building, Suite 830.

- **Anonymous reporting:**

  You may make an anonymous report at [http://www.pdx.edu/sexual-assault/reporting-options](http://www.pdx.edu/sexual-assault/reporting-options). This option is applicable if you do not want any follow up regarding your specific case. The report does NOT constitute a police report or an university administrative report.
Anonymous reports are used to gather and record information regarding the incidence of sexual assault on and around our campus, and to inform the community about the campus climate. You do not have to disclose your name or identifying information in this reporting option.

Students’ Rights Under Title IX & the Clery Act:

You are legally entitled to expect the following from Portland State University:

- The University will help to ensure that the person who experienced sexual violence is safe, even while the investigation is ongoing. The University will take interim measures as needed, including academic and on-campus housing accommodations.
- The University will respond promptly and effectively to reports of sexual violence.
- If the University knows (or should reasonably know) about possible sexual violence, it will promptly conduct a neutral investigation to determine what occurred and then take appropriate steps to resolve the situation.
- The person who experienced sexual violence will be informed of their options to notify law enforcement. Of course, even if there is a criminal investigation, the University will continue its efforts to resolve reports promptly and effectively.
- Complainant and Respondent will have timely access to information that will be used in a student conduct hearing.
- Complainant and Respondent will both have the opportunity to have others present (an advocate, advisor or attorney), present evidence, and have witnesses speak during university disciplinary proceedings.
- Both parties will be informed in writing of the outcome of any university disciplinary proceeding.
- Both parties have equal rights to appeal the decision.

Questions: call a confidential IPV Advocate at (503) 725-5672